



Newsletter 11 2017-18

Thursday 16th November 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community

No school tomorrow: Please be reminded that school is closed tomorrow for all students for staff professional development weekend.

Around JIS:

BOX of HOPE – JIS appeal for Christmas 2017-thank you!

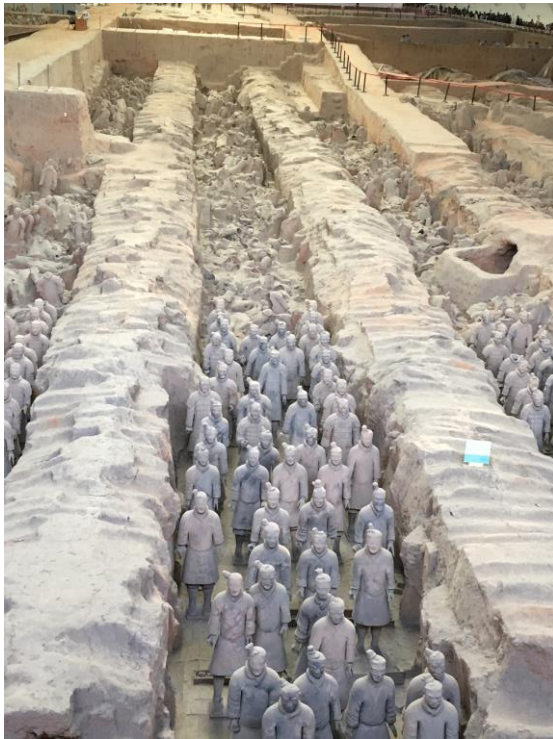


Huge thanks to those students and families who have joined in with our 'Box of Hope' appeal. We were proud to send off 129 boxes to the charity on Wednesday. The boxes have been collected and are now on their journey to make a child somewhere in Asia feel special and valued.

P6 trip to Xi'an 2017:

The P6 class went off to Xian last week for their annual trip. It was another great success as the students really stepped up to their responsibilities, showed their independence and pulled together as a community. The weather was the best we have ever had which helped as we went about our touring, cycling, and eating extravaganza in Western China.





The P6 trip to Xian is a fabulous opportunity for the students for their first big time 'away from home' and is an interesting mix of historical learning, social skill development and a lot of fun along the way. The students were fascinated by so many of the sites, temples and museums and also had time to enjoy a Tang Dynasty song and dance show, some cycling and tai chi on the city wall.

A big thanks to all the JIS staff who processed and sorted all the information, the P6 parents for their support for the trip and the staff – Resham Premchand and Cath Wan who came along and gave 24hr care and attention to the students.

Japanese Class assembly – Shichigosan 2017



Many thanks to the students of Japanese class who helped present our assembly to celebrate Shichigosan – 7, 5, 3 festival yesterday afternoon in school. Some of the P2 students dressed up in traditional clothes and the P4 class helped present some information and a traditional song.

P5 trip to hidden retirement home/ Buddhist temple and gardens, followed by waterfall and plunge pool exploration

Yesterday the P5 class had an amazing New Territories experience to visit a 100yr old restored women's retirement home and gardens, followed by lunch and a swim / explore of some beautiful rock pools and waterfalls. The building was restored by a South African couple who found it hiking in the hills near Sha Tau Kok, above Starling Inlet about 25 years ago. The house is still lived in and has been turned into a mini – museum by Mrs. Dyer – the wife of the couple who re-discovered the building. She has passionately kept

the house going, since the death of her husband, for the benefit of occasional visitors like us – fabulous real commitment – in JIS terms)!

The staff of ICHK arranged the trip for us as they are keen to share their school environment with all of us, not just their own students. Mr. Douglas Kidd – ICHK vice principal is a passionate environmentalist and really enthused the P5 students about the great outdoors!



JIS New website upgrade: Nov 2017 re-launch

We have upgraded and revamped the school website to give it a more up-to-date look. We have added some new features and more will be added in the next few weeks. The format of drop down menus we think is clearer and easier to use. We have tried to include more photos as it has been suggested that the school is about its environment and the students so we should show the world all about us!

All links you may have created will still work as normal. We will continue to offer a weekly update on the front page – which can be a point of reference. We will also include the popular PDF A4 calendar and update it as we go through the year. The calendar (Communications drop down menu) is now a google calendar and will be updated regularly – in order to help you all keep in touch with events at school you can add this link to your own google calendar if needed. It will include all events, and can be viewed daily, weekly, monthly etc.

Link to JIS google calendar:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=jiswebmanager%40gmail.com&ctz=Asia/Hong_Kong

We are keen to make sure our website is a positive marketing tool and will continue to develop it. The current smartphone version is being adjusted to make sure banners and photos are more balanced, but the desktop version is looking positive so far.

ESSPA update:

Donations from the recent special lunches have been discussed with the students and the following local charities have been supported:

P6 donated their special lunch money (\$1225) to Hong Kong Dog Rescue

P5 donated their special lunch money (\$1350) to the SPCA

Deadline for orders for the P4 lunch on Friday 24th November are on Monday 20th – please order on time, so children do not get disappointed on the day.

Dates for the week ahead:

Monday 20th: P1 trip to Zen organic farm – all day

Tuesday 21st: Jing Jing kindergarten parents and students visiting this morning for a tour and play at JIS Japanese Section exchange visit with Ting Ka Ping PLK School – next door

Wednesday 22nd: Physiotherapy check ups at JIS – students who applied – a.m.

Thursday 23rd: Reception Class to Tai Po railway museum and Tai Po a.m.

ICHK Board meeting at 6:30pm

Friday 24th: P4 ESSPA special lunch

The JIS staff have an interesting and informative 2 days ahead of professional development. As a school we have an active staff learning culture in which we use the experience and talents of our staff, as well as local/international experts who can work with us to extend our current practices in teaching and learning.

Have a great weekend

Simon Walton
Principal