Week of 22 August 2025

Dates for Your Diary

26 September CPD Day

1 October Public Holiday

6-13 October Mid Term Break

29 October Public Holiday

3-7 November Book Week

21 November CPD Day

8 December Election Holiday

12 December Last Day of Term 1 (school ends at 12nn)

Principal's Message

Dear KJS families.

It's been a wonderful start to the new academic year, and I'm delighted to share some highlights with you.

Firstly, it's been fantastic to finally welcome all our year groups this week. This morning, I had the pleasure of meeting our final set of new Year One parents. To all our new families: we are truly proud to have you join our KJS community.

I'd like to extend a thanks to all parents for your patience and understanding regarding the last-minute school closures due to the red rain announcement early on Monday. Your cooperation during these unexpected situations is greatly appreciated.

It's been incredibly pleasing to see how quickly all our students have settled into their new classes. The shared areas and classrooms are buzzing with excitement and eagerness to learn, which is a joy to witness.

On Monday afternoon, we hosted a parent workshop with Kristy Elliott, focusing on Restorative Practice - an approach we are implementing at KJS. We were thrilled to see over 150 parents in attendance, eager to learn about this important aspect of how we support students at KJS. Your engagement in these sessions is crucial as we work together to support our students' wellbeing and academic success.

Looking ahead, we are aiming to get our ECA (Extra-Curricular Activities) programme up and running in the next few weeks. We understand how important these activities are for our families and we're working hard to finalize the details through the new ESF Hub. We will notify you of the exact dates for booking as soon as possible, so please keep an eye out for this information.

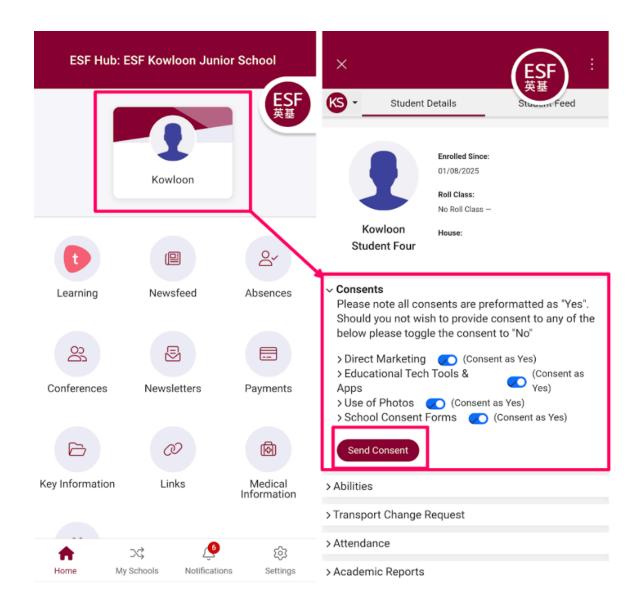
As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach ou

Mr MacGregor Principal

Important: Signing Consents on ESF Hub

Please be reminded to sign ALL start-of-year consents (Use of Education Tech Tools & Apps, Use of Photos and Direct Marketing). Failure to sign the consent forms in time may affect your child's access to his/her school device which could impact their learning.

If you have any questions, please contact LMSsupport@kjs.edu.hk or we have a support team onsite to walk you through the process or answer any questions you may have.



Library News



A Warm Welcome from Your School Library Team!

Dear Returning and New Families,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a safe and (relatively) dry week despite the unpredictable weather. It has been an absolute joy to see the school buzzing with energy again and to hear the happy sounds of students sharing their stories.

A huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone for the incredible effort in returning your Summer Borrowing books. We were so impressed by the stacks of books coming back and even more impressed by the fantastic spirits of our students. The feedback from families has been wonderful, and we're thrilled to report that over 1500 books were checked out to kick off the new year! It's inspiring to see such a love for reading in our community.

As we settle into the start of the year, our team will be diligently finalizing our records. Over the next week or two, we will be sending out gentle reminders via email if any books from the previous school year are still outstanding. Please keep an eye on your inbox. As per our library policy, students with any outstanding books will be unable to borrow new ones until the previous ones are returned or the situation is resolved. We thank you in advance for your help in getting all our beloved books back on the shelves for others to enjoy!



Save the Date - Book Week: November 3-7!!!

This year, we are thrilled to announce a big change for our KJS Library: we are moving our popular Book Week celebration to Term 1!

