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## **Kennedy School Newsletter**

No. 29, 21 April 2017



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term 3, I trust that everyone enjoyed their Easter holiday. It is a busy term ahead with many exciting events to look forward to including our Year 6 exhibition and Graduation. I had the pleasure to accompany 40 of our Year 6 students on the ESF Beijing trip the week before Easter. The weather was fabulous and the children experienced a rich Chinese language and cultural experience. The children were brilliantly behaved and a credit to our school. Over the Easter break we upgraded our phone system so please ring the new Kennedy number: 2579 5600.

#### More Babies

Three baby girls arrived over the Easter break. Congratulations to Mrs Norena McCready and her husband Dominic on the birth of Seren Jia Rae Browne, born on her due date 06/04/17, 3.94kg/8lb 10oz. Mrs Sarah Westmacott and her husband Andy welcomed Elle born 11/04/17 weighing 3.49kg/ 7.7lb, into their family. Finally, our part time dance teacher Kristen Ho and her husband, welcomed baby April Rory Gunn Komoru weighing 3.62kg. Enjoy the weekend!

JOHN BREWSTER, PRINCIPAL



2017	APRIL DATES
24 APR	YR 2 SYSTEMS TRIP - 2A, 2P (9:00AM - 2:00PM)
25 APR	YR 2 BAKE SALE - 2C, 2R
26 APR	MELODIA SHOW - YR2 AND YR3 (10:15AM - 12:30PM)
27 APR	MELODIA SHOW - YR4, YR5 AND YR6 (10:15AM - 12:30PM)
27 APR	YR 2 SYSTEMS TRIP - 2J (9:00AM - 2:00PM)
28 APR	3-WAY CONFERENCE - 2A
28 APR	ESF CELEBRATION OF DANCE
28 APR	YR 2 SYSTEMS TRIP - 2C, 2R (9:00AM - 2:00PM)

#### KENNEDY SCHOOL NEW PHONE NUMBER: 2579 5600



BEIJING IRIP







EXPRESS YOURSELF! CALL FOR COMMUNITY EXPERTS FOR THE YEAR 6 EXHIBTION Once again this year the Year 6 PYP Exhibition will fall within the transdisciplinary theme of How we express ourselves. Students will have the opportunity to inquire into a wide array of art forms and types of expression. They will explore in-depth a particular art form that resonates with them and build their exhibition around that. The exhibition process culminates with the exhibition itself on the evening of May 25th.

We are putting a call out to our parent and wider community in hopes of inspiring you to share your talents, passions and interests with our students. Last year we had several parents volunteer to work with small groups of students throughout the exhibition process.

Exhibition will begin in full swing after Easter but we wanted to start early with community support. If you think you might be interested please click the link here

https://goo.gl/forms VPpIyImoXHBHB6ed2

and fill in the form.

Any and all volunteers are welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>jblue@kennedy.edu.hk</u>

JOSH BLUE

VICE PRINCIPAL

#### **READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS**

Please come and join us on Thursday, May 4th from 6-7pm for a presentation and workshop about reading at Kennedy School.

A number of key areas will be addressed, including:

what reading looks like across the school

strategies that we use in the classroom

how we can inspire and appeal to our young readers

why reading is so important to the lives of both children and adults how we know where children are in their reading development and the assessment tools we use ways in which you can support at home.

The workshop will be interactive and give you the opportunity to engage with approaches for learning and teaching that your children use on a daily basis. This session is open to parents of children from all year groups.

Please express your interest in attending by signing up on the Google form link below: <u>https://goo.gl/forms/FjRGyjDcQYF09CH03</u>

Jeff Moore English Coordinator Josh Blue PYP Coordinator



#### 6S CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, we were treated to a class assembly which had been planned, written and choreographed completely by the children in the class.

We were transported 100 years into the future and given a glimpse of what life and learning might look like in 2117. Using Doctor Who's tardis, 6S then visited each year of their time at Kennedy School; highlighting the songs and dances from each year, as well as the newsworthy events and examples of their own learning. They shared music, dance and even live science experiments!

6S finished their entertaining and informative assembly by performing a Kennedy school rap that they had composed and choreographed them selves. I think we might have found our new school song!

