

Week of 19 September 2025

Dates for Your Diary

26 September	CPD Day
30 September	“Who We Are” Learning Conference
1 October	Public Holiday
6-13 October	Mid Term Break
20-22, 22-24 October	Y5 Camp
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.

We've had another successful week at KJS, and I wanted to share some important updates with you.

Thank you to all the parents who joined our two webinars related to ESF Hub on Wednesday. Your feedback is always valuable and helps us continue to improve. Thank you once again for your patience as we navigate this new system together.

Next week brings our annual Year 6 Amazing Race, which involves physical activities, mental challenges, teamwork, and collaboration. It's always an exciting highlight for our Year 6 students.

The weather forecast for the middle of next week is looking concerning, with a severe typhoon on its way. We will of course communicate any information related to the impact of this as and when we receive updates.

Please remember that KJS has staff professional development next Friday, 26th September, so students will not be on site that day.

Mr MacGregor
Principal

Library News

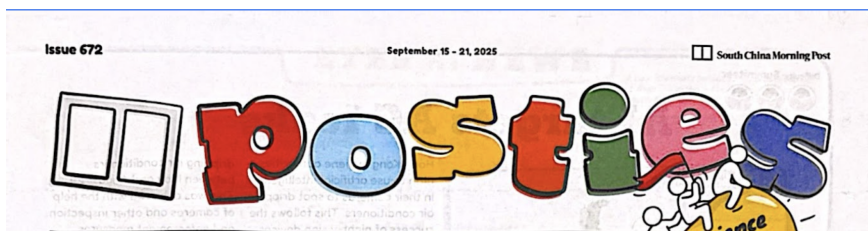


Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a joy it is to share some wonderful news with you this week! We're absolutely delighted to celebrate two of our brilliant young authors from Year 4 who have been published in the SCMP Posties. Their achievement reminds us how powerful encouragement and perseverance can be in nurturing young talents.

Beyond celebrating our students' success, we're also excited to share opportunities for your children to get more involved in our library community and a first look at our upcoming Book Week celebrations. These moments highlight what makes our KJS community so special.

Celebrating Our Young Authors!



This week, we are delighted to celebrate two more students who have been featured in *SCMP Posties*! Coincidentally, both are from the same class! Meet **Saira Shah and Ridaan Luhadia from 4BM**, who were published in Issue #672 of the SCMP Posties (September

15th). Both were ecstatic to hear the news, and we caught up with them to learn about their reactions.



(Photo: Saira Shah - left, Ridaan Luhadia - right)

Saira Shah was thrilled to see her work in print. Like many before her, she had nearly given up hope, as she wrote her article all the way back in February while in Year 3, a time when no other Year 3 students had been selected. She recalls that Ms Lau encouraged her by saying, *"If you try, you might get in. If you don't, there is no chance."* Saira took this advice to heart and is now feeling very lucky that her one and only submission was successful. Her wonderfully wise advice to her peers? "Patience is key."

Ridaan Luhadia was equally shocked and excited by his achievement. He also submitted just one article, back in January, and was overjoyed to be selected. An avid fan of the movie *Jumanji*, he says he enjoyed writing about it and thinks more people should watch it! He wanted to thank the library team for their encouragement. His message to other aspiring writers is simple and powerful: "Try your best."

To read more KJS Success stories from *SCMP Posties*, [click here](#).

To submit articles to Posties for consideration by the editors, [click here](#).

Love Books, Organization, and Helping? Become a Library Monitor!



Apply for a Special Role in the Heart of Our School!

Calling all students who love a quiet, organized space and the magic of libraries! Our school library is looking for responsible and enthusiastic volunteers to join our team of Library Monitors for this term.

This is more than just a job. It's a chance to be a leader, learn new skills, and make our library the best it can be for everyone.

As a Library Monitor, you will:

- Be an Organizer: Help shelve books and keep our spaces tidy.
- Be a Helper: Assist other students and librarians with special projects.
- Be a Leader: Take pride in one of the most important spaces in our school.

We are looking for students who:

- ✓ Enjoy organizing and sorting (alphabetical order pros, we need you!).
- ✓ Are responsible, reliable, and able to commit to a weekly shift.
- ✓ Want to contribute to the school community.

Please Note: This role requires a commitment during one lunch or snack time per week. It's a rewarding way to spend your break, but it does mean giving up some playtime.

Ready to join the team?

Fill out our quick online application form here to tell us why you'd be perfect!

👉 <https://forms.gle/47qLfdbcLkq6fqg57> 👉

Applications close this Monday, September 22nd, 2025. Don't miss out!

Don't miss this chance to be a hero behind the shelves.

