



ENGLISH SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION



Year 2:

Community Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we had many parents and friends visit the school for a number of exciting events that were going on. The Year 5 Enterprise business panels, the Year 2 Community Day and our fabulous choir performance this afternoon. We were even visited by Dr Dog and their canine friends!

Stop Fidgeting!

Many of our children have been bringing to school spinners and fidget toys as part of a new craze! These toys are a fabulous support for children that suffer ADHD or have other learning disorders, to enable them to focus by providing the necessary external stimulation. This helps children regulate themselves to optimise their learning.

For other children these toys can do the opposite, by over stimulating them and actually causing them to fidget and not concentrate!

With our children being exposed to so many external stimuli including iPads, TV and computer games, the last thing they need is more stimulation.

Our children need to learn to be calm, and actually cope with the normal state of being bored!

For this reason I have decided to BAN these toys unless your teacher has written to you suggesting it will aid your child's concentration.

Going out and playing football or reading a book is much better than staring at a spinning toy!

So stop fidgeting and spinning and get outside this weekend.

Book Fair

We are having our first Kennedy School book fair next Friday 26th May. This is a great opportunity for children and parents to buy some "real" books for the summer break. (Please see attached poster).

JOHN BREWSTER, PRINCIPAL



2017

MAY DATES

22 MAY	YR 5 MARKET DAY 11AM - 12:30PM
24 MAY	ISLAND CRICKET 8:30AM - 12:30PM
24 MAY	YEAR 1 BAKE SALE - 1A, 1M, 1S
25 MAY	YEAR 1 PARENT CONSULTATIONS WITH CHINESE TEACHERS - EXCEPT AMY NGAN'S CHINESE GROUP
25 MAY	YR 6 EXHIBITION - 6:00PM
26 MAY	SUMMER BOOK SALE - HALL
27 MAY	KELLET ORCHESTRA WEEKEND. CONCERT AT 3:00PM (KELLET KOWLOON CAMPUS)

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

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

To assist us with class planning for the 2017/18 school year, if you are intending to withdraw your child/children from Kennedy School, please complete the [Student Withdrawal Notice](#) and submit to Anne Adams, Admissions Manager: admissions@kennedy.edu.hk. Just a reminder the student withdrawal deadline in Wednesday 31st May 2017.



**THIS WEEK
IN PICTURES**



MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE



The Education Bureau and the CHP are asking the community to stay vigilant against the spread of Influenza and other Respiratory Infections.

The government has seen an increase in outbreaks of Influenza within the past few weeks, and are therefore recommending that parents check their child's temperature daily before sending him/her to school.

Influenza A & B, also called the flu, is caused by a virus. Flu symptoms usually begin quickly, they will appear 1-7 days after having been in contact with the virus. Some of the symptoms like fever will normally begin to go away after 2-4 days, however a person with Influenza is often contagious from 1 day before symptoms start to 5-7 days after.

Symptoms may include: Fever above 38,8C/102F, body aches, dizziness, headache, lack of energy, nausea and vomiting, runny nose, sore throat and coughing.

Influenza mainly spreads by contact with nose or throat discharges, saliva, or after touching contaminated objects.

There is no specific treatment for Influenza and antibiotics will normally not have any effect on the flu virus. The infected person should drink plenty of water and take adequate rest, and may receive symptomatic treatment to reduce fever and pain. In most cases, a child's body, with the help of the immune system, will get rid of the virus over time.

To avoid spreading the disease to other people in the household, please make sure that the infected person covers his/her mouth when coughing or sneezing (if using a tissue, discard straight away); washes hands frequently and always after having been outside, after going to the toilet, before eating and after wiping/blowing nose, coughing and sneezing. Please encourage the infected person not to share eating utensils.

Should your child show any symptoms of sickness, please keep your child at home and consult your doctor if needed. Any child with a fever is required to stay home an additional 48 hours after the temperature has come down to normal (below 37.5C/99.5F) without the use of fever reducing medication. Viral infections are very contagious; sending your child back to school before completely recovered will increase the risk of passing the virus on to others. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Kennedy School Health Professionals at nurse@kennedy.edu.hk or phone 2579 5613.



MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY



BIRTHDAY BOOK

If your child has a birthday in June 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, their date of birth and 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.