Thank you to Mr Sweet, Mrs Lacy and Mrs GG for their support in helping the children to prepare, and all the parents for joining us for 30 minutes of entertainment. Well done 6S - we really enjoyed your assembly.

DEBBIE SHEWARD VICE PRINCIPAL

















#### **KENNEDY SCHOOL TERM 2 REPORT**

Please note that your child's Kennedy Term 2 Report is now available to view and download as a PDF document from the Gateway. This includes unit of inquiry 3 and 4.

We hope that you will share the report with your child in a positive way.

## <u>Please download and view/print the report from the Gateway by following the instructions below:</u>

• Login to Gateway (https://ks.tg.esf.edu.hk) and click the 'ARR Report' button:

Student Demographics	Medical Information	Attendance Report	ARR Report
Assessments	Activities	Foundation Activities	ePayment
After School Arrangement	Yr 7 Transfer Application		

• Select your child (if you have more than one child in the school) and click on the report you wish to view (i.e. "Kennedy 2nd Term Report"):

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PDF Report			
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16/17	KS	Kennedy 1st Term Report	
16/17	KS	Kennedy 2nd Term Report	
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• Save in the usual way to your preferred location and print if needed

**PLEASE NOTE** – the school reports may not display correctly when viewed or printed from within your web browser. If necessary, please:

- a) Download and install Adobe PDF Viewer from <a href="https://get.adobe.com/reader/">https://get.adobe.com/reader/</a> (any optional offers shown on the download page can be un-ticked/un-checked if you wish)
- b) Download and save the report to your PC or Mac
- c) Open the report using Adobe Reader
- d) Some school reports require Chinese Fonts to be installed. If prompted, please download and install them and then re-open the report PDF

If you have any difficulties please email <u>ITSupport@kennedy.edu.hk</u> stating your child's name and class.

Pamela Riordan ARR Coordinator

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE IN DEPARTMENT**

## The Brain: What we know today and how it impacts our children

#### About the Workshop:

This one-day workshop will cover brain functions, current neuroscience and its application to our children. Through a series of lectures, participants will leave with a multidimensional understanding of the brain and how it affects speech and language, sensory processing, cognition, emotional and self-regulation, motor planning, vision, behaviours, mitochondrial function and the gut. This workshop is for caregivers, clinicians and educators.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- An understanding of:
- o Brain functions and neurotransmitters o How neuroscience affects cognitive, behaviour and therapeutic intervention o The importance of attunement on the brain structures involved in attention, learning and emotional regulation o The science of sensory processing as it contributes to regulation and behaviour

- Participants will identify practical applications for their child

SPEAKER: Kim Barthel DATE: Saturday 10 June, 2017 TIME: 9-5pm VENUE: The Platform in Sai Ying Pun 1/F, 120 Connaught Road West Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong 2min walk from Sai Ying Pun MTR Exit A2 http://www.platform.hk/ REGISTRATION: Tickets are \$850 per person. Please register here (Eventbrite link). Seating is limited. Space is confirmed only when payment is received. Please register by: FRIDAY 26 MAY 2017

#### **About Kim Barthel:**

Kim is a world-renowned teacher and occupational therapist, actively supporting multi-disciplinary functions and healing in many cultures internationally. She is a pioneer in reinforcing the importance of relationship in therapy and education, and blending the art of intuitive inquiry with cutting-edge developments in neuroscience. Kim's specialties include Developmental Delays, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Mental Health, Complex Behaviour, Sensory Processing, Attachment, the Visual/Vestibular System and Neuro-Developmental Treatment. Kim's mission is to support the conscious evolution of the human spirit.





For more information, please contact us on snnhkevents@gmail.com

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT**



#### THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL ZHOU YOUGUANG CUP CHINESE TALENT SHOW ( HONG KONG), 2017

To better promote Chinese Culture and to strengthen Chinese education amongst Hong Kong's youngsters, Kennedy School together with other ESF schools are going to hold Zhou Youguang Cup Chinese Talent Show in June, at Kennedy School.

We also aim to use this event to showcase young Chinese learners' talent and to offer them a platform for communication. This year's event will be very special as it coincides with the 50th anniversary of ESF. Here are some basic information of the Chinese Talent Show:

#### PARTICIPANTS: Students of 4-18 ages old, in kindergarten, primary or secondary schools

**COMPETITION GROUPS:** 

- Chinese Native Speakers both parents are of Chinese origin, and using Chinese as her/his first language.
- Non Chinese Native Speakers with one or two non-background parents, or using other languages as first language despite the fact that parents are of Chinese origin.

