



May Newsletter

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Welcome to Our Newsletter!

Kingston Team

Welcome to the second edition of Kingston's monthly newsletter! We hope you enjoyed our first edition. In this issue, we're bringing you more exciting news, updates, and insights about our vibrant community. Stay connected and inspired as we continue to share stories that celebrate the spirit of Kingston. Thank you for your support!

Playgroup

In our playgroup, the students have been actively engaged in learning about transportation through a range of exciting activities. Some of the fun sensory play activities on offer this month included digging through sand with construction vehicles, washing toy buses and captaining toy boats through a sea of blue jelly.

In circle times they have played simple transport related games and enthusiastically role-played as drivers pretend steering wheel in hand. And what would a day be without transport-related songs? Songs such as The Wheels on the Bus and Row, Row, Row Your Boat help to reinforce their knowledge and add an extra dose of fun to their learning journey. The playgroup classroom was also filled with an abundance of transport-related toys that inspired endless exploration and discovery.





2 Year Old Class

In our lively 2 Year Old Class, the students have been enthusiastically learning about community helpers. Through engaging activities, their understanding of these important roles has flourished. In their class supermarket, they've joyfully embraced the roles of both shopkeepers and customers, enhancing their social and imaginative skills.

As aspiring firefighters, they embarked on a thrilling mission to put out a "fire" on the classroom wall, fostering teamwork and problem-solving abilities. The students eagerly donned doctor's coats and explored the world of healthcare, using various medical tools and nurturing their empathy.

The class has also had the privilege of welcoming parents who shared about their careers and read captivating stories, broadening the students' horizons. A memorable field trip to SPRING allowed the little ones to unleash their inner chefs, baking a delicious cake and savouring the joy of culinary creation. Additionally, they enthusiastically participated in sports activities, encouraging physical development and teamwork. The 2-Year-Old Class extends its heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable involvement, which has enriched their learning experiences immensely.





3 Year Old Class

In the lively world of our Three Year Old Classes, the students are currently immersed in their final unit of the year, "How We Express Ourselves." Their exploration revolves around the captivating realm of performance and the arts.



With a sense of awe, they have delved into the realm of famous artworks from diverse cultures, marvelling at the creativity and expression on display.

To further their understanding, the students have joyfully embarked on recreating these masterpieces, allowing their own artistic abilities to flourish.



In the area of music, they have discovered the power of rhythm, experimenting with drums, the enchanting Gu Zheng, and even unleashing their vocal talents with their own microphones. The classroom has transformed into a stage, as they put on delightful shows for their classmates, fostering confidence and self-expression.



Adding a splash of colour to their journey, the students have crafted their own awe-inspiring tie-dye t-shirts, a tangible symbol of their creativeness.



Through this engaging unit, these vibrant young learners are discovering the myriad ways in which they can express themselves artistically, leaving an indelible mark on their educational journey.





4 Year Old Class

The 4 Year Old Class have now finished all their IBPYP units for the year and this culminated in a mini exhibition, an event that truly captured the essence of their year-long journey in learning and growth. With hearts brimming with pride, the children eagerly embraced the role of little teachers, showcasing their newfound knowledge and skills to their parents. The mini exhibition served as a platform for the children to shine, as they enthusiastically demonstrated a wide array of activities and projects that they had wholeheartedly embraced throughout the year.



Parents were invited to immerse themselves in the vibrant atmosphere, exploring and engaging in these activities alongside their children. The bond between home and school was strengthened as parents witnessed firsthand the progress their children had made. Families joyfully participated in the various interactive activities, fostering a sense of togetherness and shared experience. The exhibition was not only a celebration of the children's accomplishments but also a testament to the dedicated efforts of the teachers who had nurtured and guided them along the way. The 4 Year Old Class children's attention has now turned to the highly anticipated Graduation Ceremony, a momentous occasion scheduled for mid-June. The children have begun preparing for this significant milestone. Graduation will mark the culmination of their time in preschool, symbolising their growth, development, and readiness to embark on the next chapter of their educational journey.



In School Performances

The 3 Year Old Classes recently had an array of exciting demonstrations as part of their "How We Express Ourselves" unit. The first demonstration came in the form of a mime performance. The students were enthralled as they watched the mime skillfully use body language to tell stories without uttering a single word. It was a truly magical experience that showcased the power of non-verbal communication. Next up was a thrilling Kung Fu Fan demonstration by Ms. Faye from Kingston's Upper Primary. The children were mesmerised as Ms. Faye demonstrated graceful movements, incorporating the fan as an extension of her body. Lastly, the young learners had the privilege of witnessing an amazing pottery demonstration by a talented parent from the Starfish AM class.





Star of the Month

Congratulations to Emery Koo from the Pandas PM class on her remarkable achievements in gymnastics! Your dedication, hard work, and talent have truly paid off, and we are incredibly proud of you. Your commitment to the sport and your outstanding performances are an inspiration to us all. Keep reaching for the stars and continue to shine brightly in all your gymnastics endeavours. Well done, Emery! If you would like to share your child's achievements with us please click the link below or scan the QR code and fill in the form!

