

Newsletter- 12/10/22



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Dates for Your Diary]

14 October	Get Redressed Day
17 - 21 October	Mid Term Break
01 - 04 November	School Photo
10 - 11 November	3-Way Conferences
16 December	Last Day of Term (school ends at 12 noon)
19 December - 06 January	Term Break
09 January	First Day of Term 2

Acting Principal's Message]

Dear KJS Families,

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, I met with the ESF Engagement (stakeholder) Manager last Thursday. We discussed current and past KJS stakeholder engagement initiatives and processes, as well as the ESF Engagement Toolkit and upcoming ESF engagement opportunities such as the ESF Stakeholder Survey. The ESF Engagement Toolkit was recently launched, and it provides ESF schools with useful guidance regarding engagement steps, engagement tools and platforms, and how to evaluate engagement. KJS will be working with the ESF Centre team to inquire into and try out various ways of connecting with and learning from our stakeholder groups.

On Friday, October 14 the KJS PTA will host its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 3 p.m. on Zoom. We encourage you to attend if you are available, as we will share some very important upcoming changes to the structure of our PTA. Another reason to support our PTA is that we hope that we will be able to host more PTA-sponsored events at KJS in the not-too-distant future, and, to do this, we will need more support in general.

Finally, The EDB has issued updated COVID vaccination information to clarify what being fully vaccinated means. I have included the information again for your convenience. As always, please ensure that you update your child's vaccination status through the

ESF App if it changes.

A) SINOVAC Vaccine

A.1 Students of any age above 6 months old are considered fully vaccinated if they:

- i. HAVE NOT had COVID19 infection and have 3 x doses of vaccine in total.
- ii. Are required to have 3 x doses of vaccine but are in the 'interval' period for their 3rd dose and intend to get their 3rd dose within 7 days of the interval period lapsing.
- iii. HAVE had COVID19 infection and therefore can have one less dose of the vaccine, that is 2 x doses of vaccine in total.
- iv. Tested positive with COVID19 infection within 14 days of their first vaccine dose, and therefore do not 'qualify' for one less dose and have received 2 x further doses of vaccine, that is a total of 3 x doses.
- v. Have never been vaccinated and HAVE had COVID19 infection can be vaccinated 30 days after recovery and must receive 2 x doses of vaccine in total.
- vi. Have had 1 x dose of vaccine at least 14 days prior to their COVID19 infection and therefore must receive 1 x dose of vaccine after COVID19 recovery.

B) BIONTECH Vaccine

B.1 Students aged 5 to 11 years old are considered fully vaccinated if they:

- i. HAVE NOT had COVID19 infection and have 2 x doses of vaccine in total.
- ii. Are required to have 2 x doses of vaccine but are in the 'interval' period for their 2nd dose and intend to get their 2nd dose within 7 days of the interval period lapsing.
- iii. HAVE had COVID19 infection and therefore can have one less dose of the vaccine, that is 1 x doses of vaccine in total.
- iv. Tested positive with COVID19 infection within 14 days of their first vaccine dose, therefore do not 'qualify' for one less dose and have received 1 x further doses of vaccine, that is a total of 2 x doses.

Kind regards and have a safe and enjoyable break.

Dr. Jamie Schmitz
Acting Principal
Kowloon Junior School

Government Student Grant 2022/23

Please be reminded that the deadline for submitting the application form for the EDB Student Grant is this **Friday, 14 October 2022**

If you haven't completed the form, you may refer to the guide here for more information. Kindly note that **incomplete or inaccurate information will cause delay** to your application.

If you have received a pink form, please **verify all the information, sign** and return it to your class teacher or the school office; if you have received a white form (including all Year 1 children), please **fill out all the required fields, sign** and then return it to your class teacher.

Get Redressed Day!

This Friday, October 14th is Get Redressed Day at KJS.

Children and staff are invited to wear casual clothes that have been borrowed or upcycled and bring in a small donation to support Redress HK.

We have had a lot of clothes being donated and wish to take this time to thank you for that.

If you haven't had a chance to clean out your closets yet, we are still accepting donations.

Thank you in advance for your support!

KJS Student Council

Clothing Donation (Redress)

Did you know?

170 tonnes of clothing are sent to HK landfills daily!

Dear Parents,

Every piece of clothing thrown away is a huge waste. We know that some people do not have the time to go to various places in HK and donate their clothes, but we have a solution for that. We would like to introduce you to an eco-friendly clothing foundation called Redress.



Redress is a local HK NGO whose mission is to reduce textile waste in Hong Kong. They will take old or used clothing and give them to people in need.

KJS is supporting Redress by setting up a clothing drive during the month of October. In doing this we will be helping Redress with its mission of making HK more sustainable AND we will be making a positive difference!

What You Need to Know: When - 6th of October - 14th of October How - students coming to school can drop off clothes at school in the allocated boxes Where - boxes will be in front of the office and outside the school gate	
What -	
What you can donate ✓	What you can't donate ✗
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Clothes that are too small- Clothes you don't need- Old clothes- Clothes you are bored of wearing- Clothes in good condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Damaged Clothing (with holes, rips, mould, stains, etc.)- Shoes, scraps of fabric, pillowcases, bed sheets etc.- Home Textiles

The process is simple. Your kids bring old or used clothes to school and put them in the boxes placed outside the school gate or the office. Please make sure that all the clothes you donate are **clean** and are in **good condition**.

We hope that you understand what a big problem this is, and support your child in creating a brighter, greener future for HK!

Looking forward to your help!

The KJS Student Council

ESF Sports & Language - Autumn Camps

17-21/10/2022



Make the most of the October break. Join us for some fun and adventure!

Arts & Languages

From unleashing creativity through magic, coding, scratch art or raising the roof with singing classes in our workshop, students will explore the Arts and technology this autumn. Our team of experienced and qualified educators have some amazing, hands-on activities in store for your children - just be careful our budding magicians don't make you disappear!

Sports

Stay active and healthy! A variety of sports are available for your children to keep up your children' energy. From swimming, Krav Maga, fencing and gymnastics! Develop your children' talents with our all-rounded programmes, taught by our passionate and professional coaches.

Online classes are also available!

Course Listing (Kowloon District): [HERE](#)

Hotline: 2711 1280

Email: info@esf.org.hk

Website: www.esf.org.hk

75th Hong Kong Schools Music Festival (2022)

If you wish your child to participate in the Music Festival, please submit the application form on the HKSMSA website **AND** pay the enrolment fee via ESF app by Wednesday, 25th October noon. Please be reminded that the enrollment would only be successful if parents complete BOTH actions before the deadline. Please find the details in the eNotice on Gateway (https://kjs22.tg.esf.edu.hk/src2/module/notice/notice_admin.php?action=/enotice)

Student Success]

The celebration of student success will channel to our Facebook page. You can find the school's Facebook here. Please keep the photos and stories coming of our children shooting the AAROW's of Success!

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