



Kennedy School

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ONLINE STUDENT REPORTS

A reminder that this year parents will be able to access their children's progress reports termly. These reports show how your child has progressed with the latest Units of Inquiry. The end-of-year report will therefore comment on general progress, Maths, English, Music, PE and Chinese.

The reports will be available at the end of each term and term one's report is available now. To access the report login to the ESF Gateway and go to 'ARR'.

Please do access your child's report if you have not already had the opportunity to do so. We hope that you will find these termly Unit of Inquiry reports most useful.

PROPOSED LAND RECLAMATION IN SANDY BAY

Many of you may have heard that the HK Government has proposed that the land immediately opposite Kennedy School and adjacent to Stanley Ho Sports Ground be considered as a land reclamation site. This is one of 25 proposed sites. The suggestion is to reclaim between 10-29 hectares of land. The government will not be specific about its proposed usage, other than to designate it as additional land.

My fear is that it may be used for additional housing. If blocks of flats were erected this would change the area around the school forever, spoiling the local environment. For this reason the school does not support the proposal.

Our District Councillor, Paul Zimmerman, will hold a public meeting in the Kennedy School hall at 7pm on 9th February to discuss this issue. The meeting will take place immediately after our PTA AGM. Please do come along if you are able.

Please see the poster attached to the end of this newsletter for more information.

SPORTS DAYS

Our three Sports Days are scheduled for 31st Jan (Year 1 & 2), 2nd Feb (Year 3 & 4) and 3rd Feb (Year 5 & 6). I regret that I shall be unable to attend as I shall be recruiting teachers in London that week as part of the ESF annual teacher recruitment round.

WILLIE SMITS

Kennedy School is very honoured to have welcomed Dr Willie Smits, the world-famous environmentalist, to speak to our year 4, 5 and 6 students about the amazing work he has done in the rain forests of Indonesia. He is a very gifted speaker and you might be interested to view one of his online talks where he describes how he rebuilt a rain forest at

http://www.ted.com/talks/willie_smits_restores_a_rainforest.html

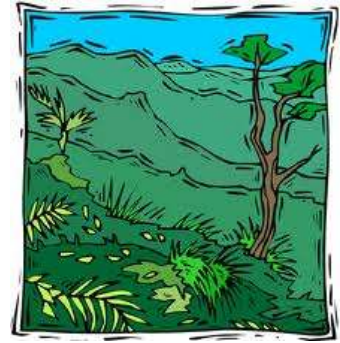
He also has a wonderful website at:

<http://www.masarang.nl/en/index.jsp?ACTION=GOCOMBO&MID=912>

I hope that our students found his talk inspirational.

Paul Hay

Paul Hay
Principal



Kennedy School PTA Ltd will be holding their 3rd Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On: Thursday 9th February

In: the school hall

At: 6:00pm.

If you would like to join the PTA Committee please note that the Nomination Form is included in the PTA newsletter this week. This meeting is open to all parents, and will be followed at 7:00pm by the Pokfulam Community Meeting.



TERM 2 EDUCATIONAL VISITS AND TERM 3 COSTS

Please note that we asked parents to credit their children's accounts with a minimum of **\$1000** to cover the Term 2 and Term 3 costs by **13th January 2012**.

***If you have not done so yet,
please settle the payment as soon as possible.***

Please refer to the ePayment section on our website for more information:
<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/parent-information/epayment>

Should you have any questions or queries, please email epay@kennedy.edu.hk for assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Hamblin
Deputy Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL ROOM



Dear Parents,

There has been a high number of children off sick with flu like symptoms eg. temperature, headache, tummy ache and vomiting. The school would like parents to be extra vigilant and check their child's temperature daily before school over the next few weeks. If your child feels unwell or has a temperature above 37.5 degrees Celsius please keep them at home.

Government regulations state that they should have a **normal temperature for at least 48hours before returning to school.**

Irene Wong
Health Care Professional



RED PACKET RECYCLING

In school we have a recycling programme where we reuse red packets. People should bring in their red packets, otherwise our landfills will be full of them. Please collect your red packets over the holiday and bring them into school to be reused.

Sanvritti (5J) and Jingyu (5W)

Kennedy SEPA Team

Please note that we also recycle ink cartridges, small electricals, glass, plastic and paper at Kennedy School.



A Message from the ADMISSIONS OFFICE

If you intend to withdraw your child from school, you are required to provide one calendar month's notice by submitting a duly completed 'Student Withdrawal Notice' to the school. If your child will be leaving school at the end of the school year, withdrawal notification must be received by 31st May.

