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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

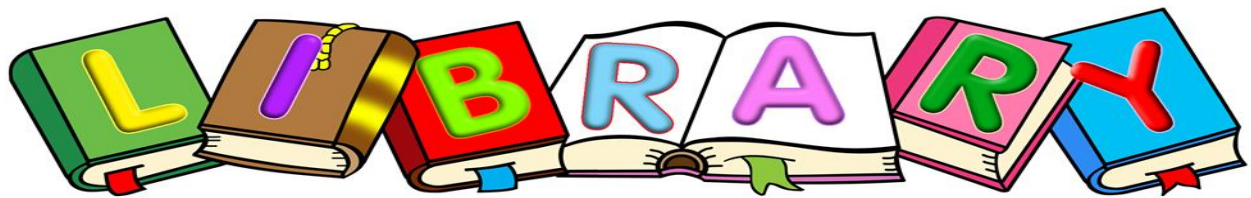
We are sending out our newsletter a day earlier this week due to Typhoon Haina causing possible disruptions to our school day tomorrow. Please keep a close watch on the Kennedy School website, our [Facebook](#) page plus the [Hong Kong Observatory](#) and [Education Department](#) websites.

If a signal T8 or more is raised this evening or before school commences tomorrow then the school will be closed. The safety of our children is the number one priority. For those families with children who have long distances to travel please consider the likely conditions tomorrow, before setting out for school. Please [click here](#) for our inclement weather procedures.

Year 6 Swimming Gala

We were very lucky today to have a “window” of sunshine this morning to enable us to conduct our Year 6 swimming gala. It was a great morning and every child participated. We have some fabulous swimmers which is a testament to the school swimming programme and the support and commitment of students and their families. Thanks to the team from Aquakidz, all the volunteer parents and our staff led by Mrs Khemlyani. Congratulations to the mighty Lions who were this year’s winners with a score of 418.



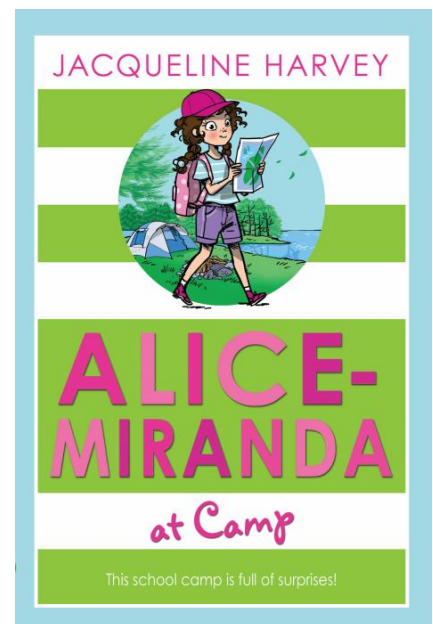


Visiting Author Jacqueline Harvey Monday 24th October

On Monday Australian author Jacqueline Harvey will be coming to Kennedy School to meet with our Year 3 to Year 6 students. Jacqueline has written two chapter book series, Alice-Miranda and Clementine Rose. We have her books in our library and have been encouraging the children to read them. Jacqueline will talk to the children about her inspirations as a writer and give them tips to improve their own writing. Please [click here](#) to download her order form if you wish to order any of her books.

Happy Reading!

Thanks
Susan Mifsud and Nina Sehgal



Family BBQ – Friday 28th October

This is a fun family event where there is food and activities for children. Mark the date in your diaries.

All of our teachers commit to help at our events, but the success of our BBQ does depend on the help of all of our parents – we need help on the night to set up, man and then pack away stalls at the end of the evening. To make everything goes smoothly and add to the fun for all the children and adults – please do sign up to help.

[Click here](#) to go to the sign-up sheet, choose a time slot/stall and fill in your name and contact telephone number where it says ****VOLUNTEER NEEDED****.

There are lots of stalls that need you. Thank you for helping to make the evening a fun event for everyone

Be a stall coordinator:

We are also looking for volunteers to coordinate the following activities – please [let me know](#) if you would like to coordinate:

- BBQ – selling of food
- Cakes
- Curry Stall – selling
- Entertainer
- Top Gear Challenge
- Trick or Treat Corridor



GREEN NEWS



Look At What Children in 3S Found!

