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Newsletter No. 11, 4 November 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What a difference a day makes? Or should I say two weeks. It's hard to believe that only two weeks ago we were closed for a T8 typhoon. The cooler beautiful weather seems to have arrived just in time for last week's PTA Halloween BBQ and our upcoming school camps. It has been a wonderful week at school with a number of action/charity events occurring all around us. The "Boxes of Hope" that families have made together decorate the school office, the football boots and sporting goods that we are sending to Laos and yesterday our Year 5's participated in the Kids Ocean Day at Repulse Bay where they created "human art" to raise awareness of ocean pollution.

On Wednesday the whole school dressed in traditional clothing or bright colours to celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali which began with a special assembly in the playground showcasing our student's performing beautiful Indian songs and dances. Tonight, eighty staff will continue our Diwali celebration at a dinner together.

It is all the these fabulous activities and events that make us a true community school.

Enjoy the weekend.

John Brewster
Principal





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.

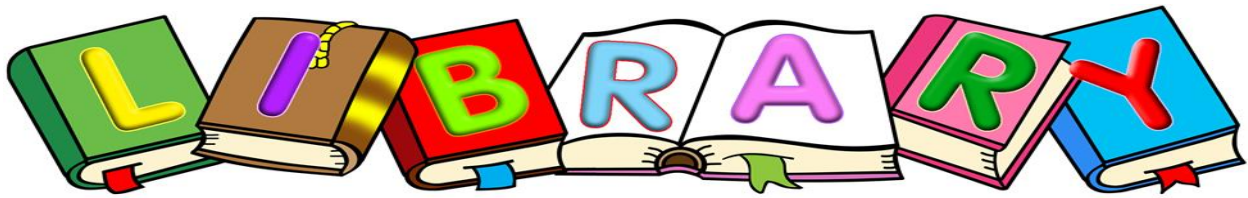
Good Luck!

Jeff Moore
English Coordinator



Last year Gayathri Eyunni from Kennedy School made the finals.





Jacqueline Harvey Book Orders

Please note that Monday 7th November is the deadline. After that we cannot accept any more orders.

Birthday Book

If your child has a birthday in November or December and you would like them to receive a book on their special day, then please send \$100 in an envelope marked with your child's name and class, how old they will be and who the book will be from. **They will be the first to borrow the book and then we'd appreciate it if they would return it to the library after one month.** The book will be hand delivered to your child in their classroom on their special day and will have a label inside with a birthday message from the family. Once the book is returned, the label will remain inside for everyone to see. This is a great way to help us add new books to our collection.

Enjoy your weekend.

Susan Mifsud and Nina Sehgal

School Photos

The Techni Photo School photo proofs were sent home with children this week. The deadline for the orders is **23 November**. After this date Techni Photo will add a surcharge to the order. The orders should be returned to the Kennedy School office. This year they have also introduced online orders. For online purchase please go to www.techn-photo.com/order. Please click [here](#) for detailed instructions on how to order online.



Poppy Appeal

Once again, we are selling poppies in the office for a donation. The money will go to The Royal British Legion who help look after local ex-serviceman in need. For more information please go to www.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/hong-kong.

Vacancy at Kennedy School

We have a vacancy at Kennedy School for the position of Communications Officer. If you are interested in this position you can access the job description [here](#). Applications close on **Monday 7th November**.

Latest House Points Tally!

The children have been continuing to earn house points and there is always a lot of excitement surrounding the growing towers of tokens. The House Captains took another count yesterday – results as follows:

	Latest Count	Total So Far
Unicorns	137	236
Phoenix	122	221
Lions	119	202
Dragons	121	184

Request from the IN Department

Dear Parents,

The IN department are running lunchtime games clubs during the week. We are looking for board games and puzzles suitable for small groups to explore during this club time. If you have any games to donate, please be in touch.

In connection with this, some research has been conducted by the American Association of Pediatrics regarding guidance around the amount of screen time that children and adolescents access.

You might wish to consider questions raised and develop a 'media plan' with your family. The link can be found at:

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/parenting4digitalfuture/2016/10/21/new-screen-time-rules-from-the-american-academy-of-pediatrics/>

Thanks so much!

