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# Newsletter No. 13, 18 November 2016

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The week started on Sunday with our Kennedy School Senior choir members performing in the “Arts in the Park” Youth Arts extravaganza in Victoria Park.

Our Year 4 “campers” headed off to camp on Wednesday and I managed to spend some time with them yesterday and last night, everyone was having a great time. The highlight was a visit to the Tikitiki Bowling Bar where the children got to do ten pin bowling whilst performing with a live band.



On Wednesday I got to see our netball team and they are playing very well. I do regret promising to wear a purple Kennedy Pikachu outfit if the girls win the ESF tournament on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Our chances look good!

Enjoy the weekend.

John Brewster  
Principal





# The Hong Kong Young Writers Awards 2017

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## 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](http://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](mailto:jmoore@kennedy.edu.hk)) by no later than January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

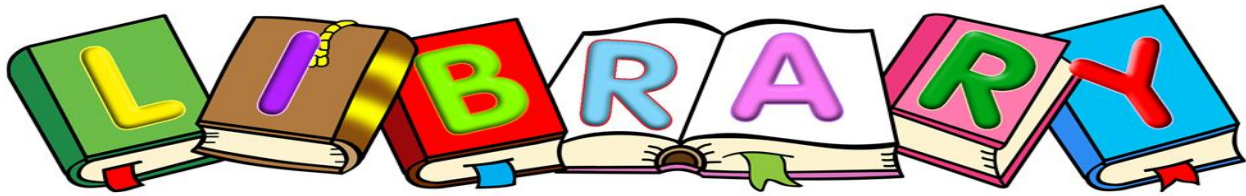
Good Luck!

**Jeff Moore**  
English Coordinator



Last year Gayathri Eyunni from Kennedy School made the finals.





## Help needed in the library

Currently we're in need of a few temporary helpers in our library to cover new books. We would greatly appreciate any time you can spare to help us out. Please email us if you can come in and volunteer some of your time.

library@kennedy.edu.hk

## Birthday Book

If your child has a birthday in November, December or January 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.

Thank you

Susan Mifsud and Nina Sehgal



## F.A.O OF OUR FRENCH SPEAKING FAMILIES

Please click [here](#) for information on the French Mother Tongue program run by ESF.



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A reminder to please make sure all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled. Please also note that some of the labels fade or wear out to the point that they become illegible. Each week we have so many water bottles, food containers, hats and other clothing items that end up in the Lost Property box and we cannot return them without a name. We also have a drawer in the office with the smaller items such as watches, glasses etc that is full of unclaimed items - some of which have been here for a long time now.

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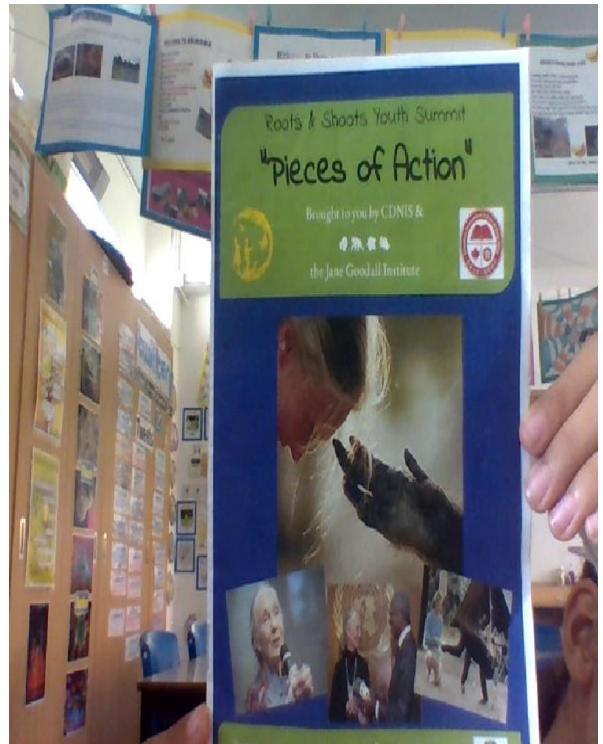


# GREEN NEWS



Dear Parents and teachers,

We are proud to say that this year some Year 6's took some action by fundraising for the school roof garden and went to the CDNIS (Canadian International School) to participate in Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots Summit. As Year 6 students we took turns presenting what we have done to the adults. When one half of the group was presenting, the other half was busy at a workshop learning how to help the world and take action. We also made our one natural face scrub by using almonds instead of the mini pieces of plastic (microbeads). We enjoyed doing it and are proud that we were allowed to join and help out during this process. We learnt that just by doing one little action, it can change the world. I really enjoyed this experience and hopefully we have inspired many people at our school.



Written by: Lulu Photo editing: Mei Saan and Isabelle

## Masarang Calendar 2017 - available in Kennedy School Office NOW!

As avid supporters of the great work of Dr Willie Smitts and the Masarang Foundation, we have the new 2017 Masarang Calendar available for sale in the school office for \$100 each. All profits goes directly to Masarang Foundation projects. Stock is limited, so please grab your copy quickly!

[Click here to see the adorable calendar!](#)

### Giant Sunflowers!

What a surprise to see some giant sunflowers in full bloom on the East Wing Roof on Monday. Some children planted them in their troughs to help attract butterflies and bees to pollinate their food plants. 5K have the largest....so far!



## 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:

<b>Dragons</b>	<b>Lions</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Unicorns</b>
Netball	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics

## Year 5:

<b>Dragons</b>	<b>Lions</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Unicorns</b>
Netball	Rugby	Hockey	Cricket

## Year 6:

<b>Dragons</b>	<b>Lions</b>	<b>Phoenix</b>	<b>Unicorns</b>
Camp Week			

**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.

## Speed Stacks – Now in Stock

Speed Stacks have arrived and are now in stock in the PTA Office for the remainder of this term only.

