



KJS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear KJS Families,

I hope all is well.

We began our week with the KJS Cricket team's participation in the tournament at Kings Park on Tuesday. Our students delivered some truly great performances, showing both skill and excellent sportsmanship on the field. We are so proud of how they represented KJS.

In Year 1 some classes visited Discovery Bay this on Monday to participate in a beach clean-up. It was heartening to see our younger students taking such practical steps to care for the environment.

Unfortunately, as the weather turned for the worse later in the week, we were forced to cancel the second scheduled Year 1 trip. We share the children's disappointment but remain committed to their safety.

Looking ahead to next week, it is of course our 3-Way Conferences. These provide a wonderful opportunity for you to hear directly from your child about their learning journey and goals. It is a time to speak with class teachers and our specialist staff, while also viewing the extensive range of work your children have produced this term. We look forward to seeing you all there

Have a lovely and hopefully dry weekend.

Mr MacGregor
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

* **Three Way Conferences (Evening Session)**

21 May

* **Three Way Conferences (Whole Day, No School)**

22 May

* **Public Holiday**

25 May

* **ESF Transition Day (No School for Year 1)**

29 May

* **Public Holiday**

19 June

* **Last Day of Term (School ends at 12pm)**

26 June

LIBRARY NEWS

We hope you have had a wonderful week! The literary fire at KJS continues to blaze as we celebrate our dedicated Battle of the Books team, who represented us with incredible spirit and sportsmanship at the recent semi-finals. We are also thrilled to highlight the "Success Secrets" of Sarah, Cassie, and Rachelle, our latest KJS stars to shine in the spotlight of SCMP Posties.

From celebrating our Year 6 leaders as they prepare for secondary school to distributing newly signed books from author Rachel Ip, it has been a week focused on growth and a lifelong love of reading. We also have a heartwarming bilingual book recommendation from our Year 1 team to share with you.

Stay tuned for more literary adventures!



Celebrating Our Battle of the Books Team!

A huge round of applause for our dedicated **Battle of the Books (BOB) team**, who represented KJS with incredible spirit at the **Primary Dragon Division Semi-Finals** held at Dalton International School last week!

While we didn't progress to the final round this year, the scoreboard only tells part of the story. Since January, these students have shown phenomenal commitment –attending weekly sessions and escalating to daily practices throughout April. Their passion for literature and their ability to recall the finest details of diverse texts was truly impressive.

To Our Year 5 Competitors

You've gained something invaluable this year: **experience**. You now know the thrill of the "buzzer," the pressure of the clock, and the importance of teamwork. We can't wait to see you bring that "competitive edge" back to the trials when you are in Year 6!

To Our Year 6 Leaders

As you prepare to move on to Secondary school, remember that your BOB journey is just beginning. Most secondary schools continue this tradition, and we hope to see you representing your new libraries with the same integrity and enthusiasm you showed here at KJS.

More Than Just a Score

In the unpredictable world of competition, we often say: **"Sometimes you win, and sometimes you learn."** Whether it was the "luck of the draw" with specific questions or facing off against an increasingly high level of talent across the region, our students handled every moment with exceptional sportsmanship.

Congratulations to the entire team! You have represented KJS with pride and reminded us all that the real prize is the lifelong love of reading. Now, go enjoy a very well-earned rest!

KJS Stars Shine in SCMP Posties!

The literary fire at KJS continues to blaze as we celebrate even more of our talented students shining in the spotlight of **SCMP Posties**. This week, we are thrilled to highlight the recent successes of Sarah, Cassie, and Rachelle!

Sarah Nigam (6KG): Celebrating Culture and Detail

Sarah was "really, really surprised" and felt great when a supply teacher shared the news that her work was accepted for **Issue #705 (May 4, 2026)**.

- **The Story:** Sarah wrote this piece at the start of Year 6, focusing on detailed and specific reflections about herself and her culture.
- **Success Secret:** She believes her piece was selected because she included unusual, specific details.
- **Writing Tip:** Sarah encourages peers to never give up on their goals and to always self-reflect, change, and check their work.

