



# KJS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear KJS families.

I hope this newsletter finds you well. The temperature has taken another dip this week, but the forecast is looking much more promising over the next few days but in the meantime please ensure children are dressed appropriately.

As you may know KJS has had our IB evaluation over the past few days, and it has been an incredibly positive process. The feedback we've received so far has been encouraging and aligns perfectly with our own understanding of what we do well and the areas we're committed to developing further.

A huge thank you to all the parents who participated in this important process, from completing the initial survey to those that met with the evaluation team over the last few days. Your input and engagement made a real difference.

We typically receive the full evaluation report within 6 weeks, and we very much look forward to sharing the findings with our entire school community.

Don't forget that our face-to-face conferences are next week on Thursday and Friday. This is a wonderful opportunity not only to meet with your child's class teacher but also to see the fantastic work that has been happening across all our specialist lessons. We can't wait to showcase what your children have been achieving!

Have a great (and hopefully warmer) weekend.

Mr MacGregor  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

\* **Face-to-Face Conference (Evening Session)**

29 January

\* **Face-to-Face Conference (Whole Day)**

30 January

\* **Half-Day School (school ends at 12nn)**

13 February

\* **CNY Holiday**

14-22 February

\* **Y5 Camp**

2-6 March

\* **Last Day of Term 2 (school ends at 2:45pm)**

27 March

### ESF Lunar New Year Card Artwork Submission

**(Deadline: 26 January at 8am to Office Email)**

ESF is searching for a piece of student artwork to appear on this year's ESF Lunar New Year card. All students are welcome to submit one piece of artwork for the chance to be featured on the card.

- Please submit JPG or PNG – not HEIC. **NO hardcopy** is accepted.
- Please name the title of your file with your child's full name and class
- Please send the file to the KJS office via email at [office@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:office@kjs.edu.hk) **before 8am on 26 January 2026**. No late submission and no hardcopy will be accepted.
- The ESF logo and a festive greeting message will be embedded. Student artwork may be edited to create space for the logo and message.
- The art piece must be the student's original work without infringing any intellectual property rights.
- Parent permission and consent should be granted for the child's name, photo, and artwork to be posted on social media.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We hope you're staying cozy during this chilly week! Our library has been a warm and inviting space for students to unwind and immerse themselves in books during lunchtime play.

We're still feeling inspired by our wonderful visit from author Rachel Ip, who sparked creativity and curiosity in students across Year 1, Year 3, and Year 6. We're also celebrating the achievements of two of our talented young writers, Joseph Wong and Kian Ip, whose work is featured in the latest SCMP Posties.

We invite you to ask your child about their week of literary adventures, whether it was discovering a new book, hearing from an author, or simply enjoying a quiet moment in the library.

Wishing you a restful and story-filled weekend ahead.

### Rachel Ip Author Visits

We were delighted to welcome acclaimed author Rachel Ip back to our library on Monday, January 19th. Students from Year 1, Year 3, and Year 6 enjoyed inspiring and interactive sessions that connected beautifully with their learning.

- Year 6 explored responsibility and empathy through *The Last Garden*, linking to their Unit of Inquiry, "Sharing the Planet."
- Year 3 expressed ideas through art and story with *The Wild Outside*, connecting to "How We Express Ourselves."
- Year 1 discovered how plants and materials are used in daily life, supporting "How The World Works" through the story with *The Wild Outside*



Throughout each session, students asked thoughtful questions, shared their ideas, and participated actively, showing just how inspired they were by Rachel's warmth, knowledge, and passion for storytelling.

### Bringing the Inspiration Home

If your child was inspired by Rachel's visit and you would like to purchase a signed copy of her books, you may do so via this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/qGDbW11AnYKtFcHn7>

We are delighted to share that Rachel will be returning to KJS and has kindly agreed to sign books for our students. Further details regarding the book-signing will be shared once orders are processed.

We encourage you to ask your child about their experience. It was a morning full of curiosity, creativity, and meaningful connections.

### Young Voices Shine in Posties with Stories of Bees & Books!

This week, in the SCMP Posties Issue #690 (January 19th, 2026), we are delighted to celebrate two more wonderful KJS students who have brought their unique voices and creativity to our pages! Whether through a charming tale of a day in the life of a honeybee or a thoughtful review of fascinating books and movies, our young writers show that curiosity and expression are blooming right here in our school.

First, let's applaud **Joseph Wong (5JC)**, whose delightful story "A Day in the Life of Buzz the Honeybee" brings a smile to this week's issue.



