



KJS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear KJS Families,

What a wonderful way to end the term with this morning's assemblies! Our talented performers were amazing as always. It was the perfect way to celebrate and bring our school community together.

This week has also been filled with our year group's athletics days. They really do show the talent, determination, and sportsmanship of all our students (while also having lots of fun!).

A huge thank you goes out to Mr Riddell and Ms Hadley for their organisation and leadership in making these athletics days such a success. Of course, we must not forget our student helpers who provided invaluable support throughout the events, and the KJS site staff worked hard behind the scenes, helping to pack up equipment each day and ensuring everything was ready for the next day's events. Thank you to all the many families that came to support.

Merry Christmas to all those celebrating, and a Happy New Year for when it finally arrives. For those of you traveling during the holidays, please stay safe on your journeys and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

Have a wonderful winter break and see you all on Monday 5th January 2026!

Mr MacGregor
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear KJS Families,

As we head into the Christmas holidays, we hope you find time for rest, joy, and shared moments with loved ones. While many of you may be traveling or enjoying time away, we encourage our students to keep their love of reading close to home in Hong Kong.

Remember, you can access a world of books through EPIC and Wheelers from anywhere. If you're looking for engaging resources to keep young minds curious and busy, please visit the KJS Resource Hub on Toddle, where you'll find plenty of ideas and inspiration in our library post.

This final newsletter of the term celebrates the ongoing creativity and literary achievements of our students, from budding authors to passionate readers. We wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season, filled with stories that inspire and connect us all.

Year 5 & 6 - Join the Battle of the Books! Deadline today midnight!

Year 5 & 6, do you love getting lost in a great story? Do you have a competitive spirit and a fantastic memory for details? If so, we want YOU for KJS's Battle of the Books team!

What is Battle of the Books (BoB)? Read [here](#).

Why should you join?

- Read Amazing Books: Discover new genres and authors from a specially curated list.
- Be Part of a Team: Work together with fellow book enthusiasts towards a common goal.
- Represent KJS: Compete with pride for our school in a major Hong Kong event.
- Have Fun! Enjoy the thrill of competition and celebrate your love of reading.

If you are interested, [apply here](#). **Deadline Friday, December 12th, 2025 Midnight**

Author Visit – A.Y. Chan's book order – 3rd round



Year 4 to 6 had the opportunity meet the amazing author visit with best selling author, A.Y. Chan this past **Monday, December 1st**.

If any **Year 6 families** or any families who missed the first chance to order a book, there's some great news! We've opened up **FINAL** order period!

Book #1 (The Legendary Mo Seto) – paperback \$59
 Book #2 (The Legendary Mo Seto Martial Arts Star) – hardback \$119



Families that didn't receive Book #2 will get them in January. All books will be signed by AY Chan when she returns to our school. Date to be finalized and communicated in Term 2.

★ Deadline for orders is **Wednesday, December 31st, 2025**. [Click here](#) to place your order.

Here are the [Book Trailers](#) for Book #1 & 2.

If you have any questions during the author visit that you'd like to ask, please add your questions [here](#). Students must log in through their Google accounts.

Staff Book Recommendation of the Week

This week's recommendation comes from **Mr. Fay, KJS Vice Principal**

Book: The World Needs More Purple People by Benjamin Hart and Kristen Bell

Mr. Fay says: It teaches everyone that being unique is a strength. The book promotes values like kindness, curiosity and working together, encouraging children to embrace their true selves and build a better community.



Dragon Tales & Hopeful Hearts Shine in Posties Issue #684!

This week, we shine the spotlight on not one, but two inspiring young authors from Kowloon Junior School whose creativity and passion are truly making waves in our Posties pages!



First, let's give a warm round of applause to **Oliver Sin (5DM)** for his wonderfully thoughtful and heartfelt article! Ollie, who is humble about his achievements, began his writing journey in Year 4 and has already penned an impressive 25 articles. The piece featured this week was written back in June 2025. He loves writing so much that he makes time for it every single week, often focusing on topics important to him, like caring for our planet. Oliver was completely surprised when his teacher, Mrs. May, shared the news of his feature. His advice to fellow writers is full of wisdom: "If you don't get in the first time, don't give up. Mistakes are stepping stones to success." He credits his dad as a huge inspiration, who always tells him, "If it doesn't happen, it doesn't mean you failed. Never give up hope." What a fantastic mindset, Oliver!