Mark your calendars for **November 3-7**, as our festivities will now align with the **International Children's Book Week**. We hope this shift gives our entire KJS community more space to fully appreciate our celebration of stories and reading, moving it away from the wonderful flurry of events we enjoy in Term 2, such as our CNY Celebration, Kowloon in Bloom, and the School Fair.

The week will be packed with fun, including our beloved **Book Fair** from **November 4-6** and a slew of literary activities designed to ignite a passion for reading in every student. We are so excited to launch the school year with this fantastic literary focus.

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Celebrating Our SCMP Posties Superstar Writers!

We are absolutely thrilled to share some incredible news from our young KJS authors! The 2024-2025 school year was a phenomenal year for our KJS writers, and their success stories have continued to shine throughout the summer, even after the school year ended.

Our Year 3 to Year 6 students have been busy publishing their work in the SCMP Young Post, and we are so proud of every single one of them. You can see the full gallery of our successful students here:

KJS Virtual Library - Posties Success Stories 2024-2025

A huge congratulations to our most recent published authors:

• Issue #660, June 23: Carson Leung and Ethan Cheung (4BM) were the Feature of the Week with their captivating story, "The Legend of Dragon Island".

- Issue #661, June 30: Janice Ng (6MD) shared her reflections on her favourite KJS activities.
- Issue #662, July 7: Aditri Verma (5EG) wrote a wonderful article about her favourite hobbies both inside and outside of school.
- Issue #663, July 14: Oliver Shee (5JO) wrote a thoughtful piece on how illegal drugs
 can impact wellbeing, while Malcolm Mok (4AG) gave a brilliant book
 recommendation and persuasive text on "Science Comics: Sharks".
- **Issue #664, July 21**: Cameron Keung (6AC) showcased his creativity with a fantastic Football Poem.
- Issue #665, July 28: Mishka Shah (5JC) wrote about her favourite school subjects, music, and other interests, and Edward Cheang (6NG) gave an exciting movie recommendation for *Pacific Rim*.
- Issue #666, August 4: Curtis Cheng (2GH) wrote a delightful article about his pet turtle and the benefits of owning one, and Kaveen Savalani (3DP) recommended the "I Survived" graphic novel series.

And the success has already continued into our new school year!

We've kicked off 2025-2026 with three more fantastic publications, which you can see here:

KJS Virtual Library - Posties Success Stories

- **Issue #667, August 11**: Pehr Shah (3AN) shared a brilliant book recommendation for *"Hilo"* and all the reasons she loves it.
- Issue #668, August 18: Annastasia Kaku (5EG) was the Feature of the Week with her story, "A Different One", and we were delighted to hear from alumna Star Tse (former 6AC), who recommended the book "A Wolf Called Wander".

What an amazing way to start the year! We can't wait to see what our literary superstars write next.







Reminder: Order Your Posties Subscription by This Monday!

As we approach the deadline to order Posties and Young Post subscriptions (Monday, August 25th), we wanted to share how thrilled we are by the response so far. Over 100 families have already joined, and we believe this is a testament to the recent successes of our young writers and readers at KJS.

Last year, our students had over 40 articles published in SCMP Posties, and this year, they're eager to set a new record! In fact, after just the first two weeks of school, three KJS students have already been featured in the newspaper. To read their inspiring work and explore our growing collection of success stories, please visit the <u>KJS Virtual Library</u>.

We're also excited to announce that, by popular demand, we're reintroducing the printed version of Posties this year! Each Monday, your child will have the opportunity to bring home a weekly newspaper tailored to their age group, perfect for fostering a love of reading and discussion at home.

Subscription Details

1) Posties (Printed + Digital)

Ages 6–10 | Perfect for primary learners HK\$160/year

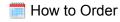
Includes: Weekly printed copy + digital access

Posties Sample Edition

School-day newspapers + digital	
09/2025	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10/2025	20, 27
11/2025	3, 10, 17, 24
12/2025	1
01/2026	5, 12, 19, 26
02/2026	2, 9
03/2026	2, 9, 16, 23
04/2026	13, 20, 27
05/2026	4, 11, 18
06/2026	1, 8, 15, 22
Total of 32 issues for HK\$160 (HK\$5/copy)	

2) SCMP + Young Post (Digital Only)

Ages 11–17 | Ideal for advanced readers HK\$880/year Full digital access for one year YP Sample Edition



Deadline: This Monday, 25 August 2025

Subscribe here

Please note: Printed copies are limited, so we encourage you to secure your subscription early to avoid disappointment.

