Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It was great to catch up with many of you at the PTA Quiz night and to witness the intense competition between friends! Diplomatically the three Kennedy School teacher teams finished evenly spread with one near the bottom, one in the middle and one near the top!

Air Quality and EDB/ESF/Kennedy School Policy

Earlier this week we had two days where the air qualty throughout Hong Kong was very poor and we had a number of parents contact our school nurse in relation to Kennedy school's procedure and policies. Please <u>click here</u> for the official guidelines from the Hong Kong Education Department which we follow closely. The air levels are monitored on an hourly basis throughout the day and we make immediate decisions based on the current level. For example, on Tuesday we limited all physical exertion at break and lunchtimes and moved our sports extra curricular activities inside. The air inside the school is the same as the air outside so the important action we follow is to reduce or avoid physical exertion during these days.

Police Road Warning

I met (again) with the local Police Department and they have informed me that they will be more vigilant in issuing parking infringement notices before and after school so, if possible, please avoid parking illegally (which is everywhere!) near the school at these times. Unfortunately, there is a very small number of nearby residents who report the parking issue to the police and they are obligated to take action. We also discussed ways that the police may be able to help us with the issue of speeding cars coming down the hill from Sha Wan Drive.

Congratulations to Mr Crompton

Congratulations to Mr Crompton and his wife Carrie on the arrival of their first child Charlie weighing in at a healthy 7.18 pounds. Baby and mum are doing well and Mr Crompton can already detect great football skills.

Year 6 Action at The Hong Kong Red Cross John F Kennedy Centre

Following on from last year, some of our Year 6 children will be visiting our friends at the local Special School each Thursday afternoon to teach the children games and activities in English. This is a sharing opportunity which enables both groups of children to learn from each other and particularly for our Kennedy children who learn to be understanding and tolerant, patient, empathetic and compassionate to other children who have significant disabilities.

Please visit our Facebook page for more photos



Teacher Action

Tomorrow at **3.00 am** Mr Richardson and five teachers from West Island School will embark on conquering Mt Everest (on their bikes). We wish him well! Please click here for details.

Mr Luck is also going to attempt the Lantau Two Peaks Run which is a 1971m ascent over 23km.

This is in aid of his friend's daughter Eliana. Eliana was born prematurely and suffered brain damage. This has caused a visual impairment and Diplegic Cerebral Palsy. She is a potential candidate for a spinal cord operation called Selective Dhorsal Rhizotomy. It is a spinal cord operation that could eliminate the spasticity in her legs. It's not available on the NHS and her best hope is to have the operation in St Louis, USA. If she is selected for the op she will also require intensive Physiotherapy for a year after the operation. This will give Eliana the best chance of living a full life.

If you wish to donate please feel free to do so either directly HERE or make a pledge HERE.

Have a lovely weekend!

John Brewster Principal

YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

We consider all our Year 6 students to be leaders within our school and we are delighted that there are almost 70 of them who now hold official leadership positions.

The positions are House Captains, Student Council Representatives, JFK School visitors and Environmental, Sports, Arts and Chinese Language Ambassadors.

Congratulations to all those students. We look forward to working with you.

HOUSE POINTS

Everyone has been busy collecting house points for inspiring, achieving and excelling since we came back to school in August.

Our newly elected House Captains counted them this week and the current totals are as follows:

Well done to everyone, especially the Unicorns and Dragons!

Phoenix	99
Unicorns	99
Lions	83
Dragons	63

Debbie Sheward Vice Principal

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Tuesday, 4 October & Thursday, 6 October 2016

We will be holding parent consultations on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>4 October</u> and <u>Thursday</u>, <u>6 October</u> from 3:30pm to 6:30pm for class teachers and specialist teachers.

There will be 10 minute appointments available with your child's class and music teacher with registration done through the **Gateway booking system**.

Online Gateway registration will close on Monday, 3 October at 12 noon.

