

Week of 27 September 2024

Dates for Your Diary

1 October	Public Holiday
7-11 October	Mid Term Break
28-30 October /	Y5 Camp
30 October- 1 November	
29 November	CPD Day-School Closed
3-6 December	Y6 Camp
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 are thrilled to share that the Year 6 amazing race event was a great success today. Students worked together, supporting each other through a range of both physical and mental activities. It was a fantastic display of teamwork and perseverance. Thank you Mr Riddell and Ms Hadley who helped make this event a success.

I would like to extend thanks to all the parents who attended the Year 1 Phonics workshop yesterday. Your participation and support are invaluable, and we appreciate your commitment to your child's learning. A huge thanks to the staff involved for putting on this event.

Finally, just a reminder that the school is closed next Tuesday for the public holiday to celebrate National Day. We hope you are able to enjoy this time with family and friends,

As always, thank you for being such an essential part of our KJS community.

Mr Gavin MacGregor
Principal

Reminder for Student Grant Application

Please be reminded that the deadline for the 2024-25 Student Grant submission is **next Wednesday, 2 October 2024**.

All the forms that have been submitted over the past two weeks (from 13 to 26 September) have already been verified by the school and are currently with the EDB for further processing.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Parents who are holding a valid HKID are eligible for e-submission. This applies to all Year 1 parents as well even if you did not apply through KJS in the previous school year. If your child does not have a HKID or HK Birth Certificate, as long as either one of the parents is holding one, you can still apply through iAM Smart+ (registration details are as follows - <https://www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/support-subsidies/student-grant/index.html>)

To submit applications electronically, parents must have a user account of "iAM Smart+" with digital signing function.

How to register for "iAM Smart+" account:

- Register in-person at any time at the district "iAM Smart" self-registration kiosks or registration service counters with around 170 locations, including Post Offices in various districts.
- [Detailed locations and opening hours of "iAM Smart" self-registration kiosks or registration service counters](#)
- ["iAM Smart" registration methods and required items for smooth registration](#)
- [Online video on register "iAM Smart+" at self-registration kiosks](#)

Please refer to the [Parent's Guide on e-Submission of the Student Grant Applications](#).

Once you have submitted the e-form, you can always log back in your account to check the application status. A confirmation email and/or SMS will be sent to you upon submission. If there are any issues regarding your application, e.g. incorrect bank code or incorrect bank account number, the EDB will contact you directly via SMS and/or email.

For any other enquiries, please contact the EDB directly (email: stgenquiry@edb.gov.hk; hotline: 3850 2000; address: Unit 1001-3, 10/F, Kwun Tong View, 410 Kwun Tong Road, Kowloon.)

Message from the School Nurse

We need your help to maintain our school a safe and healthy environment! We would like to ask parents to check your child's body temperature and any symptoms before coming to school.

If your child display any of the following symptoms the night before or that morning before coming to school, please keep them home from school and remain out until the symptoms have stopped for 48 hours (without the use of medicine):

- Temperature of 37.8 °C or higher
- Abdominal pain, Diarrhoea or Vomiting
- Suspicious undiagnosed rash and/or itch
- Frequent, congested cough
- Yellow or green drainage from nose and/or eyes

It may indicate your child may be carrying something contagious.

It would also be appreciated if you can provide the symptoms list and keep us updated with any other symptoms development when reporting the sick leave. For any diagnosed communicable diseases, e.g. Hand foot mouth disease, Scarlet fever, etc., please inform us as soon as possible to prevent the spread of the disease.

Thank you for helping us to build a healthier and safer environment in our school.

77th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival (2024)

(Enrolment Deadline: 17th October at 11pm)

Online entry forms for the 77th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival (2024) will be ready on next Thursday, 3rd October. Parents who wish their children to participate in the Music Festival, they must submit their application forms online on the HKSMSA website **AND ALSO pay the enrolment fee via ESF app on/before Thursday, 17th October at 11pm**. For details, please refer to the eNotice called "77th Hong Kong Schools Speech Music (2024)" on Gateway to be released soon.

News from the PTA



Hello KJS Community,
Finally the weather seems to be turning to sunshine!

We are gearing up for our first big event of the year, the
Spooky Boogie Ball on 24 Oct 2024 4:30-7:00 pm at KJS

There will be spooks and treats, music, dancing and costumes, snacks and drinks and a whole area of fun activities where the children can show off their creativity with art and take them home. The Highlight - a spooky Haunted House! PTA committee parents are working tirelessly to make a perfect event for you all !!!

There will be a Halloween Theme table of treats - we encourage you to donate some food items, all proceeds will go to school and new events we are doing.



Tickets will go on sale on 3 October 2024 - watch out for the announcement from PTA.