Are you looking for some great books
to read over the summer holidays?

Kennedy School will be
hosting a Book Fair in the hall on

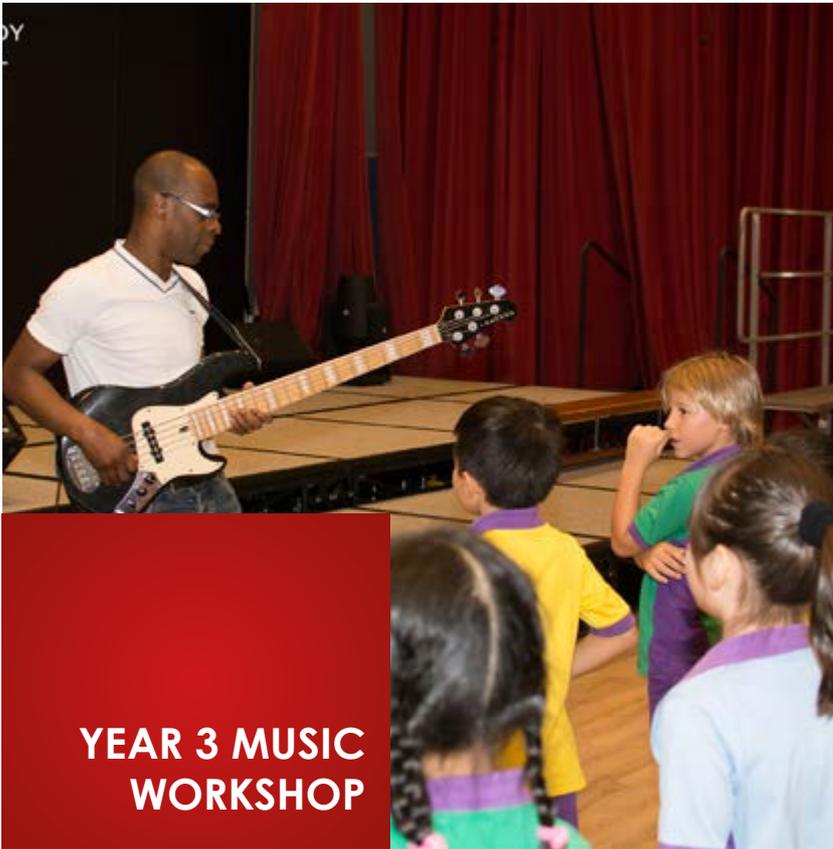
Friday 26th May

Parents welcome to come and buy
from 8.15-9am or 2.30-3.30pm.

Students will have the opportunity to
buy all day.

Bring along \$100-\$150

Don't miss out!!



YEAR 3 MUSIC WORKSHOP



The Year three children were participating in the Bassistry World Music workshops on Wednesday with Marcel and Sam. They explored rhythm rhyme and dance! Great musical fun was had by all. **MRS GG**



LOVE ANIMALS TALK!



We were delighted to welcome Karina from Animals Asia to talk to 21 classes this week. She brought with her two beautiful Golden Retrievers called Sunny and Jack along with their owners Colin, Karen and Grace. Our children learned what animals need and how to look after their pets. They were very keen listeners as their reward was to give our 4-legged visitors a cuddle. If you would like to know more about Animals Asia, please check out their website: <https://www.animalsasia.org/hk-en/>

THE YEAR 5 MARKET DAY



DATE: MONDAY 22ND MAY

TIME: 11.00AM-12.30PM

VENUE: LOWER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

A special invitation to Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 children.

As part of the 'Enterprise' unit of inquiry through the theme 'How We Organise Ourselves', the Year 5 children have spent 6 weeks researching, designing, innovating and producing an array of unique and personalised goods to sell at unbelievable prices!

Their hard work will culminate in the Year 5 Market Day where the rest of the Kennedy School students are invited to purchase the Year 5 products. This year we have a fine selection of arts & craft, stress balls, key chains, bookmarks, brownies, cookies, popcorn, lollipops and much, much more!

Prices range from around \$5 to \$20 and all profits will be donated to our four house charities. Every class will get an opportunity to visit the market so please help prepare your child with some pocket money to spend that day.