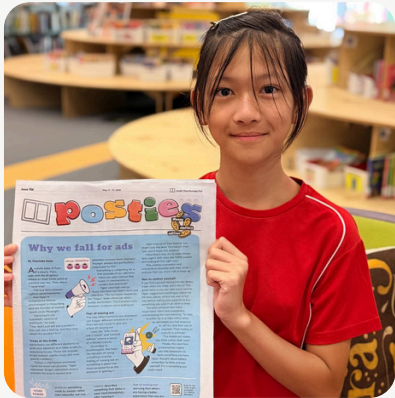




Cassie Wong (5DM): A Triple Feature Success

Cassie has achieved the incredible milestone of being named **Feature of the Week** for the third time!

- **The Story:** Her latest featured piece, "**A Twin Puppy**," was inspired by her own pet dog at home.
- **Creative Range:** While this story is fictional, Cassie has also had poems and other stories published in Posties.
- **Writing Tip:** After hearing the happy news from her friend Emily, Cassie suggested that aspiring writers should focus on making their stories "exciting and engaging."



Rachelle Tin (6AC): The Power of Personal Stories

In **Issue #706 (May 11-17, 2026)**, Rachelle Tin sees her name in print!

- **The Story:** Although she has written more than 10 articles, including book recommendations for *The Wild Robot* and pieces on the *Terra Cotta Warriors*, it was her shortest article, written back in Year 5, that got in!
- **Success Secret:** Rachelle felt a bit shocked and shy about the news, but her success proves that brevity can be effective.
- **Writing Tip:** To be successful, Rachelle suggests keeping your writing short and making it about yourself.

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](#).

Rachel Ip Returns for Final Book Signings!

Today, acclaimed author Rachel Ip returned to KJS to sign the final batch of books ordered by students during her recent visit. We are so excited to get these stories into the hands of our young readers!

Now that the books have been signed, the library team will begin distributing them directly to students in their classrooms.

Important Note: If your child does not receive their ordered book by Monday, please contact the library team to follow up at library@kjs.edu.hk.



Staff Book Recommendation of the Week



This week's recommendation comes from **Ms. Connie, Year 1 Team**

Book: *The Giving Tree* (Bilingual Version: 愛心樹) by Shel Silverstein

Ms. Connie says: As a new mother, this timeless classic resonates with me more than ever. It beautifully illustrates the concept of selfless love and the joy found in giving everything to those we care for. I recommend this specific bilingual version because it allows our students to appreciate Silverstein's moving prose in both English and Chinese. It's a touching story that encourages readers of all ages to reflect on gratitude and the deep, enduring bonds we share with our families.

**PTA NEWS**

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Dear Parents,

May 21 Helpers' Appreciation Day 8:30-11:00 am

We are expecting over 120 guests and anyone who is available to lend a hand is welcome to come along. Please contact Rekha in the PTA Office for more details.

From Monday 18 May till Wednesday 20 May, students will be able to write or draw a message of appreciation to their helpers. A table will be set up outside the PTA Office with writing materials and all students are welcome to come and add their messages.

These messages will be added to a "Gratitude Wall" and displayed during the event, even if those helpers are not attending the function.

Year 6 Parents (only)

Year 6 Leavers souvenirs are available for pre-order on www.kjspta.com. The deadline for orders for these items is May 22 and no further orders will be accepted after that. Items will be delivered to the students once they arrive in school.

29 May Incoming Year 1 Transition Day

We will be there to welcome the new Year 1 Families when they visit KJS on 29 May.

If any current parent would like to join in this welcome team, there will be 2 shifts, the first from 11:00 am -12:00 noon and then 2:15-2:45. Please contact Rekha in the PTA Office for details of how you can participate.

Raffles:

Most prizes have been picked up but there are still many that need to be collected, including an Apple Watch, classes, gym memberships and party packages. Please contact the PTA Office to arrange the pick up and remember to bring along the hard copy of the winning ticket if you are one of the lucky winners!

Only 6 more weeks of the year left, enjoy the time.

The KJS PTA Team.