

Newsletter- 16/10/19



Kowloon Junior School's latest newsletter is available to read now.

Dates for Your Diary]

Friday 18 October	Y4-6 Assembly
Friday 25 October	Diwali Celebration Assembly
31 October & 7 November	3 Way Learning Conference (3-6pm)
Friday 1 November	Y4-6 Assembly
Friday 8 November	Y1-3 Assembly
12 - 15 November	School Photo
Friday 15 November	Bingo Night
Friday 22 November	Y1-3 Assembly
Friday 6 December	Whole school assembly
Friday 13 December	Last day of term - <u>Half day (finish at 12pm)</u>
16 December - 3 January	Term Break
Monday 6 January	First day of Term 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We trust you had a restful term break with your children. On Monday, our Student Council welcomed our School Council including three new members: Andrew Nowak (Chairperson Elect), Susanna Hung (Parent Representative) and Calvin Leung (absent - Community Representative joining us in November). We also farewelled Mike Hudson, who has been the KJS Chairman for the last five years and has served in various capacities at ESF for over 20 years. We thanked Mike for his

dedicated and valuable contribution to ESF and KJS. The foundation is so fortunate to have such skilled and knowledgeable community members willing to give up their time to support ESF and our children.

In two weeks, we have the first of our two Three Way Learning Conferences, where teachers meet with you and your child so that you can partner to achieve success for your child in the year ahead. Bookings for this incredibly important 15-minute meeting will **open tomorrow (17 Oct) at 5:00 pm**. Please make this a priority in your calendar tomorrow. In addition, Year 6 parents will have their opportunity to book Mandarin appointments.

We look forward to seeing you at school soon!

Kind regards

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Neill O'Reilly

Principal



Yearly Fee Collection]

To streamline fees and provide a sustainable solution to technology demands, we will continue collecting a lump sum from each child covering this year's activities, stationery, etc. Payment can be made by cheque or credit card through PayPal, and parents will be receiving another email with the details by the end of today (Wednesday 16 October 2019).

For parents who have not received the newsletter by tomorrow, please contact the School Office.

Message from School Nurse]

In an effort to be more sustainable, we will no longer be using single-use plastic bags to send wet or dirty clothes home. Instead, we have sourced washable and reusable bags to use. Please put the bag in the washing machine with any borrowed items of clothing and return them all to the School Nurse once clean and ready to be used again!

Wash Tips for the bags

- Machine wash at 30?
- Do not iron
- Do not tumble dry
- Do not bleach

Library News - Author Visit for Years 3-6, Unusual Reading Spot, Mother Tongue Book Donations and Readers, Celebrating Diwali in the Library, and Scholastic Flyers

Author Visit with Jan Latta, Author and Wildlife Photographer - Tuesday, 22nd of October



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Next Tuesday, October 22nd, Years 3-6, will have the opportunity to meet Jan Latta, author and wildlife photographer. Jan Latta will talk about her amazing adventures with wild and endangered animals that appeared in the recent movie, The Lion King. Some of her close encounters include lions, leopards, cheetahs, elephants, and a dangerous hippo.

Order forms were sent home with children before the holidays. If you missed it, please download the following form and return it to the library.

Please note that library lessons that morning will be cancelled but children are welcome to exchange their library books anytime during the morning, snacktime or lunchtime play.

Unusual Reading Spot Contest Winner Announcement

Thank you for everyone who participated in the Unusual Reading Spot Contest. Students have voted and the three winners are:

KJS Library



Yeji Jun (3J)



KJS Library



Teho Kim (3J)
**- Criminal
Medieval
Museum,
Rothenburg
ODT,
Germany**



KJS Library



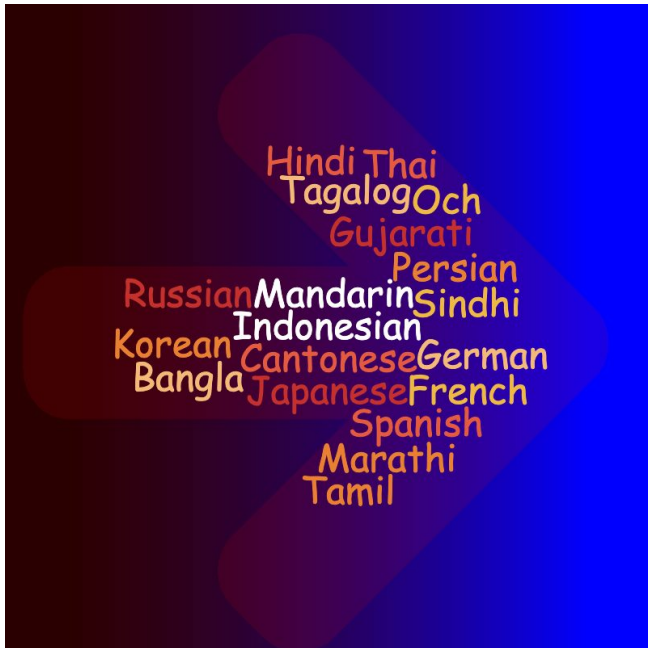
**Kaylee
Yeung
(4D) -
Niagara
Falls,
Canada**



