



# KENNEDY SCHOOL



## Newsletter No. 36, 3 June 2016



**A reminder please that there will be NO SCHOOL on the following days:**



**Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**

- Public Holiday – Dragon Boat Festival
- Kennedy School CPD Day

Dear Parents,

Today we welcomed 150 of next year's new Year 1 students and their families to our Year 1 Familiarisation Day.

The children spent time with our Year 1 teachers whilst the Mums and Dads found out about Kennedy School.

This afternoon our junior choir performed for their parents. This was an opportunity for us to share and celebrate all the songs they have learnt at choir. We do have some wonderful young voices at Kennedy School.

Next week is a short week with Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June a public holiday and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> a school closure – CPD day.

### Mosquitoes

On Saturday afternoon the ESF facilities section have arranged for a mosquito treatment at Kennedy School. Hopefully, this will ease the mosquito problem in the school.

### Hot Weather

It has been extremely hot this week with a number of Red Play days which means the children can't be as active as usual. All children should have a Kennedy School hat at school each day.

**John Brewster**  
Principal

# 1S Class Assembly

## 1S Filled Our Buckets This Week

Have you had your bucket filled this week? Has someone helped you out, said something nice or made you feel all warm and fuzzy inside? 1S's class assembly revolved around the idea that we each have our own invisible buckets and that when people say or do nice things our buckets get filled. They started off by welcoming us in French! They shared what fills their buckets and their paintings to go along with it. From jokes, to kind words, to a helping hand the 1S student really did a stand-out job. A huge thank you to the 1S students, Mrs. Sassi and Mrs. Stewart and all the family and friends who came out to support 1S. Well done!



Please visit our [Facebook](#) page for more photos

**Mr Blue**  
**Vice Principal**

## 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
<b>June 2016</b>		
2J	Wednesday, 8 June	8.30 – 9.00am



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT



## Pathway Groups

We are now conducting a review on pathway grouping for our students.

Please note:

- Students are allocated into pathways after assessments at the end of year and teachers' recommendations.
- In Year 1, children of differing abilities are taught as a whole to provide the Chinese teachers the opportunity to assess, observe and engage with the children before selecting the best pathway for them. This entry year is used to nurture and foster excitement and curiosity towards the Chinese language through stories, songs and games.
- From Year 2 onwards, students are grouped into 3 - 4 pathways (PW1, PW2, CSL and PW3) according to their linguistic ability and language background. There are about 30 students in a group.
  - **Pathway 1** is for children who are learning the Chinese Language as a second or additional language and who often have limited Chinese language experience or knowledge.
  - **Pathway 2** is for children who have learnt Chinese as a second or additional language for a few years, may have the opportunity to use Chinese in daily life and have achieved some oral fluency and basic literacy in reading and writing. E.g. is able to make a simple conversation and read and understand some characters (different in each year level).
  - **CSL** (Learning Chinese as a Second Language) classes cater for children who are not up to PW3 level, but they pick up language easier than the PW2 children, especially in listening and speaking.
  - **Pathway 3** is for native and near native Chinese Language speakers who have achieved basic linguistic and literacy accuracy that help them to read and understand Chinese texts.

\* Boundaries between pathways are not clear-cut, especially at early years. Overlapping is very often the case and a teacher may have students of 2 pathways in one class.

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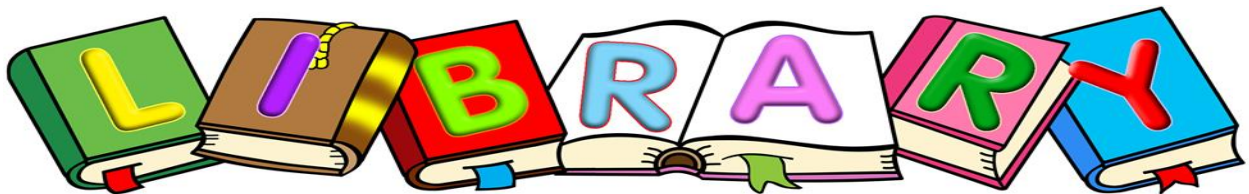
# Lost Property

Can we please remind parents and carers to name all items that your child brings to school and to check the lost property box for anything your child may have lost.