Mrs. Cheryl Bloomfield
Learning Support Teacher



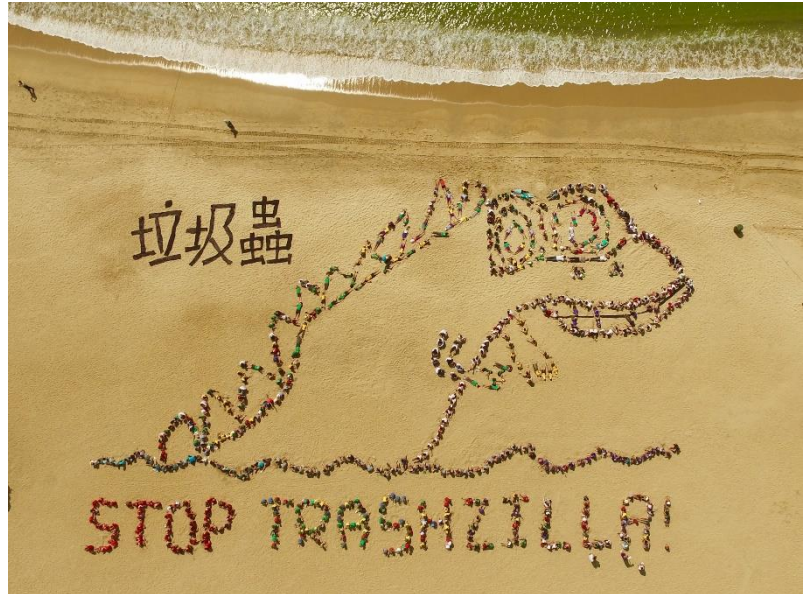
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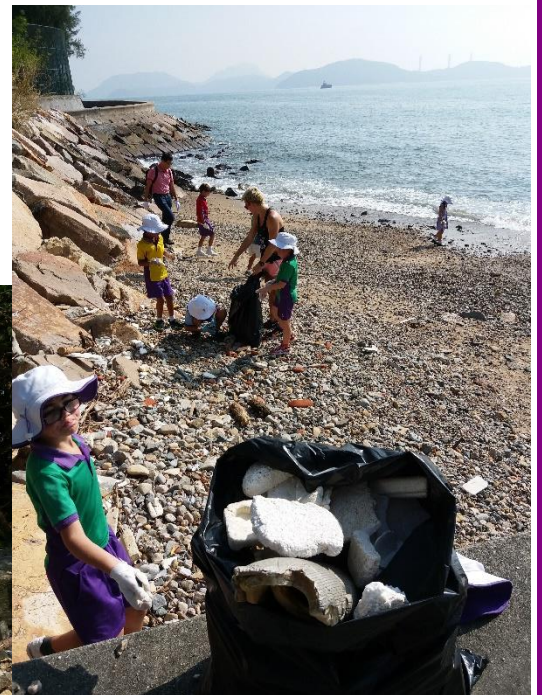
What an environmental week!

TRASHZILLA SPOTTED ON BEACH IN HONG KONG – Over 800 children, teachers and volunteers bring back “Lap Sap Chung,” Hong Kong’s legendary trash monster, in a message to the world that plastic pollution endangers our sea animals and health of the ocean. Lap Sap Chung, or Trashzilla, thrives on plastic trash, and his appearance in Hong Kong sends a reminder from our youth to stop littering our waters. Credit: Ocean Recovery Alliance/Malibu Foundation/Spectral Q

Well done to all of our year 5 team who joined with children from around Hong Kong to take action on Repulse Bay Beach. Can you spot them?

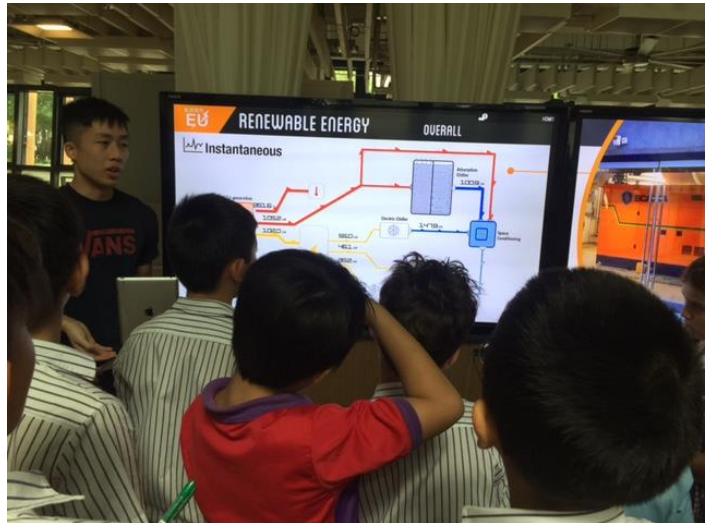


WIS students organised pupils, parents and teachers in Year 3 to clean Sandy Bay Beach on Monday. Unfortunately it was covered in unrecyclable polystyrene, but our children managed to bag it and bin it in order to prevent it from heading into our oceans. Thanks to Ernest, Matthew, Rashmi, Piney and their teacher, Alex Murchie for motivating our team.