Tickets will be limited. The **MORE VOLUNTEERS** we get the bigger capacity we will be able to have and more tickets we will be able to sell. So please **VOLUNTEER NOW** if you haven't done so yet - SIGN UP [here](#) or contact the PTA directly:

pta@kjs.edu.hk | 6211-4254 WhatsApp | Tel: 3765-8709

We look forward to hearing from you all!

Other PTA events dates to mark your calendar:

November 29th - WINTERFEST

February 21st - BINGO NIGHT

March 22nd - BIG SCHOOL FAIR

April 26th - School Spirit Day with Drake the Dragon

May 12th - Helper's Appreciation Day

RAFFLE PRIZES AND DONATION ITEMS FOR PTA:

Each year, prior to our annual school fair, the PTA organises a fundraising through the sale of raffle tickets to support the enhancement of school resources and equipment. Last academic year, thanks to a generous contribution of over \$220,000 from the PTA, our school was able to acquire 30 new interactive whiteboards, significantly benefiting the students and teachers of KJS in their daily activities. In 2023, the PTA also donated \$350,000 to the school for the purchase of new Bose sound systems, which are currently in use in the Hall and the Library.

Furthermore, in previous years, the PTA has contributed funds towards various projects, including the establishment of the Sky Garden.

This year, one of our primary objectives is to raise funds to support the renovation of the playground areas throughout the school. We invite your support through donations and sponsorships to help us achieve this goal.

Donations can take many forms, from items and materials to financial contributions.

What You Can Do:

- **Donate Items:** anything from stationery, sports equipment, books, iPads, macbooks, chromebooks, etc – anything that you are comfortable to donate, they can be used for events or given as raffle prizes.
- **Provide Vouchers for Items / Services** - which can be used for events or given as raffle prizes
- **Financial Contributions:** Make cash donations to support PTA initiatives
- **Corporate Sponsorship:** If you own a business or have a friend/ company that is interested in becoming a corporate sponsor, offering products or services, please connect with us! – We will make sure all sponsors benefit from brand visibility at school events.

Benefits:

- **Recognition:** Gain recognition within the school community for your generosity.
- **Tax Benefits:** your donations might be tax-deductible, a receipt will be provided upon request.

Please contact the PTA directly to donate products/prizes :
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If you wish to donate cash via cheque or bank transfers - they would be very welcome.
The PTA bank details are: Account Name: Kowloon Junior School PTA Ltd, Nanyang Commercial Bank, Acc # 04348100068852.

Please ensure that you put your child's name and class or company name in the reference notes so that we know who has paid it. Just providing us with the transfer number may not give us the relevant information of the donor (thank you for understanding!).

Thank you for your continued commitment to our school community! We appreciate each and single one of you ♥

Lunch provision at KJS

The school lunch provider here at KJS is Chartwells, which won the contract through a robust tendering process through the ESF procurement team.

The interests of the KJS Community for lunch provision are overseen by the PTA Administrator, Rekha Mahbubani.

If you have any issues with Chartwells lunches, please contact Rekha for assistance or information.

We would also recommend that you involve your children in the menu selection process so that they know what they are getting and also they are then more likely to eat the food if they have chosen it! We often hear stories from the children that they don't like what has been ordered....

If your child has an issue with their lunch, from home or Chartwells, please encourage them to show an adult and then come to the PTA office for assistance. There are usually extra meal boxes that can be given in the event of a mishap.

We encourage all parents to get involved in the activities of the school, it's a great way to get to see how things work and really feel like a part of this wonderful community!

Have a super weekend!

Best wishes,

The KJS PTA Team.

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ESF Explore - Autumn Camps 2024



The poster features the ESF Explore logo at the top left, with the Chinese characters '英基探新' below it. A central banner lists activities: LANGUAGE, SPORTS, PLAYGROUP, WORKSHOPS, ARTS, and STEM. Below this is a large wooden sign that reads 'AUTUMN CAMP 2024'. The main image shows a group of children running happily in a gymnasium, led by an adult. To the left of the image are two wooden signposts: one pointing right that says '7 - 10 October' and another pointing left that says 'For 0 - 16 Years Old'. At the bottom, there is a 'ENROL NOW!' button and a paragraph of text: 'Join our Autumn camp to experience special themed classes. Enrich your child's experiences with our flexible one-off workshops and week-long courses.' The background is decorated with autumn-themed illustrations like pumpkins, leaves, and a squirrel.

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AUTUMN CAMP 2024

7 - 10 October

For 0 - 16 Years Old

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Join our Autumn camp to experience special themed classes. Enrich your child's experiences with our flexible **one-off** workshops and **week-long** courses.

Looking for some fun activities for your child for the October term break? Join our Autumn camps from October 7-10! Experience our unique themed holiday classes designed

exclusively for your child. We offer a wide range of activities that cater to their adventurous spirit and desire for enriching experiences.

Check out our schedule for the Kowloon district [HERE](#)