- Please check the **lost property box** (bottom of North Wing staircase) to search for general items such as clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc.
- For valuables and small items (such as wallets, Octopus cards, watches, jewellery, keys, glasses etc.) please check with the **school office**. These items are currently held in the school office. We also have a number of swimming goggles here.

We regularly go through the lost property box and return named items to their owners, however, there are many items which are not named (especially a large number of water bottles).

Our school cannot accept responsibility for personal items brought to school e.g.: jewellery, watches, electronic devices, mobile phones, money, Octopus cards, toys etc.



## Hong Kong Battle of the Books

If your children are looking for some great books to read over the holidays then the best place to start is with the Battle of the Books list. It's now available on the Library page of the VLE so the children can refer to it wherever they are on their summer holidays. As mentioned previously, this competition is for Year 5 and Year 6 however some books will also be suitable for Year 4 children to read. When school resumes in August we will have at least six copies of each title for the children to borrow. During the holidays however they can either buy their own copies or borrow them from the HK Public Library. Please [click here](#) for the order form from Fields Books who are offering free home delivery. Please note however that delivery is estimated to take about 3-4 weeks and orders should be made directly with Fields as per the instructions on the order form.

Happy Reading.  
Susan Mifsud and Nina Sehgal

## Y6 visits to John F Kennedy School

Yesterday saw the last visit by our Y6 children to JFK school for this year. Over the course of the year we have worked together with the JFK children and participated in activities such as Masterchef, mini sports days, card and decoration making and parties.

It has been great fun and the children from both schools have benefited hugely from the experience.

The last two visits have been party days and the children had a great time sharing party games and snacks and all receiving certificates of appreciation.

**Debbie Sheward**  
Vice Principal



## **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](mailto:admissions@kennedy.edu.hk). Just a reminder, at least one month's notice is required.



# GREEN NEWS



## World Environment day - June 5th

### **Tree Planting Ceremony at Telegraph Bay 鋼線灣植樹儀式**

#### **Message from Paul Zimmerman**

'You are invited to witness the start of the planting of thousands of whip trees at Telegraph Bay. This formalizes the end of the use of this waterfront by the Drainage Service Department and the MTR barging operations. The tree planting is the outcome of work by the Community Liaison Group and especially Susie Cheung, IO Chairlady of Aegean Terrace.

The ceremony starts at 10am on 11 June 2016 (Saturday). You can enter the site just north of the Cyberport Arcade. Click [here](#) for the rundown and location.

隨著渠務署工程及港鐵卸泥口運作完結，鋼線灣的海濱用地終於歸回社區所有。有賴社區聯絡小組及愛琴苑法團主席張秀芬女士多年來的努力，渠務署將會於鋼線灣種植過萬棵樹。

我們誠邀大家出席 2016 年 6 月 11 日星期六上午 10 時的植樹儀式，集合地點為數碼港道商場以北。連結：[時間表及地圖](#)

### **Yoga on the Beach**

Join The Yoga Room, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and A Day with Fe to celebrate World Environment Day with a special yoga class on the beach. Let us take your yoga practice to a whole new level - breathe in fresh open air, enjoy the sound of the waves, feel the sand beneath your feet and the breeze of air on your face.

Proceeds will go to TNC to benefit conservation efforts in Asia Pacific.

-Suitable for all ages and levels

-Please arrive at Repulse Bay at 5:15pm

-Please bring your own yoga mat, water bottle and hand towel

In case of rain the event will be moved to Central Ferry Pier number 10 and you will be informed by email.

