



KENNEDY SCHOOL



Newsletter No. 33, 13 May 2016



Dear Parents,

Thank you again for your understanding and patience on Tuesday with our “red rain” excitement! I have attached the ESF/KS policy on Typhoons and Red Rain procedures below. The first priority is always the safety and well-being of our students.

John Brewster
Principal

Type of Warning

Information for Parents

T1

Typhoon Signal No. 1

All schools will operate as normal

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Typhoon Signal no. 3

Primary and Secondary schools will operate as normal unless advised otherwise.

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Typhoon Signal No. 8 and above

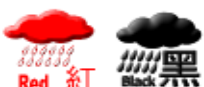
If the signal is raised **before school starts** all schools will be closed. Please listen to television and radio announcements before school. Announcements are usually made from 6am onwards. School will remain closed for children all day.

If the signal is raised **while children are at school**, please make arrangements to collect your child/children if it is safe to do so. Please check your email and SMS messages regularly. School buses will not operate, except the bus to the ferry piers of the outlying islands. (Where parents have given consent, children will travel on the bus to the ferry piers accompanied by staff living on the islands.)



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Amber Rainstorm Warning

All schools will operate as normal. Please listen to radio and TV announcements in case the weather deteriorates.



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Red or Black Rainstorm Warning

1. **Before the start of school** - All schools will close all day.
2. **After students have set off for school but before the commencement of schools** – If students arrive at school they will be supervised until it is safe for them to be collected.
3. **When classes are in sessions** – Schools continue until the end of normal school hours and students are retained until conditions are safe for them to return home. School buses will be cancelled if the rainstorm warning is in effect at 2:00 pm.

The Year 5 Market Day

Date: **Tuesday 17th May**

Time: **11.00am-12.30pm**

Venue: **Lower school playground**

A special invitation to Year 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 children.

As part of the 'Enterprise' unit of inquiry through the theme 'How We Organise Ourselves', the Year 5 children have spent 6 weeks researching, designing, innovating and producing an array of unique and personalised goods to sell at unbelievable prices!

Their hard work will culminate in the **Year 5 Market Day** where the rest of the Kennedy School students are invited to purchase the Year 5 products. This year we have a fine selection of arts & craft, stationery, jewellery, origami, sweet treats, toys, plants and much, much more!

Prices range from around \$10 to \$40 and all profits will be donated to our four house charities. Every class will get an opportunity to visit the market so please help prepare your child with some pocket money to spend that day.

Thank you for your support!

The Year 5 team



HATS AND SUNSCREEN

A reminder please that in Term 3, all children must bring and wear their hats at all play times. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their child wears a hat and sunscreen on sunny days to avoid sunburn.





CLUB PHOTOS ORDERS



We have samples of the following club photos taken on 28th April available for viewing in the school office.

1.	Year 6 Group Photo	23.	Football Y5 & 6 Boys C
2.	Year 6 Group Photo (Funny)	24.	Hockey A Team
3.	Aquathon Squad	25.	Hockey B Team
4.	Art Ambassadors	26.	House Captains
5.	Basketball Team	27.	Junior Choir
6.	Battle of the Books	28.	Kennedy Kappella
7.	Brownies	29.	Music Extend Group
8.	Chinese Ambassadors	30.	Netball A Team
9.	Chinese Music Ensemble	31.	Netball B Team
10.	Chinese Speech	32.	Orchestra
11.	Chinese Story Telling Club	33.	Senior Choir
12.	Clarinet Group	34.	Sports Ambassadors
13.	Cricket Team	35.	Student Council
14.	Cross Country	36.	Tag Rugby A Team
15.	Cub Scouts	37.	Tag Rugby B Team
16.	Environmental Ambassadors	38.	Touch Rugby A Team
17.	Football Girls	39.	Touch Rugby B Team
18.	Football Y4 Boys A	40.	Touch Rugby Girls A Team
19.	Football Y4 Boys B	41.	Tournament of Minds Tm 1 & 2
20.	Football Y4 Girls A	42.	Tournament of Minds Tm 1
21.	Football Y5 & 6 Boys A	43.	Tournament of Minds Tm 2
22.	Football Y5 & 6 Boys B	44.	Year 6 Swimming Team



Each photo is 80HKD. If you would like to order any of the photos, please fill in an order form which is available at the school office.

