



Newsletter 7 2019-20

Friday 4th October 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around school:

World Animal Awareness Day – October 4th – JIS Aniform Day!

Thanks to Annette De Their for arranging for us all to support World Animal Awareness Day today at school.



We have raised \$3850 today! The donations will be sent off to support the work of the SPCA in Hong Kong. Thank you to everyone who got involved to support a good cause.

P4 camp to Sai Kung Country Park 2-4th October – Mr Rixon and Ms Merrill

I (Mr W.) was lucky enough to join the P4 camp yesterday for day 2 of their camp in Sai Kung Country Park. The camp is hosted by 'Dragonfly' a local adventure camp company who create an excellent 3 days of adventure, learning and fun. Yesterday the group went off on a junk boat to Bluff's Island where the students were able to go snorkeling and see the corals, sea urchins and fish and also study beach ecology on a deserted, followed up by a good beach clean before we left! A great day!

Many thanks to Mr Rixon and Ms Merrill for being on 24hr (literally!) call for the camp this year.



School production – 13th December 2019

Ms Wan and Ms De Thier have hosted some auditions for our production of Cinderella Rockerfella on 13th December 2019. A cast list will be developed and shared with some cast members today and everyone after the school mid-term break

Please note: School is closed next week for the mid-term holiday

Welcome to Ms Sora Satonaka – new Japanese teacher

This week we have welcomed our new Japanese teacher as she has a ‘hand-over’ period with Yoko Sensei and begins her new life with International Section students and staff. Sora was working in Japanese Section for 2 years (2015 – 2017) and has been very keen to get involved in international education since leaving H.K. two years ago. We are delighted that she was interested to come and join us in Hong Kong again – by working ‘downstairs’! She is really looking forward to exploring different ways to teach Japanese language and culture for an international group of students and hopes to integrate our students with opportunities with J.S. students as well, as she is very familiar with life ‘upstairs’.

Once again we say a very sincere thank you to Yoko sensei for all her support in transition for Ms Satonaka.



Parent Teacher conferences – Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October 2019

Today by backpack mail you will receive an invitation letter for a Parent Teacher conference in late October. This is the first of our scheduled meetings between parents and teachers to discuss progress and set targets for future progress. Please consider the date and time you would prefer for the conference and then return the form for staff complete a schedule – deadline 23rd October latest. We will do our best to match up everyone’s requests where possible. Siblings will obviously be on the same day and at suitable times.

Flu vaccines: more information regarding suppliers and vaccine type.

On behalf of a JIS parent Ms Christine Lau, our first aid coordinator has contacted the HK authorities regarding the influenza vaccines used for the student health service free of charge offer. A summary of the reply she received is below:

Dear parents,

I would like to clarify some points on the 2019/20 Seasonal Influenza Vaccination School Outreach programme by the Health Department.

- 1. It will be using Quadrivalent influenza vaccines.*
- 2. All vaccines used will be the same as the Health Department.*
- 3. The supplier will be Sanofi.*
- 4. Chung Hong Medical Center will be the private partnership with the Health Department to provide the vaccination services to our school.*

Again this is a free of charge programme to join on family preference –by invitation.

Please feel free to contact me if needed.

Best regards,

Christine Lau

Employment Opportunity for part time Educational Assistant at JIS – starting mid-November (if possible)

We invite applications from the JIS community and beyond for a 3 day per week Educational Assistant position in our P5 class, starting in mid-November 2019 (if possible). Ms Shabnam Diwan has been studying hard and gaining experience in the support of students with specific learning needs and she has now been offered a full time teaching position in a HK Student Support clinic. We are delighted that all her hard work and research has shown a positive reward.

The position of Education Assistant would be ‘term time’ only (no holiday commitments) for 3 days (17.5 hours) per week supporting the learning of our P5 class. The role includes supporting the students in group work or individual activities, admin support for the class and supervision support. The main focus of the role is to support students learning and enhance the learning opportunities for the P5 class. The role is paid on an hourly rate of HK\$180 and accumulates a salary of around \$12, 000, depending on days worked.

Persons interested in the above position are invited to send a short letter of application and C.V. to Mr Simon Walton on s-walton@jis.edu.hk with a closing date for applications of Monday 21st October 2019.

Members of the JIS are asked to pass on details of this position which may be of interest to friends or connections.

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 9, October 14th -19th

Monday 14th –

Tuesday 15th – P2 – Outdoor Education day at Bride’s Pool nature reserve

Wednesday 16th –

Thursday 17th – P1 trip to HK Park 9:30am – 2:15pm

Friday 18th –Judith Tseng presenting I.B. workshop (Beijing) – 3 days workshops for fellow I.B. staff

ICHK Weekly Bulletin: This week.

Click here for this week’s bulletin from ICHK: [here](#)

I hope that everyone can enjoy the mid-term break and that we can look forward to a productive and fun second half to term 1 2019-20. See you on Monday 14th October

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