



KJS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear KJS Families,

I hope that you and your families are well.

Tomorrow is of course the big day for the KJS PTA School Fair. It's great to see the number of parents who have volunteered their time to support the event. An event of this scale is only possible through this dedicated support. While the rain has kept us on our toes today, we are remaining optimistic that the weather will be much more positive for tomorrow. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

The PTA is a key part of the KJS community and they are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas. If you weren't able to volunteer this time around, I would strongly encourage you to consider signing up for future events. It is a rewarding way to stay connected with the school and support our students' experiences.

Next week marks the highly anticipated ESF Primary Music Concert. We are incredibly proud of our students who will be taking part in both the orchestra and the choir. It promises to be a fabulous two nights of music, and I wish all our performers the very best of luck as they take the stage.

As the rain has been quite heavy this week, it is clear that Hong Kong is becoming wetter and windier. To ensure we are prepared for any disruption, you should have received a notification regarding your child's inclement weather online timetable, which includes the specific Zoom links for each class.

Finally, please don't forget that school will be closed next Friday for the Labour Day public holiday.

See you all tomorrow.

Mr MacGregor
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- * **Public Holiday**
1 May
- * **ESF Transition Day**
29 May
- * **Last Day of Term (School Ends at 12pm)**
26 June
- * **Public Holiday**
25 May
- * **Public Holiday**
19 June

ESF Art Exhibition (Submission Deadline: 30 April)

Interested students should submit their art piece to their class teacher on or before **30 April**. Shortlisted art pieces of each school will be displayed in the art exhibition.

The theme of the show this year is 'Tomorrow.'

Tomorrow.

This is a unique word in language, as it describes something that can never exist. With the dawning of each new day, tomorrow moves away from us again. It is a word that represents a future state, something to look ahead to, to wonder about and to stimulate our dreams.

In this exhibition, we are looking for students to imagine the future. It could be their own, it could be the future of our planet, or it could be a glimpse into the world of science fiction: what will technology look like in hundreds of years? How will we live? What will we be doing?

The only pre-requisite is the pieces should not be about the here and now. We are looking for the students to look ahead to the future, to think about what comes next. To think about tomorrow.

- Art Exhibition Period: June 17 to 21 (Free admission, open to the public)
- Time: 10 AM – 7 PM (Daily), 10 AM – 4 PM (June 21)
- Venue: Exhibition Hall, 1/F, Low Block, Hong Kong City Hall, Centra

Library News

Welcome to Another Week of Wonders!

We hope you're having a great week and are ready for tomorrow's **School Fair**! We can't wait to see you there for a day of community and fun.

The literary fire at KJS is blazing! Following our recent features in SCMP Posties, including moving reflections on chess and collaborative fairytales, we are proud to highlight even more rising stars. This latest issue features a Year 6 mentor helping peers find their voice and a KJS alum who discovered "another dimension" through books.

We are also officially diving into the **Golden Dragon Book Awards** and sharing a heartwarming new staff recommendation to grow your family reading lists.

Stay tuned for more literary adventures!

Peer Power and Portals to Adventure

The literary fire at KJS continues to blaze! We are thrilled to celebrate yet another week of our students—and even a familiar alumni face—shining in the spotlight of **SCMP Posties**. In **Issue #703 (published April 20th)**, our community's passion for the written word is truly inspiring, from collaborative peer editing to fantastical book worlds.

Aditri Verma (6KG): Leading by Example



For the second time, **Aditri Verma** has seen her name in print! Aditri found out about her latest success from her best friend, **Sarah**, proving once again that KJS friends are the best at sharing happy news.

Aditri isn't just writing; she's helping others find their voice. She is now a dedicated mentor in her class, helping her peers edit their work before they hit "submit."

- **Her Success Secret:** Aditri believes it is essential to have friends provide feedback on your articles before you send them off.
- **Her Writing Tips:** Keep your stories **personal, interesting**, and a little **mysterious**.
- **The Hook:** Most importantly, don't forget to create a strong **hook** to grab your reader's attention!
- **Upcoming Inspiration:** For her peers looking for a topic, she suggests writing about your journey through the upcoming **PYPx**.

Charlyn Wong (KJS Alumni): A Literary Escape



We also love seeing our former students continue their reading adventures! KJS alumni **Charlyn Wong** shared a heartfelt recommendation for a series that completely changed her perspective on books.

Once a student who preferred video games over novels, Charlyn found herself "transported to another universe" by A.F. Steadman's writing.

- **The Recommendation:** Charlyn highly recommends *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* and its sequel, *Skandar and the Phantom Rider*.
- **Why Read It?:** Charlyn describes books as her way of "escaping to another dimension."
- **The Vibe:** If you love unicorns, magic, and detailed storytelling, she thinks you would like this story very much.

Who will be next? Whether it's a personal reflection or a review of your favorite book, your voice deserves to be heard!

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

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

Golden Dragon Book Awards: Cast Your Vote!

