



# Kennedy School

## Kennedy Newsletter Issue No. 22, 17th February, 2012

**!REGISTER NOW!**

### **3-WAY CONFERENCES, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March**



We shall be holding 3-Way Conferences (parent, student and teacher)

on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3.45pm to 6.00pm**  
(8.30am - 6.00pm for Mandarin teachers)

and

on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 8.30am to 3.15pm.**

**There will be no school for children on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March** unless they are coming in for an appointment with their parents.

3-Way Conferences will provide a forum for teachers, students and parents to acknowledge students' progress and achievement. Students will lead the conference, talk about their learning progress and parents will have an opportunity to see displays of students' work.

The duration of each appointment with class teachers will be 45 minutes: 15 minutes with the class teacher and the additional time to visit other work stations (student-led) in class.

Appointments with specialist subject teachers (Mandarin, Music, PE and Individual Needs) will be 10 minutes and parents will also have an opportunity to visit other work stations (student-led) linked to these subject areas.

To accommodate as many parents as possible, who may wish to see their child's **Chinese teacher**, we have extended the Chinese team's schedule as follows:

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March; 8.30am - 6.00pm – unfortunately appointments between 8.30am and 3.15pm will not be 3-Way Conferences as the children will be involved in attending their usual school sessions.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March; 8.30am - 3.15pm.

Online registration on the Gateway is **now open** and will close on **Tuesday 6th March at 12noon**. (Please ensure that you book only one appointment per teacher.)

#### **How to make a booking:**

- Login to Gateway at <https://ks.tg.esf.edu.hk/login.php?CurPage=/> using your existing parental login name and password.
- Go to 'Communication' > 'Parent Consultation'.
- Select your child's name.
- Select 'Class Teacher' and the date you wish to book.
- Available time slots will be shown in white colour.
- Click on the time slot you wish to book. The box will turn to pink colour. This means that your appointment is confirmed. (This will be a 45 minute session)
- **You can cancel** your booking by clicking again on the slot that you have booked.
- To book an appointment with specialist teachers, please select 'Specialist' and date from the menu. (Appointments with specialist teachers are purely optional.)

More instructions can be found under:

<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/sites/kennedy/files/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20GatewayForParents.pdf>

This link will provide you with a video demonstration:

<http://parents.tg.esf.edu.hk/ks/parent-consultation>

We would ask that, where possible, those parents who are able to attend a daytime session make their booking then in order to leave the late afternoon sessions available to working parents. We regret that if you are unable to attend any of the scheduled times, it will not be possible to arrange an alternative appointment at another time.

Presentation about 3-Way Conferences can be viewed here:

<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/3-way-conferences>

If you need any assistance regarding your Gateway login details, please email

[itsupport@kennedy.edu.hk](mailto:itsupport@kennedy.edu.hk).

If you have any other queries please ring Ms Hana Hesova on 2855 0711 or email her on

[office@kennedy.edu.hk](mailto:office@kennedy.edu.hk).

Yours sincerely,



Paul Hamblin  
**Deputy Principal**

## ePayments

Unfortunately, some parents have not yet submitted their termly payment. This is to cover the cost of trips and outings, laptop contribution, extra-curricular activities and the like.

We ask for a payment of \$1000, and credit balances may be viewed online via our Gateway.

Unfortunately, if payment has not been received prior to a class trip, that child will not be permitted to attend.

## INFORMATION LITERACY / TEACHER LIBRARIAN

We have been giving some thought as to how we can best serve our students in terms of information literacy in the future.

In an ideal world we would have both a non-class-based specialist ICT (information literacy) teacher as well as a teacher/librarian. Unfortunately, the school only has sufficient funds for one of these posts.

After discussion amongst the staff and with the support of the School Council it has been agreed that our year 6 teacher, and resident ICT expert, Mr Tibble will become our information literacy teacher next year. He will work with all classes in the school on a rotational basis. His target will be to really drive up the children's knowledge, understanding and use of ICT.

The post of teacher/librarian will be replaced by a regular librarian. The children will continue to have library lessons taught by their own class teacher, and use the library in exactly the same way as in the past.

Ms Spratt will stay with us as a member of the teaching staff and will become a class teacher next year.

I hope you will agree that this will be an exciting opportunity for our children, and appreciate that the decision has been supported by all the teachers in the very best interests of our students.

