

# Week of 13 December 2024

## Dates for Your Diary

6 January

First Day of Term 2

## Principal's Message

Dear KJS families,

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to our entire Kowloon Junior School community. This term has been filled with achievements, growth, and memorable experiences, all of which would not have been possible without the collective effort of our dedicated staff, students, supportive PTA, and our wonderful parent community.

This week, we witnessed some fantastic athletic events that showcased the talent and sportsmanship of our students. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Hadley and Mr. Riddell for their organization and passion throughout these events. Thank You also to all the families that came and supported.

As we wrap up this term, I'd like to wish a very Merry Christmas to all those celebrating, and a Happy New Year to everyone in our diverse KJS family. May this holiday season bring you joy, peace, and quality time with your loved ones.

A reminder that we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday January 6th, ready for another exciting term of learning and growth.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support and commitment to making Kowloon Junior School a wonderful place for our children to learn and thrive.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break!

Mr Gavin MacGregor  
Principal

## Student Counsellor Message

Dear KJS Parents,

I want to extend my warmest greetings to everyone. We just wrapped up Term 1, and all the children worked very hard this year at Kowloon Junior School. As we mark the end of the year, this is a time to show our gratitude and appreciation to each other, as well as to spend time with our loved ones and friends.

I have attached the video presentation on Flexible Thinking, along with the slides. For the upcoming Parent Workshops, please stay tuned for the schedule for the February session. Some of the topics that will be presented in the coming year include:

1. Emotional Regulation
2. Friendship & Kindness
3. What is Neurodiversity?
4. Celebrating Year 6 students' achievements and preparing their new journey to Middle School

Based on parents' feedback, I am exploring the idea of having two separate sessions for the monthly Parent Workshop. The aim is to make it more accessible for parents to participate and share their thoughts and experiences. I also welcome any suggestions or ideas for the presentations. We will continue to improve the live video recording and ensure the slides are available for all parents and guardians.

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and relaxing New Year! I look forward to meeting you all soon.

[Video Presentation Link](#)

[Powerpoint Slide Link](#)

Kind regards,

Ian Ong

School Counsellor

Kowloon Junior School

## Library News

Happy Holidays!

We are excited to share that students have borrowed an extra book to enjoy during the holiday break! As many families will be traveling, we kindly remind you to keep library books in Hong Kong. This has already been communicated to the students.

If your child wants to continue their reading adventures while traveling, KJS Library offers paid subscriptions to **Epic** and **Wheelers**. EPIC class codes were shared at the beginning of the year. For Wheelers, please remember that the login is your splat login and the password is kjs1234. Feel free to change the password after your first login.



Additionally, if you're traveling, we warmly invite you to consider donating a mother tongue book to our library. We aim to enrich our collection to better represent our diverse student body.



If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our library team at [library@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:library@kjs.edu.hk).

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Kind regards,

KJS Library Team

## ESF Lunar New Year Card

### (Submission Deadline: 9 January at 8am to Office Email)

ESF is searching for a piece of student artwork to appear on this year's ESF Lunar New Year card. All students are welcome to submit one piece of artwork for the chance to be featured on the card.

#### FORMAT & THEME:

1. The theme of the art can reflect each student's unique interpretation of the holiday season.
2. Please submit JPG or PNG– not HEIC. NO hardcopy is accepted.
3. Please name the title of your file with your child's full name and class
4. Please send the file to the KJS office via email at [office@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:office@kjs.edu.hk) before **8am on 9 January 2024** (Thursday). No late submission and no hardcopy will be accepted.
5. The ESF logo and a festive greeting message will be embedded, so artwork without words is preferred
6. The art piece must be the student's original work without infringing any intellectual property rights.
7. Parent permission and consent should be granted for the child's name, photo, and artwork to be posted on social media.

## News from the PTA



Hello KJS Community,

Last day of Term 1! And what a fabulous term it has been. We hope all our Community have enjoyed all the activities and events of this term, especially our new families, and that everyone is ready for a good break to relax and enjoy with the children.

### City'super and LOG-ON discounts

We hope everyone enjoyed and took advantage of the super shopping days at City'super and LOG-ON that we arranged for our families. We would love to hear your feedback so that we can explore more opportunities with companies for the benefit of our families. Please email us at [pta@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:pta@kjs.edu.hk) with your comments.



instance, Steve Cannon. KJS is proud to have Drake and the school emblem flying at the summit of Mt Vinson, and hopefully, the South Pole soon!



### **New Uniforms from January**

Please remember that from January 6 2025, the old uniforms (beige pants, shorts and skorts) will no longer be used at KJS. Only the new navy blue items will be considered as official uniforms.

