



KJS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we approach the final week of the term, I am pleased to share some fantastic news. For the second time in two years, our KJS library has won an award from the Greater Bay Area (GBA) school awards. Our winning submission, "The Community-Connected Library Program," highlights how our library has evolved into a vibrant heartbeat of our school. A huge congratulations to Ms Lau and the team for making the library such a vital part of KJS.

It was wonderful to see our Cross Country team perform so well in the finals at Discovery College last Saturday. Every student ran with incredible grit and determination, pushing through to the very end. A huge thank you to all the families who came out to support the team, I know your cheers and energy made a world of difference to all the runners.

On Monday our Tag Rugby team attended the HKPSSA competition in Sandy Bay. They represented KJS with pride and played exceptionally well, showing great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Our Year 1 students also had a brilliant mid-week adventure. They enjoyed a lovely outing to the Dino Park on Wednesday, exploring, climbing and playing. I know they had a fabulous time!

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the School Fair- which for the first time are available to purchase online. See the PTA updates for further information.

Celebrating Neurodiversity Week: March 16th – 20th

This week, our school community joined global celebrations for Neurodiversity Week. Neurodiversity is the concept that everyone's brain works differently. Just as a garden thrives with a variety of plants, our classrooms thrive with a variety of minds. These natural variations include brain types such as Autism, ADHD, and Dyslexia.

The Power of Language

At ESF, we believe that the words we use are vital in creating a positive and inclusive environment where every student feels welcome, respected, and valued. The way we talk about differences has a significant impact on how children feel about themselves and how they treat one another.

By using **neuro-affirming language**, we shift our focus to a child's unique strengths and individual support needs rather than focusing on "deficits" or "disorders".

Parent Resource: Inclusive Language Guide

To support our families in this journey, we are pleased to share the **ESF Inclusive Language: Neurodiversity & Disability guide**. This flyer provides practical examples of how we can all use language that celebrates differences.

Some simple shifts we are making include:

- **Instead of "Special Needs":** Try "Individual support needs" or "Learning differences".
- **Instead of "Disorder/Deficit":** Try "Differences" or "Specific strengths".
- **Instead of "Strange/Odd":** Try "Unique" or "Individual".

We encourage you to review the attached guides and join us in fostering a community where every kind of mind is celebrated!

IMPORTANT DATES

- * **Y4 Camp**
23 – 24 March
- * **Last Day of Term 2 (Dismissal at 2:45pm)**
27 March
- * **Easter Break**
28 March – 12 April
- * **First Day of Term 3**
13 April

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome to Another Week of Wonders!

We hope you are all settling into a fantastic week of discovery! The KJS library continues to be a buzzing hub of imagination where our students can connect, discuss big ideas, and celebrate the power of storytelling. We are all thrilled to share some monumental news with you in this week's newsletter.

KJS Library: Back-to-Back Champions!

We are bursting with pride to announce that Kowloon Junior School has won the School Library Award at the Greater Bay Area School Awards 2026 for the second year in a row! Our winning submission, "The Community-Connected Library Program," celebrates how our library has evolved into the vibrant, student-driven heartbeat of the school. This achievement highlights our incredible Library Ambassadors, our blossoming young authors in the SCMP Posties, and our deep inclusive partnerships across the ESF community.

Stay tuned as you read on for more details about this spectacular achievement, including a special video created by our students to celebrate our 130-year legacy!



Action and Impact: A Writing Masterclass with A.Y. Chan

We were thrilled to welcome back **B.O.B. author A.Y. Chan** to the KJS Library on **Wednesday, March 18th**, for an exclusive **"Writing Masterclass"**. This high-energy event was designed specifically for our **Battle of the Books (BOB)** team and a group of budding writers from **Year 5**.

