

Newsletter- 14/09/22



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Dates for Your Diary]

14 -15 September	You Tell Us Meetings
01 October	Public Holiday
04 October	Public Holiday
17 - 21 October	Mid Term Break
01 - 04 November	School Photo
10 - 11 November	3-Way Conferences
16 December	Last Day of Term (Half day)
19 December - 06 January	Term Break
09 January	First Day of Term 2 (school ends at 12 noon)

Acting Principal's Message]

Dear KJS Families,

On Tuesday, our Y5 students enjoyed a fantastic day camp experience led by Asia Pacific Adventure (APA). This was a make-up day for the Y4 day that was missed last school year because of bad weather. Outdoor education is highly valued at KJS and having the experience so early in the school year undoubtedly strengthened our students' sense of belonging. We have planned day camps for Y4-6 throughout the course of the school year and more information will follow in a timely manner.

I had the privilege of taking part in a Student Council development day last Friday, and I can say with confidence that student leadership and voice is alive and well at KJS. The energy and enthusiasm was palpable, and the students' solid understanding of the concept of leadership is really impressive. They are genuinely motivated to serve their fellow peers by being curious, listening more than they talk, and noticing instead of judging. I can't wait to see them take action in the near future.

Speaking of student voice, the opportunity to join the KJS Times team, once again, attracted a lot of attention. While we would love to provide every interested student the chance to be part of the KJS Times, we simply can't reasonably manage the numbers. Instead, students will be interviewed by staff members so that they are able to share their thinking about how they plan to contribute. This process will also help our students to decide if the high level of commitment needed is a good fit for them at the moment.

For those of you that plan to sign-up for after-school music lessons in the near future, I would like to inform you that we have secured the services of a local music tutor company, Tasto Music. This company has a lot of experience in this field and already holds strong connections with our current music tutors. We hope that the parent and student experience is a positive one.

Kind regards,

Dr Jamie Schmitz

Acting Principal

Kowloon Junior School

Y6 to Y7 Transfer Applications (Final Reminder)

Y6 to Y7 Transfer Applications will open on 1 September 2022. If you wish your child to transfer to an ESF secondary school, you are required to submit a transfer application via Gateway between 1 September and 16 September 2022 as stated in this ESF website <https://www.esf.edu.hk/year6-to-year7-key-dates/>. Please click here for instructions.

ESF will process and allocate according to an "associated secondary school" for Y7 placement. The associated secondary school for KJS is King George V School (KGV). This means all KJS Y6 students will transfer to KGV for Y7 for the 2023/2024 school year after submitting a transfer application before the deadline, i.e. 16 September 2022. Allocation for secondary school will be by "associated secondary school" and NOT determined by the residential address.

For further details, please refer to this ESF website <https://www.esf.edu.hk/year6-to-year7-key-dates/>. For any questions, please contact the ESF Secondary School Admissions Team at secondary.admissions@esfcentre.edu.hk.

Y1 Central Applications for Siblings (Final Reminder)

Y1 Central Applications will open on 1 September 2022. If you wish to submit an application for your child who was born in 2018 and is a sibling of a current KJS student, please do so through the ESF online application system.

For children who are currently with an ESF kindergarten, applications must be submitted through Gateway on or before 16 September 2022 as stated in this ESF website <https://www.esf.edu.hk/k2-to-year1-key-dates/>. Please refer to your child's respective ESF kindergarten for detail.

For other children, applications must be submitted on or before 30 September 2022 as stated in this ESF website <https://www.esf.edu.hk/year1-key-dates/>.

For further details, please refer to this ESF website <https://www.esf.edu.hk/application-form/>.

KJS Parent Volunteers 2022-2023 (Final Reminder)

With the latest EDB circular confirming that there will not be any impact on our current arrangement at KJS in terms of Covid management, we will continue recruiting parent volunteers for this year's field trips and in-school events. Please refer to the eNotice sent to parents via the ESF App on Monday 5 September.

Interested parents please log in to Gateway, sign the eNotice called "KJS Parent Volunteer 2022-2023" and submit your reply slip to us **on or before Thursday 15 September 2022**.

KJS Junior Duke Programme 2022-2023 (For All Students)]

Great news! Having seen the success and growing popularity of the Junior Duke programme across International Schools in Hong Kong, we are pleased to announce Kowloon Junior School are also going to be offering this exciting opportunity with the students, teachers and parents within our school community this academic year.

The Mini & Junior Duke Award is aimed at giving children the time and space to develop key skills such as resilience, organisation, self-motivation, and most importantly independence, needed in their future lives. Whether it's cooking a meal, fixing a puncture, organising an eco-event or hike, the Junior Duke Award gives participants the chance to develop a huge variety of important life skills.

The award program enables Primary school children to grow and develop into confident well-rounded individuals. In addition, the challenges set give families welcome valuable off-screen learning opportunities where they can bond through learning these important life skills. For more information please [click here](#).

To sign up, please log in to Gateway, sign the eNotice called "KJS Junior Duke Programme 2022-2023", submit your reply slip and pay the fee (HK\$200 plus HK\$6 payment processing fee) **on or before Friday 30 September 2022**. We accept payment via PPS, PayPal or credit card. Other forms of payment including cheques and cash will NOT be accepted. To know more about how to pay via eNotice on Gateway, please refer to this webpage www.kjs.edu.hk/payment.

For any questions, please contact me via the school office (office@kjs.edu.hk).

Best regards

Gillian Hadley

Sustainability Leader

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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