Thank you for your support!

The Year 5 team



**CHOIR
WORKSHOP**



An evening of Dance - Bollywood Style!

**Friday 9th June 2017
6:30 pm onwards**



With Fitness Guru and
Bollywood
Dance Instructor
Pooja Laungani
from Mumbai



**Tickets HK\$325 / person
from the PTA Office.**

**Includes delicious Indian Buffet
catered by Jashan**

Bar and buffet open 6:30pm



MESSAGE FROM THE P.E. DEPARTMENT

KELLETT INVITATIONAL AQUATHON COMPETITION

Congratulations to our Squad for their accomplishments at the Kellett Invitational Aquathon. The Aquathon consisted of a 250m swim followed by a 1km run.

Kennedy entered four teams into this event. All twenty two children can be extremely proud of their individual performances as for many it was their first such event.

The A team were runners up to GSIS by a single place. It could not have been any closer.

Special mentions to:

Leila Pimlott - First in the A Grade Girls Race
Samantha Welsh - Second in the A Grade Girls Race
Barney Tibbatts - Second in the A Grade Boys Race
Charlotte McMahon - Third in the B Grade Girls Race



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SWIMMING PROVIDER AQUADKIDZ

Despite the rainy weather this past week, we managed to carry out most of our lessons at the pool. For those children who sadly didn't get to swim, we visited their classrooms to share our knowledge of water safety at the pool and at the beach with videos, games and the designing of swim safety posters. Aquakidz considers this to be a critically important part of our swimmers learning, particularly given the environment we live in. Please always remind your child about pool and beach safety rules.

Training continues for the upcoming galas at Discovery College next month, with a lot of work this week going into perfecting diving skills.

Although the pool is now a comfortable 30c, some children, particularly those at the beginner stages, may still feel a little cool. To remedy this, Aquakidz recommends the use of wet suit style one pieces or jackets, which must be tight fitting to retain heat. May we remind parents that sun tops/ 'rashies' do not provide warmth, only sun protection for the skin.

We have lost several pairs of goggles this week which were loaned out to children who had forgotten theirs. If your child returned home with a pair of goggles that are tagged with a white plastic tie, please return next week. Thank you.

Aquakidz Team

WALL OF FAME

FACEBOOK

Please feel free to share your child's sporting achievements, whether with the school or an external club, on the ESF Kennedy School Facebook page.

Simply add @ESF Kennedy School and #kennedyschoolwalloffame to your post and it will be included in the school stream.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE THE PARENTAL PERMISSION OF EACH CHILD PICTURED

The Wall of Fame on the VLE will continue as a forum to the children to share their achievements with their peers.

KENNEDY UPCYCLING - BOOTS AND SHOES FOR THE LAOS RUGBY FEDERATION

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.

Thus far the school has collected over 600 pairs of shoes for the Laos children participating in the Pass It Back scheme. In total we have donated 1,229 pairs of shoes to various charities across Asia. A fantastic achievement.

The Laos Rugby Federation forwarded me this video of our previous donation of boots in action at the grassroots level. Towards the end of [THIS VIDEO](#) you will see children playing barefoot and the difference our work will make to them.

The Passitback website also has a good overview of the programme which is more than just about simply providing rugby into the Laotian community.

SWIMMING SCHEDULE - MAY 22ND TO MAY 26TH

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

N.B. LESSONS BLOCKED IN RED ARE MAKE UP LESSONS WHICH WILL NOT BE AT THE USUAL TIME FOR THAT CLASS.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May	May	May	May	May
22	23	24	25	26
				Y2 Science Workshops
8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15
2C	1A	4C	3T	2R
9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45
2A	1B	4D	3O	2J
9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15
2P	1M	4S	3S	4J
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45
1S	5D	6RO	3C	4M
11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15
1R	5A	6S	3W	5J
12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45
LUNCH	5K	6R	LUNCH	5S
12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
		13:45 - 14:15		
		6M		
		14:15 - 14:45		
		6P		

SWIMMERS OF THE WEEK.

Zahra Farooq 5D - Awesome attitude when learning flip turns. Thrilled to be able to perform the skill during her first lesson!

Damien Ling 1B - Excellent listening skills and great performance when swimming back stroke.