Kind regards,



Paul Hay  
**Principal**



***There will be no school for children next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February due to Kennedy School CPD Day.***

## MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL ROOM



### **Vision Tests**

Optometrist Suzan Salnikow will be carrying out **vision tests** at Kennedy School on 20th February 2012. If you wish your child to have their eyes tested please download the form from here:



<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/sites/kennedy/files/Kennedy%20Vision%20Screening%20leaflet%202012.pdf> (please copy & paste the link) and send it in to school completed with a **cheque for \$250 made payable to Suzan Salnikow** by 15th February 2012.

### **Medical Information on Gateway**

Please can parents check Gateway to ensure that their child's **medical information** is correct and up to date. If your child needs medication from time to time during the school day such as inhalers for their asthma please complete a medical authorization form which can be downloaded from our website:

[http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/sites/kennedy/files/medication%20letter%20and%20form\\_0.pdf](http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/sites/kennedy/files/medication%20letter%20and%20form_0.pdf)

Irene Wong  
**Health Care Professional**

## **ACTIVITIES CANCELLATION on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Due to 3 Way Conferences on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, **all after school activities** will be cancelled on both days. **This includes activities run by outside agencies.**

We thank you for your understanding.

### *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>

Mary Leung

**Admissions Secretary**

Email: [admissions@kennedy.edu.hk](mailto:admissions@kennedy.edu.hk)



## **ESF Annual Report 2010-11**



can be viewed online:

<http://www.esf.edu.hk/sites/esf/files/ESF-Annual%20Report%202010-2011.pdf>



## UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



- February 21<sup>st</sup>
  - February 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - February 29<sup>th</sup>
  - March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - March 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - March 7<sup>th</sup>
  - March 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - March 9<sup>th</sup>**
  - March 12<sup>th</sup>
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
  - March 14<sup>th</sup>
  - March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - March 29<sup>th</sup>
  - March 30<sup>th</sup>
  - April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - April 16<sup>th</sup>
  - April 30<sup>th</sup>**
  - May 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - May 11<sup>th</sup>**
- 6J trip – Dialogue in the Dark
  - **Kennedy School CPD Day – No school for children**
  - 3H & 3R Bake Sale
  - Year 4 Show for parents, 9am
  - **Online registration for 3-Way Conferences closes on Gateway at 12noon**
  - Year 1 Immunization
  - **3-Way Conferences, 3.45 – 6pm (All after school activities will be cancelled)**
  - **3-Way Conferences, 8.30 – 3.15pm (NO SCHOOL for children; all after school activities will be cancelled)**
  - 3G trip to Eco Park
  - Year 4 Camp
  - 3A, 3S trip to Eco Park
  - 3H trip to Eco Park
  - 3R trip to Eco Park
  - 6D, 6J, 6T trip to Stanley Cemetery
  - 6R, 6C trip to Stanley Cemetery
  - Year 5 Horrible Histories Theatre Trip
  - End of Term 2, school ends at 12 noon
  - **Easter Holiday**
  - Term 3 starts
  - **Kennedy School CPD Day – No school for children**
  - **Public Holiday – Labour Day**
  - **ESF CPD Day – No school for children**

To view more events, please click on:

<http://www.kennedy.edu.hk/calendar-date/2012-02>

## FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



### **After School Sports on the School Playground**

During the school week there are numerous sports activities run on the school playground, including school netball, ESF Ed Services Basketball, Football and SAQ. Please respect the coaches and the children and do not walk through the playing area while these activities are taking place. Not only is the practice being affected but you also run the risk of being hit by either a ball or a running child.

### **Physical Education Kit**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct kit for their PE lesson. This consists of their House t-shirt and white shorts. Due to the cold weather children are afforded the opportunity to remove their tracksuits to ensure ease of movement and to remove the risk of tripping over long pants. Jewellery MUST be removed for all PE and Games lessons.

Tim Luck

**PE & Swimming Coordinator**



## ESF LIONS FOOTBALL ACADEMY KENNEDY SCHOOL 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012



Well done to Jake Darton (6C) for representing ESF Lions U12 in their match against Chelsea Soccer Schools.

*ESF run football sessions on Thursday afternoons at Kennedy School.*



### Sports Section

#### ESF Educational Services Limited

5/F CIGNA Tower , 482 Jaffe Road ,  
Causeway Bay , Hong Kong  
Tel: +852 2711 1280 Fax: +852 2711 8007  
[sports@esf.org.hk](mailto:sports@esf.org.hk) <http://www.esf.org.hk>



## ESL Spring Sports Camps/Clinics 10 –14<sup>th</sup> April 2012

During the spring break, ESL will be offering Multi-sports Camps at Discovery College, Sha Tin College and South Island School. These highly popular camps are great way for children to try a range of sport activities, with qualified instruction.

