

## Term 1 Half-term News

Dear Parents, I would just like to bring you up to speed on recent school events.

### 1. Student Leadership

Over the past few weeks many of our students have been demonstrating they are COMMUNICATORS and RISK TAKERS and that they are developing greater RESPONSIBILITY by trying out for several leadership positions.

Each class from **Year 2 –Year 13** has been electing Student Councilors, Prefects and House Captains. Students applying for these roles have given their presentations to their class or to the school and all students have had the responsibility to vote.

We have been very impressed by the high standard of presentations and the commitment all students have demonstrated in applying for these positions. Thank you to all students who took a risk by trying out for these roles.

Student Councilors will attend meetings to discuss their ideas for improvement in school life at KIS. Prefects will work closely with the Head of 6TH Form. They have been assigned duties at the gate in the mornings and after school and patrolling at recess.

The Year 6 House Captains will collect and collate all the house points they will also develop a sense of teamwork and belonging in our School Houses on the internal House events day. Congratulations to the following students

### List of names

#### Secondary student council reps

Y7 JW	WAI TING HEI KAYLIE FRANCO Eduward
Springboard	LIN Adrian
8 VS	LAI Tsz Chun Alpha
8 YC	NG Ying Tung Cerise
9 WM	LAM Chi Chun Josiah
10 CJ	LAI Tsz Ching Omega LING Jared
Y11 CS	CAMERON Ian Alexander CHOPRA Jayan
Y12 HR	BEZANILLA REYES Maria Jose MOHM Presley
Y13 DP	TANG Wing Hong Marco

### Primary student council reps

Class	Student Councilor #1	Student Councilor #2
Please note that the Year 2 classes will change their class representatives every two weeks.		
Y2J	Joyce Yeung Yang	Vihaan Nair
Y2S	Lynette Chan	Josh Chan
Y3F	Jaena Jung	Donovan Lee
Y3C	Chin Wei Lara Chan	Aggarwal Achintya
Y4B	Ian Schade	Suzu Hattori
Y4D	Jayne Kim	Aiden Kim
Y5K	Fanyu Hung	Alexis Lai
Y5L	David Son	Stanley Joo
Y6C	Lauren You	Ginka Hattori
Y6V	Anjitha Nair	Geo Yun

### Primary House captains

Pandas	Gloria Park (6C)
Eagles	Andy Lau (6C)
Cougars	Aiden Lee (6V)
Lions	Nathan Park (6V)

### School Prefects

Y11	Jayan Chopra Fabia Wang
Y12	May May Tam Sidharth Suresh
Y13	Ivy Ho Marco Tang

### Head Boy/Head Girl

Y12	Presley Mohm Maria Bezanilla
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## 2. Library October Events

### **Diwali themed library celebration, Library Open House for Parents and Diwali assembly**

You are warmly welcomed to our Primary Diwali assembly. It will be held on 13th October 2017 at 11:00am in the school Gymnasium.

The dress code for the day is Indian or Traditional Attire. If you are dressed for the occasion, a donation of HK20 or more would be much appreciated.

We will be having a Diwali themed library this October in celebration of the Hindu Festival of Lights. This is also the first event that will be celebrated in the library (and **we are** looking forward for more events!). It will be a themed dress day for primary this Friday **13/10/2017**, to support the Diwali festival. The cost will be 20HKD.which will go to the Community Chest of Hong Kong

#### **Guest Speaker from 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

A very special speaker, from our own KIS family, will introduce and share how Diwali is celebrated to all primary students during their library class.

Ms. Jay is our year 4 assistant teacher. She has been working in KIS for six years. We are very happy and grateful for having her celebrate Diwali with us in our KIS library!



#### **Library Open House for Parents on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

Our **brand new** KIS library is open to all primary section parents on October 13, 2017 **to take a look**. In line with the celebration of Diwali, we will be having a short introduction to the festival. This will be a great opportunity for parents to explore our newly renovated library. Coffee, tea and sweets are provided (Thanks to our Diwali committee).



