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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Mr. Brewster has been out this week recruiting for ESF and will return on Monday.

It's been a busy week as Mrs. Davies hosted a group of students and teachers from CHIJ School in Singapore. She shared the beautiful, redeveloped green spaces with the students and provoked them to think of ways of making their school a green school.

The Year 1s were out and about checking out the local environment in a walk up to West Island School as they start to inquiry into the concept of location. The 2s have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming Christmas show and are getting more and more excited with each passing day.

The Year 3 students are tuning into a very new and exciting unit on signs and symbols. Classes have been sorting different signs and symbols that they have seen and did a challenging picture sort to decide how to categorise them.

In Year 4 the children were busy researching their chosen natural disaster ready to present to parents and students Wednesday next week. Children have been working in small groups creating artwork, poetry, writing explanations, investigating and creating presentations.

The 5s have been hoping for sun to run an experiment around solar energy but unfortunately the weather hasn't been very cooperative. They'll try again soon. The 6s braved the elements and had an amazing time on Year 6 camp.

All and all it's been another typical week around Kennedy School!

I'd like to remind you and invite you all to our PTA Choir and Carols Concert on Monday, December 5th from 6:30-7:30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there to help us ring in the holiday season. Have a wonderful weekend.

Josh Blue
Vice 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.



The following staff run activities will be available to the students in Term 2.

STAFF RUN ACTIVITIES 2016/17, Term 2

DAY	ACTIVITY	SIGN UP? Gateway / Google form / email?	YEAR	MAX. NO	VENUE	TIME	DATES	EXCEPT DATES	TEACHER	COST PER TERM
MON	<i>NO STAFF RUN ACTIVITIES OFFERED ON MONDAYS DUE TO STAFF MEETINGS.</i>									
TUES	Netball Dev Club	Gateway	Y4	24	KS Lower P/Ground	3:15 - 4:15	3rd Jan - 28th March	31st Jan	Mrs Sheward	\$250
	Garden Club	Gateway	Y3-6	12	East Wing Roof	3:15- 4:00	3rd Jan - 28th March	31st Jan	Mrs Davies	\$100
	Tournament of the Minds	By invitation	Y5 / Y6	30	Hall	Lunch	TBA	31st Jan	E Navin	\$100 (for final team only)
	Senior Choir	Gateway	Y5 / Y6	100	Hall	3:15 - 4:15	3rd Jan - 28th March	31st Jan	Mrs GG	\$100
	Minecraft Club	Google Form	Y5 / Y6	25	ICT Suite	3:15 - 4:15	10th Jan - 21st March	31st Jan	Mr Tibble	\$100
WED	Netball Dev Squad	By invitation (google form)	Y5 / Y6	20	Lower P/Ground	3:15 - 4:15	11 Jan - 29 March	1 Feb (CNY)	Mrs Khemlyani	\$250
	Battle of the Books	Term 1 participants only	Y5 / Y6		Library	12.30- 1.30	4 Jan - 29 March	1 Feb (CNY)	Ms Mifsud / Mr Blue	No fee
	Junior Choir	Gateway	Y3/Y4	100	Hall	3:15 - 4.00	4 Jan - 29 March	1 Feb (CNY)	Mrs GG	\$100
THURS	Running Club	Gateway	Y5, Y6	30	Running track	5 Jan – 30 March	TBC	23rd March	Mrs Tait, Mr Moore, Mr Richardson	\$250
	Storytelling Club	By invitation only	Y5/6	TBA	Library	3:15- 4:15	TBA (competition dates not out yet)	23rd March	Mrs Judy Lee	\$100
	Homework Club	Gateway	Y5/6	15	Room 146	3.15- 4.15	5 Jan - 30 March	23rd March	Mrs. Moore/Ms. Woodall	\$100
	Drawing Club	Gateway	Y4/Y5	15	Room 145	3.15- 4.15	5 Jan - 30 March	23rd March	Mr Roscoe	\$100
	Tournament of Minds	By invitation	Y5/6	30	Hall	Lunch	TBA		E Navin	\$100 (for final team only)
	Orchestra	Gateway	Y4-6		Hall	3:15 - 4:15	5 Jan - 30 March	23 March	Ms. Barrie/Mrs GG	\$250
FRI	Chinese Music Ensemble	Gateway	Y3-6		Music Room	3:15 - 4:15			Mrs GG	\$1,350

There is still the possibility of some more sports clubs starting up, however, we are still working on the venue for these. We hope to be able to confirm the following shortly:

- Rugby Squad – Y5 & 6 (Thursday – 3.30 – 4.30 – pick up from Kennedy)
- Rugby Development Squad – Y3 & 4 (Thursday – 3.30 – 4.30 – pick up from Kennedy)
- Basketball Squad – Y5 & 6 (Monday – 3.30 – 4.30 at Kennedy Lower Playground)
- Hockey Squad – Y5 & 6 (Friday – 3.30 – 4.30 – pick up from Kennedy)
- Hockey Development Club (Thursday – 3.30 – 4.30 North Wing Roof at Kennedy)

For those clubs where the sign-up will be done via the Gateway, the online registration will open on Wednesday 30th November at Noon.