The form is available on our website under:

<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/sites/kennedy/files/Student%20Withdrawal%20Notice.pdf>

Many thanks,

Mary Leung

Admissions Secretary

Email: admissions@kennedy.edu.hk



UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



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| January 23rd – 27th | - CNY School Holidays |
| January 31 st | - Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day |
| February 1 st | - 3S trip to Ark Eden |
| February 2 nd | - Year 3 & Year 4 Sports Day |
| February 3 rd | - Year 5 & Year 6 Sports Day |
| | - 3A trip to Ark Eden |
| February 6 th | - 1A trip to Pizza Express |
| February 7 th | - 1K trip to Pizza Express |
| | - 3H trip to Ark Eden |
| February 8 th | - 1R trip to Pizza Express |
| | - 3R trip to Ark Eden |
| February 9 th | - 3G trip to Ark Eden |
| February 13 th | - 1S trip to Pizza Express |
| February 14 th | - 6C trip – Dialogue in the Dark |
| February 15 th | - 1D trip to Pizza Express |
| | - 6T trip – Dialogue in the Dark |
| | - 3G, 3S & 3A Bake Sale |
| February 16 th | - 6D Trip – Dialogue in the Dark |
| February 17 th | - 6R trip – Dialogue in the Dark |
| February 21 st | - 6J trip – Dialogue in the Dark |
| February 24th | - Kennedy School CPD Day – No school for children |
| February 29 th | - 3H & 3R Bake Sale |
| March 2 nd | - Year 4 Show for parents, 9am |
| March 20 th | - 6D, 6J, 6T trip to Stanley Cemetry |
| March 22 nd | - 6R, 6C trip to Stanley Cemetry |
| April 2nd – 13th | - Easter Holiday (School ends at 12 noon on Friday 30th March.) |

To view more events, please click on:

<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/calendar-date/2012-01>

FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Kellett Mixed Netball Tournament

Congratulations to all the children who represented the school at the Kellett Mixed Netball Tournament. Despite a positive start the children did not really gel until the final match where they blew away their opponents with an 8-0 win. Match reports and photos can be found on the VLE. A very big thank you to Mrs. Cripps for all that she has contributed to Kennedy School Netball over the last three years. Without her and the support of Ms. Osborne and Mrs. Sheward who volunteer their time after school and beyond, our netball programme would not be what it is today. The team has really come on in leaps and bounds and we will continue to build upon that improvement in the future.

Football Kits Due for Return

Please can all the football squad players return their school kits TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE so that they can be redistributed to the rugby and hockey squads.

All deposits will be returned by the school secretary upon receipt of a complete kit.

Speedstacks

Speedstacks are a set of special cups which you 'up stack' and 'down stack' in a special sequence called a cycle. They are tremendous fun, but are also proven to develop hand-eye coordination and sequencing skills. Speedstacking helps students to develop bilateral proficiency, which is equal performance on both sides of the body. By increasing bilateral proficiency, a student develops a greater percentage of the right side of the brain, which houses awareness, focus, creativity and rhythm. Speedstacking helps train the brain for sports and other activities where the use of both hands is important, such as playing a musical instrument or using the computer. Sequencing and patterning are also elements of speedstacking, which can help with reading and maths skills.



A further order of Speedstacks will go in on Friday 3rd February. To order Speedstacks sets which include cups, timer, mat, bag and DVD please send the payment of cash/cheque made payable to Kennedy School PTA Ltd to the PTA Office by Friday 3rd February.

Sports Days

The annual school Sports Days will run on the following dates:

Year 1 & Year 2 - Tuesday 31st January, 9.00 to 11.30am

Year 3 & Year 4 - Thursday 2nd February, 9.00 to 11.30am

Year 5 & Year 6 - Friday 3rd February, 9.00 to 12.30am

Any parent volunteers, who have signed up with the class teacher, please remember to meet Mr. Luck at 8.30am on the track by the first entrance to the stadium on the day.



Tim Luck
PE & Swimming Coordinator



EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
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ESF Sharks Learn to Swim Programme



ESF Educational Services Sharks Learn to Swim Programme is an excellent opportunity for young children to be introduced to the sport of swimming in a fun, stimulating and enriching way. Our structured lessons ensure that every child's development is monitored closely, allowing them to progress through the swimming levels at a suitable pace. All our swimming lessons are conducted in English by highly qualified swimming instructors. We offer classes for infants, preschoolers and non-swimmers through to squad at South Island School, Renaissance College, Sha Tin College and Discovery College. For more information, please contact ESF Educational Services at 2711 1280 or send us an email at sports@esf.org.hk



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WALK TO SCHOOL WEDNESDAY

Reduce pollution and join our walking buses on **Wednesdays**.



Lower Baguio/Bel Air - meet Mrs Davies at the Lower Baguio Steps at **7:50am**.

Bel Air children can join the walking bus at the Cyberport junction at **7:55am**.

Bisney/Victoria Gardens - meet Mrs Pheasant at the top of Scenic Villa Drive at **7:50am**.