USE OF LANGUAGE:

Putonghua is the only accepted language in speech items. Both simplified and traditional Chinese characters are accepted in writing items.

#### KEY REGULAIONS:

Every participant should select competition items matching their competition group and year level.

Every native speaker of Chinese can choose no more than three competition items that match their age group;

Lower primary (Year 1 - Year3) non-native speakers of Chinese can choose no more than two competition items. Upper primary (Year 4 -Year 6) and secondary non-native speakers of Chinese can choose no more than three items.

#### PRIZES:

Any participants whose total score from three competition items is the highest will be awarded the title of "champion" (kindergarten and lower primary non-native students only need to have the highest total from two competition items).

Champions will get a certificate of award and a special cup; they will also be qualified to enter the national final.

Each item from each group will have one first prize, one second prize and one third prize (a certificate will be awarded); additionally, there will be several awards of excellence (a certificate will be given to the winners). One or two extraordinary participants from this year's event will be chosen to be the "Chinese Culture Ambassador"; they will become the image ambassador showing up on Hong Kong region's poster for the year.

Please click <u>HERE</u> for detailed information. **REGISTRATION PERIOD:** From now on till May the 24th **REGISTRATION METHODS AND PAYMENT:** 

- Online Registration: Please register at <a href="http://www.apclta.org">http://www.apclta.org</a> Registration fees can go directly to HSBC (004) 450-4-046709. Please email the receipt with student's name and competition items to zhouyouguang2017@kennedy.edu.hk as the evidence for successful registration.
- Collected by Chinese teachers: Please download registration form for <u>Chinese Native Speakers</u> or <u>Non-Chinese Native Speakers</u> Fill up the form and hand it with crossed cheque to your child's Chinese teacher (Cash is not acceptable)

THE CHEQUE IS MADE PAYABLE TO: HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF PINYIN QUALITY EDUCATION (PYQE)

#### KENNEDY 2016-2017 – YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Kennedy School is very proud to present a fabulous momento of the experiences and memories our children have made throughout 2016 – 2017. This Year Book will be full of children's work, entertaining photographs, pictures of school wide events and students amazing achievements. Our aim is to feature all children within the dazzling pages we are designing.

The Yearbook will be available on a pre-ordered basis for HK\$ 300 per book.

In addition, if you or your company would like to make a generous donation towards the Yearbook, we will acknowledge and recognize your contribution by placing your name in the Yearbook as well.

To ensure your family receives their pre-ordered copies in June, please complete the form below and return it to the class teacher along with the cheque payment by the new extended date Friday, 28th April 2017.

Yearbook order form here



#### **MESSAGE FROM PTA**





#### KENNEDY SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The lovely photographs that are taken at events such as Sports Day and Chinese New Year, are now available to purchase.

Currently pictures are available for: <u>Kennedy Tag Rugby tournament</u> - Newly added to album <u>Chinese New Year - Newly added to album</u> <u>Year 2 - Old Fashioned School Day</u> <u>Sports Day - Years 1 and 2</u> <u>Sports Day - Years 3 and 4</u> <u>Sports Day - Years 5 and 6</u> <u>Year 4 show</u>

If you would like to order a copy of a photograph you may do so through the PTA Office - they will be printed on photograph paper in glossy format in a choice of 4R, 5R or A4 sizes.

#### Photograph Order Form

Please note that not all children are featured in the photographs for a particular event, and if your child is not in one of the pictures in our current album - it may be that they will be for future events.

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT**



#### INTERNATIONAL RUGBY DAY AND KENNEDY SPORTS UPCYCLING

A big thank you to everyone who dressed up today and contributed to the Pass it Back Initiative in Laos.

#### HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAMME

Registration for Phase 3 of the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association Learn to Swim Programme will commence on March 31st 2017. The Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association Learn to Swim Programme provides 20 hours of free swimming coaching suitable for Y2 non swimmers at 33 swimming clubs across Hong Kong.