As you can see, our food gardens have really sprung to life! We've also attracted lots of wildlife as the children have spotted ladybirds, dragonflies, caterpillars and butterflies. Huge thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers who have been working with all of our classes and for also popping in during the holidays to keep everything watered. Children will continue to enjoy 'Trough Maintenance Workshops' over the coming weeks with our team of parents and local expert, Paul Melsom a.k.a. Eagle Owl on Lantau.



*Lesley Davies
ESD Coordinator*





The Hong Kong Young Writers Awards 2017

The New Tales of Old Shanghai.

Once again Kennedy School will be participating in the Hong Kong Young Writers Awards Competition and aiming to continue its proud tradition of success in this, the 8th edition of the event. The competition is open to all Kennedy students who wish to take part.

The theme for this year is 'New Tales of Old Shanghai'. Children may choose to write a poem, a story or a non-fiction piece based on this theme. Full details can be found at the HKYWA website: www.hkywa.com which gives writers' workshop advice on the theme itself, as well as detailed information about how written submissions should be prepared. Children can also come and have a chat with me if they wish to know more about the competition.

Children may also create a piece of artwork on the same theme. Again, details can be found on the website.

All writing entered for the competition needs to be prepared in electronic form and forwarded to Mr Moore (jmoore@kennedy.edu.hk) by no later than January 3rd, 2017. NB the competition website gives a later submission date than this - this is for schools' reference only. Children should ensure that their full name and class are indicated in the filename.

Children shortlisted for one of the main prizes will be invited to the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology for the awards ceremony later in the year.

Good Luck!

Jeff Moore
English Coordinator



Last year Gayathri Eyunni from Kennedy School made the finals.



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

Many families within our school community will soon be celebrating the festival of Diwali. Diwali is the biggest and brightest festival in the Hindu calendar and signifies the victory of light over dark.

Once again this year, a large number of our parents have kindly offered to help the children to celebrate Diwali by organising a range of activities for all classes to participate in. These include a display of classical Indian dancing and costumes, diya decorating, rangoli colouring and the opportunity to taste some Indian snacks (with no nuts of course).

This will all take place on **Wednesday 2nd November**. We would like to invite all the children to bring \$10 and come to school dressed in Indian clothes or in bright colours to make the day extra special for all of us.

Debbie Sheward
Vice Principal



FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Kennedy School Games Programme

Unfortunately we had to cancel many Games sessions due to all the rain this week. However the Kennedy Games Programmes will continue next week. Students from Year 1 through to Year 3 will rotate through a series generic sports units involving throwing, catching, kicking, striking, fielding and basic games. The students from Year 4 through to Year 6 participate in four rotations of a progressive sports specific programme which are supported by coaches from Valley Hockey and HKCC Rugby.

Please ensure your child is wearing their P.E. Kit for Games as well as for P.E. lessons.

Year 4:

Dragons	Lions	Phoenix	Unicorns
Netball	Rugby	Hockey	Rounders/Cricket

Year 5:

Dragons	Lions	Phoenix	Unicorns
Netball	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics

Year 6:

Dragons	Lions	Phoenix	Unicorns
Netball	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics

Additionally, for children in Year 4 to 6, please ensure your child has the correct kit for their Unit:

Hockey - in accordance with the HKHA regulations all children participating in hockey **MUST** wear shin pads and a mouth guard. Long socks to hold shin pads are also recommended. All of these items are available from the PTA Office.

Rugby - although there is no mandate from the HKRFU we strongly recommend the use of mouthguards when playing rugby.

Mouthguards and shin pads are available for purchase from the PTA Office.

Breakfast Fitness Clubs



By popular demand the school is delighted to announce that the Breakfast Fitness Clubs will be running again after the half term break. During these sessions children will work on their general fitness and running technique.