For more information, click here: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yoga-on-the-beach-for-world-environment-day-tickets-25473635329?utm](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yoga-on-the-beach-for-world-environment-day-tickets-25473635329?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=share)

*Lesley Davies  
ESD Coordinator  
Kennedy School*



# FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



## Kennedy Summer Swimming Programme

### Y6 DC Swim Meet

Congratulations to our children who finished third overall at the Y6 DC Swim Meet on Tuesday. The boys were second in their event and the girls just missed out on third by three points. Considering they were up against 12 year olds it is a very respectable result. A huge well done to Matisse and Nicolas on winning their individual event.



A big thank you to Sharon Wrobel of Platypus Aquatics for her time training the non club swimmers in order to prepare them for this event..

### Summer Swimming Timetable - June 6th to 8th

The swimming schedule for next week is below. Please ensure swimming kit is brought in on the correct day.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>June 6th</b>	<b>June 7th</b>	<b>June 8th</b>	<b>June 9th</b>	<b>June 10th</b>
8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	8:45 - 9:15	<b>Public Holiday</b>	<b>CPD</b>
1A	5B	3T		
9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45		
2A	5A	3W		
9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15		
2P	6M	1F		
10:30	10:30	10:30		
Break	Break	Break		
11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45		
5S	4C	2J		
11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15		
5D	4D	2C		
12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45		
6R	6R	6P		
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		

## Hong Kong Primary Cricket Tournament

Our cricketers also had a good week, finishing as the third best primary cricket team in Hong Kong. The boys played extremely well despite challenging conditions and can be very proud of their performance.



Many thanks to Mr. Brewster for his time spent coaching the team

## Kellett Netball Friendly

In what has been a busy week of sport at Kennedy School the Y5 Netball team were also in action against Kellett School. It was a great experience for the girls and good preparation for the season ahead which commences after the summer break.

A excellent match report written by captain Harriet Chang can be found [HERE](#)



A big thank you to Mrs. Bloomfield and Miss. Cohen for organising this fixture and preparing the team.



## Kennedy Aquathon Teams

Our Aquathon teams will also be representing the school in this coming week. The HK Primary Aquathon Challenge is on Saturday and the ESF Primary Aquathon follows on Tuesday.



The Aquathon squad have been extremely committed, training at least twice a week this term. Kennedy teachers have been equally committed providing opportunities for Aquathon training, Breakfast Swim sessions and Breakfast Running sessions. My thanks to Mrs. Khemlyani, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Sheward and Mr. Richardson for all of their support preparing the children for these events.

## 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.

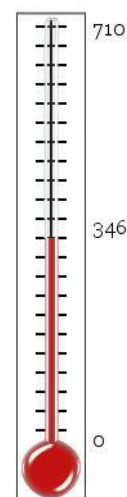
Before you throw out any old trainers or football boots please consider donating them to the Laos Rugby Federation courtesy of the school. Please place any unwanted trainers or boots into the blue bin inside the school office.

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 346 pairs of shoes towards our target of 710.

Steve Jones from the HK Rugby Union collected four amah bags full of shoes this week to take to Laos and was thrilled by the support received from our community.

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

Thus far, in total, the school community has donated 974 pairs of shoes to projects in Cambodia and Laos. The equivalent of 89 eleven aside teams or 139 seven aside teams. An incredible achievement. Thank you.



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

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# UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES



7 June	- E-Safety talk for Parents, 18:30-19:30, Hall
8 June	- 2J Class Assembly, 8.30am, Hall -2J parents are invited to attend
9 June	- <b>Public Holiday - Tuen Ng Festival</b>
10 June	- <b>Kennedy School CPD Day – No school for children</b>
15 June	- Year 6 Show & Exhibition for parents
16 June	- Year 6 Show & Exhibition for parents
22 June	- Year 6 Graduation
24 June	- <b>Term 3 ends at 12noon</b>
Kennedy School Calendar 2016-2017 can be found <a href="#">here</a> .	

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