



Newsletter 12 2019-20

Friday 29th November 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Sports Day 2019! – today in Tai Po.....

A BIG thank you to a whole host of people who helped make today a great JIS Sports Day event at the Tai Po Sports Ground. Well done to the team at SIS Ltd lead by Stephanie Tsui and Jason Chan who did such a great job of designing and practicing the events; thanks to all the members of the JIS community who also came along to join us; thanks to the JIS staff who managed to get everyone to the right event at the right time; and a big thanks and well done to all the JIS students who got involved and gave their best to earn some points for their team.



I'm not sure how we managed to fix the weather but it did us proud today – a fabulous HK autumn day.

Congratulations to **Red Team** for winning – it was close but they did well to pull through and win again. **Red Dragons** 652 points, **Blue Pegasus** team 629 points and **Yellow Phoenix** 608 points.
(More photos next week when we access to a variety of cameras).

Remember Typhoon Mangkhut and the tree logs we saved? JIS action!

After the major typhoon last year as a school we decided to make sure there was some sustainable action from the loss of so many trees to our neighbourhoods and forests. We saved a lot of the logs that were left

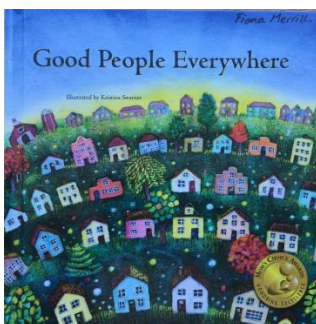


by the roadsides and have been drying them out in school for the last year. Many of you may remember seeing piles of logs decorating various places around the school building, throughout this year. They are now ready to be used and we have arranged for the carpenter from 'Forest Adventures', near Ma On Shan to get to work on them and create some play materials for the school. He will use our logs and some other materials to create more 'loose parts' in wood for the students to create and build with in the playground areas around school. We also hope to further develop the garden area at the back of the adventure playground.

We look forward to sharing with you some photographs of the students and our saved 'logs' in action, once we get the materials back to school.

We will also have to look into how these loose parts can best be managed after school hours to make sure they are respected and used appropriately.

Next week the P5 and P6 classes area also having a carpenter working with them to create some more items for use around the school – handmade by the students themselves! Great to be broadening the students experiences and challenges using some local experts to help them.



Good People Everywhere – a celebration of humanity and its diversity – repeat message

One of the best ways of getting children to reflect and discuss is through the use of story and the power of creative ideas and words. We have been using the text: 'Good People Everywhere' as a positive way to ensure that all our students can see, hear and feel the positives in their environment.

The story is a simple and highly effective celebration of the diversity of humanity and how there is so much good there is that goes uncelebrated.

In library sessions today Ms Wan has shared the story again with the students and asked them to consider the 'good' in their world and suggested that we draw, write or create images of our own positives – to make a display in the school entrance foyer – to celebrate the joys of ourselves and our community. *We really welcome any of you to get involved in this, so we can truly represent 'good people everywhere' within the school and its community. Send in your images, ideas, artefacts and we'll create something to showcase them.*

Around school:

Cinderella Rockerfella – Friday 13th December

Ms Wan, Ms Jill and Ms De Thier are going full speed with their cast and crew for the school show on Friday 13th December. The cast are really keen and have worked so hard to prepare a wonderful evening, on schedule.

The show will start at 6pm and ESSPA will be organizing the tickets and pre-show food and drinks in the playground area from around 5:00pm.

Tickets will be on sale very soon. The tickets help to pay for the rental of sound system and microphones to enable us all to enjoy the show.



JIS Christmas celebrations got a boost today!

A group of staff and students who came back to school this afternoon after sports day set to and got the whole school into the mood for Christmas! There were students of all ages decorating Christmas trees, hanging decorations and being really busy elves! The lobby area is transformed!



One of our many Christmas traditions is to have the JIS Christmas Postbox which allows students to send their friends and teachers a Christmas card through our internal mail service. The box is now in position and will be ready for use next week.



The cards will be collected and delivered by our P6 postal staff (!) each day once they open the box at lunchtime.

Cards need to have a clear name and class on the envelopes! Classes with more than one student with the same name could benefit from a surname too!

JIS Christmas Appeal – A food collection for Food Angel – 2nd – 16th December.

As part of our school values we try to ensure that our students have a developing social conscience and are aware of those around them who may be less fortunate than themselves. Every year we arrange our Christmas appeal to help a local Hong Kong charity and this year we shall collect donations of food items for 'Food Angel' and excellent local HK NGO we have supported for many years.

We ask that all our students bring a donation of food that we can put

around our Christmas trees and then invite Food Angel staff to come and collect before the end of term to help create a festive Christmas or New Year meal for some of Hong Kong's less fortunate families.



Food Angel create meals for a variety of groups on a daily basis to ensure that people can have a real meal. They need bags of rice, pasta, tinned, boxed or dried food and snacks (non-perishable foods) to help them create meals that can be delivered or given at their centres in Hong Kong. Please support us and let's see how big a pile of donations we can create around our Christmas trees!

(Note: we usually do a clothing collection for the Salvation Army at Chinese New Year also – so food only this Christmas, please)

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 16, December 2nd - 6th

Monday 2nd – P5 and P6 wood challenge - day 1

Tuesday 3rd – Jing Jing Kindergarten (Tuen Mun) visit to JIS – a.m.

Wednesday 4th – P5 and P6 wood challenge – day 2

Thursday 5th – Japanese Drumming group at JIS 11:15a.m.

Friday 6th– ESSPA lunch – moved from 22nd Nov – don't forget

This week's ICHK newsletter for news from our partner secondary school is attached: click [here](#)

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend and once again a big 'thank you' for the support for our Sports Day today!

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