



KJS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- * **Public Holiday**
29 October
- * **Book Week**
3–7 November
- * **School Photo Week**
10–13 November
- * **CPD Day**
21 November
- * **Election Holiday**
8 December
- * **Last Day of Term 1 (school ends at 12nn)**
12 December

Reminder: Box of Hope Collection Drive Ends on 4 Nov

We encourage you to participate by making a Box of Hope and giving a child the gift of hope this Christmas!

–No food is allowed, and everything should be brand new.
–Remember to wrap your box and lid separately so it can be checked by Box of Hope before being delivered to a child.

Please click [here](#) for more information.

The KJS Student Council

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear KJS families.

We hope this newsletter finds you and your families well as we continue through another exciting week at KJS.

Our first major KJS PTA event of the year is just around the corner! Next Thursday evening, we will be hosting our Halloween-themed "Spookie Boogie Ball," and we cannot wait to see everyone there. This promises to be a fantastic evening filled with music, dancing, and Halloween fun for

the whole family. We are especially excited to see all the creative and fantastic costumes that our students and families will be wearing. The PTA has been working incredibly hard to organize this special event, and we know it will be a memorable night for our entire school community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to finally be having our rescheduled Year One Community Picnic, which will take place on Monday 3rd November. We are delighted to finally be able to bring our Year One families together for this special community gathering. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect in a relaxed outdoor setting.

As the weather has started to cool down, we are excited about the opportunities this brings for more outdoor learning experiences and events. The cooler temperatures will allow us to make better use of our outdoor spaces and engage in activities that may have been too challenging during the warmer months. We are of course looking forward to the ESF sporting calendar with various outdoor activities and competitions.

Finally, a reminder that Wednesday is a public holiday in observance of the Double Ninth Festival. School will be closed on this day.

Have a great weekend.

Mr MacGregor
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear KJS Families,

We are thrilled to announce that our much-loved KJS Book Week will take place from **November 3rd to 7th, 2025**! This year, we've moved the dates to give us even more time to celebrate our shared love of reading and stories.

Under the theme "One Book, One World," we'll come together as a global community to explore the magic of books and the connections they create. Here's a sneak peek at what's in store:



Highlights of Book Week

- **"Who's Behind the Book?"** – A beloved KJS tradition! Staff will hide behind their favorite books, and students will have fun guessing who they are.
- **Mystery Reader Sessions** – Students can join daily at lunchtime in the library for surprise read-alouds by special staff members.
- **KJS Book Fair** – The 4th floor will be transformed into a vibrant bookstore! Families are welcome to visit between **8:00–8:30 AM** and **3:00–4:00 PM**. Teachers will also schedule class visits for students to explore and borrow books. Don't forget to show your ESF Hub to confirm you're part of our KJS family! We suggest students to bring no more than \$300 (cash). Families can pay Cash, Credit Card, PayMe, AliHKpay and WeChatpay.
- **Community Book Swap** – Bring a book, take a book! If you have any personal English books looking for a new home, please contribute books in good condition (no torn or damaged books, thank you!). There will be a box outside the library for the Book Swap.
- **Home Language Readers** – We're celebrating mother tongue languages with special reading sessions by parent volunteers. If you are interested, you must first sign up as a **Parent Volunteer through the school's Google Form**. We will be organizing Home Language readers to read during November 10th onwards. Thank you for your support!
- **Dress Up Day** – On **Friday, November 7th**, students and staff are invited to dress up as their favorite book characters (optional but encouraged!).

Special Collaboration

We're excited to welcome and host some KGV students who will be joining us during their Challenge Week to share in the joy of reading and community spirit.

Let's Celebrate Together

This week is all about fostering a love of reading, strengthening our community, and creating unforgettable memories. We can't wait to see our KJS family come together through the power of stories.

Here is a [Canva slideshow](#) of the above. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to contact me at macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk.

Let's make this Book Week the most inspiring one yet!



Staff Book Recommendation of the Week

This week's recommendation comes from **Ms. Adams of 1KA**

Book: It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr

Ms. Adams says: "One of my favourite books is 'It's Okay to be different' by Todd Parr. This book celebrates our differences and uniqueness, whilst also making us laugh along the way. I love all books by Todd Parr, as he always shares a meaningful message. His illustrations are so fun and engaging too!"



Celebrating Our Young Authors! SCMP Posties Success Stories

What an incredible way to celebrate the power of young voices! We are bursting with pride to share the wonderful news of our students who have been published in the SCMP Posties. Seeing their creativity

and hard work in print is a fantastic achievement, and we are so thrilled for them.