SCMP Posties Newspaper Programme



This week, we began distributing printed copies of the *Posties* newspaper to subscribed students. Please note the following important information:

For Current Subscribers:

- **Digital Access:** Login details for both *Posties* and the *Young Post/SCMP* platforms were sent via email on Monday, September 1st. Please check your inbox and spam folder. If you did not receive them, please contact schoolsub@scmp.com.
- **Printed Copies:** The printed edition are delivered weekly to classrooms on Monday for teachers to distribute. If your child did not receive their copy, please let us know at library@kjs.edu.hk.

New Subscription Opportunity (Round 2):

For families who missed the initial sign-up, we are opening a second subscription round! Printed copies will be delivered after the October break. To subscribe, please complete the Google Form by **Monday, October 3rd**, using the link below:

[Subscribe to Posties Round 2](#)

Book Week November 3-7th, 2025



We are thrilled to announce the theme for our much-anticipated Book Week 2025: "One Book, One World."

Mark your calendars! This celebration of reading and our global community will take place from **Monday, November 3rd, to Friday, November 7th, 2025.**

This year, we are embracing the power of stories to connect us across cultures, languages, and continents. As a school with **over 130 years** of history in Hong Kong, our KJS family truly spans the globe, and we can't wait to explore this world of stories together.

We are planning a week of exciting and immersive activities, including:

- Our popular Book Fair on the 4th Floor, open to students and families from **Tuesday, November 4th, to Thursday, November 6th.**
- The spectacular "Book Character" Dress-Up Parade on **Friday, November 7th.**
- Special guest readers from our community.
- Engaging activities in the library that journey around the world.
- A focus on home languages and global literature.

How you can help right now: We would love to involve our wonderful parent community in sharing stories in your home languages. If you might be interested in being a guest reader for a small group in the library during that week, please keep an eye out for a sign-up form in a future newsletter.

This is just a sneak peek! Detailed information about each event and how you can participate will be shared closer to the time.

Let's come together to make this an unforgettable celebration of reading and our interconnected world.

Staff Book Recommendation of the Week



This week's recommendation comes from **Mr. Chris Leung, Finance & Human Resource Manager**

Book: Women in Sports - 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played To Win by Rachel Ignatofsky

Mr. Chris says: *I absolutely love this book because it teaches us that we can achieve ANYTHING if we put our minds to it. Every female athlete mentioned in the book, playing their favourite sport, had to go through many TOUGH challenges before they became #1! With dedication and hard work, YOU and your success story will be written in a book! GIRL POWER!!!!"*

If you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact our library team at library@kjs.edu.hk.

Kind regards,

The KJS Library Team

Please note: Kowloon Junior School, English Schools Foundation and its affiliates shall take no responsibility for any activities, events, and services that are organised by other organisations or individuals and are mentioned above.

News from the PTA



Dear Parents,

17 October

Dress Colourful (Diwali)

30 October

Spooky Boogie Ball

PTA AGM

We are planning for the Annual General Meeting of the PTA, details will be shared with you shortly, please look out for them.

Dress Colourful (Diwali) Friday 17 October (Non uniform day)



Let's celebrate Diwali, the Indian Festival of Light with diya (lamp) decorating, interactive Bollywood dances, making fireworks and rangoli pattern cards, all of which are being organised and supported by the PTA and parent volunteers. These will take place here during snack and lunch play.

Children may come to school on that day wearing colourful or traditional clothes, they do not have to wear uniforms. A voluntary donation of \$20 can be sent in with your child and will be collected by the class teams. The donations received will be for PTA in general and will be donated to the school for future school projects after being approved by the PTA Committee.

Spooky Boogie Ball Thursday 30 October 4:30-7:00 pm



Come along and enjoy the Haunted House, face painting, games, snacks and popcorn, Monster's Eyeball Punch, a disco and costume parades. We are giving everyone lots of time to get their costumes ready for the competition, and the theme will be costumes that are home made, sustainable and easily recycled.

Judges will decide on small prize winners from all classes and there will be a bigger prize for the best costume in each year group.

Tickets will go on sale in early October, so look out for them. We need volunteers as always, please take 60 seconds of your time to offer your support by filling out this [Google Form](#).

Chartwells Lunches- Reminder to order

Please remember to place your October orders by Thursday 25 Sept. as after that no more orders will be accepted for October.

We hope the storms bypass us next week, stay safe and dry!

The KJS PTA Team.

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*Classroom Success Bundle discount : Additional 5% off when enrolling in two or more non-sports programmes in one transaction

**Please note: This offer applies only when the programmes are purchased together in one transaction for the same student. (Discount applied automatically at checkout)*