

# Week of 25 October 2024

## Dates for Your Diary

28-30 October /	Y5 Camp
30 October- 1 November	
5-8 November	School Photo
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 message finds you well and in good spirits.

What an amazing event the "Spooky Boogie Ball" was last night! The fantastic costumes and great dancing created a wonderful atmosphere. I would like to extend a special thank you to the PTA and all the volunteers including staff who made this event such a success. Your efforts truly make a difference in our community.

We are excited for the upcoming Year 5 camp next week! It will be my first time staying over on camp, and I am sure it will be a fantastic and rewarding experience for all.

Today we held our Diwali assemblies. They were a spectacular showcase of dance, drama, and poetry. A big thank you to Ms. Gupta and Ms. Doucette for bringing these events together. We also appreciate all the staff and students who participated, and of course, thank you to the parents for coming to support our talented performers.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community. We look forward to more shared experiences and collaborations in the future.

Mr Gavin MacGregor  
Principal

## **Parent Workshop- Flexible Thinking and Growth Mindset in Children**

Flexible thinking, often associated with a growth mindset, is crucial for helping children adapt to new and challenging situations. It involves teaching them how to assess situations, solve problems, and tolerate uncertainty. This topic dovetails with bravery, our school theme for this year.

### **Importance of Flexible Thinking**

- **Adaptability:** Enhances a child's ability to adjust to change, such as transitioning to a new school or trying unfamiliar activities.
- **Problem Solving:** Encourages creative and effective solutions to conflicts or challenges.
- **Resilience:** Builds emotional strength to cope with setbacks and uncertainties.

### **Strategies to Foster Flexible Thinking**

- **Encourage Curiosity:** Promote asking questions and exploring different perspectives.
- **Model Flexibility:** Demonstrate adaptability in your own behaviour and decision-making.
- **Teach Problem-Solving Skills:** Use games and activities that require planning and decision-making.
- **Promote Open-Mindedness:** Encourage children to consider alternative solutions and viewpoints.

### **Benefits of Teaching Flexible Thinking**

- **Increased Independence:** Children become more self-reliant in managing their emotions and decisions.
- **Enhanced Confidence:** Success in overcoming challenges boosts self-esteem.
- **Improved Social Skills:** Better conflict resolution and cooperation with peers.
- **Activities to Develop Flexible Thinking**
- **Role-Playing Scenarios:** Practise different ways of handling challenging situations.
- **Puzzle and Strategy Games:** Encourage thinking ahead and adapting strategies.
- **Storytelling and Reflection:** Discuss stories where characters face and overcome difficulties.

### **Conclusion**

By promoting flexible thinking, we equip children with vital life skills that enhance their independence, success, and confidence. Encouraging adaptability in various environments—home, school, and community—ensures they are better prepared for the future.

### **Discussion Points**

- How can we integrate flexible thinking into daily routines?
- What role do parents and educators play in modelling and teaching these skills?
- How can we measure the impact of flexible thinking on a child's development?
- By focusing on these aspects, we can create a supportive environment that nurtures growth and resilience in young learners.

**Date:** 13 November 2024

**Location:** KJS Library, 1st floor

**Time:** 3-3:45pm

**Attendees:** KJS Parents and guardians

**Facilitator:** Ian Ong, School Counsellor

\*Registration through the gateway will open at 9pm on Tuesday 29 October 2024 and close on Tuesday, 12th November at 6pm (Under "Activity" on Gateway)

\*\* *The presentation will be recorded and made available for everyone to view.*



## News from the PTA



Hello KJS Community,

Last night the PTA hosted the **Spooky Boogie Ball** and what a great event it was! We had over 1200 guests and the most fantastic costumes, not to mention the Midnight Manor, The Biohazard House, arts and crafts, delicious snacks, food, dim sum and popcorn! Probably the highlight of the event was the disco and fun skit in the Hall, which was rocking with music, slideshows, costume competitions and, of course, dancing!

The Committee members, school staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to make the event a success and fun was had by all. As one child said: It was just the right amount of scary! Here are some photos from the event (mostly thanks to our VP, Andy Eastwood).





















## **Dress Colourful 25 Oct 2025**

Today, KJS celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Light, and the students were asked to come in traditional or colourful clothes. There were Diwali assemblies with student and staff performances and everyone had a wonderful Friday.

## **KJS PTA AGM**

### **6 November 2024 via Zoom**

Parents would have received this important notice on Wednesday for the Annual general Meeting.

We encourage you to read the information below and sign up to attend the meeting (on 6 Nov) and the information session preceding it (on 28 Oct).



## **KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2024**

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Junior School Parent Teacher Association Limited will be held on:

**Wednesday 6 November 2024 at 3:30 pm** online via Zoom

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/5887075656> Zoom ID : 588 707 5656

Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 8 November 2023
2. Chairman's Report
3. Principal's Report
4. Presentation of the PTA Accounts and Auditors Report for 2023-24
5. Appointment of auditors for 2024-25 financial year
6. Transition update
7. Proposed Budget for 2024-25
8. Election of Committee members for 2024-2025 academic year

To view the Minutes of the 2023 AGM, click [HERE](#). If you have any questions regarding any matter related to the above, please email [pta@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:pta@kjs.edu.hk).

As members of the PTA, all parents and teachers are invited to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting. Please register your attendance in advance [HERE](#)

To submit a nomination for the PTA Committee please complete the Nomination Form [HERE](#) and email the scan or photocopy with your signature to the PTA email ([pta@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:pta@kjs.edu.hk)) or Whatsapp number (62114154) no later than 1:00 p.m. on Monday 28 October 2024.

There will be an information session held on Monday 28 October 2024 to share information on the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Committee. It will be held in the PYP Room (1/Floor) at KJS from 8:45 am - 10:00 am and is open to all parents to attend but is mandatory for those who wish to join the PTA Executive Committee.

To register your attendance for this information session, please click [here](#).

If you would like an item to be included on the Agenda, please email the PTA no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 30 October 2024.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the AGM.  
BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

Anna Rayton  
Chair  
Kowloon Junior School PTA Ltd  
16 October 2024

Gavin MacGregor  
Principal  
Kowloon Junior School

This is your chance to get involved and have a voice in the PTA and all its work. For any questions around this, feel free to contact the PTA Office.

### **School Uniforms**

We would like to remind all families that the old school uniforms (beige colour) for shorts, skirts and long trousers will not be used in school after December 31 2024.

From 1 January 2025, only the new navy blue colour items will be considered as official school uniforms. For more details, please contact the uniform supplier

[www.schooluniform.hk](http://www.schooluniform.hk) directly.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Best wishes,  
The KJS PTA Team.

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