



Newsletter 30 2017-18

Friday 11th May 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Out and about with the JIS community

This week we welcomed around 100 visitors to JIS as part of some I.B. workshops run by the South China / Hong Kong PYP network. There was a wide range of workshop presentations on offer and teachers came from a variety of Hong Kong schools. For many it was the first time they had been to JIS and we were delighted to receive some positive feedback about our school environment and facilities. Cath Wan our PYP coordinator was one of the main organisers of the event and some JIS members of staff presented workshops to their peers as volunteers. Well done to everyone involved!

Japanese class open lessons:

Many thanks to Yoko sensei and Kiyomi sensei for hosting some 'open lessons' in their Japanese class, over the last few days. There were some student language presentations and sharing of activities as to how Japanese class is organized for parents to observe.



Parents and community I.T. / computing workshop – Tuesday 15th May 6:30 – 8pm – please call in and sign up. The evening will be run by groups of students, working alongside JIS staff and will be a lot of fun and very thought provoking!

For our I.T. based Parent Workshop staff and students from P2, P3, P4 and P5 will be presenting some hands-on activity sessions for parents to come along and learn and enjoy. The workshop will begin with David Rixon sharing some of the recent updates within our I.T. curriculum followed by the activities set up and run by students in the classrooms.

There will be a rotation of workshops with:

P5 students demonstrating some 'green screen' animation

P4 students showcasing some virtual reality (VR) learning

P3 students demonstrating some programming and code based activities, using programmable robots.

P2 have now joined in (!) with some presentations using the Makey Makey devices – all great fun too
Along the corridor there will be a range of 'Hour of code' experiences for everyone to try.





P2 engineers get ready with Makey Makey devices. P5 student teachers: in preparation for the upcoming parents evening and to help P6 as part of their Exhibition, P5 volunteers are teaching P6 how to make green screen videos on the iPad.



Come along and join us, have a play, learn something new and enjoy some time with our student 'experts'. If you would like to join us on May 15th – please send a message to Kim Murch on kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk or call 2834 3531.

Employment Opportunities at JIS August 2018 – come join us!

Full Time Educational Assistant at JIS (5 days)

We have begun a recruitment exercise for an Education Assistant role at JIS to start in August 2018. The role will be full time (5 or 3 days per week) working alongside a JIS class teacher to support and develop the activities that are offered to the students. A full job description and information regarding salary and terms and conditions are available from the school principal – s-walton@jis.edu.hk.

The ideal candidate would have proven experience of working with young children and/or in a school based environment and a keen interest to work in a collaborative, dynamic learning environment. The roles will primarily involve working with students in their activity groups, some admin support, learning materials preparation and supervision duties.

Interested applicants should contact Mr Walton at JIS for further information or send in a CV and letter of introduction, including at least 2 referees, by Friday 18th May. Interviews for this position(s) will be held at the school in week beginning 21st May 2018. All enquiries to the school principal on s-walton@jis.edu.hk

Old or unused smartphones – do you have any that you no longer need that we could use? David Rixon is keen to have them!

Many thanks to some members of the JIS community who have given unwanted smartphones to the school – they will be well used! BUT we can use more!

If you have recently upgraded your own phone and have an older one available, please contact David Rixon in P4 – drixon@es.jis.edu.hk

JIS Talent Show – Friday 18th May; 1-2:30 pm – next Friday – see you there!

We all look forward to hosting our annual JIS Talent Show next Friday in the afternoon. We shall be meeting in the MPR on the first floor from 1pm – around 2:30pm. Auditions have taken place and the show list devised. We look forward to a great afternoon.

ESSPA Bingo Night - Friday 25th May

The ever popular ESSPA Bingo Night will be held in the JIS school gym on Friday 25th May. ESSPA would like to send a **BIG** thank you those JIS families who have already donated some prizes for the evening. We hope to offer a range of prizes for the very young and the 'not so young' if possible.

Anyone able to donate any further prizes for the evening, please contact Kim Murch in the school office 2834 3531 or kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk. Save the date in the family diary!

Ticket application forms coming very soon – please return all forms by Friday 18th May. Tickets include cards for games of bingo and food. Drinks and some will be on sale on the night for all.



ESSPA AGM 2017-18– notice to school community – Friday 25th May

In line with the regulations of our ESSPA – our school community association, we shall be hosting an A.G.M. of the association at the start of the Bingo evening on Friday 25th May. Information regarding elected officers and the accounts, as well as the work of the association will be shared with the JIS community.

ESSPA elections of officers: sign up to get involved for 2018-19

Please consider joining our school parent community association as a way to get involved or support the school. Each year there is a community election for a group of parents who meet together to plan and organize different events for the school the students and the community. It is a great way to get involved in the school but it is not too time consuming, ask one of the existing committee members for more details. Kim Murch the current President of ESSPA has sent out some details and attached a form, please sign up and get involved. Nomination forms can be left in the blue box in the school office. The school belongs to all of us and we can work together to make it as good as possible!

School place deposit for 2018-19

This week we have sent out full details of the deposit system for next year's school places at JIS. In order to support the school in planning for the next school year we ask all JIS parents to pay a non-refundable deposit for their school place for next year. This is NOT an extra charge as it becomes your school fees for the first month of 2018-19 school year.

We have applied to the Education Bureau for a school fee increase of 3.5% which means that school fees for JIS for 10 months next year will be \$10, 875. An increase of \$350 on 2017-18. There is no increase in the annual capital levy. A deposit will need to be paid by Friday 1st June to secure your place at JIS.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back at JIS in August 2018.

Capoeira event – from Ms Merrill

Ms Merrill does a fantastic job with her capoeira club and has a growing group who are practicing and playing at their club. She shares the following information with us all about an upcoming event:

Free Capoeira Meet-up- Saturday 19th May- all are welcome

There will be a free children's capoeira meet up on Saturday 19th May 10:00-12:00 at the AIA wheel in Central. It will be an opportunity for children to meet and play capoeira with other children and adults who are in the Hong Kong group. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the culture and game of capoeira. Please meet around the back of the AIA wheel. Bring snacks to share for afterwards. Please email Ms Merrill if you have any questions.

Dates for the next week: 14th – 18th May 2018

Monday 14th:

Tuesday 15th: Capoeira workshop at break time for all followed by club members special activities

I.T. and computing workshop for all JIS community – 6:30pm at JIS

Wednesday 16th: P3 class head off to Hoi Ha Wan for a WWF environment trip

P5 and P4 head over to Crossroads in Tuen Mun for a workshop day.

Reception class head to HK Wetland Park for the morning and lunch session

JAPANESE Class assembly is now on Wednesday 23rd May in the school gym at 2:10pm

Thursday 17th: P6 visit Lutheran Academy in Yuen Long to see their PYP Exhibition to get some creative ideas for our own, coming up in a few weeks' time.

Friday 18th: JIS Talent Show this afternoon – 1pm in the MPR, first floor.

ICHK secondary school link –please find the weekly update from Toby Newton and the community of ICHK - click [here](#)

Have a great weekend everyone.

Simon Walton
Principal