Important Notes

- This is a voluntary offer facilitated by SCMP and is not part of the KJS curriculum.
- Activation emails will be sent by SCMP on 1 September 2025.

For questions about the subscription, feel free to reach out to our Teacher Librarian, Ms. Lau (macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk). For technical support, contact SCMP's 24-hour hotline: 2680 8822 (press 3).

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Ignite a Passion for Writing with Our After School Club!

Our popular After School Writing Club, run by Elephant Community Press, is starting again in Term 1!

Students in ECP's creative writing and publishing workshops learn to plan, draft, revise, and edit like real authors do. They develop their ideas, collaborate, and learn new techniques as they craft their own stories and poems to be published! The book and magazine from this term will be published before the Christmas break, and there will be a celebratory book launch at the end of the term.



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Playground Ambassadors (for Year 4-6 Students)- Deadline: 29 August

Do you have what it takes to be a Kowloon Junior School Playground Ambassador?

If you love making playtime awesome (and stopping the occasional argument over who got tagged first), here's your chance to become a Playground Ambassador for the upcoming school year!

What's Needed?

As a Playground Ambassador, you'll be a role model for KJS students, help resolve small conflicts, promote positive play, and ensure everyone feels included. We're looking for responsible, kind, and enthusiastic leaders who want to make a difference at KJS!

How to Apply:

Email Vice Principal Dawn Doucette at dawn.doucette@kjs.edu.hk by August 29th with your answers to the following questions:

What's your full name and class?
Why are you interested in becoming a Playground Ambassador?
What do you think are the main roles and

responsibilities of being a Playground Ambassador?

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to develop leadership skills and help create a happier playground for everyone!

Apply now—I can't wait to hear from you!

Mrs. Doucette

News from the PTA



27 August PTA Executive Committee Meeting
10 September Staff Appreciation Morning

Dear Parents,

The weather has turned nice and hopefully will stay that way!

27 August PTA Executive Committee Meeting

We are having our first PTA Committee Meeting next week on 27 August via Zoom at 3:30 pm.

All parents are invited to join using this link:

Meeting ID: 588 707 5656

Invite Link: https://zoom.us/j/5887075656

Welcome to Group B Year 1 Parents

It was lovely meeting the second half of the new Year 1 Families this morning, a big Welcome from the KJS PTA!

During the chats we had with many of you during snack time, we mentioned that there are some important numbers and emails that you should enter into your contact lists and these are:

KJS School OfficeTel: 3765-8700

Email: office@kjs.edu.hk

KJS Nurse Direct line: 3765-8781

Email: nurse@kjs.edu.hk

PTA Office direct line: 3765-8709

Email: pta@kjs.edu.hk

These are important to enter as the numbers can look like spam and you may overlook an important call about your child.

10 Sept. Staff Appreciation Morning

To show our appreciation to the dedicated staff of the school, the PTA is hosting a Staff Appreciation morning at 10:00 am-11:00 am here in school. If you would be interested in participating and connecting with the KJS community and showing appreciation, please contact Rekha in the PTA office to let her know. We will be hosting coffee and breakfast for our wonderful staff.

Have a great weekend everyone! The KJS PTA Team.

Tel: 3765-8709 | Email: pta@kjs.edu.hk | Whatsapp: 6211-4154 | Website:

www.kjspta.com

Music Extra Curricular Activities

Hello KJS Community!

Sign Ups for Music ECA's are now open! Please read the memo from TASTO HK, then click on the link to sign up for Music ECA's today!

TASTO MEMO:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zAFdC-3dul3FavAwsfhi5Nej_BoKjwMw/view?usp=share_link SIGN UP LINK: https://forms.gle/To6pJGyaAiRRhdzJA

Please note:

- New joiners for KJS Orchestra and KJS Choir will need to submit a 1m audition video with their sign up form.
- Existing members of KJS Orchestra and KJS Choir still need to sign up through the google form, but do not need to submit another audition video.
- At this time, all other Music ECA's are first come, first serve.

Let's have a Musical Year! Mrs. Swett

Extra Curricular Activities with KJS Registered Tutors

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



Books by Hong Kong Kids!

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Write and Publish with Elephant Community Press!

ECP's Creative Writing Workshop at Kowloon Junior Starts from Monday, 1st September!

