

## Newsletter- 26/08/20



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

### **Dates for Your Diary]**

Thursday 1 October	National Day - <b>No school</b>
Friday 2 October	Mid-Autumn Festival - <b>No school</b>
Monday 5 October	ESF CPD - <b>No school</b>
Friday 16 October	Day before Mid-Term Break - <b>FULL Day Classes</b>
19 - 23 October	Mid-Term Break
Monday 26 October	Chung Yeung Festival - <b>No school</b>
Friday 11 December	Last day of term - <b>Half day (finish at 12pm)</b>
14 December - 1 January	Term Break
Monday 4 January	First day of Term 2

Dear Parents,

Thank you for participating in the 'You Tell Us' meetings. The feedback from teachers has been overwhelmingly positive!

This week the newsletter focus is on our Distance learning provision, the steps we took to get here, the current provision and next steps. Please take 10 minutes to look and listen.

View in PDF format, please click and download here

Finally, please take the time to participate in the School Council Elections. Details are below.

Kind regards

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Neill O'Reilly

Principal

### Election of Parent Member of the School Council



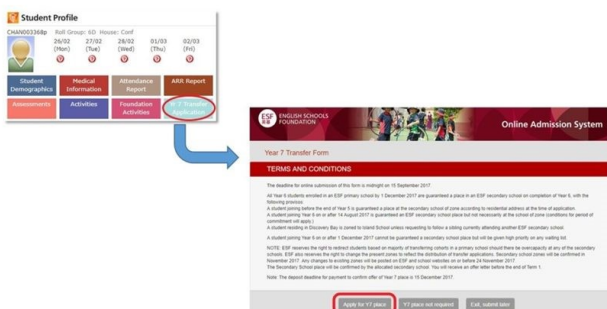
The deadline for nomination for candidates for election to a Parent Member position on the KJS School Council is this Friday 28 August. If you are an existing parent of KJS and would like to serve on the School Council, please submit your nomination to the school office by this Friday.

Please refer to a letter from the principal [HERE](#) .

### IMPORTANT ? Y6 to Y7 Transfer Application

This is an important notice to all Y6 parents. If you wish your child to transfer to an ESF secondary school, you are required to submit a transfer application for Year 7 (available only on Gateway) during the period **Tuesday 1 September- Friday 18 September 2020**.

### Gateway – parent clicks on Year 7 Transfer Application



Applications are processed according to **current residential address at the time of application**; change of residential address following submission of application and prior to entry to Year 7 will not be considered.

For further details, please refer to information available on the ESF website at <http://www.esf.edu.hk/year6-to-year7-key-dates/> for key dates and <http://www.esf.edu.hk/esf-zones> for school zones.

### Y1 Central Application for Sibling]

Year 1 Central Application for children born in 2016 will begin **from 1 to 30 September**. If you have a child who is a sibling of a current KJS student and wishes to apply, please do so through the ESF online application system during the Central Application period.

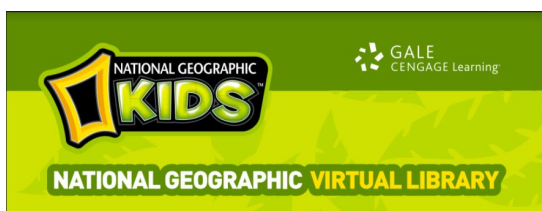
For further details, please refer to information available on the ESF website at <https://www.esf.edu.hk/application-form/>.

### Library News



The Library Team is excited to announce that we've subscribed to two online resources that will support children's love for reading and support Distance Learning at home. Both resources have been added to our **Library Splat page** with automatic login to the website so that a password is not required.

Here are the details of the two databases:



Teachers and students have always loved reading National Geographic magazines in the past. This virtual library means that you are now able to access issues as far back as 2009! Along with magazines, students can access books, videos and more, anytime of the day. Engage your children with the beloved collection that includes content appropriate for kids in areas of science, nature, space, archaeology and culture.