Ben Foster 5A - A very courteous leader of his group. Excellent demonstrator of back stroke.

George Watson 4M - Has impressed the teacher with his eagerness for constructive feedback, demonstrating his determination to improve.

Jackson Mobbs 5S - Good attitude towards instructions, and shows excellent leadership skills when fronting his swim lane.

Kieran Adair 4D - Great listening skills and attitude to learning, good lane leading in his group and has demonstrated excellent freestyle to his class.

Oscar Clifton 5J - Has worked hard to improve diving from the blocks in preparation for the upcoming galas. Attention to detail has created a speedier freestyle stroke.

Caspar Adams 5D - Demonstrated much improved swimming skills on freestyle and back stroke. Loves to help others in the class!

Ingrid Watkins 5K - Recognised for her giving her best effort in every lesson.

Harini Rajesh 1B - Great enthusiasm for learning all the new skills taught in her lessons.

Cindy Zhou 2J - Tried her best when learning big freestyle arms and keeping her face in the water.

Hermon Sarao 3T - Great effort each lesson. Continues to work hard on learning to swim with his face in the water and master a streamlined body.

KENNEDY SCHOOL HOUSE POINTS

LIONS	PHOENIX	DRAGONS	UNICORNS
			
1075	1084	1057	1200

GREEN NEWS



CIRCLE OF LIFE

Our Year 3 children are enjoying garden workshops with Ms Julie, Mr Melsom and our parent volunteers to learn about life cycles. They had fun harvesting seeds from our basil flowers to grow again. They learned about our native HK trees and how to take cuttings from plants. There were lots of oooos and ahhs when they got close up and personal with the FBI. No, not the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but nature's decomposers - Fungi, Bacteria and Invertebrates! Of course, our worm farm was very exciting and the children loved holding the Tiger worms and watching them wriggle.

IT'S MOSQUITO TIME AGAIN!



Reuse your spray bottles to make a natural, non-toxic mosquito repellent.



NATURAL MOSQUITO REPELLENT

small spray bottle

½ cup boiled water

1 tablespoon alcohol/witch hazel

6-10 drops essential oil: use any of these alone or any combination – lemongrass, any mint, lavender, citronella, eucalyptus, tea tree, neem, geranium, and litsea cubeba.

Method:

Pour the alcohol into the spray bottle. Add the essential oils and shake well. Add water, leaving enough room at the top so it will mix when you shake it. If you use a large spray bottle, ingredients can be doubled or tripled.

KENNEDY 2016-2017 – YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Kennedy School is very proud to present a fabulous moment 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, 26th May 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:

[International Rugby Day](#)

[Kennedy Tag Rugby tournament](#)

[Chinese New Year - Newly added to album](#)

[Year 2 - Old Fashioned School Day](#)

[Sports Day - Years 1 and 2](#)

[Sports Day - Years 3 and 4](#)

[Sports Day - Years 5 and 6](#)