The workshop, titled **"From Idea to Impact"**, focused on a skill every young author needs: **writing action scenes that "BLAST" off the page**. Using her "BLAST" framework, A.Y. Chan guided students through several key techniques to elevate their storytelling:

- **B - Bold Verbs:** Students practiced replacing common words like "walk" or "jump" with powerful, descriptive action verbs.
- **L - Location Matters:** The group explored how setting and obstacles can create tension and escape strategies in a scene.
- **A - Accelerate Pace:** Students learned the "art of the edit" by crossing out unnecessary words to make their writing feel fast-paced and urgent.
- **S - Show Struggles:** Participants delved into both the physical and emotional stakes for their characters.
- **T - Twists:** The session concluded with students crafting unexpected endings to keep their readers on the edge of their seats.



The excitement didn't end with the lesson! A.Y. Chan generously stayed behind during the break to **sign books** and chat with our inspired students. We are so grateful to her for sharing her "tips and tricks" to help our students make their writing as engaging and exciting as possible.

Student Spotlight: Our Rising Stars in SCMP Posties!

We have some incredible literary news to share this week! Our students have been busy making their mark in the professional world of journalism, with several of our young writers featured in recent issues of SCMP Posties. It is a massive achievement to see our students' voices reaching a wider audience. Here are the stories behind the headlines:



A Solo Success: Rachel Zhang (5JC)

In the **March 16th issue (#698)**, keep an eye out for a piece by Rachel Zhang. Interestingly, Rachel penned this article last year while she was still in Year 4!

- **The Scoop:** Rachel's friend, Simira, was actually the one to break the news to her.
- **The Reaction:** Rachel was "extremely surprised" to see her work published. This is just one of three articles she has written.
- **The Inspiration:** Rachel chose to write about a topic close to our hearts—our school library.
- **Rachel's Advice:** "Write about things that happen and things you are interested in."



Power in Numbers: The Creative Trio

Also featured in Issue #698 is a brilliant three-way collaboration between Heather Wong (5JC), Rosie Lau (5JC), and Hilarie Hui (5LF).

This powerhouse team wrote their featured piece during library lunchtime play back in Year 4. When Simira (our resident news scout!) told Heather and Rosie the news, the excitement was off the charts. Rosie let out a scream of joy, and she and Heather bounced over to 5LF to find Hilarie and share the moment.

This trio is no stranger to the pen; they have collaborated on approximately 24 stories together, proving that teamwork really does make the dream work!

Homegrown Talent: Silvia Yuen (3DP)

We also want to look back at Issue #697 (March 9th), which featured the lovely Silvia Yuen. Silvia took her creativity home, working with her mom to get her big ideas down on paper.

Not only did Silvia provide a wonderful story, but she also submitted a beautiful painting to accompany it. Silvia shared that she is "very happy" with the result and offers a simple but powerful piece of advice to all aspiring writers at school: "Work hard!"

We are so proud of these students for their dedication to writing and for representing our school so well. Who will be the next to see their name in print?

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

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

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- **Library Ambassador (Monitor) Programme:** Students leading book clubs and mentoring younger peers.
- **Authentic Authorship:** Our young writers are becoming published authors in the SCMP Posties.
- **Inclusive Partnerships:** Deep collaborations with JCSRS, KGV, and the ESF Career Development Centre.
- **Vertical Mentorship:** Welcoming back KJS alumni to inspire our current students.

Watch Our Story Our Library Ambassadors have created a [special video](#) titled "The Community Connected Library: Our KJS Story" to celebrate our 130-year legacy and these recent wins.

A huge thank you to the KJS senior leadership team, our collaborative partners at Renaissance College, and our entire KJS community for fostering an environment where student empowerment flourishes. This award belongs to all of us!



Staff Book Recommendation of the Week

This week's recommendation comes from **Ms. Tehani (Year 6 Team)**



Book: *Restart* by [Gordon Korman](#)

Ms. Tehani says: "**Restart**" by Gordon Korman is recommended for upper primary students. It is a novel about Chase Ambrose, once a popular football player and known to be a bully, who loses his memory after a fall. With no recollection of his past upon his return to school, Chase gets a second chance to rebuild his identity and discover who he truly wants to be.