Last, we wish all our families a wonderful festive season, whether you are travelling overseas or enjoying the atmosphere locally, stay safe and really enjoy the time with your families.

Happy Holidays!

Best wishes,  
The KJS PTA Team.

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### **Extra Curricular Activities with KJS Registered Tutors**

Interested parents please contact the organizer directly for sign-up.

#### **Chess Club**



# Kowloon Junior School Afterschool Program 2024 - 25 Term 2



## LEARN FROM THE BEST!!

### #1 Chess Program in Hong Kong

Led by our **Grand Masters** together with a team of **Expert FIDE** coaches, we are the most **COMPREHENSIVE** International Chess Program in Hong Kong. Children will learn from the **BEST** at The Chess Academy. Our goal is to help children enjoy a good game of chess and to develop their character through chess playing. By playing chess, children will also improve on skills such as:

- ♣ Spatial Reasoning
- ♣ Confidence
- ♣ Strategic Thinking
- ♣ Memory
- ♣ Attention Span
- ♣ Sportsmanship

## Term 2 Chess Class Every Week

**Every Tuesday**

**3:00 - 4:00pm, D&T room**

Jan 7, 14, 21

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25

*Course fee: \$3,080 for 11 sessions*

**Every Wednesday**

**3:00 - 4:00pm, D&T room**

Jan 8, 15, 22

Feb 5, 12, 19, 26

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26

*Course fee: \$3,080 for 11 sessions*

For more details,  
please contact us at 34804199/ 91787376 or  
info@activekidshk.com



**Scan to  
Enroll Online!**



An **ActiveKids** program "...where children develop the love of life-long learning"

## Drama Club



**Drama Club at Kowloon Junior School**  
**Primary 1-3 Sign Up Now!**



### **Year 1-3** **Aesop's Fables**

Thursday's 3pm - 4pm  
Term Dates: Jan 9, 16, 23, Feb  
6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27  
Fee: \$2860 - 11 Sessions

#### **New Plays Every Term**

Students will learn about the wonderful world of theatre and develop skills that will help them to express themselves creatively and confidently in front of an audience. Students will work towards an end of term Open Session performance for parents to enjoy, with costume and props! This term, Year 1-3 will perform a fun, modern adaptation of Aesop's Fables!

Please note, this drama club is open to newcomers and students who joined Faust last term – all are welcome!

#### **How To Register**

To register, please visit <https://register.faustworld.com/application.asp> Under 'Term', select 'School Programme Term 2 S26' and then under 'Venue', select Kowloon Junior School. Your child's programme will then become visible in the lower part of the webpage. Please tick the box on the left to select the programme and then click the 'book now' button.



Scan to register

If you have any questions, please contact Faust at [Schools@FaustWorld.com](mailto:Schools@FaustWorld.com).  
Registration is now open.

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## KJS Clay Club 2025 - Term 2



### Learning Focus:

- Imaginative Thinking
- Multisensory Development
- Creative confidence
- Problem-solving skills
- Spatial & emotional intelligences
- Concentration & communication skills

### **Monday Classes**

**Date: 13 Jan - 17 Mar**  
**(No class on 27 Jan & 3 Feb)**

**Time: 3 - 4.30 pm**

**Venue: Art Room**

**Fee: \$3,040 for 8 classes**  
**(including materials and firing fee)**

### **Sign up before 6 Jan!**

**Please register via email**  
**[twigapottery@gmail.com](mailto:twigapottery@gmail.com)**

**For more information, contact**  
**Ms. Cassie Chan at 63493261**

**All claywork will be glazed, fired**  
**and delivered to school for pick**  
**up at the end of Term 2.**

**Disclaimer: This activity is held by Twiga Pottery and is not part of KJS curriculum.**

## Writing Class



Elephant  
Community  
Press

**Books by Hong Kong Kids!**

[www.elephantcommunitypress.com](http://www.elephantcommunitypress.com)

[www.facebook.com/elephantcommunitypress](https://www.facebook.com/elephantcommunitypress)

# Write and Publish with Elephant Community Press!

ECP's Creative Writing Workshop at **Kowloon Junior**  
starts **Monday, 10th January** for Year 3-4 and  
**Friday, 13th January** for Year 5-6!



*Students in ECP's creative writing and book publishing workshops study a particular genre of story and then write their own to be published in an anthology with other students. Students learn to plan, draft, revise and edit like real authors do, and the final books (published before summer break) are sold to support local charities.*

\*We find some students benefit from a 30-min 1-on-1 session to provide individual support as they revise and edit their stories. If this is recommended for your child, the session will be ONLINE and billed at \$350/session. Please also note there are no makeup lessons for absences at our school partner sites.



