



Newsletter 35 2017-18

Friday 15th June 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around the JIS community

P6 Exhibition Week !

On Thursday evening our P6 students, Ms Premchand and Ms Tapia opened up their Exhibition for us all to enjoy and be impressed by. The last 6 weeks was a blur of intense activity and research in P6 followed up with a blast of creativity as the school's Multi-purpose room was transformed to an arena of creativity, colour, passion enlightened with some amazingly in-depth knowledge.



The students were a real credit to themselves as they shared with their guests their knowledge, interests and 'deep' understanding of their own research but also the issues related to their chosen area of research. Many thanks to all the families who have supported the research, visits, interviews and much more during the last few weeks.

The P6 Exhibition is very much a team effort at JIS and all of the staff have contributed in a range of ways – so thank you and well done to all of them too. The Exhibition is open for visitors on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, after the public holiday – please pop in and have a look if you have the chance. If you find a lurking P6 student - be prepared to be impressed!.

Student Led Conference Day – Tuesday 19th June – school closed

Please be on time for your appointment on Tuesday – ***Remember school is closed for the day and students come to school for their appointment only.***



Curriculum in the Classroom – from Cath Wan PYP Coordinator

Student-led conferences

On Tuesday, 19th June, we will be holding our annual student-led conferences. Student-led conferences are an essential part of our assessment practice at JIS as we encourage children to take active responsibility for their learning - engaging in thoughtful reflection on their strengths and areas for improvement. Your child will be responsible for leading the conference. Below are a few tips to help ensure that the student-led conference is enjoyable and productive for you and your child.

General Tips

- Focus on and listen to your child; it is their time to share.
- Be positive and encouraging; this is a celebration of your child's work.

Questions you might ask to encourage the conversation.

Portfolio and work around the classroom

- What did you enjoy most about this piece of work? Why?
- What did you find challenging? Why?
- What do you feel you have improved on most? Why?
- What do you feel you need to work on? How can I help you with that?

General questions

- How do you feel about school? Why?
- Do you think you have changed since the start of ...? If so, how?
- Which of the Learner Profile/ Attitudes do you think describe you the most? Why?
- Are there any Learner Profile/ Attitudes that you need to work on? How can I help you with that?



Some housekeeping items for Student-Led Conference Day

- There is no regular school on Tuesday. Please bring your child at your conference time. SIS after-school sports activities are still being held.
- Please be aware that there will usually be approximately 3 conferences going on simultaneously in the classroom. Your child will know where to take you.
- Your child will also take you to Mandarin or Japanese and the pitch to talk about PE. You are also welcome to visit the music room so that your child can tell you about their musical experiences.

Student Induction Day – Wednesday 20th June

Next Wednesday morning we welcome our new Reception Class and new P1 students entering JIS for August 2018. The new students will get to meet their new teachers and spend some time in their new classroom, getting used to the new surroundings.

The students will be welcomed into the school with a presentation by Mr Walton and then they will be able to go along to their classroom with JIS teachers and assistants.

Music Assembly – Celebration of JIS musical talent – Wednesday 20th 1:45pm.

Next Wednesday afternoon Ms Jill has kindly arranged for a musical celebration assembly allowing all the students, duets, groups etc. that performed in the HK Music Festival to present their pieces to the rest of the school. There will also be some class based presentations from activities developed in music classes. The assembly will take about one hour so please arrive around 1:45pm. We aim to hold the event in the MPR (if available – post P6 Exhibition) or in the Conference Room on the 1st floor. There will a series of performances and certificate presentations to 37 musicians! Another event to look forward to – put it in your diary.

School reports: sent home on Friday 22nd June

School reports are in the final stages of editing, ready to send home next Friday. These will be the second part of the school year, general overview reports as well as some of the recently completed unit of inquiry reports. The students will bring their reports home in their school bags on Friday afternoon.

Dates for the next week: 18th June – 22nd June 2018

Monday 18th: Tuen Ng – Dragon Boat Day festival – Public Holiday

Tuesday 19th: Student led conference day, - school closed for appointments only

-P6 Exhibition open for visitors

Wednesday 20th: Reception and P1 class Induction Day morning

-Music assembly at 1:45pm

-P3 trip to Tai Po

Thursday 21st: Reception and P1 class trip to Brides Pool – Forest School experience day

Friday 22nd: End of year lunch for all classes at 11:30a.m. – class based

-2nd half year school reports sent home to all JIS families and students

Diary dates – coming up

End of year class-based party lunch – Friday 22nd June

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P6 Graduation Day – Wednesday 27th June

JIS Tai Po Dragons – hit the waves on Monday!

The Tai Po school ‘dragons’ are all pumped and ready for their annual dragon boat competition day on Monday, in Sai Kung. This year we have a series of races in mixed teams, small and large boats and a ladies team. Wish us luck! Or better still come along and cheer us on in the morning.

ICHK Newsletter for this week: click - [here](#) from the staff and students at ICHK

Wishing everyone a great long weekend.

Simon Walton