Please attach a cheque payable to 'TECHNI PHOTO' and write your child's name, class and your telephone number on the back of the cheque. **NO CASH PLEASE.**

We will collect the orders in the office until **Wednesday, 25th May**. After this date you can still place your orders directly with Techni Photo at photos@techni-photo.com or 2803 5988.

ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE



Parents and guardians are invited to attend their child's class assembly. This is an opportunity for a class to share the learning they have been doing in class. They may take the format of a science explanation, a reflection on a trip, a sharing of artwork, a multimedia display or even a simple story telling. For those parents who are unable to attend, all class assemblies are videoed and available for viewing on the VLE.

Class	Date	Time
May 2016		
3C	Tuesday, 17 May	8.30 – 9.00am
1R	Wednesday, 18 May	8.30 – 9.00am
1F	Wednesday, 25 May	8.30 – 9.00am
Yr 6 Chinese	Monday, 30 May	2.15 – 3.00pm
June 2016		
1S	Wednesday, 1 June	8.30 – 9.00am

PTA



Friday 27th May 2016, 6.00pm – 9.30 pm
Kennedy School Hall

Nothing gets people up and dancing like a ceilidh. A ceilidh is a traditional dance night where everyone joins in, regardless of age or ability, and it's a great way to meet lots of people in a fun, informal way.

Child ticket – HK\$125

Adult ticket – HK\$250

(includes pizza from Checkmate, Kennedy Town)

Come along and join in the fun! - [Booking form](#)



PTA COFFEE MORNING

Friday 20 May 2016, 8:30 – 9:30am, Staff Room
Transition to Secondary School

Dear Parents,

Our monthly Friday Coffee Mornings are gaining popularity, and we are trying to get better coffee and conversation going :)

For the next one, we have a topic of particular interest for parents with children moving over to WIS for Year 7 this coming academic year and the next - the current Year 6 and Year 5.

I am pleased to let you know that Mr. Guy Hewson, Director of Learning from WIS has accepted our invitation to be at the Coffee Morning! If you have any questions/concerns for him please e-mail them to pta@kennedy.edu.hk by Wednesday 18th May. Parents will also have the opportunity to interact with some teachers and parents at Kennedy whose kids have recently made the transition to WIS. Warm wishes,

Aparna Kanda
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5th Pokfulam Art Exhibition 2016

Theme: **‘Light Up in the Dark’**

Deadline: Tuesday 17th May

(Handed in to Mr. Roscoe, Room 232, before 11.00am please)

Criteria:

- **What to use?**

A3 sized paper (you can pick up A3 drawing quality paper from Mr Roscoe Rm. 232.

(Please don't use low quality photocopy paper for your piece.)

You can also use art canvas/ canvas-board of varying sizes or A2 paper (at your own expense) if you prefer.

You can choose your preferred media to use. Eg. Drawing, pastels, charcoal, painting, printing, collage, photography, mixed-media etc.

- **What to do?**

THINK: Think about all the different ways of expressing the theme ‘Light Up in the Dark’ to an audience.

PLAN: Brainstorm some ideas of your images beforehand and make sketches of how you can best show them.

SELECT: Choose your **best** idea to work on using a media and the skills and techniques that you are most confident with. Think about the best use of space of your paper/ composition etc.

ACHIEVE: take your time, work on it carefully/skillfully –achieve your best!

SUBMIT: keep your work flat and safe, submit it on time or before the deadline, clearly write your full name, class and title of your work on the back.

Selection:

Only the best **20** art pieces from Y3-Y6 will be selected for the actual exhibition.

We'll be looking for creativity, a good use of skills and techniques as well as original and interesting ideas for the **theme: ‘Light Up in the Dark’**.

The art piece needs to be completed individually. Parents and friends can give help with suggesting ideas but the artwork must be completed by the children themselves.