Due to limited availability, please only come to see the following specialist teachers if you have a special interest or particular concern:

Music - Mrs GG and Ms Barrie will be available to see parents of children in Years 2 to 6. Please book an appointment via Gateway. For Years 5 and 6 please make sure you select the correct teacher that corresponds to your child's class.

Please only see your child's music teacher if you particularly wish to discuss your child's progress. Also, please note that music teacher bookings are not available for the parents of Year 1 children as they have only just begun their musical journey!

PE - Mr Luck and Mrs Khemlyani will be available on a walk-in basis for 10 minute appointments on both days between 3:30pm to 6:30pm and again, Year 1 parents do not need to come to these. **Please only see your child's PE teacher if you particularly wish to discuss your child's progress.**

Individual Needs - the IN team will see parents on an invitation-only basis with invitations being sent out by email.

Chinese - the Chinese teachers will see parents on alternative days throughout the year.

Date	Time	Yearban d
Thursday, 29 September 2016 (Please register via Gateway from 19 September to 27 September - 12 noon)	08:30am – 3:30pm	Year 5
Thursday, 1 December 2016	08:30am - 3:30pm	Year 6
Thursday, 12 January 2017	09:30am - 4:30pm	Year 3
Friday, 24 March 2017	08:30am - 3:30pm	Year 4
Thursday, 20 April 2017	09:30am - 4:30pm	Year 2
Thursday, 25 May 2017	09:30am – 4:30pm	Year 1

Please keep an

eye out for more information closer to the time.

If any parents wish to see a member of **the senior leadership team**, please email them directly at the following email addresses:

Mr John Brewster - Principal – principal@kennedy.edu.hk

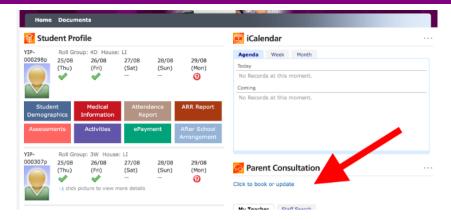
Mr Josh Blue - Vice Principal (Years 1 & 2) - jblue@kennedy.edu.hk

Mrs Emma Navin - Vice Principal (Years 3 & 4) - enavin@kennedy.edu.hk

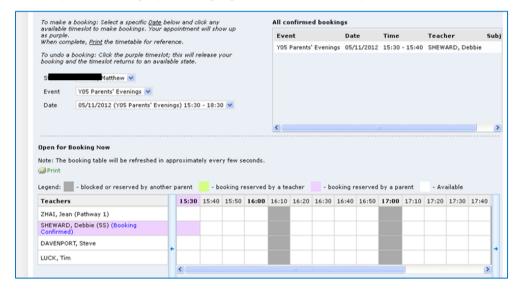
Mrs Debbie Sheward - Vice Principal (Years 5 & 6) - dsheward@kennedy.edu.hk

HOW TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- The Gateway booking system will be available from 12noon on Friday, 23 September.
- Visit https://ks.tg.esf.edu.hk to login to Gateway using your family login ID and password.
- On the right hand side of the Gateway homepage, click on "Click to book or update" under "Parent Consultation":



- On the following page you will find your child's name under 'Student'.
- Under 'Event' select the class or, optionally, the Music teacher. The PE teachers are only available on a walk-in basis and the IN team by invitation only. For Year 5 and 6 music, please make sure you select the event that corresponds to your child's class.
- Under 'Date' you will be able to choose 4 or 6 October.
- The name of the teacher who teaches your child will appear next to the time slots.
- Available time slots will be shown in white colour.
- Click on the time slot you wish to book. The box will turn to pink colour and your booking will appear in the 'All confirmed bookings' box on the top right. This means that your appointment is confirmed. (This will be a 10 minute session)
- You can cancel your booking by clicking again on the slot that you have booked.



