

Dear Parents,

Let me just bring you up to date on our recent news and events.

Happy Diwali!

It was a joy to share the Festival of Lights with our students. Many thanks to our wonderful teachers and parents who organised an amazing variety of Diwali activities, so that all of our students could join in this important cultural celebration. It was an enriching event that everyone enjoyed.

Box of Hope Appeal

Thank you all so much for your generosity in your creating and handing in your boxes of hope. As a school, we collected an amazing 450 boxes. That is a fantastic response! That means that our community have helped 450 children who are less fortunate than ourselves in one go. What a wonderful effort! The boxes were collected and checked and sent off on Wednesday morning, the student councillors helped organise the classes. Thank you all again for your help, it is very much appreciated.

Hong Kong Young Writers Awards

Interested students are invited to enter the 10th Anniversary Competition of the Hong Kong Young Writers Award. The theme this year is:

“New Tales of the Ming Treasure Voyages”.

Students can submit entries in the following categories:

Fiction

Non-Fiction

Cover Art

Poetry

We will be holding meetings for students interested in entering. Information about what to do and how to enter will be provided at the meeting. Students will be informed by [their](#) class teachers. There will be follow-up opportunities over the following weeks for any students who either missed the meeting or would like to ‘check-in’ to discuss their entry during scheduled lunch breaks. Students must work on their entries independently and all entries will be due into school by the first day of Term 2, Monday, 7th of January.

You can find more information about the competition and this year’s theme, the categories and word limits at: <https://www.hkywa.com/>

New teachers

We are pleased to welcome one new Teacher and one Assistant Teacher.

Mr. Luke Leader - ESL [Primary]/SENCO

Mr. Isaac Hernandez - Y2 AT

Mr. Waqas Mahmood - Springboard Post 16 AT

We hope that they settle in quickly and enjoy working with the students at our school.

Safeguarding and security

Photographs and video

It remains a frustration that two concerns around child protection and safety remain present at school, unfortunately due to the actions of some of our parents. Firstly, we ask that parents respect our request not to photograph or video students other than their own child at school. This includes other children and staff in the background. We know that images uploaded onto open social media sites can be hijacked and manipulated for other purposes and we all need to be vigilant around protecting our children from any possible threat of this.

EDB Update

We have been working on the following to upgrade and revise the office management and organization. We have been working closely with the EDB.

- Letter to EDB to clarify School organization and administration; child protection and safeguarding; the organization of arrivals and dismissals under campus safety update.
- Letter to EDB to clarify ECA's, we have sent in two letters to clarify our position and have asked EDB for approval to restart them.
- Letter to EDB to clarify position on parents giving notice (one month or two).
- Letter to EDB to clarify our request for one month's deposits on commencement
- Letter to EDB to clarify/identify a comprehensive complaints policy

Assemblies

WELLBEING at KIS

Over the last few weeks, we have had an opportunity to share how each and every one of us can make small changes to enhance ourselves and others wellbeing through our MINDFULNESS session in assembly; one is thinking of others/being kind to others/being helpful/helping others and another one was healthier choices.

KINDNESS

The author, Henry James famously said;

“There are 3 things in human life that are important.

The first is kindness,

the second is kindness,

and the third is kindness.”

Research now shows, amongst other things, that kindness improves our mood, builds strong relationships and even strengthens our immune system. When we are kind, we become the healthiest version of ourselves. Our students learned that kindness is catching; being kind to ourselves, others or the environment is passed on, eventually resulting in a happier, more positive, healthier community. Students were asked to think about being kind at least once every day. Ask your child if they are keeping that promise to help make KIS (and the world) a happier place.

‘No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted’. – Aesop

HEALTHIER CHOICES healthier choices 1,2,3 to improve how we feel and our readiness for each day at school.

Drink water instead of sugary drinks.

At KIS we aim

1. To DRINK water regularly through the school day.
2. Be active for 60 minutes a day and prioritise sleep over screen time.
3. Eat healthier foods. Keep it simple, keep it real. The Hong Kong Government recommends regular eating of fruit each day.

Santa Fun Day – 5th December

A Santa Fun Day Letter and decoration template will be send home with the students. Please also note that payment is due on the 29th of November for the students.

Many thanks,

Santa Fun Day Committee

Calendar events

Week 13

Wednesday, 28th November – University Presentation Evening Y9/10/11/12/13 and all Parents are welcome

Week 14

Wednesday, 5th December – Santa Fun Day

Week 15

Tuesday, 11th December – Christmas Concert (Primary)

Week 16

Wednesday, 19th December – Christmas Concert (Secondary)

Wednesday, 19th December – Half Day School

Wednesday, 19th December – End of Term Christmas Assembly

So you can see the last few weeks of Term 1 are action packed!

So do come along and support and do give generously to all our charity responses and student planned events.

With kind regards,

C. Chadwick

Principal