‘Light Up in the Dark’ Exhibition Details

Exhibition Dates & Venue: Saturday 4th June – Monday 13th June 2016

Venue: Exhibition Gallery, Cyberport 3, Level 3, Core C

Opening Ceremony time: Saturday 4th June, 2015 - 11am

Awards Ceremony time: Monday 13th June, 2015 – 4pm

Closing: All Kennedy artwork will be returned to school and handed back to children



GREEN NEWS



Year 6 Walk for Water

Our year 6 children chose to organise a Charity Water Walk this week. They walked 2.7km around Pokfulam carrying a bucket of water in order to empathise with the millions of women and children who have to do this everyday in order to get clean water for their families. We were lucky with the weather and your generous donations totaled \$12,307. With this money we can either...



Send 31 girls to school for a year
Help 22 women start a small business
Provide 25 emergency struck families with supply kits
or...
Install 2 village water systems

Thank you for your donation and thank you to all of the parents who joined us.

<http://www.womensagenda.com.au/partner-content/item/6754-the-power-of-walking-in-her-shoes>



End of Year Garden Sale

We have lots of new plants for sale in our Secret Garden. As we have some fabulous mums who help support our garden curriculum on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Secret Garden will be open for sales from **8:15-8:40am every Tuesday and Thursday in May**. Please pop along to buy some delicious herbs and fruit/veg plants which are herbicide, pesticide and fungicide free!

In the news this month-

To boost its supply of organic foods, Costco is trying something new: It's working with farmers to help them buy land and equipment as it struggles to keep pace with customer demand.

For full story, click here: <http://www.seattletimes.com/business/retail/costco-gets-creative-to-meet-shoppers-huge-appetite-for-organics/>

Lesley Davies
ESD Coordinator



FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



QBS Aquathon Friendly

On Thursday Kennedy entertained Quarry Bay School in a friendly aquathon meet. In all over forty children were involved. Congratulations to all the children who beat their personal bests, your hard work and dedication is paying off.



Kennedy Summer Swimming Programme

To be prepared for swimming every child requires:
Kennedy School swimming kit - swimming costume or shorts/jammers.
Swimming cap for ALL children with hair longer than the tops of their ears.
Large white t-shirt or a swim robe
Waterproof shoes, crocs or sandals for walking to and from the pool.
Large towel, preferably a beach towel.
A strong waterproof bag.

Swimming kit, swim caps and swimming bags are all available from the PTA Office. A rash vest is highly recommended for sun protection but is not compulsory. Swimming goggles are also highly recommended. **Please ensure goggles are measured to fit your child prior to their lesson to avoid your child losing pool time.**

The schedule for the first week is below. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit on their swimming day:

Summer Term Swimming 15-16

Y1-5 have 7 swimming lessons each, Y6 have 6 lessons.

N.B. LESSONS IN RED ARE MAKE UP LESSONS WHICH WILL NOT BE AT THE USUAL TIME FOR THAT CLASS.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16	17	18	19	20
8:45 - 9:15 1A	8:45 - 9:15 5B	8:45 - 9:15 3T	8:45 - 9:15 4M	8:45 - 9:15 5K
9:15 - 9:45 2A	9:15 - 9:45 5A	9:15 - 9:45 3W	9:15 - 9:45 1M	9:15 - 9:45 4J
9:45 - 10:15 2P	9:45 - 10:15 6D	9:45 - 10:15 1F	9:45 - 10:15 1R	9:45 - 10:15 3O
10:30 Break	10:30 Break	10:30 Break	10:30 Break	10:30 Break
11:15 - 11:45 5S	11:15 - 11:45 4S	11:15 - 11:45 2J	11:15 - 11:45 3C	11:15 - 11:45 1S
11:45 - 12:15 5D	11:45 - 12:15 4D	11:45 - 12:15 2C	11:45 - 12:15 3R	11:45 - 12:15 2R
12:15 - 12:45 6M	12:15 - 12:45 6R	12:15 - 12:45 6P	12:15 - 12:45 6S	12:15 - 12:45 4C
LUNCH Y6 Rotations	LUNCH HKU pool not available	LUNCH 13:45 - 14:15 6D	LUNCH Y6 Chinese	LUNCH 13:45 - 14:15 6S

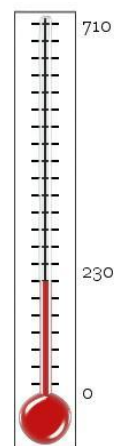
Upcycling - Laos Rugby Federation

As part of our ongoing support for grassroots rugby another batch of boots and rugby balls along with approximately 50 tag belts are about to wing their way to Laos.

Before you throw out any old trainers or football boots please consider donating them to the Laos Rugby Federation courtesy of the school. Please place any unwanted trainers or boots into the blue bin inside the school office.

Thank you for all of your support. We are now approaching the half way point of our target. For this project we have currently donated **315** pairs of shoes towards our target of **710**.

Please click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) to discover about the long term impact your donations are having.



Kennedy School VLE Wall of Fame

Many of our students are achieving sporting success both at school with our teams and out of school either individually or as part of a club. The Kennedy School Sports Wall of Fame on our VLE is a forum where children can share their sporting achievements. Please encourage your child to share their success with the rest of the Kennedy Community through this format.

[Kennedy School Wall of Fame](#)

Click on "add a new discussion topic" to start a new thread about your event/sport. Then enter details of your event or sporting achievement along with a photo of you in action, if you have one. Don't forget to celebrate the successes of other children at Kennedy by reading their threads and writing positive comments for them.

Tim Luck
Head of PE and Swimming
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STUDENT WITHDRAWAL NOTICE

To assist us with class planning for the 2016/17 school year, if you are intending to withdraw your child/children from Kennedy School, please complete the [Student Withdrawal Notice](#) and submit to Anne Adams, Admissions Manager: admissions@kennedy.edu.hk. Just a reminder, at least one month's notice is required.

ACTIVITIES BY EXTERNAL AGENCIES

Click on the following links to view advertisements for after school activities provided by [external agencies](#) and [ESF Educational Services](#).

DAY	ACTIVITY	PROVIDER
Various	Football, Basketball, Tennis, Gymnastics, Kung Fu, Netball, Science, Writing Class, Japanese Class, Dance, Spanish	ESF Educational Services
Various	Science Adventures, Stormy Chefs, The Chess Academy	Active Kids
Various	Kip McGrath Tuition	Kip McGrath
Monday	Drama, Speech & Communication Classes	Starlit Voice
Monday	Chess Lessons	Hoyinping Chess
Monday	Fabric Art	Fabric Fun
Monday	Robotics & Technology for kids - DIY workshop makers projects 1	Brainchild Ltd.
Tuesday	Foundation's Orator	Foundation Academy
Wednesday	Foundation's Filmmaker	Foundation Academy
Wednesday	Lego & Robotics, Bricks 4 Kidz	Bricks 4 Kidz
Thursday	Art Classes	Banana Art
Thursday	Foundation's Novelist	Foundation Academy

Disclaimer: Kennedy School and the English Schools Foundation do not recommend or endorse any external provider renting the school premises. There is no contractual arrangement between KS/ESF and the club providers, any contractual arrangement that exists is between the parent and the club provider.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



16 May	- 4S Trip to Ark Eden -- <i>rescheduled from 21 March</i>
17 May	- 3C Class Assembly, 8.30am, Hall -3C parents are invited to attend - 4C Trip to Ark Eden -- <i>rescheduled from 22 March</i> - Year 5 Market Day – Year 5 Parents Welcome
18 May	- 1R Class Assembly, 8.30am, Hall -1R parents are invited to attend
20 May	- PTA Coffee Morning – Staff Room
24 May	- Year 1 Parent Consultations with Chinese Teachers , 9:30am–4:30pm, Hall
25 May	- 1F Class Assembly, 8.30am, Hall -1F parents are invited to attend - 1A, 1S Bake Sale - E-safety workshop for parents, 6:30-8.00 pm – Staff Room - Parent Workshop – How to speak to your child about loss and death (Dr Lara Levinson), 6:30 – 7:30, Hall
26 May	- Year 5 visit to Crossroads Village
27 May	- PTA Ceilidh
27 & 28 May	- Kellett Orchestra Weekend
3 June	- Year 1 Familiarisation Day, 8:30-11:30
8 June	- 2J Class Assembly, 8.30am, Hall -2J parents are invited to attend
9 June	- Public Holiday - Tuen Ng Festival
10 June	- Kennedy School CPD Day – No school for children
15 June	- Year 6 Show & Exhibition for parents
16 June	- Year 6 Show & Exhibition for parents
22 June	- Year 6 Graduation
24 June	- Term 3 ends at 12noon
Kennedy School Calendar 2016-2017 can be found here.	

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