



Newsletter 20 2018-19

Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Back after the holidays and in full swing already.....

Author Visit - Sarah Brennan Monday 11th February – ‘Ping Pong Pig’ – the 12th tale

On Monday February 11th, author Sarah Brennan visited 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 or the school office – *as soon as possible*.



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>

School annual production 2019 – The Jungle Book – Parent support meeting

Parents interested in supporting our school show – The Jungle Book – are asked to meet with Ms Ada Cheung (P3 E.A.) to discuss the scenery and props design and making in the school art room, 1st floor corridor at 1:30pm on Thursday 21st February.

Our school show has traditionally been a real community event as we have been lucky to have some excellent volunteers who enjoy getting creative with paint, cardboard and much more. If you would like to get involved or are keen to find out what this all means, please come along to the meeting next week.

Repeat notice: 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 29th March (not 22nd 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.

Reception class – Tai Po Kau Outdoor Ed morning out, Thursday 14th February:

Reception class walked all the way from school to Tai Po Kau Road park this week, had a morning in the forest and then walked all the way back on Thursday morning. Impressive stuff! It was also a fabulous morning out and great learning experience too. Big thanks to the supportive parents who came along and got involved and enabled the students to be able to go.



ESSPA Book Sale 2019 – 1st March – World Book Day

Many thanks to ESSPA volunteers for organizing the bi-annual book sale for all the students on 1st March, which happens to be ‘World Book Day’.

The aim of this sale is to get students to bring in their books that they no longer need and use up too much space on their bookcases – to re-cycle! The books can be put in the large plastic boxes next to the MPR on the first floor in the next few weeks. Then ESSPA volunteers will collect and sort them ready for a sale on 1st March. At the sale students will be able to buy some new books at very reasonable prices \$5, \$10, \$20 or so – to re-use! Thereby, giving a very positive message of environmental awareness to everyone.

The funds raised have in the past been donated to Room to Read charity and our school library.

Maybe this weekend have a chat with your children about donating some books they have grown out of or no longer read.

Sporting updates for JIIS teams:

Basketball match against ASHK in Tai Po: Wednesday 3:30pm

Congratulations to our very keen basketball team: P.6 Lucas, Henry, Sebastian, Bernard, Jason, Miles, Hayden, Lucian, P.5 Chelsea, P.4 Sean. The team played well and battled hard, showing strong spirit and resilience against a team of some older students (U12 ages) and primary school age at the American School in Tai Po. The score was quite close in the end and although we did not win this time it was a really valuable opportunity for the team. Thanks to Mr Jason for organizing this event and to the parents who came along to support.

BOOK SALE!



Touch Rugby tournament at Kings Park today (Friday 15th)

Our joint team (with Japanese Section) of rugby players went off to Kings Park today for the first of several touch rugby tournaments this season. The students train at school with a HKRFU coach and get to play in a few tournaments during the year. As Japan is soon to host the Rugby World Cup this is a great way to get young talent involved in the sport. Lots of our JIS students do rugby training with a variety of local clubs on Sundays.

At time of writing.. the boys team have won their league with 3 wins and 1 draw and have gone on to the next stage of the tournament, the girls team did not get through their league but as this was their first time as a team they did well and enjoyed the experience.



Parent discussion and strategic planning group: Thanks to our new members?

We have a few new members to our discussion group ‘think tank’ for school and its community. The group acts as a kind of ideas forum 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. Thanks to our new volunteers who are interested to join. We would still welcome some new members, particularly female to balance out our gender ratios for the group.

If any parents would be interested in joining the group, please get in touch with Mr. Walton (s-walton@jis.edu.hk). We will be meeting next week on Tuesday 19th February at 7pm.

Let’s recycle – graphic update on what Fiona Merrill and the school are planning:

Recycling at JIS

Although we try our best to use less and waste less we still use plastic, metal and glass everyday.
Let’s recycle those products whenever possible.

You can bring the following products into school and we will take them to be recycled.

Make sure they are clean. Remove all labels if possible!

Plastics	Glass	Metal	Electronics
PET bottle (they have the number 1 on them) 	ask an adult to carry it in please 		laptops, tablets, keyboard and mouse, small household appliances, phones, chargers 
cling film, food packages, straws  			

JIS Diary updates:

Letters for the upcoming 3Way Conferences (student, teacher, parents) on March 5th and 7th will be sent out on Monday next week. Please book an appointment by Wednesday 27th February.

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 8– 18th February – 22nd February 2019

Monday 18th – P1 at HK Science Museum a.m.

-P5 and P6 students experience traditional tea ceremony with HK Japanese Tea Ceremony association – a.m.

Tuesday 19th – JIS Parent discussion and strategic planning group – 7pm

Wednesday 20th –

Thursday 21st – Jungle Book – Parent Meeting in art room 1:30pm

-Visitors from Japan to tour and experience JIS – a.m.

Friday 22nd – P2 at Brides Pool Country Park / nature reserve a.m.

Saturday 23rd – JIS staff training day.

-Mr Cheung, Mr Rixon and Mrs Rixon on I.B. training workshop – Saturday and Sunday

ICHK Newsletter

This week's news letter from ICHK – not available at our time of publication. We will share later.

Wishing everyone a very pleasant weekend

Simon Walton
Principal