[Celebrating Our Students' Success Beyond the Classroom](#)

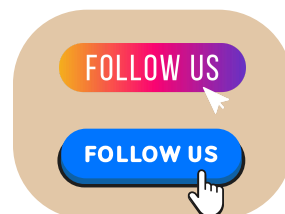


Upcoming Events

- 7 June 3 Year Old Class Art & Mini Exhibition
- 10 June Dragon Boat Festival (no school)
- 12 June Playgroup Water Fun Day
- 13 June 2 Year Old Class Water Fun Day
- 15 June 4 Year Old Class Graduation Ceremony
- 17 June Starfish Water Fun Day
- 18 June Pandas Water Fun Day
- 19 June Angelfish Water Fun Day
- 20 June Rabbits Water Fun Day
- 20 June Report Cards Distributed
- 21 June Farewell Party
- 24-25 June Parent-Teacher Conferences

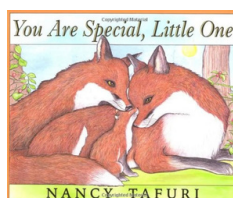
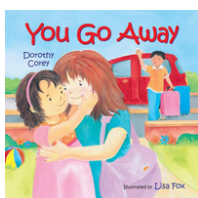
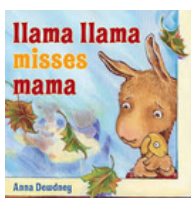


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Early Years Insights

Separation anxiety is a common experience among preschoolers as they navigate the transition from home to school. It can manifest in clinginess, tears, and reluctance to part from parents or caregivers. Understanding and addressing separation anxiety is crucial for both parents and educators. To gain further insights into this topic, you may read the article [Tips to Ease Separation Anxiety](#). Additionally, exploring children's books that cover this topic can provide comfort and reassurance for both children and parents during this phase of adjustment. Remember, patience, empathy, and consistent routines can help ease separation anxiety and support a smooth transition for preschoolers.





Dress Casual Day Award Ceremony

In a moment of great pride, Kingston was honoured with the prestigious title of receiving the highest per capita award for Dress Casual Day 2023 in the Educational Institution Division. This recognition was a testament to the incredible spirit and enthusiasm of the community.

The award not only highlighted Kingston's commitment to dressing casually for a purpose but also showcased the outstanding generosity and compassion that resonates within our community.

Donation Drive For Refugee Union

The Refugee Union is doing vital work to support refugees in Hong Kong, and our community can play a role in assisting their efforts. We are organising a donation drive to collect essential items for the Refugee Union, including milk formula, UHT milk, clothes and shoes, blankets and bedding, toiletries, non-perishable food, and diapers. This is a great opportunity for families to declutter and give back - by donating goods that are no longer needed, we can help meet the basic needs of refugee families in our city. Donating to the Refugee Union is a tangible way to make a difference and teach our children the importance of supporting those in need in our community. I encourage everyone to contribute what they can to this worthy cause.

Important Information:

1. Donations can be dropped off at school in the box at the gate from June 3-14.
2. Clothing, shoes, blankets and bedding should be in good condition with no visible stains or holes.
3. Milk formula, UHT milk, toiletries, non-perishable (food items and milk must be new and unopened) and diapers.
4. All donations will be delivered to the Refugee Union after June 14.

For more information about the Refugee Union please visit their website www.refugeeunion.org





Teacher Spotlight

Hello everyone, I am 江敏(Fion), the Chinese teacher of the Angelfish class. I'm happy to share my life and little secrets with you here. I was born in the beautiful ancient city of Changsha, Hunan, and I like spicy food. So how spicy can I eat? According to the popular indicator of "Yunnan rice noodles", I can probably eat the "five chilli peppers level", so you can call me a "spice lover"! In 1988, I immigrated to Hong Kong with my parents - a bustling metropolis that I had only seen on television when I was a child. My first impression of Hong Kong was that there were many high-rise buildings and everyone was chattering in Cantonese. I remember the first time I took the school entrance examination, the school required Chinese and mathematics. I passed Chinese very easily, and mathematics was the subject I was least confident about. After the examination, I didn't expect that I, someone bad at mathematics, was praised by the principal and approved to join the class on the same day. I started to go to school in a daze.

When I left school and entered the workplace, I was determined to pursue my dream of becoming a kindergarten teacher. I studied for the Kindergarten Teaching Diploma at the Institute of Education (now the Education University of Hong Kong) in 1995 and officially became a qualified kindergarten teacher in 1996. Do you know what's special about this year? Let me tell you! Kingston was founded this year, and I joined the Kingston family four years later, in 2000. In the same year, I studied for the Baptist University Higher Diploma in Kindergarten and the Chinese University of Hong Kong School of Off-campus Continuing Education Advanced Diploma in Nutrition. I have now spent 24 happy years in Kingston with a very happy working life.

Why did I come to Kingston? I planned to come here to learn English for free. I have always been afraid of speaking English. When I saw a foreigner wanting to ask for directions, I immediately waved my head, said no, and left in a hurry. Today, 24 years later, I am no longer afraid of speaking English and feel more confident communicating with our English teachers. The language environment is really important, so when I had my child, I let him study here without thinking. He went from our Playgroup to our secondary school ICHK and is now in Year 8. Let me tell you something I'm very proud of. My son achieved full marks in this year's English and History exams; he also won the Chinese Writing Award at the 4th International Chinese Festival. This is all due to the language foundation established in Kingston.

Over the past 24 years, Kingston and I have grown together and I have witnessed the school becoming the first IBPYP certified school in Hong Kong. In the future, let our Kingston children continue to shine in their fields!

Thank you for reading!