Next, soaring onto the scene with elemental power is **Anvay Joshi (5DM)**, whose thrilling short story "The Elemental Dragon" captivated us all! Anvay was playing in the KJS playground when a Year 3 student who recognized him from the paper shared the exciting news. He immediately rushed back to his classroom to look himself up in the KJS Virtual Library—and there he was! Anvay and his friends share a love for crafting epic tales, especially about dragons. So far, he has written six articles, all of them creative stories. This particular adventure was his second story, written back in February while in Year 4. His message to other aspiring authors is encouraging and clear: "Don't give up, keep trying and you might get in."



We are incredibly proud of Ollie and Anvay for sharing their unique voices, dedication, and imaginative stories with our Posties community. Whether reflecting on the world around us or embarking on mythical quests, they show us that perseverance and passion are the true keys to unlocking our potential.

Congratulations to both of you! We can't wait to see what you write next! 🎉🌟

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

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



PTA NEWS

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Dear Parents,

Last day of term, and what a lot has happened, both in school and in the larger Hong Kong Community.

In the past two weeks, the PTA has continued to fundraise for the Tai Po Fire Relief, as well as delivering almost 30 bags of essential items to a collection centre in Tsuen Wan. Thank you for all the efforts from parent volunteers, site staff and PTA executive committee team. We are proud to share that the following amounts have been raised:

- \$600 cash from a Y6 student on 28 Nov 2025
- \$1,859.50 from PTA popcorn sales held on site on 28 Nov 2025
- \$1,000 donations on Athletics Days
- \$5,136 net proceeds from Wreath DIY kits

Some of these funds were given to the wider ESFC Collection held last week and the subsequent money that was raised will be deposited directly into the HKSAR Government Support Fund for Tai Po under the account name "Support Fund for Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po" at the Bank Of China (HK).

Cancelled Winter Festival Refunds

All ticket sales refund procedures have been initiated in our system. It might take some time for the refund to reach your original payment account. We will be working on it over the break.

On a lighter note, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season with your families and look forward to seeing you all back in the new year, fresh and ready for what's ahead!

KJS ECA Registration - Term 2

Our ECAs are divided into three main categories:

1. **KJS Non-Sport ECAs**
2. **KJS Sport ECAs**
3. **External ECAs**

KJS Non-Sport ECAs & KJS Sport ECAs

- These activities are run free of charge by KJS staff.
- Please see more detailed information [here](#) about our sport ECAs

Step 1: Expression of Interest Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents will be asked to fill out an "<i>Expression of Interest</i>" form (title: Activity Permission Slip) which can be found in your news feed or under the "Activities" module. • The aim is for us to gather your child's preferences. It does not mean your child's enrolment is confirmed after completing the form. • Please be mindful of any potential clashes with the other paid/external ECAs that you might have already signed up for your child. • Deadline: 18 December 2025 • If we do not receive your form before the stated deadline, we will assume your child is not interested in joining any of the KJS led ECAs.
Step 2: Randomization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once we gather all the data, if the number of sign-up exceeds the class capacity, enrolment will then be randomized and NOT on a first come first served basis. • Please note that the number of students who can participate in each activity is capped due to safety considerations and staff-to-student ratios. • We will try to accommodate but there is no guarantee your child will get into the first choice especially for clubs with overwhelming response.
Step 3: Final Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will then be allocated to different ECAs based on the allocation results and parents will receive an "Activity Permission Slip" by the end of December to confirm your child's enrolment. • Parents will be asked to give final consent as some students might not be able to get into their first choice and based on our experience, some parents might not agree for their children to participate in the allocated ECAs due to various reasons. • You can always refer to the "Activity Participation" section under your child's profile in the ESF Hub for all the ECAs your child is enrolled in. The meeting dates will also be listed there for your easy reference. • Deadline: 31 December 2025 • If we do not receive your consent before the stated deadline, we will allocate your spot to another student on the waiting list.

External ECAs

- Information about external ECAs have been advertised through our weekly newsletter.
- These activities are organized by the providers themselves (Drama Club by FAUST, Chess Club by ActiveKids, Writing Club by Elephant Community Press, Baking Club by Flour and Clay Club by Twiga Pottery)
- External providers normally charge a fee for their activities.
- Parents are to contact the ECA providers directly for registration.

While there are no internal ECAs available for Year 1 students and no sport ECAs for Year 1 and 2 students in term 2, you are welcome to sign up directly with our external ECA providers that offer activities for these age groups.