Here are two tutorials to bring you up to speed on how to navigate your way around Nat Geo Kid Virtual Library.

National Geographic Kids - Rock Your Projects

National Geographic Kids - Spark Your Child's Curiosity



Gale in Context is another trusted research database that is used amongst ESF secondary schools. This tool will enhance our suite of research tools available to students in addition to Pebble Go, Pebble Next and Britannica. We are delighted that students will now be able to find results for global goals related to their exhibition, where in the past, we had to research external sources of information on the internet. With this database, students can explore in an ad-free and safe environment with text suitable for primary level children.

Please have a look at the following three tutorials to learn how you can use the resource.

Gale In Context: Elementary - Enhance Elementary Education

Gale In Context: Elementary - Make Learning a Blast

Gale In Context: Elementary - Fun and Reliable Learning

We hope you enjoy these new additions to our Library online resources. Have fun exploring and reading!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at the Library.

### **Music Tutors - Online Music Lessons]**

During this time of distance learning, students can greatly benefit from engaging in a variety of learning experiences. Our KJS music tutors will be offering private instrumental music lessons online starting from September. Should you be interested, please contact the music tutors directly. KJS Music Tutors contact information can be found here: <https://www.kjs.edu.hk/useful-information/>

(click on the 'Registered Music Tutors 2020-2021' tab)

Our music tutors will offer flexible learning arrangements and music experiences that will enable students to progress through distance learning. Please contact the music tutors directly for more information.

## ESF and Other Notices]



### Write and Publish with Elephant Community Press!

ECP's Creative Writing Workshop at **Kowloon Junior** starts **Tuesday, 1st September** for Year 3-4 and **Thursday, 3rd September** for Year 5-6!



Students in ECP's creative writing and book publishing workshops study a particular genre of story and then plan and write their own to be published in an anthology with other students. Students learn to draft, revise and edit a story like real authors do, and the final books (published before Christmas break) are sold to support local charities.

\*This term, workshops will start online, but will resume in person when it is safe to do so. In the online format, students have a 30-min one-on-one session with the teacher every 2-3 weeks to provide individual support for revising. If classes resume in person, the revising will be done within the 1.5-hr group session.



#### Wild Hong Kong

Age: Years 3-4

Day: Tuesdays

Time: 3:00-4:00pm (online);  
3:00-4:30pm (in person)

Fee: \$310/session x 17 sessions (12 group + 5 one-on-one); \$425/1.5-hr sessions

Class dates: Sep 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24

When people think of Hong Kong, they think of skyscrapers and shopping, but our dear city is also home to abundant and diverse wildlife, from golden orb spiders and lantern bugs to pink dolphins and bamboo pit vipers. While some of these creatures may make city dwellers shiver and shake, they may have fears of their own. Students will learn about and develop a character based on one of our wild Hong Kong neighbours and tell the story of how it battled its phobia, one tiny step at a time.



#### Raining Cats & Dogs

Age: Years 5-6

Day: Thursdays

Time: 3:00-4:00pm (online);  
3:00-4:30pm (in person)

Fee: \$310/1-hr session x 16 sessions (12 group + 4 one-on-one); \$425/1.5-hr session

Class dates: Sep 3, 10, 17, 24, Oct 8, 15, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec 3

Inspired by Judi Barrett's *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, students in this collaborative workshop explore what ordinary life looks like in a small town until one day when the weather takes a turn for the strange. Each student develops a first-hand account by one of the residents of the town to create a collection of stories about "where they were when..."

#### Register online:

<http://www.elephantcommunitypress.com/schedules>

## 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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In accordance with our Personal Data Handling Policy, Kowloon Junior School and English Schools Foundation may place your child's photos, name, school work, activities and accomplishments in our newsletters or other publications (including but not limited to our websites and social media sites). If you would like to opt out, please email the school office at [office@kjs.edu.hk](mailto:office@kjs.edu.hk).