### Outback Animals

Age: Year 3-4

Day: Mondays

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Location: KJS Library

Fee: \$485 x 14 sessions\*

Publishing fee: \$400/student

**Class dates:** Jan 13, 20, Feb 10, 17, 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, Apr 28, May 12, 19, 26, Jun 2

The animals in Australia are often misunderstood, but just because they have names like the Tasmanian Devil, quokka and emu doesn't mean these creatures don't have feelings. In fact, these outback animals even have fears. Students in this workshop will learn about and develop the character of one uniquely Australian animal and tell the story of how it battled its phobia, one tiny step



### Complicated Companions

Age: Year 5-6

Day: Fridays

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Location: KJS Library

Course fee: \$485 x 14 sessions\*

Publishing fee: \$400/student

**Class dates:** Jan 10, 17, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar 7, 14, 21, 28, Apr 25, May 16, 23, 30

Many boys and girls dream of having a pet of their own, be it a puppy, a hamster—or a dragon. In this workshop, students will read and write stories about characters that acquire unusual creatures and try to keep them as pets. For any pet, adapting to a new home and owner can be a difficult process. As these pets create more and more chaos, the characters must make some tough choices about what is best for themselves and their complicated companions.

**Contact us to register:**

Email: [info@elephantcommunitypress.com](mailto:info@elephantcommunitypress.com)

Phone: 3487 3153 [WhatsApp: 5741 1079](https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/0029va811079)

## Baking Class



# Baking Class -KJS

## Term 2 Jan - Mar



**Learn. Create. Be inspired.**

Junior bakers (5-11 yr) learn baking techniques: mix, sift, whisk, fold, roll, knead, shape, pipe. Bake and decorate: cupcakes, cookies, muffins, donuts and savoury treats. Taught by international school teacher and cake designer. Baking lessons are 90 minutes, with ingredients and chef hat. New recipes each term. For more info, please contact Ms.Hong:

[flourhk@hotmail.com](mailto:flourhk@hotmail.com)



[www.facebook.com/flourhk](https://www.facebook.com/flourhk)

# KJS Baking Class

Term 2 JANUARY - MARCH

1

SNAKE  
PRETZEL



2

POP ART  
COOKIE



3

SPRINKLE  
CUPCAKE



4

PIZZA  
DONUT



5

BROWNIE  
COOKIE



6

ZUCCHINI  
SLICE



7

OWL  
CUPCAKE



8

CHEESE  
CRACKER



9

BUNNY  
CAKE POP



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Junior bakers (5 -11 yr) learn to bake and decorate delicious desserts and savoury goodies. Thursday or Friday baking lessons are 1.5 hours with ingredients, equipments, recipes and aprons provided.

For more information, please contact Ms. Hong:

[flourhk@hotmail.com](mailto:flourhk@hotmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/flourhk](http://www.facebook.com/flourhk)

**TERM 2: JANUARY 17 - MARCH 28**  
**THURSDAY: 3:00PM - 4:30PM**  
**FRIDAY: 3:00PM - 4:30PM**  
**VENUE: KJS DT ROOM**  
**TERM FEE: 9 LESSONS - \$3,555**

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ESF Explore

The graphic features a light blue background with horizontal lines, resembling notebook paper. At the top left is the ESF Explore logo with the Chinese characters '英基探新'. Below the logo, the words 'LANGUAGE SPORTS PLAYGROUP ARTS STEM' are written in colorful, bold letters. The main headline 'TERM 2 IS HERE!' is in large, black, bold letters. A speech bubble on the left says 'OPEN TO ALL'. The central part of the graphic shows several children engaged in various activities: a girl jumping over a ball, a boy playing basketball, a girl painting, and a baby playing with a ball. There are also hand-drawn icons like stars, a rocket, and a lightning bolt. At the bottom, the dates '6 JANUARY - 6 APRIL' and 'AGES 6 MONTHS - 17 YEARS' are written in black, bold letters, with the dates circled.

**ESF Explore**  
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**ESF Explore - Term 2 2025**

**6th January to 6 April, 2025**

Kickstart Your New Year by enhancing skills and discovering new passions! From sports to languages, arts, playgroups, and STEM, our experienced educators are dedicated to fostering your child's language, physical, cognitive, and artistic growth, ensuring they gain the confidence and adaptability to face future challenges with ease. Enrol Now!

Check out the complete programme listings [here](#)

Kowloon area programmes [here](#)