Clay Club**KJS Clay Club 2026 - Term 2****Learning Focus:**

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

Monday Classes

Date: 12 Jan - 16 Mar
(No class on 16 & 23 Feb)

Time: 3 - 4.30 pm

Venue: Art Room

Fee: \$3,040 for 8 classes
(including materials and firing fee)

Sign up before 5 January!

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 2.

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

Chess Club
**Kowloon Junior School
AfterSchool Program
2025 - 26 Term 2**
**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
3:00 - 4:00pm, D&T Room

Jan 6, 13, 20, 27
Feb 3, 10, 24
Mar 3, 10, 17
Course fee: \$2,800 for 10 sessions

Every Wednesday
3:00 - 4:00pm, D&T Room

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb 4, 11, 18
Mar 4, 11, 18
Course fee: \$2,800 for 10 sessions

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



Scan to
enroll online!

Baking Class
**KJS Baking Class
Term 2 JANUARY - MARCH**

1 MINI COOKIE CEREAL 	2 CHINESE HOT DOG 	3 RASPBERRY MUFFIN 	4 APPLE ROSE PASTRY 	5 MILANO COOKIE
6 BUTTER CROISSANT 	7 CHICKEN FRITTER 	8 CHEESE TOMATO BREAD 	9 VANILLA CUPCAKE 	

Junior bakers (5 -11 yr) learn to bake and decorate delicious desserts and savoury goodies. Christmas Special Offer and sibling discount.

For more information, please contact Ms. Hong:
flourhk@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/flourhk

TERM 2: JANUARY 15 - MARCH 20

TIME: 3:00PM - 4:30PM

THURSDAY: 9 LESSONS - \$3,690 (\$3,505)

FRIDAY: 8 LESSONS - \$3,280 (\$3,115)

VENUE: KJS DT ROOM


**Baking Class -KJS
Term 2 Jan - Mar**
**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

www.facebook.com/flourhk

Drama Club


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



Thursday 3pm - 4pm
Term Dates: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
Feb 5, 12, 26
Mar 5, 12, 19
Fee: \$2,600 - 10 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 **THE RAINBOW FISH**, **THE GRUFFALO**, **WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE** 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.



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ESF Explore - Term 2 after-school programmes

ESF Explore
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Primary
Ages 6 - 11 Years

Primary English (Lower/Middle/Upper)
Primary Writing (Lower/Middle/Upper)
Primary Phonics
Cooking Club
Spanish (Beginners/Improvers)
French (Beginners/Pre-Intermediate)



Basketball	Tag Rugby
Football	Pickleball
Swimming	Gymnastics
Multi-Sports	Tennis



Start the new year with fresh energy and elevate your child's learning. Our programmes spark curiosity, build confidence, and nurture talents in sports, English, Spanish, and French.

Enrol now!

[Full Listing](#)
[Kowloon listing](#)

*Use promo code ESFAPP10 for 10% off (ESF students only)

Writing Club


Elephant
Community
Press

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, 12th January!**

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 magazines from this term will be published before summer break.




Trumpet Magazine
Age: Year 3-4
Day: Friday
Time: 3:00-4:30pm
Location: KJS Library
Fee: \$500/session*
Publishing fee: \$220/student


Trading Places
Age: Year 5-6
Day: Monday or Friday
Time: 3:00-4:30pm
Location: KJS Library
Fee: \$500/session*
Publishing fee: \$400/student

Term 2 AND 3 Class Dates:
Mon: Jan 16, 23, Feb 6, 27, Mar 6, 13, 20, Apr 17, 24, May 8, 15, 29, June 5, 12 (14 sessions total)

Students in this **creative writing and magazine publishing workshop** will be key contributors to ECP's magazine, **The Trumpet**. 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 2-3 favourites to revise and edit for the magazine, which will be published in print!

Contact us to register:

Email: info@elephantcommunitypress.com
Phone: 3487 3153 [WhatsApp: 5741 1079](https://www.whatsapp.com/57411079)

Term 2 AND 3 Class Dates:
Mon: Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, Mar 9, 16, Apr 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, Jun 1, 8 (15 sessions total)

Fri: Jan 16, 23, Feb 6, 27, Mar 13, 20, Apr 17, 24, May 8, 15, 29, June 5, 12 (13 sessions total)

While many kids can't wait to become adults, there are many grown-ups who wish they could turn back time. Inspired by Amy Swartz's *Bea and Mr Jones*, students in this **creative writing and book publishing workshop** will create their own adult and child characters and explore what happens when they trade places. From snack time and recess to business meetings and conference calls, students will enjoy walking around in someone else's shoes and will experiment with writing from two different perspectives.