

Week of 24 January 2025

Dates for Your Diary

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

25-26 March* Y4 Camp

(*REVISED DATES)

3 April Last Day of Term 3 (School ends at 2:45pm)

Principal's Message

Dear KJS families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well! At KJS we truly value the strong partnership we have with our families, and we appreciate your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Year One held a fantastic Art Exhibition earlier this week. It was great to see so many families come and join in with the students as well as celebrate the fantastic range of artwork the children had on display.

This morning, we were thrilled to celebrate a wonderful Lunar New Year with an exciting Lion Dance performance. It was a delight to see all the students and staff come together to enjoy this vibrant event. The energy and joy radiated through the school, creating a sense of unity and celebration.

Our Chinese New Year assemblies were absolutely fantastic! The students showcased their talents through various performances of dance, drama and song. I am incredibly grateful to the Chinese team at KJS for their efforts in making these assemblies possible.

As we embrace the Year of the Snake, we wish everyone prosperity and happiness. I hope everyone enjoys this special time with their family and friends.

Kung Hey Fat Choi!

Mr Gavin MacGregor

Principal

Library News

Celebrating Student Success: Hailey Shing's Posties Article



Our Library Team is pleased to share that **Hailey Shing from 6NG** has had her article published in the **January 20th, 2025 edition of Posties Issue #638**. Hailey took a unique approach by sharing insights about herself and her interests, making her piece stand out.

Through our interview with Hailey, we learned that it took her two days to write this article, and her mom was the inspiration behind her story. Hailey shared that her mom once wrote to the newspaper ten times before finally getting published, reminding us all of the importance of perseverance. As Hailey says, *"Even if you don't get it in your first try, keep trying."*

To honor her achievement and showcase the work of our talented students, we've created a dedicated page on our KJS Virtual Library. Here, you can read Hailey's article along with other contributions from our students.

We invite you to check it out and learn more about Hailey and her writing! Visit our KJS Virtual Library here

<https://sites.google.com/kjs.hk/kjs-virtual-library/posties-featuring-kjs-students>!

A Friendly Reminder About Library Book Returns

We hope this message finds you and your family well. The library team wanted to reach out to share an important reminder about the significance of exchanging books regularly and returning them on time.

Our library system automatically sends overdue notices when students don't return their books during their weekly sessions. Reminder notices follow, and by the third week, we assume the books are lost. While this process is necessary, it's essential to remember that timely returns ensure all students have access to the books they love.

In our library classes, we emphasize the importance of returning books on time. When students forget to bring their library books, it prevents them from borrowing new ones and exploring the wonderful world of reading. We encourage students to choose books freely, even if they already have a stack at home, as this fosters their love for reading.

We warmly invite parents to engage with their children in this journey. Spending time together discussing book selections can cultivate a lifelong passion for reading. As students grow older and transition to secondary school, they often find it harder to make time for reading. It's crucial to nurture this love for books both at school and at home.

Recently, we've noticed an increasing number of overdue books, some left unreturned for over two months. This not only impacts your child's reading journey but also hinders access to these books for other eager readers.

We appreciate your support in reminding your children to return their books on time. If a book is lost, please reach out to Ms. Lau at macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk so we can arrange for an invoice for replacement books. We kindly ask that families do not send their own replacements.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and commitment to fostering a love of reading in our school community. Together, we can ensure every child has the chance to enjoy the stories that inspire and entertain them.

News from the PTA



Hello KJS Community,



We are almost at the start of the New Lunar Year! We hope everyone is ready for a wonderful holiday with lots of fun time and catching up with friends and family.

Site Staff Lai See

To thank our amazing site staff who look after our community and school facilities so well, the PTA Committee presented them with a token of appreciation and Lai See.



One of our families, Kathy Chan and Klyde Lam also presented them with new down coats for the new year.



Needless to say, they were delighted with them!



Social Bingo Night 21 Feb 2025

When we get back from the holidays, we will launch the ticket sales for the social Bingo Night, so please look out for it. Tickets are very limited and will be sold on a first come, first come basis.



This will be an adults only social evening held at the Kowloon Cricket Club, near Jordan. This will be an opportunity for parents to mix and mingle, eat, drink, make friends and win some great prizes at bingo! For those who have not played this before, don't worry, it's super simple and we will be there to help you.

The KJS Carnival School Fair 22 March 2025

Plans are well and truly underway for the biggest event of the KJS Calendar, the school fair! This year, the theme is "The KJS Carnival" and we need all our community members to come together and help make this the best one yet!

There are many ways you can get involved, sign into this [Google Form](#) to indicate your interest. So far, we have had a few dedicated parents already sign up, but we need lots more to make this event happen, so please do fill in the form and we will get in touch with you.

Raffles



After the holidays, 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 outdoor play areas, and the more we can raise, the bigger the impact we can make for our children to enjoy. More information around this will follow soon, so keep an eye out for it!

And lastly, we wish everyone in our Community a Happy and successful Year of the Snake! We look forward to connecting with you when we all get back from the mid term break.



Best wishes,
The KJS PTA Team.

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