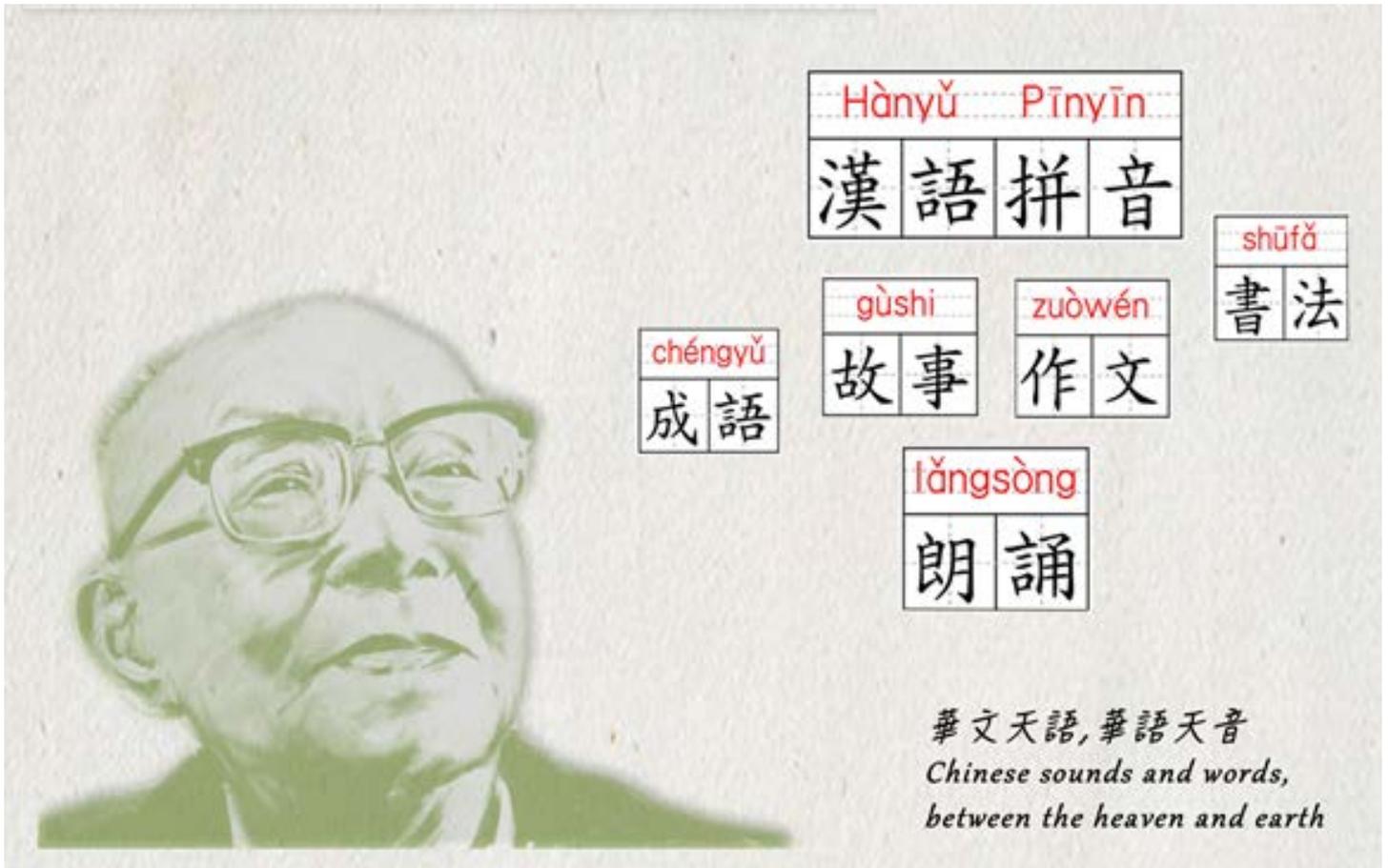
[Year 4 show](#)

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 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 REGULATIONS:

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 [HERE](#) for detailed information.

REGISTRATION PERIOD: From now on till May the 24th

REGISTRATION METHODS AND PAYMENT:

- Online Registration: Please register at <http://www.apclta.org> 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 [Chinese Native Speakers](#) or [Non-Chinese Native Speakers](#) 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 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.

Please download and view/print the report from the Gateway by following the instructions below:

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



- 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"):



- 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:

- Download and install Adobe PDF Viewer from <https://get.adobe.com/reader/> (any optional offers shown on the download page can be un-ticked/un-checked if you wish)
- Download and save the report to your PC or Mac
- Open the report using Adobe Reader
- 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 ITSupport@kennedy.edu.hk stating your child’s name and class.

Pamela Riordan
ARR Coordinator

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

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR1 AND YR2

24 MAY
YR 2 ASSEMBLY - 2R
7 JUNE
YR 1 ASSEMBLY - 1S

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR3 AND YR4

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

CLASS ASSEMBLY YR5 AND YR6

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	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	ACTIVE KIDS (TERM 3)
VARIOUS	STEM CODING	KIP MCGRATH EDUCATION CENTRES (TERM 3)
MONDAY	DRAMA, SPEECH & COMMUNICATION CLASSES	STARLIT VOICE (TERM 3)
MONDAY	DIY WORKSHOPS	BRAINCHILD (TERM 3)
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 (TERM 3)
THURSDAY	ART CLASSES	BANANA ART (TERM 3)
FRIDAY	CREATIVE WRITING AND PUBLISHING	ELEPHANT COMMUNITY PRESS

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