Joseph invites readers into the busy, sweet world of Buzz the bee, who spends his day collecting nectar, helping flowers grow, and embarking on little adventures with his friend Daisy. With vivid descriptions and a cheerful tone, Joseph not only shares a fun narrative but also highlights the important role bees play in nature. His storytelling is both engaging and gentle—a perfect reminder of the wonder found in everyday life. This marks Joseph's third appearance in Posties, making him the first KJS student to achieve this fantastic milestone! Joseph was overjoyed at the news and has a simple, inspiring message for aspiring writers: "Even if it feels like you won't get in, just keep writing. There's always hope." Well done, Joseph!



Next, we cheer for **Kian Ip (6KC)**, who has shared a fantastic personal recommendation in this week's Top Picks section.

Kian enthusiastically introduces the *Weird But True* book series, praising its fun facts, visuals, and humour across topics from dinosaurs to food. He also recommends the movie *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts* for its touching themes of sacrifice and perseverance, and suggests the classic word game *Scrabble* for family fun and vocabulary building. Kian's recommendations are lively, clear, and full of personal insight—perfect for inspiring other young readers, viewers, and players. Excellent work, Kian!

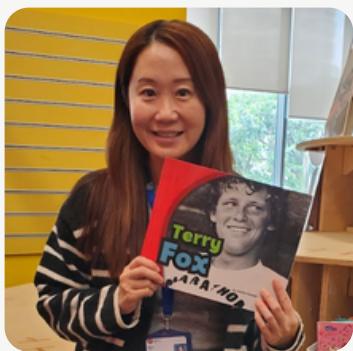
We are so proud of Joseph and Kian for sharing their creativity, curiosity, and recommendations with the Posties community. They remind us that every story—whether imagined or recommended—can inform, entertain, and connect us all.

Congratulations to both! We can't wait to read what you'll share next.

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

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

## Staff Book Recommendation of the Week



This week's recommendation comes from **Ms. Lau, Teacher Librarian**

**Book:** Terry Fox by Jennifer Sutoski

**Ms. Lau** says: This easy-to-read biography captures the extraordinary spirit of Terry Fox, a national hero who was a defining figure in my Canadian childhood. Each September in Vancouver, our school would hold the Terry Fox Run, connecting us to his mission. Terry refused to let cancer define him. Even after the amputation of his leg, he pursued a bold dream: the "Marathon of Hope," a cross-Canada run to fight the disease that claimed him. His relentless optimism and courage are what I look up to most. Discover his inspiring journey for yourself.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

As we noticed that there is an increasing number of sick students with cold and flu symptoms in school, we really appreciate your help to maintain our school a safe and healthy environment! We would like to ask parents to check your child's body temperature and any symptoms before coming to school.

If your child display **any** of the following symptoms **the night before or that morning before coming to school**, please keep them home from school and after school activities and remain out until the symptoms have stopped for 48 hours (without the use of medicine):

- Temperature of 37.8 °C or higher
- **Abdominal pain, Diarrhea or Vomiting**
- Suspicious undiagnosed rash and/or itch
- Frequent, congested cough
- Yellow or green drainage from nose and/or eyes

It may indicate your child may be carrying something contagious. Allowing the children home enables children who are unwell to fully rest and recover and also prevents the spread of illness throughout the school.

It would also be appreciated if you can provide the detailed symptoms list with diagnosis and keep us updated with any other symptoms development when reporting the sick leave via our ESF Hub App.

For any diagnosed communicable diseases, e.g. Hand foot mouth disease, Scarlet fever, etc., please inform us as soon as possible to prevent spread of the disease.

Thank you for helping us to build a healthier and safer environment in our school.



## PTA NEWS

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Dear Parents,  
The weeks are flying by! Get ready for some fun....

### Friday 27 February Movie Night at KJS – “ELEMENTAL”

The first of many we hope! Buy your tickets [here](#) and join us for popcorn, hot dogs and lots more delicious food, including vegetarian options. Contact Rekha in the PTA Office if you need more details on the menu.

We always need volunteers! Please [sign here](#) if you can volunteer in the coming events this term.



### Friday 6 March- Parents Bingo Night

Following last year's very successful evening, the PTA is hosting this super exciting social event again. It's for **adults only** and will be held off site. Join us for an evening of fun, laughter, drinks and food, games and prizes. Look out for more details next week. Tickets are very limited, so be prepared to act fast!

### NEW DATE ! Saturday 25 April

The KJS Carnival (School Fair), the biggest event of the PTA calendar. A must attend event!

For this big event, we definitely need your help! Please [sign here](#) if you can volunteer in the coming events this term

### PTA Membership Fees

Sorry to ask again but there are still too many families who have not paid the **mandatory** PTA membership fees. It is only \$200 for the full family for the whole year and supports the important work of the PTA.

Please follow these simple steps to make your payment:

