

Newsletter- 31/08/22



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Dates for Your Diary]

12 September	Public Holiday
13 September	Y5 Day Camp (2021/2022 Y4 Camp - Day 2)
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
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,

Our second week of learning and teaching is moving along beautifully at KJS. Our students are settling in well to their new year groups, and our teachers and EAs are focusing on supporting them to build positive relationships and constructive habits. One of our major improvement targets across the school is to get better at feedback. Specifically, supporting our students in seeking feedback, receiving feedback, and using it effectively to progress as learners. We are also working towards closer alignment between learning intentions, success criteria, and feedback. All of our teams are in the process of writing feedback action plans to implement, monitor, and evaluate over the next six weeks, and I have noticed the language of feedback already being amplified during several learning visits.

Some of you will have seen various media information about COVID case numbers in Hong Kong and full-day schooling. I am pleased to share that the latest EDB circular confirms that this will not affect the current arrangement at KJS for the time being. I will continue to keep you updated as the situation changes.

Connected with the abovementioned paragraph, is the topic surrounding students having three doses of the COVID vaccination and after-school activities. Again, this will not apply to KJS for the time being because of the third dose 12-year-old age requirement. Again, I will keep you informed as the situation develops. The other aspect linked directly to student vaccination numbers in schools, is the 90% threshold for eating lunch in classrooms. As I have previously mentioned, the need to use large dedicated spaces for lunch at KJS means that we can't use them for other important purposes, as well as limiting our school-wide timetable options significantly. We are currently at 67% for two doses (+14 days), so please update us via the ESF App if your child's vaccination status changes.

Finally, as communicated directly via the ESF App, we have our You Tell Us conferences coming up on 14/9 and 15/9 from 4 - 7 p.m. via Zoom. These conferences provide a focused platform for you (parents only for this format) to share your child's strengths, interests, and challenges with teachers so that we can further strengthen the home-school relationship. Gateway registration will open from 7 p.m. on 5/9.

Kind regards,

Dr Jamie Schmitz

Acting Principal

Message from School Office]

Please remember to update your child's daily Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and temperature results through the ESF App before coming to school, as required by the EDB.

We will continue distributing a pack of 5 RAT kits to your child on the last school day of each week. Please check her/his school bags after school. For further information on the ESF App and how to report the daily results, please visit this webpage.

In case of absences, please remember to email the school office at office@kjs.edu.hk as soon as possible explaining why your child is away from school. Please be precise and list the symptoms rather than saying he or she is 'unwell' or 'has a cold'. Information will be forwarded to our School Nurse for her reference and follow up, if necessary.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Message from School Nurse]

Please be reminded that there are other illnesses that can be transmitted here at school and that if your child is feeling unwell with symptoms such as runny nose, coughs or sore throats, to consider keeping them at home even if their RAT is negative.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and guardians that we ask that students who experience diarrhoea, vomiting or fevers should remain at home until 48 hours after their last episode.

I would like to thank you all for your help in keeping KJS a safe and healthy learning environment.

Student Health and Dental Care Services]

An enrolment form for Student Health and Dental Care Services was sent home earlier this week. For interested parents, please complete and return the form to Nurse Carmen on or before the deadline - Friday 9 September 2022. Please understand that any applications received after the deadline cannot be processed and you will have to wait until the next academic year to enrol again.

For details, please refer to this letter from Nurse Carmen.

Y1 Central Applications for Siblings]

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/>.

Y6 to Y7 Transfer Applications]

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.

Extra Curricular Activities with KJS Registered Tutors]

We are pleased to announce that the following clubs will be back in September 2022. Interested parents please contact the organisers directly for sign-up.

Creative Writing Workshop (flyer in PDF format)

Junior Baking Class (flyer in PDF format; introductory video)

Kindly note that in line with EDB guidelines, only children who have received two doses of vaccine can attend extra curricular activities.



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ECP's Creative Writing Workshop at **Kowloon Junior**
starts **Wednesday, 7th September** for Year 5-6 and
Thursday, 8th September for Year 3-4!



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

*This term, workshops will be held ONLINE only. Students will have a 30-min one-on-one session with the teacher periodically to provide individual support as they revise and edit their stories. Parents will be initially billed for 2 one-on-one sessions, with an additional one-on-one scheduled as needed.

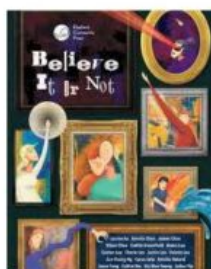


Under the Sea

Age: Years 3-4
Day: Thursdays
Time: 4:00-5:00pm (online)
Fee: \$325/session x 15-16
sessions (13 group + 2-3 one-on-ones, as needed)

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

Young Nemo ventures into open waters and is unexpectedly swept into a whirlwind of adventure and peril. Students in this creative writing and publishing workshop will be inspired by the deep sea as they write stories about sea creatures who embark on adventures of their own. What places will they venture to and what obstacles will they encounter on their way?



Tall Tales

Age: Years 5-6
Day: Wednesdays
Time: 4:00-5:00pm (online)
Fee: \$325/session x 15-16
sessions (13 group + 2-3 one-on-ones, as needed)

Class dates: Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec 7

"I caught a fish THIS big!" is a classic example of exaggeration, the heart of the tall tale. Common in American folklore, tall tales tell stories of heroes who are "larger than life", who defy everyday challenges and solve problems in remarkable and often wildly funny ways. In this creative writing and publishing workshop, students study examples of classic and modern tall tales, consider what makes them believable and craft their very own.

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Junior Baking Class

Term 1 Schedule 2022 -2023

1 ANIMAL PAW COOKIES 	2 BREAKFAST MUFFINS 	3 CARROT CUPCAKES 	4 CHOCOLATE S'MORES BARS 	5 MONSTER TREATS 
6 CHICKEN MEATBALLS 	7 CHEESECAKE BROWNIE BITES 	8 POLAR BEAR DONUTS 	9 BAKED CORN DOGS 	10 GINGERBREAD COOKIES 

Junior bakers (5 -11 yr) learn to bake and decorate delicious desserts and other savoury treats to share with the family. Baking lessons are 1.5 hours with ingredients, equipments, recipes and aprons provided. For more information, please contact Ms. Hong:

flourhk@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/flourhk

TERM 1: SEPTEMBER 23 - DECEMBER 9
DAY: FRIDAYS
TIME: 2:45PM - 4:15PM
FEE: 10 LESSONS - \$3,750
VENUE: KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Baking Class

Fall Term 2022



Learn. Create. Be inspired.

Junior bakers (5-11 yr) learn baking techniques: mix, sift, whisk, fold, roll, knead, shape, pipe. Bake and decorate: cupcakes, cookies, muffins, donuts and savoury treats. Taught by international primary school teacher and cake designer. Baking lessons are 1.5 hours with ingredients, equipment, chef hat and recipes provided. For more info, please contact Ms. Hong:

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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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