Let's give a huge round of applause to our brilliant young authors!

A Star Writer Shines Again! ✨

A very familiar face has graced the pages of the Posties once again! We are delighted to congratulate **Karisma Hari (6KC)** on having her second article published in **Issue #677**.

After her first article about space in 2024, Karisma has returned with a brilliant book recommendation for **May the Best Player Win by Kyla Zhao**. She was inspired to write after attending an SCMP workshop with Ms. Emily and Ms. Ruchi, and her hard work has certainly paid off! Karisma was wonderfully surprised when her friend Lola delivered the exciting news.

Karisma's tip for budding writers: "If it's a topic you like, you can do your best!"

Karisma Hari (6KC)



The Power of Teamwork! 💪

Scarlett Pang and Clarice Wong (6AC)

In Issue #676, we celebrated the fantastic collaborative effort of **Scarlett Pang and Clarice Wong (6AC)**. Together, they co-wrote a compelling book recommendation for **Uprising by Jennifer A. Nielsen**, a historical fiction novel they felt was perfect for older students.



They explained that they chose the book because the author's vivid words made the story feel incredibly realistic and immersive. This dynamic duo, who have written two articles together, show us what can be achieved through teamwork!

Their top writing tip: "Write something eye-catching and interesting!"

He was absolutely "over the moon" when his former Year 3 teacher, Mr. Parry, shared the wonderful news. It's wonderful to see his enthusiasm for learning come to life on the page.

Kaveen's wonderful advice: "It's easy to write when you're interested in something. Be yourself!"

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

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

A Fantastic First Publication! ✨

Jienaya Zaveri (4JH)

Let's give a massive congratulations to **Jienaya Zaveri (4JH)** on her first publication! While we were enjoying our October break, wonderful news was waiting in Issue #674. Jienaya was extremely happy when her mom shared the exciting success!

We are so proud of her for taking this first step as a published author, and we're even more excited that she's eager to write more.

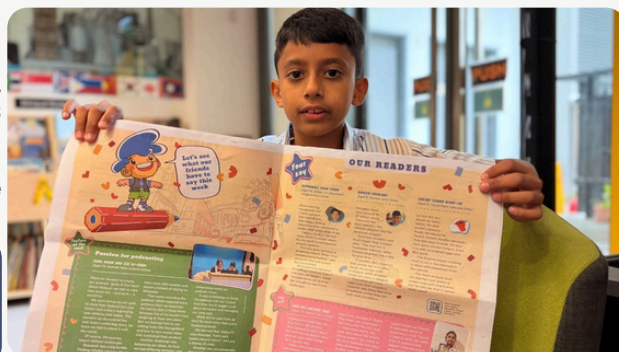
Jienaya's inspiring advice: "Whatever students are interested in, they should write about it."



Kaveen's Passion for Learning Roars Back! 🐊

Kaveen Savalani (4FM)

We are so proud of **Kaveen Savalani (4FM)**, who has also been published for the second time! Following his first article about the "I Survived" series, Kaveen has channelled his passion for animals into a fascinating article comparing alligators and crocodiles.





PTA NEWS

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Dear Parents,
 Another week has flown by, and now we look forward to the AGM.
 Monday 27 Oct. 2025 PTA AGM Via Zoom
 Please click [here](#) to indicate your attendance.



Executive Committee Parent Nominations have been received from:
 Mandy Au, Kathy Chan, Kareena Chandiramani, Mahira Daswani, Lawrence Lim, Jennifer Hung, Mio Sonobe, Kaylie Wong, Jennifer Wu & Clarins Yip.

Dress Colourful Collection on 17 Oct. 2025



We are pleased to share that a total of **\$6,175** was raised from donations last week on the Dress Colourful day to celebrate Diwali. This will eventually be donated to the school after PTA Executive Committee approval.

We look forward to seeing you at the coming events. Have a good weekend everyone!
 The KJS PTA Team.



Thursday 30 Oct. 2025 Spooky Boogie Ball

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased [here](#). Each child attending will receive a free Halloween Goody collection bag! Children must be accompanied by adults.

Currently, the tickets are limited due to the small ratio of volunteers and ticket sales will stop once the event is full.

We need volunteers as always, so please take one minute of your time to offer your support by filling out this [Google Form](#). The more volunteers we have, the more KJS families can be accommodated.