

# Week of 22 November 2024

## Dates for Your Diary

28 November	Student Seasonal Influenza Vaccination
29 November	CPD Day-School Closed
29 November	PTA Winter Festival 4:00 -7:00 pm
3-6 December	Y6 Camp
10 December	Y1 & Y2 Athletics Day (9:30am- 12:30pm*)
11 December	Y3 & Y4 Athletics Day (Y3 9:30-11am, Y4 12-2pm*)
12 December	Y5 & Y6 Athletics Day (Y5 Y3 9:30-11am, Y6 12-2pm*)
	<i>*times are approximate</i>
13 December	Last Day of Term (school ends at 12:00)
6 January	First Day of Term 2

## Principal's Message

Dear KJS families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well.

We would like to extend thanks to all the parents and students who attended the three-way conferences over the last two days. For those who were unable to attend, we will rearrange appointments in due course. We hope those who participated were impressed by the students and their ability to discuss their learning so articulately.

Next week on Wednesday, July 27th, the ESF media team will be in our school to shoot a new virtual tour video for our website. Please ensure that students wear the correct school uniform (PE kits are acceptable if it's their usual PE day).

This year, we have implemented a more regular assembly program across the academic year. Most classes will have an assembly every two weeks. The aim is to celebrate achievements, focus on the attributes of the learner profile, and allow students to come together to share their work.

Last week marked the first of these assemblies for years 1-3, which included a musical performance, students sharing their work towards creating an art mural, and a discussion on the importance of being reflective.


A reminder that next Friday 29th November is a school closure for students due to the KJS staff professional development day. Please don't forget that the PTA Winter Fayre takes place on the same evening. We look forward to seeing many of you there and celebrating together!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Gavin MacGregor  
Principal

### **ECA on 29 November (CPD Day)**

Please note the after-school ECA arrangement below for 29 Nov:

Continue 	Y4 Football
	Y6 Basketball
Cancel 	Theatre Club
	Baking Class
	TASTO Music Club
	ECP Writing Class*
	ESF Explore Basketball

\*Zoom for Y6 will be held

## Student Council Message

Dear KJS Community,

We have written this newsletter to talk to you about how to support Catherine's Puppies. Catherine's Puppies is a shelter and adoption centre for stray dogs based in Sai Kung. The Student Council visited the adoption centre last week to find out more about their work in helping abandoned dogs across Hong Kong.

From **November 25th to December 4th**, we want our KJS community to donate long socks that are no longer used and balls that are soft and bouncy (around the size of a tennis ball) so we can make recycled dog toys. Please do not buy new socks or balls because we are trying to be more sustainable!

You can also donate dog toys you don't use anymore, but they need to be washed if you want to donate them to prevent the spread of harmful bacteria to dogs.

We are also collecting donations, as we want to help Catherine vaccinate every puppy that is given to her and this costs over \$2000 per dog. This can add up to thousands of dollars every month!

You can help by donating a minimum of \$20 on **Wednesday, 4th of December** which will be our Dress Casual Day where students can dress up as their favourite animal!

Finally, we also have a **festive art competition** to celebrate the wonderful work of Catherine's Puppies! The competition is open to ALL students at KJS and starts on Monday, 25th November and closes on Wednesday, 4th December. The collection box for entries will be located in the ground floor School Office.

### Rules of the Competition:

- Create a DOG inspired piece of FESTIVE art!
- You can draw, colour, paint, create on an app - Be creative
- Your entry should be A3 or A4 size (landscape or portrait)
- The artwork should be the work of the child who is entering!
- The name and class of the child entering should be clearly visible on the back of their artwork

The winning entry will be used by Catherine's Puppies on their social media pages over the festive season. It will also be featured on the front page of The KJS Times on Friday, 6th December where the winner will be announced!

We really appreciate your support in taking action for a worthy cause.

Kind regards,

Remy, Tanya and Bitz from the 2024-2025 Student Council

**Library News**



We are thrilled to announce that our Year 4 and 5 Library Monitors have officially begun their duties in the library! The Year 4 Library Monitors have been actively helping with library lunchtime play, overseeing different areas, assisting students in finding books they wish to read, ensuring the safety of all students, and monitoring behavior.

Meanwhile, our Year 5 Library Monitors are also making a positive impact by organizing the library during snack time, conducting shelf walking with one group, and reading stories to Year 3 and 4 students during library lunchtime play.

Thank you for your continued support as we encourage our students to take on these responsibilities. It's truly inspiring to see their growth and enthusiasm!

Best regards,  
Macy Lau

### **News from the PTA**



Hello KJS Community,



Only one more week to go for the most fun event of the term (maybe even more than the Spooky Boogie Ball?)!

Winter Festival is on NOV 29! [Tickets](#) are on sale now. Don't wait till the last moment, we need to plan accordingly!!!

There will be snow ❄️ at the ground and Santa will come for a visit!

Come and enjoy the holiday food hall... hot chocolate, smores, mince pies and food vendors serving up wintry delights, popcorn and a holiday sweet shoppe!!!

Didn't get your Pacific Place Christmas tickets this year? Don't worry! Come to our own KJS winter village where you can have a professional photo taken with an instant print out, and it comes with a free photo frame!

Decorate holiday cookies, make your own ornaments, face painting, send letters to Santa and enjoy Student Council games!

Performances by KJS music groups and Dance for Joy!

Dance and party under snowfall!!!! Our very own snow at KJS.

Food drive to share the holiday spirit!!! Boxes to start collecting these goods will be set up outside the PTA Office from Monday 25 November. Please ensure they are vegetarian (no meat, egg or fish products) Please contribute and bring along vegetarian non-perishable/canned food to support the charity we will be supporting: **FeedHK** ([FeedHK.org](http://FeedHK.org)) Let's spread the holiday spirit by giving back!

Please [sign up](#) here or contact KJS PTA [pta@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:pta@kjs.edu.hk). If you do volunteer, make sure to join the WhatsApp group. The link is in the sign up doc. Volunteers will receive free entry with a coupon code. This form will be closed down on Wednesday 17 November at 10:00 am for processing , so get your entries in quickly!

As always, please contact the PTA Office if you have any queries.

Have a great weekend and stay warm!

Best wishes,  
The KJS PTA Team.

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