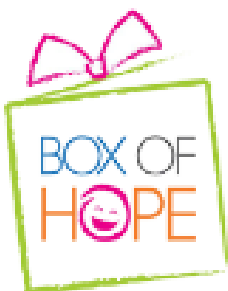




Year 5 Students have been investigating ENERGY and went to find out more at Hong Kong's Zero Carbon Building. Aimi said, ' My class, 5S, went to the Zero Carbon Building on 31st October as part of our learning about energy. We learnt that there were air cons on the floor to make the coolness equal because fans were not enough. We also saw a big pipe coming right down from the ceiling and it was a light, but that light didn't use electricity. It was just the sun shining inside the big pipe refracted off of recycled aluminium.'



The whole of Year 2 went off to Kadoori Farm to learn more about plants and animals. They noted which animal group each animal belonged to and now have lots of questions for finding out more.



Thank you to everyone who handed in a BOX of HOPE. They collected over 650 from Kennedy School today. If you would still like to make one, please send it in by Tuesday and we can arrange an extra collection.

Lesley Davies
ESD Coordinator





FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Peak Girls Football Friendly

On Saturday 29th October Kennedy School entered a team into the Peak Girls Football Friendly Tournament. Four ESF Schools were involved in this fixture, Peak School, Quarry Bay School and Clearwater Bay School. The girls performed well and won two out of their three matches.

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My thanks to Mr. Crompton and Mr. Tremmel for their time to provide this opportunity for the girls.

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. In addition, this year we are delighted to welcome the HKCC coaches who will be supporting the Y4 Games Programme.

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	Cricket

Year 5:

Dragons	Lions	Phoenix	Unicorns
Camp Week			

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.

Upcycling – Laos Rugby Foundation

This year the Kennedy Sports Upcycling Programme has gone to a new level.

Thanks to the continued support of the school community we have collected over 200 pairs of shoes for a delivery to Laos in time for Christmas.

DHL are going to ship our collection to Laos for free and Santa Fe Relocation Services have donated all the packing materials. My thanks to the parents providing support behind the scenes to make this happen and to those parents who have donated generously to ensure the additional shipping costs have been covered.



Many thanks to Escapade Sports who have donated all of their 2014 stock of Super Rugby Balls, an amazing 400 balls, and to Streamline Sports who have also donated a dozen brand new rugby balls.

Not only is the school supporting the grassroots rugby development programme in Laos but this year we have also donated to a similar scheme for the development of cricket in Nepal.

Coaches from HKCC have accepted our donation of upcycled cricket equipment and will ensure it reaches those children who require it most.

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. We will also accept cricket bats, wickets and balls.

Please click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to discover about the long term impact your donations are having to the development of rugby in Laos. I will provide an update with regards to the cricket project in Nepal as soon as I receive it.

Kennedy has also donated bibs and training cones to the WIS students who are volunteering in sports projects in Cambodia during Horizons Week.



Rugby Donations for Laos



Hockey Donations for Nepal

Opportunity for Free HKASA Swimming Lessons for Y2 Students

The 'Jockey Club Learn-to-Swim Programme for Primary Students' is funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (The Trust) and organised by the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association (HKASA). 20 hours of free-of-charge swimming lessons per student will be provided to Primary 1 students in Hong Kong through swimming clubs affiliated under HKASA. The coach to student ratio will be at 1:6 in all courses. It is targeted that 70% of the course attendees will be able to swim a distance of 10 to 20 meters after completing their courses. Apart from making swimming a habit, it is hoped that the risk of drowning among students could be reduced and ultimately achieve the goal for all Hong Kong people to be able to swim.

For further information and registration please click [HERE](#)

This programme is recommended for weak or non swimmers. It is an external programme not linked to Kennedy School.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



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
23 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Bake Sale – 4D, 4M
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, 1:45 – 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
5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 show, Lower Playground, 1.45 – 2.30 pm (gates will open at 1.30) 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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