



## Newsletter 19 2018-19

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

**Wishing everyone in the JIS community a very happy and healthy Year of the Pig.**



A fabulous JIS day at school today with lots of parents and friends around to help us celebrate the start of the Chinese New Year festivities. Well done to our P5 Mandarin class students and Laoshi (Judith Tseng) and He Laoshi (Karen He) for their efforts and performance today. Thank you to Laoshi for organizing the Lion Dance team again this year who started off our day with lots of noise and colour! Finally, thank you to all the parents and friends who came in to school for our traditional CNY lunch to end our day.

A quick selection of CNY at JIS today:







## JIS Annual charity appeal New Year 2019: Thank you!



Our school was able to support 2 very important organisations this week. We passed on your donated clothes to the Salvation Army on Wednesday afternoon and then Food Angel came to school to collect your donations of food.

We tried to make sure the students understood the significance of the why and how we as a school community help others.



Thanks to the P5 students who helped us load up the food and the clothes into the school van and the Food Angel collection truck.



## School annual production 2019 – The Jungle Book –important announcement

Further to some discussions at school and some planning for the show we are moving the performance of The Jungle Book to the evening of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March (not 22<sup>nd</sup> March). We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but it is for the benefit of the students and their show to have one more extra week of preparations and rehearsals. Please change your diaries to mark the new date.

## Setsubun – Japanese class celebration on Wednesday this week:

Well done to Japanese class and Yoko sensei and Kiyomi sensei for helping the school to celebrate Setsubun on Wednesday. Beans were thrown and spirits scared away in all our classrooms to keep us safe for a new year.



## P3 and P4 Art Exhibition – Thursday morning – UOI presentation

On Thursday morning the P3 and P4 classes shared their research and talents from their recent UOI – How We Express Ourselves. The students had all chosen an artist to research and then had used this inspiration to create a display of their artists work, their own artworks inspired by the artist, some poetry related to their art work and had then practiced presenting their information (without notes!) to their family, friends and fellow JIS staff and students.

They did an excellent job, showing us all their new knowledge and also confidence in presenting information to an audience. Many thanks to all the P3 and P4 staff and others who helped the students prepare for this event.



## **P4 trip out to see 'Wilde Creatures' at the HK Academy of Performing Arts**

The P4 trip to the theatre on Wednesday was a big success. The show was 'really good' and 'very funny' according to some of the P4 students.

## **Reception class – Tai Po Kau Forest School morning out:**

Reception class walked all the way from school to Tai Po Kau country park, had a morning in the forest and walked all the way back on Wednesday morning. Impressive stuff! It was also a fabulous day out and great learning experience too. Not sure who was the most tired – students or staff by the time they got back. Big thanks to the supportive parents who came along and got involved.

## **Parent discussion and strategic planning group: interested?**

Over the last few years we have had a group of interested parents who meet with Mr Walton once or twice a year to discuss the school, its community and its future directions. The group acts as a kind of ideas 'think tank' for making the school better or improved. It is not a 'moan and groan' club but a time to enjoy thinking and creating a better environment and experience for all our students, community and staff. If any parents would be interested in joining the group, please get in touch with Mr. Walton ([s-walton@jis.edu.hk](mailto:s-walton@jis.edu.hk)). We usually meet at 7pm on an evening during the working week. We currently have a group of around 6 parents, so a few more could be really useful.

## **JIS Diary updates:**

### **Author Visit - Sarah Brennan Monday 11th February – first day back after CNY**

On Monday February 11th, author Sarah Brennan will visit P1 - P6 students for a mixture of story telling, writing workshops and the release of her new book, '*Ping Pong Pig*'. You should have received an order form for Sarah Brennan's books in your child's bag, offering discount prices. If you would like to purchase any of the books, please return the completed order form, with a cheque made out to "Auspicious Times Ltd" and return it to your child's teacher on the first day after the holidays – 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you for your interest in Sarah Brennan's parent workshop. We currently have 16 parents interested. Ms.Wan will take final numbers and contact/ liaise with Ms. Brennan about a visit. If you haven't expressed interest and would like to come along, here is the link again:

<https://goo.gl/forms/O3MMQ6ow3G7qEiw43>

## **Events for the week ahead after CNY at JIS –**

### **Week 7– 11<sup>th</sup> February – 15th February 2019**

**Monday 11th** – Sarah Brennan in school to read and workshop 'Ping Pong Pig'

**Tuesday 12th** –

**Wednesday 13th** – Rec, P1, P2, P3 – theatre trip – 'Children are Stinky'

-Japanese Consul General visiting JIS for an introductory tour – a.m.

**Thursday 14th** – Reception class off to Tai Po Kau – outdoor education in our local forest

**Friday 15th** – Touch Rugby Tournament at Kings Park – JIS team involved

## **ICHK Newsletter**

This week's news letters from ICHK – can be read by clicking **Chinese New Year bulletin** [here](#) and **weekly bulletin** [here](#)

Wishing you all a very enjoyable Chinese New Year holiday and a prosperous year of the pig.

Simon Walton  
Principal