



June Newsletter

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Welcome to Our Newsletter!

Kingston Team

Welcome to the third edition of Kingston's monthly newsletter and the last for the 2023-2024 school year! Stay connected and inspired as we continue to share stories that celebrate the spirit of Kingston. Thank you for your support!

Water Fun Parties

As the summer heat ramped up, the students were treated to a series of exciting Water Fun Parties. These special events allowed the children from all grade levels to splash, play, and cool down in the refreshing water. The outdoor play areas were transformed with kiddie pools, giving the young learners ample opportunities to engage in hands-on, sensory-rich experiences.

The sounds of delighted giggles and laughter filled the air as the students jumped in the water, and splashed around in the pools. Not only did these Water Fun Parties help the children beat the summer heat, but they also promoted physical activity and social interaction. It was wonderful to see the children participate in these celebratory, water-themed festivities, creating lasting memories of their time at school.





Playgroup and 2 Year Old Class

The Playgroup and 2 Year Old Classes have been exploring how to have a fun and safe summer. The teachers have been facilitating learning about healthy summer habits, like wearing hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen when playing outside to protect from the sun's strong rays. The children have been creating vibrant, summer-themed artwork using paints, collage materials, and even watching a “zongzi” dumpling making demonstration to learn about the Dragon Boat Festival. In the sensory tables, they've been exploring summer textures like water, sand, and sunscreen.

The teachers have also been discussing with the children the importance of staying hydrated and taking breaks in the shade during outdoor playtime. Through these engaging, hands-on activities, the Playgroup and 2 Year Old Classes are developing an understanding of how to enjoy all that summer has to offer while keeping themselves healthy and happy. The children in the 2 Year Old Class were recently visited by a dentist for a routine check-up. It was an exciting experience that allowed the young learners to become comfortable with dental hygiene and start developing good oral health habits at an early age.





3 Year Old Class

As the school year draws to a close, the 3 Year Old Class wrapped up their final unit of inquiry, "How We Express Ourselves." The children had been exploring different forms of creative expression, from visual arts to music and dance. In the weeks leading up to the end of the unit, the class was abuzz with excitement as they prepared to share their learning with their families through an art and IBPYP mini-exhibition. The students carefully curated their best artwork, from vibrant paintings to intricate collages, and displays were set up showcasing their learning during the unit. During the event, the young learners eagerly guided their

parents and caregivers through the exhibition, explaining the inspirations and creative processes behind their masterpieces. It was a true celebration of the 3 Year Old Class's growth and development over the course of the year, as they confidently demonstrated their abilities to express themselves through the arts. The mini-exhibition provided a meaningful culmination to their "How We Express Ourselves" unit and a fitting send off before transitioning to the next grade level.





4 Year Old Class

On June 15th, the 4 Year Old Class celebrated their graduation and transition to primary school with a wonderful ceremony. The children all performed exceptionally well, showcasing the skills and knowledge they had gained over the course of the year. Through songs, dances, and heartfelt speeches, they demonstrated their confidence, creativity, and eagerness to embark on the next chapter of their educational journeys. It was a proud moment for the families in attendance as

they watched their little ones confidently walk across the stage to receive their graduation certificates. The 4 Year Old Class should be heartily congratulated on this significant milestone. Their hard work, curiosity, and enthusiasm have truly prepared them for success in primary school. We wish them all the best as they take this next step and continue to grow, learn, and shine.





Summer School

We still have openings in our exciting Summer School classes here at Kingston. These specialised programmes are a wonderful way for children to continue learning and growing throughout the summer break. If you're interested in enrolling your child, you can click the link below to complete the sign-up process or call the school to sign up. Space is limited, so we encourage you to secure your child's spot as soon as possible. Our Summer School classes are designed to be engaging, enriching, and tons of fun for the kids. We look forward to welcoming more students to join in the summer learning adventures!

[Kingston Summer School](#)



Upcoming Events

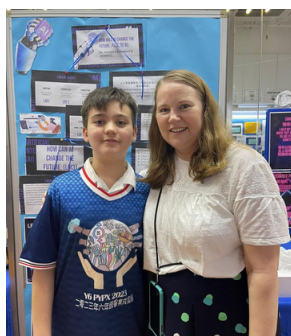
- 22 June to 12 August - Summer Holiday
- 24-25 June - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 12 August - 2 Year Old Class Parent Orientation
- 13 August - First day of school
- 10 September - 4 and 5 Year Old Class Parent Information Session
- 12 September - 3 Year Old Class Parent Information Session
- 17 September - Mid Autumn Festival Celebration
- 18 September - Mid Autumn Festival Holiday (No school)



Refugee Union Donation Drive

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who so generously contributed to our Refugee Union Donation Drive. Your donations of clothing, shoes, non-perishable food, and toys were truly appreciated and will make a significant difference in the lives of refugee families in our community. These donations will provide much-needed resources and comfort to individuals and families who have faced unimaginable hardships. Your compassion and willingness to give back are a testament to the caring spirit of our Kingston family. We are grateful for your kindness and unwavering commitment to making a positive impact. These donations will undoubtedly bring joy and relief to those in need, and we thank you for your generosity.





Teacher Spotlight

My name is Michelle Chu and I am the English Head Teacher and PYP Coordinator at Kingston. I am originally from New Zealand and moved to Hong Kong in 2002, where I then began to teach in a local kindergarten. Teaching in the early years was an incredibly rewarding experience for me. I loved nurturing young minds and helping children develop a love of learning. Watching them grow and thrive academically, socially, and emotionally was incredibly fulfilling. It was during this time that I truly found my passion for education and knew I wanted to make it my lifelong career. So in 2005 I completed my Qualified Kindergarten Teacher qualification from the Education University of Hong Kong followed by my PGDE (Early Years) from The University of Hong Kong.

In 2010, I began working at Kingston and I have really found my "home" here. Kingston is an amazing school with a vibrant, inclusive community and a strong commitment to the IB philosophy. The school's focus on developing the whole child through an inquiry-based, transdisciplinary curriculum really resonates with me. I fully support the programme at Kingston and I'm proud to be a part of it.

Both of my children started at Kingston in the Playgroup class and I've seen firsthand the transformative impact the school has had on them. My daughter will be entering Year 5 at Kingston International School next year, and my son will be in Year 8 at ICHK Secondary. Kingston has supported them to become well-rounded, international-minded, bilingual communicators, and I am so proud of their growth and success.

As the English Head Teacher and PYP Coordinator, I am dedicated to fostering an engaging and enriching learning environment that aligns with the school's mission of developing curious, principled, and caring learners. I work closely with my teaching team to ensure that our curriculum, instructional practices, and assessment strategies are meeting the diverse needs of our students and empowering them to reach their full potential. I truly believe in the power of education to transform lives, and I am honoured to be a part of the Kingston community, where I can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students.

Thank you for reading!