Congratulations to the winners! We will have your pictures enlarged and decorated permanently in our Library. Also, a small gift will be awarded to each winner.

The next round of Unusual Reading Spot will be from now until after the December break. If you have any unusual reading spots, please email them to Ms. Lau at macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk. We look forward to receiving your new entries.

[Mother Tongue Book Donations and Readers](#)



After the first month of school and Who We Are Unit of Inquiry, we found that many KJS students speak another language at home (see above arrow for some languages identified). As such, KJS Library would like to expand our mother tongue book collection and encourage more students to read in their home language. In order to do this, we need your help.

You can help us in one of two ways:

- This October break, when you're on vacation in your home country, consider bringing back a book and donating it to our library.
- Please ask your child to borrow a book from our mother tongue collection and record a video for us. We will be putting a QR code on our books and link them to the videos.

Videos should include:

Record with your pointer finger following the text. Reading example.

- Read the title and author of the book.

Please return the book with a slip of paper that lets us know who read the book. Example: Dorothy Perkins, mother of Izzy Hui 3A. We will put this on the inside cover of the book permanently.

Email to Ms. Lau at macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk with the subject: mother tongue book recording. **Note:** we have tried asking parents and students reading it at school but there was too much background noise. Readings at home are more favourable.

Thank you for your support and let's get our children reading in their mother tongues!

[Celebrating Diwali in the Library](#)



KJS Library Team loves encouraging students to be internationally-minded by learning about different festivals that we celebrate at KJS. Diwali will be celebrated next week on October 27th and so, our library team has curated Diwali celebration books for our students to read and decorated our library with traditional ornaments. This year, we've asked Ms. Monil, from our library team, to explain the meaning behind the Diwali decoration.

Scholastic Flyers



Recently, some parents have emailed us regarding the sustainability of Scholastic Flyers that are handed out to children. We have communicated this with Scholastic and we wanted to share with you some action plan that KJS and Scholastic are taking.

- Students have the option of bringing the flyers home. For students with siblings, encourage taking one copy. Books can be delivered to one child.
- Extra flyers are collected by classroom teachers for them to recycle and use for learning purposes such as art projects.
- Scholastic is looking into setting up an online platform for students to order books and book fairs at KJS for the next school year.

Should you have any questions, please contact our library team at school or email Ms. Lau at macy.lau@kjs.edu.hk.

PTA Update]

PTA Event

We are really excited to share details of our next PTA event ? **Bingo Night on Friday, 15 November 2019 at 5pm**. Please refer to the flyer below. **Early bird tickets** are on sale now. As held previously, this will be a **non-alcoholic family event**. Siblings, parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to join in the fun.

KJS PTA Presents
"Halloween at Hogwarts"
Bingo Night

Friday, 15 November 2019
5-6:30pm @ The School Gym
Early bird offer: \$70 for child or adult,
if purchased before 1 Nov
From 1 Nov: \$80
Includes 5 games & light refreshments

Bring your own water bottle
Dress up as a character from Harry Potter
or your favourite Halloween character

The **Student Council** will be helping us with our family Bingo Night and we look forward to co-hosting this event with them.

KJS Socks

KJS white short socks are available for purchase from the PTA shop. The socks are priced at **\$60** of three pairs and are **optional**; they have been introduced as a convenient accessory for parents to purchase for their children.

Halloween Sales

The PTA will be holding sales of Halloween products on the ground floor of the school on **Thursday, 31 October 2019**.

We look forward to seeing you at our Halloween pop up store and at Bingo Night. Don't forget to **dress up** for **'Halloween at Hogwarts'**.

Kind regards,

Saloni Melwani

Chair, PTA

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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