



Newsletter 21 2018-19

Friday 22nd February 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

ESSPA Book Sale 2019 – 1st March – World Book Day – Next Friday!!

Our bi-annual book sale for all the students is next Friday on 1st March, which happens to be 'World Book Day'. Please donate any books for the sale as soon as possible so that they can be sorted and proceed by our ESSPA volunteers.

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 week.*** Then ESSPA volunteers will collect and sort them ready for our 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. Students can bring in some money \$10 – 20 or more to spend at the book sale.

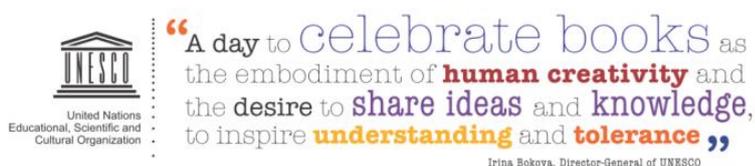
The funds raised have in the past been donated to Room to Read charity and our school library.

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

At JIS we shall be celebrating our own Book Day with some events for the whole school and in the school library – after we have finished the school show on Friday 3rd May. The school 'Bookathon' will be started with the students on 22nd March in their library sessions.

The 'Bookathon' is a sponsored reading month or so to raise money for our school library and reading charities. U.N. World Book Day is in the school holidays (April 23rd), which is during the JIS 'Bookathon' and leads up to our own book celebration day. More information will be shared by Ms Cong from library soon.

BOOK SALE!



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

A big thanks to all the parents who showed their interest in supporting our school show – The Jungle Book – this week, on Thursday afternoon. We look forward to some exciting creativity and fun for the group.

P1 class at HK Science Museum – Monday 18th

The P1 class headed off to the HK Science Museum on Monday this week to further their exploration of science and aspects of being a scientist. A really interesting morning was had by everyone.

P2 class – Brides Pool Country Park Outdoor Ed morning out Friday 22nd February:

Today P2 class went off to Brides Pool Country Park / nature walk area just beyond Tai Mei Tuk. Ms Merrill went along with the group to help them explore some of the themes of her recent Forest School

educational training course. The students were exploring the outdoors using the theme of ‘dragons’ and had the opportunity to work with a range of materials, simple tools and a whole load of creative imagination.



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

Our Parent Strategic Planning Group met on Tuesday evening this week from 7- 8:30pm. We have a group of ten volunteers with children at JIS who represent all of our school age range, Reception through to P6. Mr Walton lead a discussion on all aspects of the school development planning, implementation and review, current thinking and issues related to the school and the group discussed how the community can relate to or notice some of these developmental changes. The group also gave ideas as to how they feel the school is developing and how it can aim to provide the best learning opportunities for the students and also serve the school community with information and opportunities for involvement.

In May 2019 we shall be undertaking a full review of the current JIS 2017 - 2019 School Development Plan. This will involve community surveys and interviews to prepare the information for a new plan for 2019 – 2021 and beyond. We look forward to some input from the school community about the directions in which we can develop the school.

3 Way Conferences – 5th and 7th March

3 Way Conferences sessions are a NORMAL school day for all students. All students will have workshop activities from 1:30pm to 2:45pm (home time) with non-class based staff at JIS. Conference meetings will be scheduled to start from 1:30pm to allow more time for each session and students booked in with their parents between 1:30pm and 2:45 pm will be sent from their workshops to attend their conference meeting.

Please help us in arranging supervision of your child if they are staying behind after school to wait for a conference. Please note: the school office cannot be expected to do child minding services for large numbers of children, after school.

Let's recycle – graphic update on what Fiona Merrill and the school are planning: The recycling areas have now been set up

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)  PETE	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 have been sent out last Monday. Please book an appointment by Wednesday 27th February.

JIS staff will be busy with a weekend of professional development over the next few days. We have Vikki Rixon, David Rixon and Nicholas Cheung on I.B. training workshops Sat - Monday and a group of the rest of the staff at JIS tomorrow – Saturday.

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 9– 25th February – 1st March 2019

Monday 25th – Mrs Rixon, Mr Rixon and Mr Cheung not in school as they are attending I.B. workshops (Saturday, Sunday and Monday)

-Mr Walton not in school – a.m.

Tuesday 26th – Visitors from Japanese, Ministry of Ed in JIS

Wednesday 27th – P1 interviews at JIS – vacancies to fill for August 2019

-Reception class outdoor education morning

-Violin performance by Chisako Takashima – Japanese Section PTA arranged – P4 – P6 classes invited to attend in school gym

Thursday 28th – P6 out at Wong Nai Chung Gap Heritage trail walk – WW2 historical guided walk

Friday 1st – **ESSPA BOOK SALE** – bring in small amount of money to buy some books.

Saturday 2nd –

ICHK Newsletter

This week's news letter from ICHK – please click [here](#) for this week's newsletter

Wishing everyone a very pleasant weekend

Simon Walton
Principal