Cups only

Black Flame or Zippy Leopard - HK\$200

Pro Series 2 - White - HK\$230

Timer & Mat - HK\$350

Sets - includes cups, mat, timer and bag

Black Flame and Zippy Leopard - HK\$410

Pro-Series2 - White - HK\$450



## Island Netball A Tournament

On Wednesday 16 November the Netball A Squad competed in the Island A Netball Tournament. This tournament included netball teams from ESF and international primary schools from Hong Kong Island. It is the seeding competition for the final ESF Netball A Tournament which will take place in December, so we needed to do well to put ourselves in a good position. Our squad of 10 girls and an injured scorer/supporter were excited and ready to give their best and play their own game. I was very pleased with the team performance with everyone contributing to a successful, co-operative & flexible team. We played 8 matches in total, winning 6 of them convincingly. In our final match we narrowly lost 2-1 to Glenealy School who were the eventual tournament winners. This put Kennedy School in 3rd place behind GSIS - the best performance for a Kennedy School netball team in recent years! Well done to our Captain Tia Stearn for her wise words and to all the players for their excellent performance and fantastic team spirit. Thank you to Mr Brewster and all our parents for coming along to support and cheer for us.



## 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.

## 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.cyberun.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

[tlu@kennedy.edu.hk](mailto:tlu@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	<a href="#">Football, Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics, Kung Fu, Netball, Science, Writing Class, Japanese Class, Dance, Spanish</a>	ESF Educational Services
Various	<a href="#">Science Adventures, Stormy Chefs, Mission Runway – *NEW*</a>	Active Kids
Monday	<a href="#">Drama, Speech &amp; Communication Classes</a>	Starlit Voice
Monday	<a href="#">DIY Workshops - *NEW*</a>	Brainchild
Monday	<a href="#">Chess Lessons - *NEW*</a>	Hoyinping Chess
Monday	<a href="#">Fabric Fun</a>	Fabric Art
Various	<a href="#">Foundation's Orator, Filmmaker &amp; Novelist</a>	Foundation Academy
Wednesday	<a href="#">Bricks 4 Kidz - *NEW*</a>	Elite Bricks
Thursday	<a href="#">Art Classes - *NEW*</a>	Banana Art
Friday	<a href="#">Creative Writing and Publishing</a>	Elephant Community Press

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### *My Afterschool Diary*



### Hands-on Science Projects after every class!

#### *My Exciting Learning Topics*

- Junior Inventors' Club**  
Could you be the next great inventor? Discover the science and history behind some of the world's most famous and most useful inventions. Build a working camera and get dramatic with metal detection. Grow some big ideas and some amazing scientific devices!

### SCIENCE ADVENTURES Every Monday 3:15 - 4:15p.m.

We are a US-based, nationally accredited science program with over 35 years of developing and teaching science to children. Our philosophy of "learning-by-doing" and our fun, innovative approach has inspired thousands of children. All curriculum are imported. Children will learn and bring home their "Hands-On" projects after every class.



- Techno Workshop**  
Today we use axe or a chisel in combination with other simple machines to perform complex work. Machines help do work faster, with less effort and in the desired direction. The study of simple machines will open your children's eyes and will give them the expertise to make their work as easy as logistically possible.



### Construct your Collection of outfits!

*Brand New Topics in Term 2!*



### MISSION RUNWAY Every Friday 3:15 - 4:15p.m.

Mission Runway is a dynamic program that combines textiles, design and presentation all in one. Not only will students gain knowledge of how to conceptualize their creativity, but they will also learn to construct a collection of outfits to be presented in the final fashion show. At the end of term, students will showcase their masterpieces in a runway show!

#### *My Creative Missions*

- Develop creativity and original ideas**
- Develop a sense of fashion and design**
- Encourage children to perform, organize and sharpen their presentation skills**



### Bring something delicious home after class!

*Brand New Recipes in Term 2 & all kids receive Recipes Booklets and Aprons!!*

#### *My Yummy Recipes*

- The Wonders of Flour**
- The Wonders of Veggies**
- The Wonders of Grains**



### STORMY CHEFS Every Thursday 3:15 - 4:15p.m.

This year our Stormy Chefs will explore the 3 Food Wonders. Meeting once a week, kids will have fun cooking something delicious and native to each ingredient. You will be impressed by all the yummies your child brings home!

### Afterschool Programs | Holiday Camps | Birthday Parties

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Flat A, 1/F, Nan Sang Building, 86 Belcher's Street, Kennedy Town, HK

# UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5K</li> </ul>
23 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Bake Sale – 4D, 4M</li> </ul>
24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5A</li> </ul>
25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5D</li> </ul>
22-25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 6 APA Camp (Wong Yi Chau)</li> </ul>
30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 Mini Exhibition for parents, 1:45 – 3:00 pm</li> </ul>
1 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swire Christmas Street Fair (Senior Choir (Y6 only)) – Taikoo Place</li> <li>Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations with Chinese Teachers</li> </ul>
2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am</li> </ul>
3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Carols (Senior Choir) - Elements</li> </ul>
5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 2 show, Lower Playground, 1.45 – 2.30 pm (gates will open at 1.30)</b></li> <li>PTA Choir/Carols evening, Lower playground, 6:30 – 7:30 pm</li> </ul>
<b>9 December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Term 1 ends at 12noon</b></li> </ul>
10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Carols (Senior Choir) – IFC (near the cinema), 2.30 – 3.30 pm</li> </ul>
3 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 2 Starts</li> </ul>

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

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