For further information and to access an application form please click  $\underline{\mathsf{HERE}}$ 







#### **KENNEDY SCHOOL HOUSE POINTS**



#### CIS CHARITY BIATHLON - 23RD APRIL 2017

I'm pleased to announce that we will be running a charity biathlon here at CIS on the morning of Sunday 23rd of April 2017. The biathlon will consist of a sprint swim followed by a short break and then a sprint run event up at the field.

Please see the attached  $\underline{\text{POSTER}}$  and  $\underline{\text{ENTRY FORM}}$  for details of the distances.

All proceeds from the race will be donated to Plastic Free Seas. Plastic Free Seas is a Hong Kong based environmental charity dedicated to advocating change in the way we all view and use plastics in society today, through education and action campaigns.

#### http://www.plasticfreeseas.org/

We have an optional 'Orange' theme - please wear your best Orange coloured gear to compete/support in.

#### PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR PART 2 OF OUR FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS (FMS) PROGRAMME

STARTING TUESDAY 25TH APRIL FOR 1R & 1S. ALL OTHER CLASSES FROM 5TH MAY. PARENTS CAN GET ALL INFO & SIGN UP HERE. 3 PARENTS NEEDED PER CLASS!

#### **TERM 3 - SUMMER SWIMMING TIMETABLE**

Next week the school Summer Swim Programme will commence. A weekly schedule will be included in the school newsletter and posted on the PE Noticeboard outside the gym for the duration of the programme.

All children are required to attend these essential life skill lessons. Those children not attending sessions must provide a valid doctor's note.

Every class will receive seven 30 minute sessions during the Swimming Unit. In case of inclement weather, the swimming teachers will go to the classroom or octagonal playground and teach water safety to the younger students along with simple, practical water safety techniques to the older children.

The price of swimming is \$80 per child per session. This price is excellent value and covers the cost of the swimming teachers and the hire of the pool.

To be prepared for swimming every child requires:

Kennedy School swimming kit - swimming costume or shorts/jammers.

Swimming cap for ALL children with hair below the tops of their ears.

Large white t-shirt or swim robe

Waterproof shoes, crocs or sandals for walking to and from the pool.

Large towel, preferably a beach towel.

A strong waterproof bag.

Swimming kit, swim caps and swimming bags are all available from the PTA Office.

A rash vest is highly recommended for sun protection but is not compulsory. Swimming goggles are also highly recommended. Please ensure goggles are measured to fit your child prior to their lesson to avoid your child losing pool time.

The schedule for the first week is below. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit on their swimming day:

Friday
April
28
8:45 - 9:15
6P
9:15 - 9:45
65
9:45 - 10:15
6M
10:15 - 10:30
Break
10:30 - 11:00
6RO
11:00 - 11:30
6R

Summer Term 2017 Confirmed Swim Lesson Dates								
Class	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Notes
1A	02/05	09/05	16/05	23/05	06/06	09/06	13/06*	
1B	02/05	09/05	16/05	23/05	06/06	13/06*	22/06	
1M	02/05	09/05	06/05	23/05	06/06	13/06*	22/06	* denotes swim safety
1R	08/05	15/05	22/05	05/06	09/06	12/06*	19/06	lesson
15	08/05	10/05	15/05	22/05	05/06	12/06*	19/06	
2A	08/05	15/05	22/05	05/06	12/06	16/06	19/06	
2C	08/05	10/05	15/05	22/05	05/06	12/06	19/06	
2R	05/05	12/05	19/05	26/05	02/06	09/06	16/06	
2J	05/05	12/05	19/05	26/05	02/06	09/06	20/06	
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4D	10/05	17/05	24/05	31/05	07/06	14/06	21/06	
4J	05/05	12/05	19/05	26/05	02/06	09/06	16/06	
4M	05/05	12/05	19/05	26/05	02/06	09/06	16/06	
4S	10/05	17/05	24/05	31/05	07/06	14/06	21/06	
5A	02/05	09/05	16/05	23/05	06/06	13/06	22/06	
5J	05/05	12/05	19/05	26/05	02/06	09/06	16/06	
5D	02/05	09/05	10/05	16/05	23/05	06/06	13/06	
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6D	28/04	17/05	24/05	31/05	07/06	14/06	21/06	
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6S	28/04	17/05	24/05	31/05	07/06	14/06	21/06	



