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Newsletter No. 10, 28 October 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The weather looks perfect for our famous Kennedy School Halloween BBQ tonight. Please come along and enjoy the fun with family and friends and don't forget to spend lots of money which all goes to improving our school.



Farewell and Job Opportunity

Mel Kieran our front desk Communications Officer filling in for Hana during her maternity leave will be finishing at the end of this term and Hana has decided to resign and spend more time with her new baby. This leaves us with a vacancy for this post. If you are interested in this position you can access the job description [here](#). Please feel free to drop in for a chat if you are interested. We will thank Mel and Hana for their efforts at a later date.

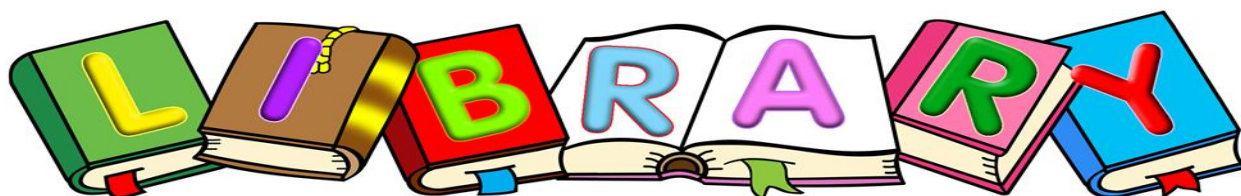
Hall Update

The hall is starting to look like a hall again with all the foundation work completed including the new airconditioning. Acoustic pannelling, sound and lights and the seating and flooring are up next. We are still on schedule for a 15th December handover!

I look forward to catching up with many of you tonight!

John Brewster
Principal





Library Lessons

Recently we've had quite a large number of children forgetting to bring their purple library pocket on their designated library day. This means they're unable to borrow that week and they miss out on all our wonderful new books. Reading is an integral part of a child's learning and we encourage the children to borrow every week. Even though we teach the children to be responsible and independent, they do still need reminders and assistance from home. Please let your child/children know which day they have library and help them remember to bring their books inside their purple pocket every week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3O	2C	2P	1S	1A
3W	4S	3T	2A	1B
4C	5D	4M	2J	1M
4D	5J	5A	2R	1R
6M	5S	5K	4J	3C
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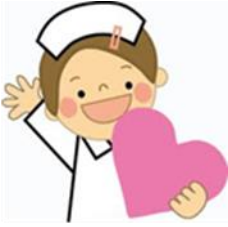
Scholastic Reading Club Orders Delivery Update

The Reading Club orders are on their way. We are expecting all the books to arrive into Hong Kong this weekend and then Scholastic will collate all our orders. They are aware of the urgency as we have told them our children are very keen and excited to get their hands on these books. Please communicate this to your child as we're getting asked daily about when they will arrive. Be sure to know that we are working with Scholastic closely to track these orders and get them here as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience.

Happy Halloween.

Susan Mifsud and Nina Sehgal



MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL ROOM

Year 4, 5 and 6 Camps are coming up in November

In order for us to bring the most up to date medical information for your child on Camp with us, please make sure to have updated Gateway by the dates below:

Year 4: 4th of November

Year 5: 28th of October

Year 6: 11th of November

Parents will be receiving an individual e-mail with more medical information closer to the camp dates.

Should your child be in need of bringing daily medication on Camp, please let us know as soon as possible.

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



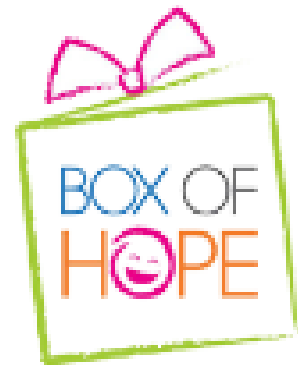


GREEN NEWS



Box of Hope

Let's Make it 900 Boxes from Kennedy School this year!