Students in ECP's creative writing and publishing workshops learn to plan, draft, revise and edit like real authors do. They develop their ideas, collaborate, and learn new techniques as they craft their own stories and poems to be published! The book and magazine from this term will be published before Christmas break.





Trumpet Magazine

Age: Year 3-4
Day: Monday
Time: 3:00-4:30pm
Location: KJS Library
Fee: \$500/session*

Publishing fee: \$220/student

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Peculiar Primary

Age: Year 5-6
Day: Monday or Friday
Time: 3:00-4:30pm
Location: KJS Library
Fee: \$500/session*

Publishing fee: \$400/student

Class dates: Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1 (12 sessions total)

Students in this creative writing and magazine publishing workshop will be key contributors to ECP's magazine, *The Trumped*: Over the term, students will focus on 3-4 particular writing skills and write different text types, such as stories, newspaper articles and poems. They will then select their two favourites to revise and edit for the magazine, which will be published in print!

<u>Mon:</u> Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, Nov 24, Dec 1 (12 sessions total)

<u>Fri:</u> Sep 5, 12, 19, Oct 3, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, Dec 5 (10 sessions total)

Nothing's normal at a Peculiar Primary—not the school, not the teachers and certainly not the students. Inspired by Louis Sachar's *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*, the students in this **creative writing and book publishing workshop** will work together to design the peculiar features of this wacky school and each develop a story about the unusual goings-on within their Peculiar Primary.

Contact us to register:

Email: info@elephantcommunitypress.com

Phone: 3487 3153 WhatsApp: 5741 1079

Baking Class











Baking Class -KJS Term 1 Sept - Dec



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



f www.facebook.com/flourhk

Junior Baking Class

Term 1 Schedule 2025-2026



Junior bakers (5 -11 yr) learn to bake and decorate delicious desserts and savoury goodies. Baking lessons are 1.5 hours with ingredients, equipments, recipes and aprons provided. Sibling Discount 10%

For more information, please contact Ms. Hong:

flourhk@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/flourhk

DATE: SEPTEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 5

TIME: 3:00PM - 4:30PM
THURSDAY: 11 lessons - \$4,510
FRIDAY: 9 lessons - \$3,690
VENUE: KJS DT ROOM





Kowloon Junior School

AfterSchool Program 2025 - 26 Term 1



#1 Chess Program in Hong Kong
Led by 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:

Attention Span Sportsmanship Confidence Spatial Reasoning Patience & more... Strategic Thinking

Term 1 Chess Class Every Week

Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday
3:00 - 4:00pm, D&T Room	3:00 - 4:00pm, D&T Room
Sep 2, 9, 16, 23,	Sep 3, 10, 17, 24,
Oct 14, 21, 28,	Oct 15, 22,
Nov 4, 11, 18, 25,	Nov 5, 12, 19, 26,
Dec 2	Dec 3
Course fee: \$3,360 for 12 sessions	Course fee: \$3,080 for 11 sessions

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



Scan to enroll online!



Program "...where children develop the love of life-long learning"



Drama Club at Kowloon Junior School Year 1-4 Drama Workshops





Oct 2, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, 13, 20, 27, Dec 4 Fee: \$3,380 - 13 Workshops

Confidence and Storytelling Skills Boost

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 club provides a fun-filled learning environment and an opportunity to learn about theatre and drama with the focus on self-confidence, teamwork and performance skills.

Please note, this drama club is open to students who joined Faust last season as well as newcomers – all are welcome! Each term includes new activities and scripts to enjoy.

Year 1-4 will be working on a story inspired by popular books such as DOG MAN, THE LORAX, THE SPIFFIEST GIANT IN TOWN and more! Our story will feature lots of fun characters and fun situations for all to enjoy.

How To Register

To register, please visit https://register.faustworld.com/application.asp. Under 'Term', select 'School Programme Term 1 S27' 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.



If you have any questions, please contact Faust at Schools@FaustWorld.com.

The registration period is from August 23rd to September 2rd 2025 and workshops will run each Thursday from 3:00 - 4:00pm starting from September 4th.

Scan to register

KJS Clay Club 2025 - Term 1



Learning Focus:

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

Monday Classes

Date: 8 Sep - 24 Nov (No class on 6 & 13 Oct)

Time: 3 - 4.30 pm

Venue: Art Room

Fee: \$3,800 for 10 classes (including materials and firing fee)

Sign up before 5 September!

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 1.

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