If you have forgotten your Gateway Login ID or Password, please click on the 'forgot password or login name?' button and follow the instructions. If you experience any difficulty, please send an email to itsupport@kennedy.edu.hk specifying your name and your child's name & class and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please note we are unable to accept any telephone bookings and that if you are unable to attend any of the scheduled times, it will be difficult to reschedule.

Please note that there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES on both 4 and 6 October.

Kind regards, Emma Navin Vice Principal



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

3 - 7 October

REMINDER: Professional photographs of all classes and individual head-shots of all children will be taken at the school the week of 3rd to 7th October.

Please ensure that your child is present and wears his/her full school uniform on the day of their photo. All hair accessories must also be either white or purple.

Please note the day of your child's class photo:

CLASS	DAY
1A	Tues
1B	Tues
1M	Mon
1R	Tues
1S	Wed

CLASS	DAY
2A	Mon
2C	Wed
2J	Thurs
2P	Tues
2R	Wed

CLASS	DAY
3C	Wed
30	Thurs
38	Wed
3T	Mon
3W	Tues

CLASS	DAY
4C	Fri
4D	Mon
4J	Thur
4M	Thur
4S	Fri

CLASS	DAY
5A	Mon
5D	Fri
5J	Fri
5K	Tues
5S	Tues

CLASS	DAY
6M	Thur
6P	Mon
6R	Mon
6RO	Tue
6S	Tue

Due to the renovation of the Hall the individual and sibling photos will need to be taken in the Staff room.

If you wish your children to be photographed in the Kennedy School uniform (rather than the PE kit), please choose a convenient day when you sign up. You may also send the school shirt with your children to school so that they can change for the photo.

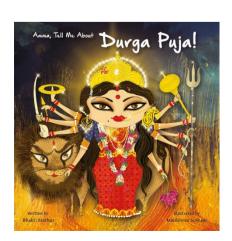


Scholastic Reading Club

The Scholastic Reading Club orders have all been sent off and as originally stated in the cover letter you received with your catalogue, the estimated delivery date is within 3-4 weeks.

Year 3 Author Visit – Friday 30th September Bhakti Mathur - Amma, Tell Me About Durga Puja!

Today Bhakti Mathur read her new book to our Year 3 children as they've been learning about Culture and Beliefs. Bhakti has now written eleven books in total and they're all extremely popular in our library. Please click here to download her order form. Anyone can order her books not just Year 3. Please ask your child to leave the order form in the office or to take it up to the library. Deadline for orders is Wednesday 12th October. Please note we can't accept any orders after this date.



Help needed in the library

Currently we're in need of a few temporary helpers in our library to cover new books. Please email us if you'd like to come in and volunteer some of your time. library@kennedy.edu.hk



MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL ROOM

2016/17 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination

The Influenza season is slowly starting and the Government is offering subsidized influenza vaccinations for children between the age of 6 months and 12 years. For more information please click <u>here</u> to view the letter (link) from Centre for Health Protection.



Family BBQ – Friday 28th October

This is a fun family event where there is food and activities for children. Mark the date in your diaries.

<u>All</u> of our teachers commit to help at our events, but the success of our BBQ does depend on the help of <u>all</u> of our parents – we need help on the night to set up, man and then pack away stalls at the end of the evening. To make everything goes smoothly and add to the fun for all the children and adults – please do sign up to help.

<u>Click here</u> to go to the sign-up sheet, choose a time slot/stall and fill in your name and contact telephone number where it says **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**.

There are lots of stalls that need you. Thank you for helping to make the evening a fun event for everyone

Be a stall coordinator:

We are also looking for volunteers to coordinate the following activities – please <u>let me know</u> if you would like to coordinate:

- BBQ selling of food
- Cakes
- Curry Stall selling
- Entertainer
- Top Gear Challenge
- Trick or Treat Corridor



GREEN NEWS



Go Wild!