*Discovery College  
NEW  
Sports Camp Venue*

- A fantastic variety of sports/games
- Professional coaches
- Age specific groups
- Excellent facilities & equipment
- A safe, supportive environment

Over 95% of parents rate ESL Sport camps Good-Excellent!

For those who specifically want to spend time on their swimming and tennis techniques ESL also have a number of clinics to choose from.

Please check our website [www.esf.org.hk](http://www.esf.org.hk) or contact our friendly customer service administrators on 2711 1280 for more details



### 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/>

Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam  
presents yet another

# Quiz Night



with



Curry Buffet Supper



Friday 2nd March, 2012  
6:30 for 7.00 p.m.  
3/F, West Island School



\$250 per person  
Prizes for know-alls and know-nothings  
Proceeds to charity

Enter in teams of 8 or come along and join a team on the night.  
Send your Cheque made payable to 'St John's Cathedral' by 24<sup>th</sup> Feb  
to Karen Carmichael:

7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Block 43, Baguio Villas, 550 Victoria Rd, Pokfulam, HK  
Tel: 9315 1942, email: [carmichaelhk@netvigator.com](mailto:carmichaelhk@netvigator.com)



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**Eoin Colfer**  
Author of the internationally bestselling Artemis Fowl series.



**Mem Fox**  
Influential international consultant in literacy and Australia's most highly regarded picture-book author. Her book *Time for Bed* is on Oprah's list of the 20 best children's books of all time.



**17 & 18 March 2012 @ Youth Square**

"A Family Reading Affair" in association with  
Bring Me A Book Hong Kong



- Panel discussion with literacy expert Mem Fox
- Exhibition of children's works
- Workshops for parents and children (English/Chinese)
- Writing Masterclasses
- Performances by ESF students

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[www.youngreadersfestival.org.hk](http://www.youngreadersfestival.org.hk)



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# Year 9 ESF World Wise Quiz

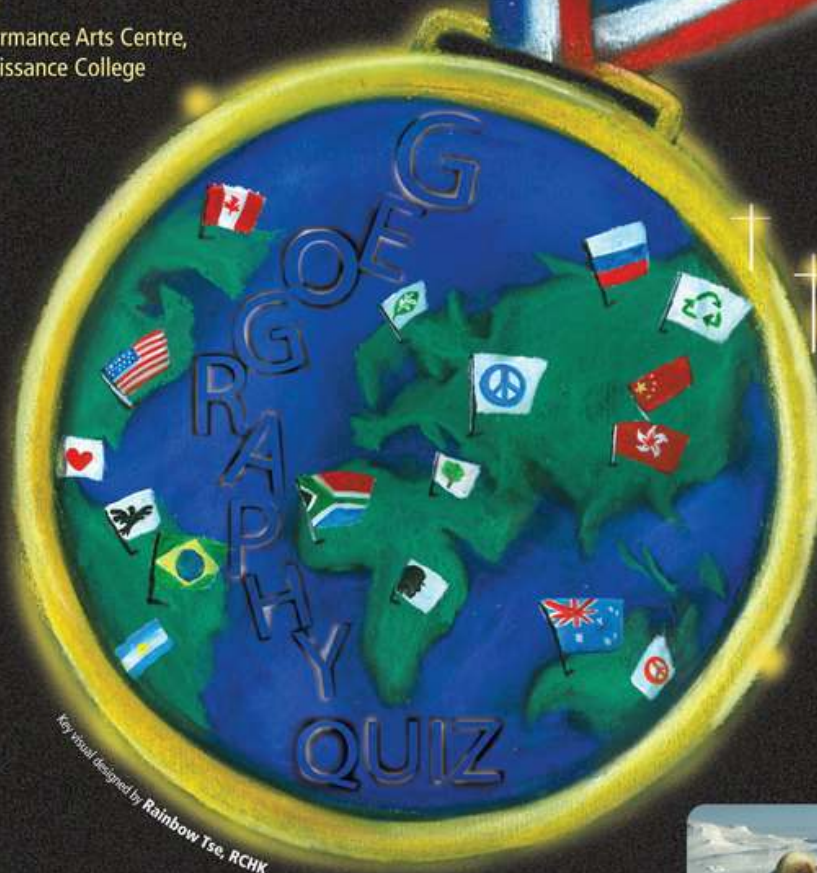
Theme: Local, Regional, & Global Geography

## 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)  
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