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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I have had the pleasure this week of spending two days on camp with our Year 5s out in Sai Kung National Park. The children and staff were amazing. A hundred and fifty nine year olds from many corners of the planet working, playing, sharing and caring for each other. Despite the interesting political events of this week our children continue to give me faith in our future. Attached is our school mission and vision statement ([click here to view](#)) to remind us all of what we are all aspiring to. Tomorrow our school choir will be performing at 2.45 pm in the Youth Arts Festival at Victoria Park. This is a fantastic family event with lots of spectacular shows and performances for children. A great family day, I hope to see you there.



Pokemons!

A number of students have enjoyed bringing their Pokemon cards to school and sharing and trading these with friends. As much as we encourage this sharing we are closely monitoring how the cards are being used as we have had a few thefts from bags particularly, in Years 1 and 2. Please have a chat with your children about the correct way to share and play with toys together. We don't want to ban them.....yet 😊

John Brewster
Principal





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 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.



Christmas is just around the corner and our Kennedy Choirs will be carolling on the following dates if anyone is interested to drop by at the venues to support them:

The Senior Choir will also be performing at the 'Arts in the Park' at 2.30 pm, this **Sat 12 Nov** at Victoria Park and you are welcome to join them.



Thu 1 Dec 2016	18:00 – 18:30	Swire Christmas Street Fair (Senior Choir - Year 6) - Taikoo Place
Sat 3 Dec 2016	15:00 – 16:00	Christmas Carols (Senior Choir) - Elements
Mon 5 Dec 2016	18:30 – 19:30	PTA Choir/Carols evening Kennedy School Lower Playground
Sat 10 Dec 2016	14:30 – 15:30	Christmas Carols (Senior Choir) – IFC (near the Cinema)



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.



NO NUTS PLEASE

A REMINDER FOR OUR BAKE SALES (AND ANY OTHER FOOD SENT TO SCHOOL) TO PLEASE MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO NUTS OR INGREDIENTS THAT CONTAIN NUTS. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH NUT ALLERGIES, SOME OF WHICH ARE SEVERE.



GREEN NEWS



Elephant Society and Big Life Talk

The Elephant Society is a Hong Kong based non-profit organization that is involved in the work to eradicate poaching and the illegal ivory trade in East Africa as well as Hong Kong. For the past two years they have been fundraising for their Africa based partner organizations - Big Life Foundation, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Ol Jogi Conservancy. Daniel Sambu, Masai Warrior and staff member of the Big Life Foundation (www.biglife.org), shared his passion for conservation with year 3 and year 4 students this week. Visit www.theelephantsociety.org if you would like further information about the development of the illegal ivory trade in Hong Kong or more information about the Society. They are also organising two competitions where our students can take action - details coming soon.

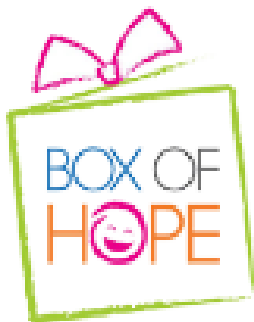


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*Android app coming soon



A big thank you again to everyone who donated a Box of Hope. 60 more boxes were collected from Kennedy School on Tuesday bringing the total to over 700.

If you would like to see the Box of Hope in action there is a video on: <http://boxofhope.org/info/children/how/en/>.



Be a Part of It: Take the #ZeroWasteWeek Pledge!

Challenging Hong Kong To Send Less To Landfill

Everyone can take part in change for the better. This is an invite to ALL companies, organisations, families and individuals to take part: click through to make your #ZeroWasteWeek pledge, and then share it! <http://www.ecozine.com/zerowasteweek>

*Lesley Davies
ESD Coordinator*



FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



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
Camp Week			

Year 5:

Dragons	Lions	Phoenix	Unicorns
Netball	Rugby	Hockey	Cricket

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.

CyberRun 2016 健康萬步數碼港

The annual 'CyberRun for Rehab' is taking place on Sunday, 27 November 2016. To join the walk or run – your choice – from Ap Lei Chau to Cyberport, please enroll on or before 13 November 2016: <http://www.cyberrun.hk/en/?id=3>.

Funds are raised to support the work of Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation.

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 - *NEW*	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.

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4 kidz

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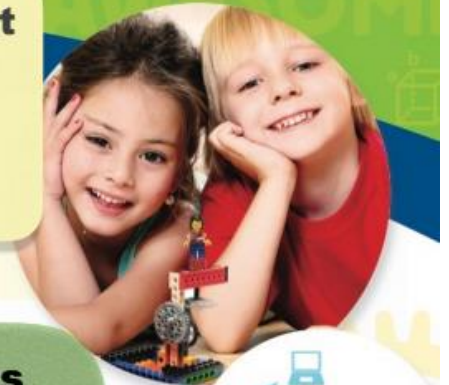
So fun... it won't feel like learning!!

**Every Wednesday at
3:15 to 4:15 pm**

Jan 4, 11, 18, 25

Feb 8, 15, 22

Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29



EV3 Robotics & Elementary Engineering

EV3 Robotics for Year 4 to 6 Students

Robotics

bricks
4 kidz



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brainchild d.i.y. workshop makers projects for kids 1

age: 7-11

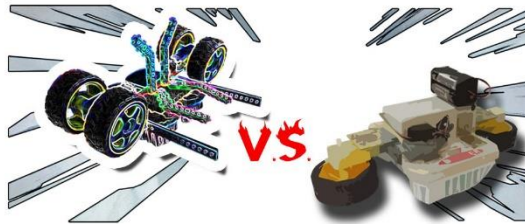
date: Jan 16, 23, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6, 13 (mondays, 3:15-4:15pm)

course fee: \$3000 (8 lessons)

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COMPETITION

- MAKE A BRUSH ROBOT.
CUSTOMIZE IT TO MAKE
IT MORE POWERFUL!



TOYS & SCIENCE

- BUILD A TOYS AND
LEARN THE TECHNOLOGY



VEX ANT COMPETITION

- BUILD A VEX ROBOTICS ANT
FOR BATTLE!



STAR WARS MAKE-A-THON

Date: Jan 16, 23, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar 6, 13 (Every Monday)

Time: 3:15-4:15pm

Age: 7-12 years

Fee: \$3200 (All material included)

1. D.I.Y. light saber
2. Build a model and hack it with lights
3. Learn the basic of 3D printing
4. Create Star Wars phone apps



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UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



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"> Swire Christmas Street Fair (Senior Choir (Y6 only)) – Taikoo Place 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
3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Carols (Senior Choir) - Elements
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
10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Carols (Senior Choir) – IFC (near the cinema), 2.30 – 3.30 pm
3 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 2 Starts

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

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