9:00 – 9:30	Meet and greet parents
9:30 – 10:00	Diwali presentation by Ms. Jay
10:00 – 10:45	Free Reading



### **For Secondary Parents**

Parents, would you please notify your student that there will be a free dress day for Secondary this **Friday 13/10/2017, to support the Diwali festival.**

The cost will be 20HKD which will go to support **Impact HK & Community Chest.**

Students will also be encouraged to bring along extra cash to purchase samosas.

The samosas will be sold at break time for 10HKD each.

All the money raised by Secondary students will be split between **support Impact HK**, a local Sai Wan Ho charity that tends to the homeless in our area and wider Hong Kong, and Community Chest.

### **3. PD day**

#### **Professional Development Day on Friday 6th October**

Report for parents

**Theme; Student's well being**

On Friday the staff spent a day together working hard to learn new protocols to help your child: they explored the many procedures for; supporting the emotional needs of students; child safeguarding and child protection via workshops from local Hong Kong experts. Staff also spent time working together on many aspects of professional collaboration.

We had two visiting local experts in to talk about; staff well-being/supporting the emotional needs of students and child safeguarding and protection. We also had a joint practical activity[Google classroom] and the teachers of RC-Y3 had training in Class Do Jo system.

Later in the day the staff had time to work collaboratively in their respective departments

Primary

Secondary

Springboard

### **4. Introduction to learning English**

#### **The best introduction to learning English**

#### **Thank you parents for signing up to Cambridge YLE**

**Cambridge English: Young Learners** is a series of fun and engaging activity-based English language tests. They introduce primary and lower-secondary level students to everyday written and spoken English, and are an excellent way to gain confidence and improve their English.

The tests are created for children and use topics they are familiar with. All of our exams cover the four language skills: Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. Students are encouraged to move through the three levels: Starters, Movers and Flyers.

With *Cambridge English: Young Learners*, teachers can motivate their students to learn English, and parents can see the progress and achievements made.

## 5. HKYWA

The HKYWA, is a writing competition for school's whose main aim is to foster excellence in creativity by providing students with the opportunity to develop their expressive talents and expand their horizons.

The awards encourage excellence in English writing and artwork among students of various age groups, diverse backgrounds and different learning abilities. Since its inception in 2010, the competition has been a resounding success, with more than 980+ innovative entries coming in from 200+ participating schools across Hong Kong, Macau and China in 2017.

All entries should be based on the theme for 2017, **New Journeys to the West**. Winners will be chosen in each of the groups, and one lucky student will be named The Hong Kong Young Writer of 2018.

### **New Journeys to the West**

It can be a piece of free writing /poem/a **collection of tales** from the imagination.

**The topic this year is: New Journey to the West. Here's the website:**

[http://www.hkywa.com/for\\_teachers/submission-instructions-secondary/](http://www.hkywa.com/for_teachers/submission-instructions-secondary/)

For secondary, there's also digital storytelling.

Primary can submit cover art, too.

## 6. Parent portal invitation

The school Engage system has been sent out to all parents. The KIS parent portal invitation -emails to All Parents, through your primary email address.

This is to remind you to check your email accounts and finish the first-time login.

In future, we ask you to use the Engage Portal to interact with the school.  
Every family has an a/c and you need to know to how to login.

In case you have any problems, please contact Mr. Tsai Ken, ICT and Chinese Teacher – International Section.

Many Thanks.

## 7. Class photographs

Professional photographs of all classes

Professional photographs of all classes will be taken at the school the week of Nov 6th to 8th

Please ensure that your child is present and wears his/ her full school uniform on the day of their photo.  
The class photo schedule will be shared with you after half term nearer to the photo dates.

I have been asked many times if there will also be an opportunity for siblings, who are at KIS to be photographed together. [They say they can do KIS sibling photo-taking.](#) [The school will provide a room and confirm the date and time.](#) This service would be entirely optional. Photos will be taken during school time in a designated classroom /the gym or around the campus.

Today I met the new IPTA committee. They are all keen and asked for us to work together for the students and school.

The staff and I wish you a happy Mid-term break.

Thank you.  
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