#### ALL YEARS ASSEMBLY DATES / TIME: 8:30 - 9:00AM

#### CLASS ASSEMBLY YR1 AND YR2

26 APRIL YR 1 ASSEMBLY - 1R 10 MAY YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2C 24 MAY YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2R 7 JUNE YR 1 ASSEMBLY - 1S

#### CLASS ASSEMBLY YR3 AND YR4

9 MAY YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 4S 23 MAY YR 4 ASSEMBLY - 4M 6 JUNE YR 3 ASSEMBLY - 3W

#### CLASS ASSEMBLY YR5 AND YR6

20 APRIL YR 6 ASSEMBLY - 6S 11 MAY YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5A 25 MAY YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5D 8 JUNE YR 5 ASSEMBLY - 5K

#### **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	ΑCΤΙVΙΤΥ	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	ACTIVE KIDS <b>(TERM 3)</b>
MONDAY	DRAMA, SPEECH & COMMUNICATION CLASSES	STARLIT VOICE <b>(TERM 3)</b>
MONDAY	DIY WORKSHOPS	BRAINCHILD <b>(TERM 3)</b>
MONDAY	CHESS LESSONS	HOYINPING CHESS (TERM 3)
MONDAY	FABRIC FUN	FABRIC ART
VARIOUS	FOUNDATION'S ORATOR, FILMAKER & NOVELIST	FOUNDATION ACADEMY
WEDNESDAY	BRICKS 4 KIDZ	ELITE BRICKS
THURSDAY	DISCOVERY DOME	ASTRO CLUB <b>(TERM 3)</b>
THURSDAY	<u>ART CLASSES</u>	BANANA ART <b>(TERM 3)</b>
FRIDAY	CREATIVE WRITING AND PUBLISHING	ELEPHANT COMMUNITY PRESS

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#### HONG KONG AUSKICK - AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL PROGRAM

HK Auskick provides the introductory Australian Rules Football program in HK for boys and girls from 4 to 14 years old, catering to all skill levels and highly compatible with any football background or passion. In conjunction, Hong Kong Junior AFL provides further training, development and the opportunity to play games in age groups from U8 to U15.

The programs makes learning to play the team game of Aussie Rules fun, safe and easy for kids. Through weekly coaching sessions the players will learn the skills of the game in an exciting, social and safe environment. It also provides a great opportunity for parents to interact with their kids during the activities and make new friends across Hong Kong around the greatest game on earth.

The 2017 season in Hong Kong commences on the weekend of 29/30 April and runs until early September, making it a perfect off-season fit with other football codes. A modified program is conducted across most of July to cater for summer holidays. Sessions are hosted by 5 Clubs based in 4 main locations across Hong Kong: Kowloon (and Sai Kung), Lantau Island (DB), Sandy Bay (Pok Fu Lam) and Happy Valley.

In 2017 our players of all ages will also have the opportunity to participate in a touring party that will travel to Shanghai on the weekend of the inaugural AFL main season game on 14 May between Port Adelaide and Gold Coast. Players will have the opportunity to participate in football events on against other travelling clubs and on the ground of the main game. We are also in the final stages of confirming our participation in an AFL game in Melbourne during the HK summer holidays, stay tuned for details.

Details of the Hk Auskick 2017 season, including registrations, are available on our website: <u>http://</u> <u>auskickhk.com</u> and you can keep up to date with our activities by liking us at <u>http://facebook.com/auskickhk</u> Complete your Early Registration by 23 March 2017 to ensure your kit is available prior to kit collection for the first session weekend.

Our program is run entirely by volunteers, and the success of our program and at each of our locations is on us all. If parents have the time or skills to contribute then please let your Club know during the registration process or email us at <u>hk.auskick@gmail.com</u>











## Kennedy School Hong Kong DISCOVERY after Easter Thursdays DOM ASTRO CLUB

THE ONLY AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE ASTRONOMY CLUB IN HONG KONG USING A MOBILE PLANETARIUM.