Our Year 5 and Year 6 Student Environmental Ambassadors had an excellent day learning outdoors. They had real life learning of maths, science, music and storytelling to name just a few. This outdoor experience awakens all the senses and ensures a day to remember!

There are many wild spaces in HK we can all enjoy. Here's one of the scariest adverts I've seen all year. Take 3 minutes to watch - I dare you! https://youtu.be/8Q2WnCkBTw0



Outdoor Learning is for Teachers too

Many of our staff had the privilege of working with outdoor learning expert, Juliet Robertson, this week. She filled us with inspiration to take our classes to learn outdoors.





Lesley Davies ESD Coordinator



FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT



Kennedy School Swim Safety Week

This week the children will be receiving a practical lesson on water safety. If you child has two swimming classes during the week beginning Monday 3rd October the first lesson will have the Swim Safety focus.

The Swim Safety Week is a big safety component to our swimming programme and where we introduce the students to how it feels to be fully clothed when swimming. The children will also experience basic life saving techniques should they fall into a body of water. During Water Safety Week students will learn to carry out reach rescues and rope throwing, plus safe entries and treading water - don't miss out on learning these invaluable skills next week.

The programme is designed to allow the students to experience how their swimming ability may change when in water with heavier clothes on. For the students to experience the change in the way they float, how much more tired they become, and survival techniques to use IF they were to be in water fully clothed, such as falling off a boat, being caught in a flash flood, accidentally falling into a pool etc.

The students need to bring in the following clothes IN ADDITION to their usual swim kit:

Y2: white t-shirt

Y3&4: light coloured baggy shorts and white long sleeved T-shirt

Y5&6: light coloured tracksuit/pyjama bottoms and white long sleeved T-shirt.

Only white or light coloured clothing will be permitted in the pool as dark colours and print reacts with the chlorine.

Following our information about the use of wet suits and rash tops in the cooler weather, please ensure that your child has a good sized towel to wrap themselves up in after swimming.

AT ALL TIMES THEY WILL BE UNDER STRICT SUPERVISION THE AQUAKIDZ EXPERIENCED AND FULLY ACCREDITED TEACHERS.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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2C	2A	4C	6M	2R
9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45	9:15 - 9:45
2P	2R	4D	5 J	2 J
9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15	9:45 - 10:15
5S	23	2P	5 S	2C
10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45	11:15 - 11:45
53	43	2A	2C	5A
11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15	11:45 - 12:15
5K	4S	6S	2P	4M
12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45	12:15 - 12:45
LUNCH	LUNCH	6R	LUNCH	5D - late lunch
12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45	12:45 - 13:45
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
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				14:15
				6RO
Swim Safety Less		& Y6 (if more than on		14:15 -
	it will be the FIRS	T lesson of the week)	14:45
				6P

Y6 Swimming Gala - Volunteers

On Thursday 20th October the school will be holding the Annual Year 6 Swimming Gala at HKU Stanley Ho Pool from 8:20 to 12:30. We require parents to help with timing the swimmers in each event. To sign up as a Year 6 Swim Gala Volunteer please <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

ESF Ed Services Football Tournament



Congratulations to our three teams who all reached the semi finals of the ESF Ed Services Football Tournament on Saturday. The Boys B team did especially well to match the achievement of the A team. All three teams were a credit to the school and all produced some excellent performances on the day so the children can be proud of their achievement.

A big thank you to Mr. Dray, Mr. Crompton and Mr. Tremmel for their support training and running the teams.

Upcycling – Laos Rugby Foundation

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 have now passed the halfway point with 470 pairs of shoes collected towards our target of 710.



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 1068 pairs of shoes to projects in Cambodia and Laos. The equivalent of 157 seven aside teams. An incredible achievement. Thank you.

We currently have over 200 pairs of shoes in storage. If you have a connection with a shipping company or would like to donate towards the cost of delivery to Laos please contact me directly -tluck@kennedy.edu.hk.

Any support would be most welcome.

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.

