



Newsletter 31 2017-18

Friday 18th May 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Out and about with the JIS community

Some great trips out this week for P4, 5 to Crossroads charity and P3 to WWF in Sai Kung Country Park. P6 also went to see the Lutheran Academy students P6 Exhibition to gain some inspiration for their own!

Parents and community I.T. / computing workshop – Tuesday evening

A big 'well done' to our student teacher ambassadors who presented workshops on Tuesday night for their parents and other parents to learn from and enjoy. It was a delightful evening workshop session as Mr Rixon some of the JIS staff and students shared with the school community some of the recent advances in the computing and IT curriculum at JIS.



It was great to give parents a real 'hands-on' experience of what learning can be and also to be able to listen and watch as the students explained and guided their guests through the process. Many thanks to David Rixon and his IT / Computing team at school for their efforts in getting the activities organized and the students ready for the event.

JIS Talent Show – Friday 18th May; TODAY!

Well done to our Talent Show artists this afternoon. We enjoyed a really interesting afternoon of varied 'talents'. It is always great to see the extra or hidden talents that so many of the students develop in school and out of school.

My thanks to Glenda Bailie, Laoshi and He laoshi who have put in all the time for the applications and auditions and prepared the room for us all today.



Congratulations also to the JIS teacher Taiko team who performed to share their talents too!



ESSPA Bingo Night - Friday 25th May – forms in please

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.

Please return all forms by Monday 21st May. Tickets include cards for games of bingo and food. Drinks and some extra food/snacks will also be on sale on the night for all.

Note: ESSPA events are fundraising events that support the children in the school by purchasing extra resources and equipment, as well as creating family community events. Please place your order for food and drinks through ESSPA's tickets, do not bring your own food and drink.



ESSPA AGM 2017-18 – 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- please contact school

Last 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, 785. 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. Please send in cheques or pay on-line \$10, 785 with copy of pay in slip to s-miyajima@jis.edu.hk

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

Capoeira event – from Ms Merrill

Ms Merrill and the capoeira club had a fabulous opportunity for a workshop at JIS this week. There was an open 'roda' (pronounced 'hodda') at break time for all to get involved with, followed by a club only workshop.





Many thanks to Fiona Merrill for organizing this opportunity for the school and her capoeira club.

Japanese class – Matsuri assembly – school gym – 2:10pm

The Japanese class students will be performing in the school gym next Wednesday at 2:10pm. There will be some wadaiko drumming and cultural performance for the whole school to enjoy.

Next week students from P3 – P6 will begin some international standardized testing. (MAPS)

The tests allow us to have some comparative and diagnostic information about the students and their progress. We hope to be able to use the data to develop accurate learning opportunities and plans for the students and also celebrate their successes as they develop.

No test will ever suit every situation and this is only our 2nd time to use these US based tests. We shall review their applicability as part of our planning for next year to be sure we are using the most useful resource available. We do not teach to the tests but will encourage the students to try to demonstrate their true talents based on their ability to apply their learning to new situations.

Late for school!

Can I please remind all families that school starts at 8:15a.m. We have many incidents of students arriving late for school and missing important early morning news and activity explanations recently.

Dates for the next week: 21st – 25th May 2018

Monday 21st: P1 at HK Science Museum

-Standardised testing (MAPS) for P3 – P6 students starts (10 days)

Tuesday 22nd: ***PUBLIC HOLIDAY – school closed***

Wednesday 23rd: ***Japanese Class assembly in gym – 2:10pm***

Thursday 24th: Inter-school swimming competition – JIS team involved.

-P5 class to visit Kingston International School – P6 Exhibition

Friday 25th: ***BINGO NIGHT at JIS, arranged by ESSPA***

-ESSPA AGM – before Bingo Night starts

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

Have a great weekend in the sunshine.

Simon Walton