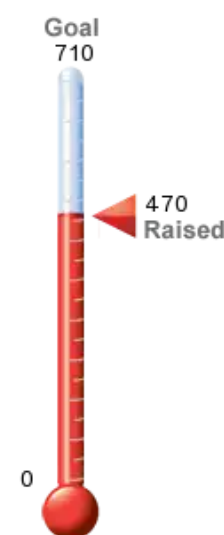
There will be two clubs, both will be run by a coach from ESF Ed Services and are open to children from Y4-6. One will run on a Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:15am on the North Wing Roof and the other will run on a Thursday from 7:30 - 8:15am in the same location.

The cost of each club will be \$600 for six sessions. The clubs will start on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd November and run until Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th December. Registration will be via the **Gateway and will open on Monday 24th October at noon**. Once you have registered successfully, your account will be debited so please ensure you have a sufficient balance.

Upcycling – Laos Rugby Foundation

Before you throw out any old trainers or football boots please consider donating them to the Laos Rugby Federation courtesy of the school. Please place any unwanted trainers or boots into the blue bin inside the school office.

Thank you for all of your support. We have now passed the halfway point with 470 pairs of shoes collected towards our target of 710 pairs which will ensure that every child participating in the programme has the correct footwear.





Please click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to discover about the long term impact your donations are having.

Thus far in total the school community has donated 1068 pairs of shoes to projects in Cambodia and Laos. The equivalent of 157 seven aside teams. An incredible achievement. Thank you.

We currently have over 200 pairs of shoes in storage. If you have a connection with a shipping company or would like to donate towards the cost of delivery to Laos please contact me directly - tluck@kennedy.edu.hk.

Any support would be most welcome.

Kennedy School VLE Wall of Fame



Many of our students are achieving sporting success both at school with our teams and out of school either individually or as part of a club. The Kennedy School Sports Wall of Fame on our VLE is a forum where children can share their sporting achievements. Please encourage your child to celebrate their sporting passions and successes with the rest of the Kennedy Community through this format.

[Kennedy School Wall of Fame](#)

Click on "add a new discussion topic" to start a new thread about your event/sport. Then enter details of your event or sporting achievement along with a photo of you in action, if you have one.

Please celebrate the successes of other children at Kennedy by reading their threads and writing positive comments for them.

Tim Luck
Head of PE and Swimming
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ACTIVITIES BY EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Click on the following links to view advertisements for after school activities provided by [external agencies](#) and [ESF Educational Services](#).

DAY	ACTIVITY	PROVIDER
Various	Football, Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics, Kung Fu, Netball, Science, Writing Class, Japanese Class, Dance, Spanish	ESF Educational Services
Various	Science Adventures, Stormy Chefs, The Chess Academy	Active Kids
Monday	Drama, Speech & Communication Classes	Starlit Voice
Monday	DIY Workshops	Brainchild
Monday	Chess Lessons	Hoyinping Chess
Monday	Fabric Fun	Fabric Art
Various	Foundation's Orator, Filmmaker & Novelist	Foundation Academy
Wednesday	Bricks 4 Kidz	Elite Bricks
Thursday	Art Classes	Banana Art
Friday	Creative Writing and Publishing	Elephant Community Press

Disclaimer: Kennedy School and the English Schools Foundation do not recommend or endorse any external provider renting the school premises. There is no contractual arrangement between KS/ESF and the club providers, any contractual arrangement that exists is between the parent and the club provider.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



24 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5J
26 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3T, 9:00 – 12:30
27 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3C, 3S, 9:00 – 12:30
28 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 Trip to Kadoorie Farm Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3W, 3O, 9:00 – 12:30 PTA Family BBQ – 6:00 – 9:00 pm
31 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5S
2 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diwali celebrations – Dress in Indian or bright colour clothes
4 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am
8-11 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Camp (Lady MacLehose Holiday Village)
9 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 MMR & Hep B Vaccinations Year 4 Bake Sale – 4C, 4J, 4S
16-18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Camp (Sai Kung Recreation Centre)
21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5K
24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5A
25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5D
22-25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 APA Camp (Wong Yi Chau)
30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Mini Exhibition for parents, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations with Chinese Teachers
2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am Year 2 show, Lower Playground, 9:00 – 10:00 am
5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA Choir/Carols evening, Lower playground, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 1 ends at 12noon
3 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 2 Starts

Kennedy School Calendar 2016-2017 can be found [here](#).

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