Week of 29 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.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's been great to have a week free from weather-related disruptions, allowing our students and staff to fully engage in their learning and activities.

This week, our students began to more fully engage with the Toddle learning platform. Over the coming weeks, you'll start to see posts uploaded across all year groups on the Toddle portfolio platform (accessible through the ESF Hub app). We're starting at a measured pace to address any potential glitches.

Just a friendly reminder that Monday next week is the final day to sign up for our Music ECAs run by TASTO HK. If your child is interested in participating, please ensure you complete the registration process before the deadline.

It's been truly inspiring to see the wonderful range of work produced by our students as part of the 'Who We Are' unit so far. The creativity demonstrated across all year groups has been impressive. This unit has provided an excellent opportunity for our students to explore their identities and their place within our school and wider community.

As always, we appreciate your continued support.I Have a wonderful weekend.

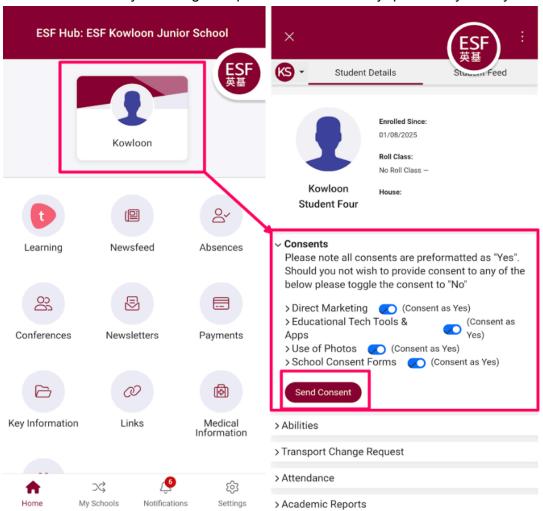
KJS ECA Registration for Y3 - Y6 (Deadline: 1 September at 11pm)

KJS-led ECA registration for Y3-6 is available now and will close on Monday, 1 September at 11pm. To sign up, please refer to the email titled "*Activity Permission Slip*" in your news feed and complete the Expression of Interest form.

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



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a vibrant and positive energy has filled the library this week! It's been wonderful to see all our students settling into the routines of a new year, sharing their summer stories, and diving into our fantastic new books.

A Warm Welcome to Our Year 1 Students



Our newest library members in Year 1 have been learning the ropes! They met our library team, learned our secret greeting (ask them to show you!), and started their journey on how to navigate and choose books from our extensive Picture Book collection. It's a joy to see their excitement.

Launching a New Year of Reading for Years 2-6





For our returning students, we've been sharing travel reading photos and introducing the library clubs available this year. The undeniable highlight, however, has been browsing the brand-new books purchased from the Hong Kong Book Fair. The excitement is contagious!

A Spotlight on Our Young Authors!

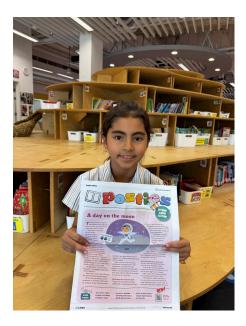
This week, we were absolutely thrilled to see two of our very own KJS students featured in the **SCMP Posties (Issue #669 August 25th edition)**! Celebrating student writing is a huge part of our library culture, and we are so proud of them.



Gracie Yu (4JH) was featured for a wonderful piece she wrote last November in 3BO,
 all about her favourite things. Gracie was inspired to be the first Year 3 student from

KJS to be published and was over the moon to hear the news. Her advice to others?

"You can do it too!"



• Isabella Bath (5LF) had her story, "A Tale of Two Puppies," chosen as the Feature of the Week! Isabella shared that she wrote four fictional stories and was "extremely shocked!" when she found out the news that her story was published. Her powerful suggestion to aspiring writers is "Don't Stop Writing!"

To read more SCMP Posties stories, click here.

To submit articles to Posties for their editors to choose, click here.

Posties Programme & After Writing Club

- Delivery Starts Next Week: The printed edition of the Posties will begin its weekly delivery next week (on Mondays). If your family ordered them, expect your child to start bringing them home every Monday. For those who subscribed to Young Post and SCMP, expect digital login details via email, even your spam folder.
- Afterschool Writing Club: Our popular Afterschool Writing Club will commence next week for our students in Year 3-6. Please make sure you sort out transportation arrangements nad let your child know before the start time.

Administrative Notes: Keeping Our Library Running Smoothly



- Save the Date Book Week!: Mark your calendars! Our much-anticipated Book Week
 will run from November 3rd to 7th. More exciting details will follow soon.
- Overdue Books & Borrowing: To ensure all students have access to our collection,
 please note that all students are expected to bring their library bag and return books
 on time. Students can renew books online via Orbit or bring them back to renew with
 our library team. Additionally, please note:
 - Weekly reminder notices are issued for overdue books (including home readers). After 14 days, we assume books are lost.
 - o Borrowing privileges are suspended until all overdue items are returned.
 - Students must have their library book bag to borrow. This will be strictly enforced.
 - Students with books damaged may be asked to pay for the replacement of the book.
- Lost Books: If a book cannot be located, please contact our library team as soon as
 possible at library@kjs.edu.hk. We can then arrange for the Finance Team to issue an
 invoice for its replacement.