Box of Hope is an annual charity project aimed at providing useful/educational gifts to underprivileged children in Hong Kong & Asia donated by Hong Kong school children and local organisations.

You fill old shoe boxes with NEW interesting and EDUCATIONAL gifts at home and drop them off at Kennedy School Office. The boxes are then collected and delivered directly to the children in need.

Find tips to make your box here: <http://boxofhope.org/info/children/how/en/>

Monday 24th October - Your child received a Box of Hope Label

October 31st October - 4th November Drop off your Box of Hope at Kennedy School Office

2016 Competition

Email a photo of your Box of Hope design to nicole@boxofhope.org before November 1st. Remember to write your name, age, school and contact details.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED November 10th. Winners get to hand deliver Boxes of Hope to children in Hong Kong.

Kennedy Gardens withstands T8!

Our gardens continue to thrive with lots more produce growing this week. Food tastes so much better when it is freshly picked. It's also much better for us. Paul Melsom, Eagle Owl on Lantau, taught trough maintenance workshops on Monday and our regular parent volunteers are key to keeping our gardens well looked after.

Why does eating organic, fresh food matter? Check out Green Queen's article this week to find out. Recent studies have illustrated the many benefits of organics but one in particular deserves more airtime: **organic foods have higher levels of antioxidants when compared to their conventional counterparts.** [Read more here...](#)

Lesley Davies

ESD Coordinator



Watch Leonardo DiCaprio's Climate Change Doc Online for Free



In an unprecedented move, National Geographic announced that *Before the Flood* will premiere commercial free across digital and streaming platforms around the world as part of the network's commitment to covering climate change. <http://www.ecowatch.com/leonardo-dicaprio-before-the-flood-2062971522.html>



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 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.





WHAT ABOUT ME? SUPPORTING SIBLINGS OF SPECIAL NEEDS OR HIGH NEEDS CHILDREN

PRESENTED BY
DR. ERICA LIU WOLLIN



jointly organised by
AFHK and Special Needs Network Hong Kong



AFHK ADOPTIVE FAMILIES
OF HONG KONG



SNN-HK
Special Needs Network Hong Kong

Please join AFHK and SNNHK on Thursday, November 17, 2016 from 19:00 to 21:00 for our upcoming joint event, **What About Me? Supporting Siblings of Special Needs and/or High Needs Children.**

[View details and register online now.](#)



FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Kennedy Netball Squad Friendly Matches

Both Kennedy Netball squads were in action at Wong Chuk Hang again this week, playing a variety of friendly matches against Kellett School and The Peak. The A Squad were on good form and played very fluidly, working well as a team. The B squad have really improved their netball skills and team cohesion and had some good matches, being quite evenly matched with most of their opponents. Well done to all the players and thank you to Mrs McCready-Browne for coaching the B Squad. Our next fixture is the Island A Tournament where our A Squad will be looking to achieve a good result to put us in a good position for the ESF Tournament at the end of the season.



Kennedy School Games Programme

The Kennedy Games Programmes are well underway now. 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.

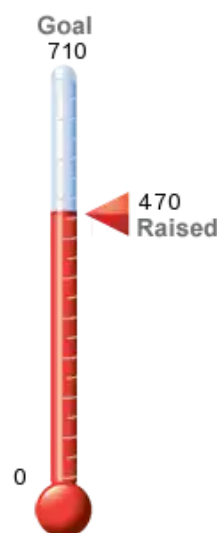
There will be now only be one club but we are accepting a larger group of children, so there are still spaces available. The club will be run by a coach from ESF Ed Services and is open to children from Y4-6. It will run on a **Tuesday** from 7:30 to 8:15am on the North Wing Roof.

The cost of the club will be \$600 for six sessions. Registration is still open on the Gateway and we have opened up some more spaces so if you are interested please sign up now! 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

tluck@kennedy.edu.hk

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



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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