

Week of 10 January 2025

Dates for Your Diary

24 January	Last Day before Chinese New Year (School ends at 12nn)
27-31 January	Chinese New Year Holiday
3 February	CPD Day
21 February	PTA Bingo Night
2-6 March	Book Week
22 March	PTA School Fair
27-28 March	Year 4 Camp
3 April	Last Day of Term 3 (School ends at 2:45pm)

Principal's Message

Dear KJS families,

We hope you had a great Christmas break and a Happy New Year. As we step into the new year, we are excited about the opportunities and events that await us.

It may seem strange, but it's exciting that in just over two weeks, we will be celebrating the Lunar New Year. Preparations for our Chinese assemblies are well underway, and we can't wait to share some of the other exciting activities taking place.

There will be a special performance of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* on Monday, January 13th. This event will be followed by school-wide performances on Wednesday. We encourage the parents of the performers to attend and support our talented students on Monday.

The ESF Wide Cross Country event, taking place at KGV on Saturday, January 18th for our older students. We look forward to seeing our students shine in this exciting competition!

We are thrilled to announce that a new school website is nearing completion and will be launching after the Chinese New Year break. Our ICT and support staff have put in a

tremendous amount of work to make this happen, and we are excited to share this new resource with our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

Enjoy your (slightly cooler) weekend

Mr Gavin MacGregor
Principal

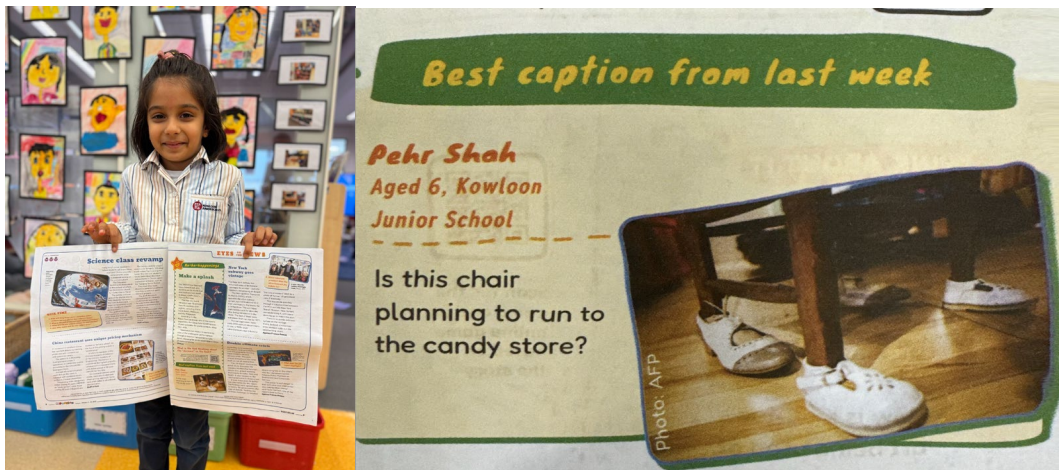
Library News

Dear KJS Community,

We are excited to share some wonderful news following the successful article written by Elvis Xie from 5JO in SCMP Posties Issue 624.

We are thrilled to announce that two more KJS students have been published in SCMP Posties Issue 636!

Pehr Shah (2SQ)



Pehr Shah from 2SQ participated in the HA-HA-HAPPENINGS segment of Posties Weekly, published on December 30th. This fun initiative invites students to write a humorous caption and submit it for publication. I had the pleasure of catching up with Pehr Shah from 2SQ at the end of the school day to ask her about her reaction to having her comments published. With a shy laugh, she shared that she distinctly remembers writing her caption while in India. Her mom, a reporter, encouraged her to write about the picture.

"I laughed really hard and couldn't stop when my mom showed me the picture," Pehr said. "After thinking about it for a few minutes, I wrote it down for her to send. My mom encouraged me to 'just try,' and so I did."

Pehr's experience highlights the wonderful opportunities available for our students to express their creativity!

Natalie Wong (5EG)



In Year 5, Elvis Xie's previous experience of being published inspired his peers to submit their own articles to Posties. As the year progressed, the students were completing their unit on "How the World Works," centered around the central idea that "advances in science and technology have enhanced people's understanding of the Earth and its place in the universe." They dedicated several weeks to researching topics related to space, making it the perfect opportunity for Posties' "space" theme. Among the eager students, Natalie Wong (5EG) submitted her article, showcasing her passion and creativity.

I surprised Natalie with the fantastic news about her published article. She was very humble and shared her happiness about the recognition. Natalie has a passion for writing and is quite fast at it; she completed her article in just one day, using a piece she had written for class. However, she wished they had published the longer version of her article. When we asked her what message she would like to share with other KJS students, she said, "It doesn't matter what mistakes you make; just keep going. You might need to stop if the paper is wet, though! Haha!"

Thank you, Pehr and Natalie, for making us proud! We encourage everyone to submit their writing to Posties using the [Google Form link](#). There's no age limit, and the topics vary from week to week—just check the form for details!

News from the PTA



Hello KJS Community,



Welcome back to Term 2 and Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a good break and is refreshed for the new term at KJS.

Upcoming Events

We have exciting events coming up so mark your Diaries, more details will follow soon.

21 Feb 2025: Bingo Social Night

22 March 2025: The annual School Fair “The Carnival”

Raffles



In February, we will be sending out raffle ticket booklets for our annual fundraising for the school. This year, the aim is to raise money to update the play areas, and the more we can raise, the better we can make them for our children. More information around this will follow soon, so keep an eye out for it!

International Food at KJS



We would like to celebrate the diversity of our wonderful community at the coming Fair and what better way than food!

This is a shout out to all the amazing chefs out there to get together and form tables of their ethnic cuisine or signature dishes. Last year, our talented Korean mums made the most delicious homemade items that were a super hit at the Fair. This year, we would like to encourage other families to showcase their talents by planning and providing their own favourite foods. Please don't be shy, even one dish that you can provide will be appreciated. Contact Rekha in the PTA Office for any queries or to chat about what you can bring. Nothing is too small and everything is welcome. Except nuts! Get together with your friends and plan what you can bring to the Fair and let's all share your wonderful food.

Uniforms from January

Please remember that starting from this term, the old uniforms (beige pants, shorts and skirts) will no longer be used at KJS. Only the new navy blue items will be considered as official uniforms. For those families wishing to donate (new style only) uniform items that they are no longer using, please use the unique KJS platform to upcycle them:

Online Programme for Uniform Up-Cycling @ KJS!

In support of KJS' sustainability ethos, the PTA is delighted to facilitate this ongoing service to our community members.

It's as simple as 1,2,3 !

1. Donors list their available items via a simple Google Form <https://tinyurl.com/KJS-Upcycling-Donations>
2. Parents looking for uniforms (incl. library bags) may view all available items automatically updated in one list: <https://tinyurl.com/KJS-Upcycling-Inventory>
3. Interested parents contact the donating family directly to arrange drop off & pick up via the PTA office. More details are included in the above links.

A small voluntary donation to the PTA by the receiving family would be appreciated to support this initiative.

We wish all our families a wonderful 2025!

Best wishes,
The KJS PTA Team.

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www.kjspta.com

Extra Curricular Activities with KJS Registered Tutors

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

Clay Club

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 12 Jan!

Please register via email
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.

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



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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.
Registration is now open.

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Writing Class



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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

Phone: 3487 3153 [WhatsApp: 5741 1079](https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/0029va1079)

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



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 or 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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