Please note that teachers will lead the walking buses, but they cannot take responsibility for any accidents or injuries. Initially, please send a responsible adult to accompany your child/children. Thereafter, we can work out a simple rota of adult supervision volunteers each week.

If **you** would like to lead a walking bus from any other Pokfulam area, please contact me on ldavies@kennedy.edu.hk.

Lesley Davies
ESD Coordinator

ACTIVITIES & CAMPS BY OUTSIDE AGENCIES

To view advertisements for after school activities & camps provided by outside agencies and ESF Educational Services please follow those links: <http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/life-ks/extra-curricular-activities> & <http://www.esf.org.hk/>



Pokfulam Community Meeting

薄扶林社區會議

Presenter 主辦:



南區區議會

Southern District Council

Mr. Paul Zimmerman

District Councillor

司馬文區議員



10-29 hectares



Pokfulam Community Meeting

To discuss the various developments threats

Date: 09 February 2012 (Thursday)

Time: 19:00 - 20:30

Venue: The School Hall, Kennedy School, Sha Wan Drive

薄扶林社區會議

討論本區各項發展項目會帶來的威脅

日期: 2012年2月9日(星期四)

時間: 晚上7時至晚上8時半

地點: 沙灣徑 堅尼地小學 禮堂

Carparking spots are limited, please kindly carpool or use public transport.

學校車位有限, 請大家盡量與鄰居一同前往或使用公共交通。

For enquiries and reservations 如欲參與或有任何查詢:

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Year 9 ESF World Wise Quiz

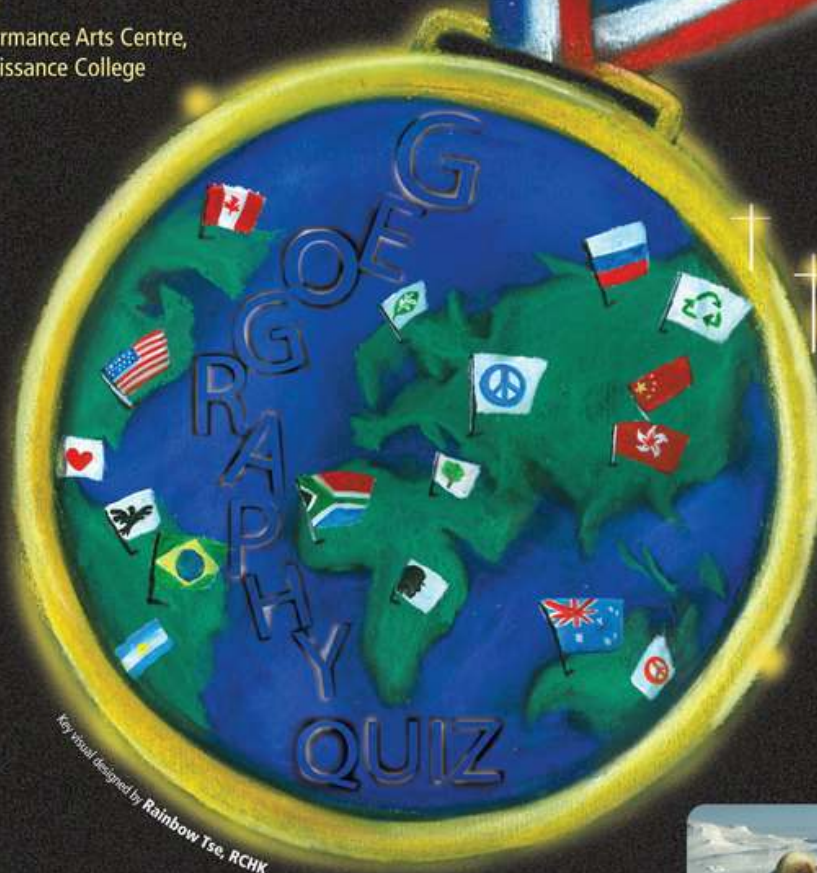
Theme: Local, Regional, & Global Geography

Final Interschool Competition

Date: 23 February 2012

Time: 2 pm

Venue: Performance Arts Centre,
Renaissance College



Key visual designed by Rainbow Tse, RCHK

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Guest Speaker:

Dr. Rebecca Lee (李樂詩博士)

The founder of the China Polar Museum Foundation.
A polar scientist and the first woman explorer
who reached the Arctic, Antarctic and Mount Everest.





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JCSRS FASHION GALA

Date: Friday, 16 March 2012

Time: 6.30 pm Cocktail Reception 8.00 pm Dinner

Venue: Club One, 18 Farm Road, Kowloon

Auctions, prize draws and a fashion show featuring creations by Château de sable
Tickets: HK\$1,000 per person Tables of 12 at the price of HK\$11,000 are available for reservation
RSVP by Friday, 2 March to Ms Rita Au (rita.au@jcsrs.esf.edu.hk)
For details, please visit www.esf.edu.hk/JCSRS_gala

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