It is that time of year again! KJS students have been busy diving into the **Golden Dragon Books**, the only children's choice book award in Hong Kong since 2016. Established by the **Association of Librarians in English Speaking Schools (ALESS)**, these awards give students across Hong Kong the unique opportunity to vote for their favorite titles.

The shortlisted books are selected by a panel of librarians for their broad appeal, stunning design, and diverse representation of local Hong Kong, Asian, and international voices.



What's Happening in the Library?!



Our students have been exploring various categories throughout the week:

- **Years 1–4:** Ms. Lau has been sharing wonderful stories from the **Early Childhood Picture Books** and **Debbie Alvarez** categories.
- **Years 5–6:** Students are encouraged to explore the **Younger Reader** category to find their favorites.

How to Participate

We have slowly begun the voting process across different classes! You can find the links to vote on the homepage of the [KJS Virtual Library](#). Voting runs from **April to May**, with the big winners announced in **June**.

Be sure to ask your child which book has captured their imagination so far!

For more information on the awards, visit the official [Golden Dragon Book Awards site](#).

Staff Book Recommendation of the Week

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

Book: *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson

Mr. Eastwood says: *I love all the books by Julia Donaldson and Monkey Puzzle is one of my absolute favourites. When my own children were younger, this was one of the books they always wanted me to read to them and I read it so often I think I can still remember it without actually having the book in front of me! It's a very funny story which is full of adventure. The illustrations by Axel Scheffler are beautiful and the story follows a little monkey who has lost his mum in the jungle. With the help of a kind, but rather confused butterfly he searches high and low to find her. It has lots of rhyming words and quite a few surprises along the way to a heartwarming happy ending.*



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Dear Parents,

Tomorrow is the BIG Day at KJS!

Spaces are almost sold out and sales will stop soon. Entry is free but everyone must register if you are planning to attend.



Register [here](#) to attend (free) and buy the all inclusive Games Passport (\$250) for children between the ages of 4-16 years old.

Please note that for safety measures, all children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them. We are expecting over 2,000 people (so far).

Some important info for those attending the Carnival:

We will have new KPAY payment terminals at the PTA booths which can take credit cards, Payme,

FPS, Google Pay, Octopus, Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, Ali Pay and others. And of course, we take cash too!

There is no parking available and the police are efficient at giving tickets at the meters. Please be careful if you bring your car. Do not double park!

KJS Staff will be wearing lanyards for easy identification if you need help.

PTA Committee members will be wearing distinctive T-Shirts, you will be seeing them around too.

With 3000 guests expected at the event, please be careful with your children and stay near them throughout the day.

There will be a nurse on duty in the Medical Room on the Ground Floor, near the Y1 classrooms, access from the playground.

Volunteers Still Needed!

Of course, we cannot do the biggest event of the year without your help. Please sign up [here](#) for your preferred time slots and areas.

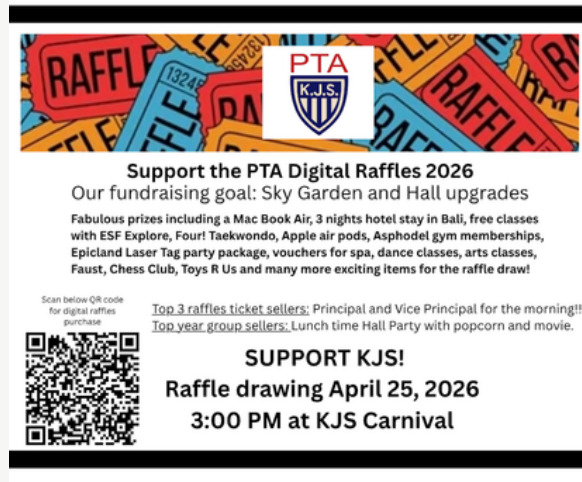
Raffles:

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 lunchtime party in the Hall. Plus some cool prizes....!

Pre-Loved Books

Please send in any books that you would like to donate for other book lovers to enjoy. The PTA will be holding a second hand book stall and all suitable books will be sold at the Carnival. Drop off to Rekha at the PTA Office any week day between 8:00 am -4:00 pm.



Support the PTA Digital Raffles 2026
Our fundraising goal: Sky Garden and Hall upgrades
Fabulous prizes including a Mac Book Air, 3 nights hotel stay in Bali, free classes with ESF Explore, Four! Taekwondo, Apple air pods, Asphodel gym memberships, Epicland Laser Tag party package, vouchers for spa, dance classes, arts classes, Faust, Chess Club, Toys R Us and many more exciting items for the raffle draw!

Scan below QR code for digital raffles purchase

SUPPORT KJS!
Raffle drawing April 25, 2026
3:00 PM at KJS Carnival

Top 3 raffles ticket sellers: Principal and Vice Principal for the morning!!!
Top year group sellers: Lunch time Hall Party with popcorn and movie.



We are getting super excited to see you all tomorrow and we are sure it's going to be perfect weather!