Staff Book Recommendation of the Week



This week's recommendation comes from Ms. Rosie Tobin of 1RT.

Book: Superworm by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

Rosie says: "Super Worm is my favorite book because it shows how important teamwork and friendship are! The fun rhymes and colorful pictures make it an exciting story to share. Plus, it teaches us about being brave and helping each other, which is something we can all learn from!"

We are so excited for the year of reading and writing ahead!

Kind regards,

The KJS Library Team

77th Speech Festival 2025

Step 1: Enrolment on HKSMSA Website (Deadline: Thu, 4 September at 11pm) Step 2: Payment to school via ESF Hub (Deadline: Fri, 12 September at 11pm)

Online entry forms for the 77th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2025) are ready. Parents who wish their children to participate in the Speech Festival, must submit their application forms online on the HKSMSA website before <u>4 September at 11pm</u>. An invoice will be sent via the ESF Hub after your submission. Please pay before <u>12 September at 11pm</u>. For details, please refer to the ESF Hub's Newsfeed which was posted on 26 August, it is called "77th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival (2025)".

Please be reminded that the enrollment would be successful if both ENROLLMENT and

PAYMENT are completed before above deadlines. Late application will not be accepted. Thank you.

News from the PTA



Dear Parents.

Class Reps 2025-26 Coffee Morning 25 August 2025

All classes have now got their own representatives in place and many joined in, either in person or online, to the coffee morning to find out more about their roles and responsibilities. For those parents in Year 1 who have not yet joined their class chats and wish to do so, please use the links below and we will add you to the chat after verifying that you have signed the <u>Code of Conduct</u>.

1KA	https://chat.whatsapp.com/KZpQgBdxxbQGwrdPBNIW2R
1RC	https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dnf93S3RUn2LUcsIfBPzM9
1RT	https://chat.whatsapp.com/LoyAMIHNEakHARBbk4NXh1
1SQ	https://chat.whatsapp.com/LX1imBjiB2j4AtM30Jxdq9
1SW	https://chat.whatsapp.com/KFNBhf7ywB18maVVvu4BLA

After **Monday 1 Sept.** the PTA will leave the chat groups and those wishing to join will need to email the PTA (<u>pta@kjs.edu.hk</u>) to request to join the chats, so we suggest that all year 1 parents **join before Monday**.

Executive Committee Meeting 27 August 2025

Thank you to those of you who joined our first Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday. We had a very good attendance and we hope everyone got some insights into the work of the PTA Committee.

A draft budget for the coming year was shared and will be asked to be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting, scheduled for sometime in Sept.

Upcoming social events

Wednesday 10 Sept - Staff Appreciation Day

10:00 am -11:00 am (snack time)

Parents can come and say a personal "Thank you" to our amazing staff by helping serve breakfast snacks. Contact Rekha in the PTA Office for details if you are interested.

Friday 17 Oct - Dress Colourful (Diwali)

Children will be invited to come in traditional or colourful clothes and give a donation of \$20. *Proceeds collected from this charitable event organized by the PTA will be donated to the school for future school projects after being approved by the PTA Committee. We hope to have some Diwali related lunchtime activities organised by parents in the playground, so if anyone can help with this, we would appreciate it.

Thursday 30 Oct - Spooky Boogie Ball (Halloween event)

Friday 28 Nov - Winter Festival (Christmas event)

Of course, none of these can happen without the support and help of parent volunteers, so please sign this <u>Google Form</u> so that we can contact you.

We are also appealing to any parent who can lead these projects or get a team together to collectively have fun and help the school at the same time. It's a great way to make friends within the KJS Community!

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!

Music ECA sign-ups will close on Monday 01 Sept! Read the memo below, from TASTO HK, then click on the link to sign up for Music ECA's today!

Tasto Memo:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KGfgHZPgEEX9yocc0WOU9cADwVzf-e8D/view?usp=sharing

Sign-up form 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 Tasto ECA's are first come, first serve.

See you after school! Mrs. Swett

Extra Curricular Activities with KJS Registered Tutors

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

Writing Club



Books by Hong Kong Kids! www.elephantcommunitypress.com www.facebook.com/elephantcommunitypress

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

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!



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

<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





LEARN FROM THE BEST!!

#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:

Sportsmanship £ Attention Span

Confidence Spatial Reasoning

Strategic Thinking Patience & more...

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





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 fill in the registration form https://forms.gle/yzsguCtjXGpQBkXYA or scan the QR code.

If you have any questions, please contact Faust at Schools@FaustWorld.com. The registration period is from August 23rd to September 2nd 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.