To sign up via the Gateway login to your Gateway account

- 1) On the Gateway homepage you will see your child(ren) at the top left of the screen. **Please click on the photo of your child**
- 2) Several new buttons should appear – one of which is "Activities". Please click on this and the activities sign-up page will appear.

The closing date for registrations will be 3rd Jan at 12noon.



The fee will be automatically deducted from your child's ePayment account **after 20 January**. We will not send an email to confirm your enrolment. Please login to your Gateway account to check.



Outside Agencies Activities – provided by external agencies who hire the school's facilities. Please contact those agencies directly to sign up.

ESF Educational Services Ltd. offer a broad and diverse range of out of school sports and language programmes for children, making use of the facilities at ESF schools. Please contact ESF directly. www.esf.org.hk

LAST SESSIONS FOR STAFF RUN ACTIVITIES BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Please take a note of the last sessions for staff run activities before Christmas.

Day	Staff Run Club	Last session for Term 1
TUESDAY	Senior Choir	Last session on 6 December
	Film Club	Last session on 6 December
	Word Play	Last session on 6 December
	Maths ICT Club	Last session on 6 December
	Y4 Boys & Girls Football	Last session on 29 November
	Library Club	Last session on 29 November
	Chinese Speech Club	Last session on 6 December
	Breakfast Fitness Club	Last session on 6 December
WEDNESDAY	Netball Squad	Last session on 30 November
	Dragon & Lion Dance	Last session for Term 1 will be on 7 December – club will continue in Term 2 until 18 January
	Junior Choir	Last session on 7 December
	Valley Hockey Academy	Last session on 7 December
THURSDAY	Orchestra	Last session on 8 December
	Fine Motor Skills	Last session on 8 December
	Girls Football	Last session on 1 December
FRIDAY	Boys Football (Yr 5 & 6)	Last session on 1 December
	Chinese Music Ensemble	Last session on 2 December



GREEN NEWS



Singapore School Visit

We hosted CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace School from Singapore this week at Kennedy School. They contacted us because they wanted to find out more about our environmental education programme and how to green their own school. Thank you to our parents; Julie, Jia and Mansha for volunteering to come in and support our garden programme. Thanks also to our year 4, year 5, SEPA and Chinese teams for creating activities and engaging with our visiting students. It was so successful, they have already asked if they can come again next year.



Masarang Calendar 2017 - available in Kennedy School Office NOW!

As avid supporters of the great work of Dr Willie Smits 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!](#)



ESF SPORTS WINTER CAMPS

13 - 30 December 2016

ESF Sports camps, suitable for ages two and up, combine a range of age-appropriate, exciting and educational activities that aim to develop a core range of skills through to action packed game based development. Alongside our fun filled sports camps, we also host a series of 'sports clinics' where those children with a particular passion for one sport can further enhance their existing skills.

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ESF LANGUAGE & LEARNING WINTER CAMPS

28 - 31 December 2016

For kindergarten students, we have prepared a journey into the world of well-loved stories through a range of enriching activities to develop students' understanding of the world around them.

This course is a great opportunity for your child to develop their communication and language skills. Through a range of engaging and fun activities, Winter Wonderland builds confidence in a number of skills which are required in primary interviews, such as speaking and working with others.



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MESSAGE FROM THE IN DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the donations of games and puzzles, which have all been gratefully received so far. If anyone else wants to clear some space before the holidays, please send in the games you no longer use. Board games such as bingo, Scrabble, chess, Snakes and Ladders and similar are very popular. Likewise, 25-50 piece puzzles.

Thanks in advance for sharing with us and keeping our clubs going.

Cheryl Bloomfield
Learning Support Teacher



FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



PE Uniform

A reminder with the cooler weather here if you wear your tracksuit to school you need to ensure you have your full PE kit underneath.

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
Rounders & Cricket	Netball	Rugby	Hockey

Year 5:

Dragons	Lions	Phoenix	Unicorns
Athletics	Netball	Rugby	Hockey

Year 6:

Dragons	Lions	Phoenix	Unicorns
Athletics	Netball	Rugby	Hockey

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



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

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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, Mission Runway – *NEW*	Active Kids
Monday	Drama, Speech & Communication Classes	Starlit Voice
Monday	DIY Workshops - *NEW*	Brainchild
Monday	Chess Lessons - *NEW*	Hoyinping Chess
Monday	Fabric Fun	Fabric Art
Various	Foundation's Orator, Filmmaker & Novelist	Foundation Academy
Wednesday	Bricks 4 Kidz - *NEW*	Elite Bricks
Thursday	Art Classes - *NEW*	Banana Art
Friday	Creative Writing and Publishing	Elephant Community Press

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 20th to 23rd December and/or
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UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 Mini Exhibition for parents, 1:45 – 3:00 pm• Gateway registration for Staff Run Activities opens at Noon
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• Gateway registration for Staff Run Activities closes at Noon

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

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