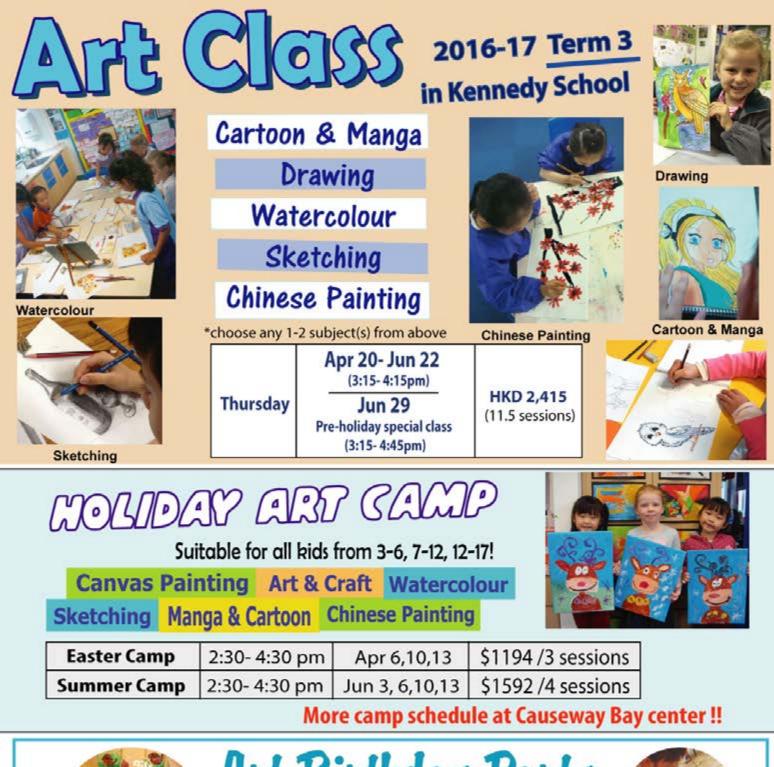
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Years 3-6





Party Game

Tailor made cake

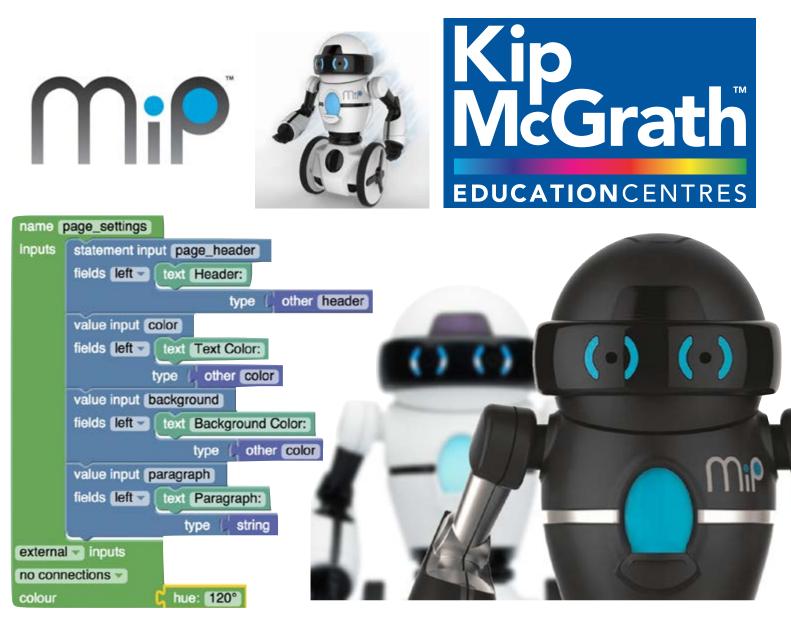
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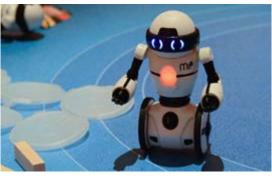
Basic decorations, Music and Balloom

Register: www.bananaartclub.com

Enquiry: bananaartclub@gmail.com



## STEM Coding - MIP1 Beginner Level 10 Lesson Course



## ESF Kennedy / Bradbury

Every Tuesday 3.15 - 4.45pm Beginning 25th April.

A ten lesson introduction to coding for beginners aged 6-9. Keep your children abreast of technology as it happens. The science of tomorrow is here today. Ask about our Regular classes and ASA programme. We have courses available for all levels and ages.

### To enrol call us at : 2291 6188