Tim Luck
Head of PE and Swimming
tluck@kennedy.edu.hk

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
Monday	Drama, Speech & Communication Classes	Starlit Voice
Monday	<u>Chess Lessons</u>	Hoyinping Chess
Monday	Fabric Fun	Fabric Art
Various	Foundation's Orator, Filmaker & Novelist	Foundation Academy
Wednesday	Bricks 4 Kidz	Elite Bricks
Thursday	Art Classes	Banana Art
Friday	Creative Writing and Publishing	Elephant Community Press

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AUTUMN CAMPS & CLINICS

ESF AUTUMN MULTI SPORTS CAMPS

2 – 11 years olds will love our day camps that are split into separate age groups. All camps are indoors or undercover and combine a range of age-appropriate activities that aim to develop a core range of skills such as very basic motor skills through to more sophisticated game related abilities.



Discovery College, Kowloon Junior School, Renaissance College & South Island School

11-14 October 2016



ESF AUTUMN BASKETBALL CLINICS

ESF Tigers will be delivering basketball camps to improve players' individual technical skills and to enhance their knowledge of team play fundamentals.

Kowloon Junior School 11-14 October 2016

ESF AUTUMN FOOTBALL CLINICS

Football Clinics are coached by our expert coaches who will help your child develop their love of the game! Your child will improve on skills and game techniques while playing games and enjoying the world class pitch at King George V.



King George V School 11-14 October 2016



ESF AUTUMN SWIMMING CLINICS

ESF Sharks' qualified coaches will help swimmers develop their comfort level in the water, improve stroke technique through fun games and activities in the water

Renaissance College & South Island School

11-14 October 2016

ESF AUTUMN GYMNASTICS CLINICS

Tumble, roll, bounce, flex and cartwheel your way in Autumn with an ESF Gymnastics clinic! Our clinics are aimed at developing your child's fundamental gymnastics abilities through floor, beam and vault skill building.



South Island School

11-14 October 2016



ESF AUTUMN TENNIS CLINICS

ESF Tennis' enthusiastic and qualified coaches provide a supportive and enjoyable learning environment and will help your child to develop a love of tennis!

King George V & South Island School 11-14 October 2016



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UPCOMING EVENTS & DUE DATES

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3-7 October	School Photos
4 October	Parent Teacher Consultations
6 October	Parent Teacher Consultations
7 October	 PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am
3-6 October	School Photographs
10-14 October	Mid Term Break – School Closure
17 October	ESF CPD Day – School Closure
20 October	Year 6 Swim Gala
20 October	Year 5 Camp Information night, 6:00 pm
24 October	Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5J
26 October	 Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3T, 9:00 – 12:30
27 October	 Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3C, 3S, 9:00 – 12:30
	Year 2 Trip to Kadoorie Farm
28 October	 Year 3 Trip to Kowloon Park – 3W, 3O, 9:00 – 12:30
	 PTA Family BBQ – 6:00 – 9:00 pm
31 October	Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5S
2 November	Diwali celebrations – Dress in Indian or bright colour clothes
4 November	 PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am
8-11 November	Year 5 Camp (Lady MacLehose Holiday Village)
9 November	 Year 4 Bake Sale – 4C, 4J, 4S
16-18 November	Year 4 Camp (Sai Kung Recreation Centre)
21 November	Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5K
24 November	Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5A
25 November	Year 5 Trip to Zero Carbon Building – 5D
22-25 November	Year 6 APA Camp (Wong Yi Chau)
30 November	Year 4 Mini Exhibtion for parents, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
1 December	Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations with Chinese Teachers
2 December	PTA Coffee morning, Staff Room, 8:30 – 9:30 am
Z December	 Year 2 show, Lower Playground, 9:00 – 10:00 am
5 December	PTA Choir/Carols evening, Lower playground, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
9 December	Term 1 ends at 12noon
3 January	Term 2 Starts
	Kennedy School Calendar 2016-2017 can be found here.

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