I like this book because the storyline takes the reader through multiple perspectives, showing both Chase's struggles and the way his classmates view him. The writing captures the tension between his past and present self, and how he navigates relationships to build new friendships, repair old ones, and question the kind of person he wants to become.

"Restart" sparks important discussions about empathy, forgiveness, and the possibility of change. It reminds us that even if we've made mistakes, we can choose to act differently and grow into better versions of ourselves.

This book is engaging, humorous, and thought-provoking, making it a captivating read for young students. It encourages readers to reflect on their own choices and shows that everyone deserves a second chance in life.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

KJS CARNIVAL

We are getting closer!

Register [here](#) to attend (free) and buy all inclusive Games Passport (Early Bird discount \$200 till 13 April, then \$250)

Calling all students! [Student led Stall sign up form](#)

Want to have your own stall? Set up something with friends? Sign up here!

Calling all Marketplace & Food Hall Vendors! [Vendor sign up form](#)

KJS families with commercial ideas? Sign up for our marketplace, we have over 2500 + attendees.

Got a food stall idea, join us! Our KJS Korean Community hosts a stall every year! We would love to add to that. Need help? Contact us.

Calling KJS Idols! Our yearly talent show at our KJS Carnival. A true showcase of our student talents! [SIGN UP HERE](#)



Raffles 2026

Please help support the most important fund raising of the year, simply click and buy! Share with your family and friends.

The top three highest sellers will get to be Vice Principal for a morning and the highest selling year group will get a free lunchtime movie and popcorn in the Hall.

NEW!!!



PTA Whatsapp [Channel](#).

Follow all the news from the PTA at your own leisure here on this new platform launched by KJS PTA. Join and follow! Regular raffle sales updates will be posted here, along with other news.

We really appreciate the support from this Community, parents, staff and students!

Have a wonderful weekend!
The KJS PTA Team.

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to purchase




Discover our digital raffles
and prizes

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

KJS-LED ECAS

Registration for our Term 3 Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA) program is now open.

Registration Timeline:

- Registration Opens: Monday, 16 March
- Registration Closes: Sunday, 22 March at 11:59pm

How to Register:

An "Expression of Interest" form will be sent out to parents on Monday. It can be found in your news feed or under the "Activities" module. Enrolment will be randomized and **NOT** on a first come first served basis.

EXTERNAL ECAS

- Baking Club by Flour
- Drama Club by FAUST
- Chess Club by ActiveKids



Baking Class -KJS

Term 3 April - June

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. New recipes each term.

Thursday or Friday baking lessons are 1.5 hr with ingredients, equipments, recipes and aprons provided.

- TERM 3: APRIL 17 - JUNE 18
- TIME: 3:00PM - 4:30PM
- THURSDAY: 8 LESSONS - \$3,120
- FRIDAY: 7 LESSONS - \$2,730
- VENUE: KJS DT ROOM

For more info, please contact Ms.Hong:
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BAKE ALONG
with Ms. Hong

<p>1</p> <p>PAW COOKIE</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>RAINBOW PIZZA</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>FLOWER CUPCAKE</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>CHEESE SCONE</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>BAGEL BITE</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>M&M BLONDIE</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>MILK BREAD</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>LAMINGTON</p> 



**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

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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 well known fairy tales and popular books such as **PADDINGTON, THE GINGERBREAD MAN, ROOM ON THE BROOM** 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.



Scan to register

If you have any questions, please contact Faust at Schools@FaustWorld.com. The registration period is from March 11th to April 15th 2026 and workshops will run each Thursday from 3:00 – 4:00pm starting from April 16th.

**Every Tuesday
3:00 – 4:00pm, D&T Room**

Apr 14, 21, 28
May 5, 12, 19, 26
Jun 2, 9, 16
Course fee: \$2,800 for 10 sessions

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

Apr 15, 22, 29
May 6, 13, 20, 27
Jun 3, 10, 17
Course fee: \$2,800 for 10 sessions

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

Scan to enroll online!

