



Newsletter 8 2019-20

Friday 18th October 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Typhoon Hagibis – message of support and respect

We were all saddened by the images of the typhoon causing death and destruction as Japan was hit by a very strong typhoon, late on in the season. As ever, it was wonderful to see the people of Japan (and some supportive foreign visitors) come together to help each other and try to make the situation as manageable as possible. Our thoughts remain with those families who have suffered tragedies at this difficult time. Well done to all involved in the clean-up operations and the emergency services staff!



We most definitely wish the Japanese Rugby Team - the Brave Blossoms – the very best of luck in their next game against South Africa coming up this weekend. The team has captured the spirit of the nation (and the world) and has created a new dream for Japanese rugby. Fabulous stuff!

The tournament has been an excellent success so far, as we approach the knockout stages, with loads of exciting sport to still look forward to.

Mr and Mrs Rixon had a fantastic time with Bertie and Eric.

Around school:

An interesting start to term 1 part 2 this week as we had staff stranded in Japan by typhoon Hagibis and some sickness bugs too. All classes were catered for and planning was carried through by some JIS staff covering for their colleagues and also one of our regular supply teachers covering in P3. We always try to ensure continuity for the students by making sure a familiar teacher is with them and also our staff is excellent in sharing their detailed planning, to make sure the curriculum can continue as closely as possible to our prepared planning documentation



It's camp season at JIS!

The glorious autumn weather is here and it is a fabulous time of year to get the students out and about on camp. P4 enjoyed 3 excellent days in Sai King Country Park area 2-4th October. P5 head off to Lantau next week on Monday 21st – Wed 23rd October and then P6 will be heading off to Cambodia to Siem Reap for a 5 day adventure!

Many thanks to all the staff who support these trips and also the rest of the JIS staff who fill in doing extra jobs and activities for others, whilst they are away. David Rixon and Fiona Merrill went with P4, Nicholas Cheung and Vikki Rixon will be off with P5 and Resham Premchand, Cath Wan and Simon Walton will go with P6.

P2 – Outdoor education day at Bride’s Pool Nature Reserve

The P2 class had an excellent day learning outside their classroom with Ms Malin and Ms Merrill on Tuesday. At JIS we have been exploring the most effective ways of taking our learning out into the natural environment, led by Fiona Merrill who has been studying hard for her Forest School Level 3 certification. A curriculum does not have to be delivered in a classroom of 4 concrete walls, so we are busy exploring the best links we have for learning beyond our classrooms. The location of our school gives access to some wonderful opportunities, very close by. The P2 class visited Bride’s Pool which has many options for land and water based opportunities. The students had time to explore, identify and learn some new outside learning techniques through story telling, knot making and much more.

P1 trip to Hong Kong Park

The P1 class headed off to Hong Kong Park on Thursday to explore and discover some of the wonders of this great urban park area.



There was a lot to see, hear and smell in the park, on a gloriously sunny day. There are some excellent environmental detectives in P1 class.

Dress Casual Day – Supporting Hong Kong Community Chest:

On Friday 25th October, JIS will be supporting a range of Hong Kong charities and support groups through a 'Dress Casual Day' for the Hong Kong Community Chest. The official day was during the mid-term holidays so we have opted to support within the month of October. All students and staff can choose to wear clothes of their own choice by donating some money \$20 or so, for the pleasure – next Friday 25th October.

'Show you care by what you wear'- 25/10/19 at JIS

School production – 13th December 2019

Ms Wan and Ms De Thier have completed auditions for our production of Cinderella Rockerfella on 13th December 2019. The rehearsals have started and cast is already busy learning their lines and songs! Put the date in your diary Friday 13th December 6pm onwards

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

This is the first of our scheduled meetings between parents and teachers to discuss progress and set targets for the months ahead. 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.

Employment Opportunity for part time Educational Assistant at JIS – starting mid-November (if possible), closing date Monday 21st October

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\$170 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 community 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 10, October 21st -23rd

Monday 21st – P5 Camp day 1

-Lilian Chen in P3 as Vikki Rixon is on camp with P5 (3 days)

Tuesday 22nd – P5 camp – day 2

Wednesday 23rd – P5 camp – day 3

Thursday 24th –

Friday 25th –Dress Casual Day – Support Hong Kong Community Chest – donate to dress down!

ICHK Weekly Bulletin: This week.

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Here's hoping I can get my voice back this weekend and an enjoyable few days ahead for everyone!

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