



## JIS Newsletter 36

Friday 26th June 2020

Dear Students, Parents and JIS community

### Around school:

Farewell from all of us to all of you. Happy summer holidays to everyone. Thank you so much for the support to the school over the last, very challenging year. We look forward to happier times ahead and seeing everyone back in August.



As mentioned in our school year book we said a few 'goodbye's and bon voyage' to some members of staff on Wednesday afternoon this week:

This year we say a farewell to four important people and wish them well as they begin a new journey in their lives. Ms Cong Contreras has been with the school for 8 great years and will be heading off to Vietnam with her family. Cong has been an E.A. and also our school librarian for many years, helping to create the Battle of the Books Teams and the JIS Bookathon among many things. Many thanks, Cong.

Ms Angie Bilbow heads off to France after 6 years or so at JIS to begin a much deserved retirement from her education career. Angie has been a key member of our student support team

for several years and has always been around to help both students and staff with her calm and positive attitude. Good luck, Ms Bilbow.

Resham Premchand moves on to pastures new after four years as our P6 teacher. Resham has brought her skills and dedication to many areas of the school and as a guide for our students heading off from primary school to secondary she has inspired many, with confidence and passion. Good luck, Resham.

Amber Le Scelle moves on from her two years at JIS into creative opportunities, setting up her own educational business opportunity. Amber will be utilizing her boundless energy, positivity and skills to offer children around the world creative innovation, mindfulness and student well-being. We wish you well, Amber.

We hope that all our departing students and teachers keep in touch with us as they start out on new chapters in their lives, new schools and new business ventures.

### **P6 Graduation ceremony – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9a.m. – a private celebration**

On Tuesday morning we held a very private but enjoyable Graduation ceremony for our departing P6 students. Due to current restrictions on schools there needed to be a limit on numbers but the ceremony followed years of JIS tradition and gave us all an opportunity to say good luck to everyone.

The students presented a thank you speech to the school, to some of the sections of the school staff and also got to do one last wadaiko performance for their parents – all the students wanted to join in and Ms Wan kindly created some rehearsal times for all them all.



**Good luck to all our graduates and their families.**



## Summer camp with SIS

Summer Camp with SIS starts next week, so we will see some of the students around school. Thank you for your support for all the staff at SIS Ltd as they have had to almost close the business for 4 months. Stephanie Tsui and all her staff look forward to getting back to extra curricular activities through their summer camp offering.

## P6 overseas school trip for 2020-21

This week we contacted the parents of our new P6 class for next school year to reassure and advise that we are not planning an overseas trip (Cambodia / Xi'an) for term 1 next year, due to the current world pandemic situation and difficulties in air travel. We have a long tradition of successful overseas P6 trips but will only do so if it is a viable proposition. We shall review the situation as the school year moves ahead and will plan some form of extended camp in term 3 – overseas if possible and in Hong Kong if this is not possible.

## Final playtimes with friends at school before the holidays!

A few pictures from the playground as the students celebrated their last times together for a few weeks:





Repeat listing for all the ideas you may need in the summer week's ahead!

### Learning at JIS – from Cath Wan, Deputy Principal/ PYP Coordinator

With our school holidays fast approaching and limited travel options for our families, I have compiled some practical suggestions for play. Play, according to numerous studies, lowers stress, helps form emotional attachments, supports the child's ability to concentrate, helps create deeper neurological connections in the brain, improves behaviour and develops self-control.

Outdoor play is wonderful for children, and my number one recommendation is to make use of our wonderful forests and beaches. Children don't need much in adult input in these environments – their natural curiosity and energy is likely to lead, whether it be finding bugs, creating dens, playing with sticks or jumping waves. For times when you not out enjoying the great outdoors, here are some other ideas:

<https://indyschild.com/70-things-to-do-with-kids-now-that-were-all-stuck-at-home/>  
<https://indyschild.com/100-things-to-do-outside-this-summer-at-home/>  
<https://www.familyfuntwincities.com/physical-activities-for-kids/>  
<https://whatmomslove.com/kids/active-indoor-games-activities-for-kids-to-burn-energy/>



### More ideas

#### Arts and Crafts

##### **Shadow drawings**

Find a place with good light, give the child a long strip of paper, ask him or her to set up toys and objects to create silhouettes. Have fun drawing around the silhouettes!

##### **Origami frogs**

<https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/origami-jumping-frogs-easy-folding-instructions.html>

##### **Mixed media collage**

Get a box of scraps of material, old buttons, different textured scrap paper and let your child use their imagination. Here are some ideas:

<https://artfulparent.com/mixed-media-collage-kids/>  
<https://artfulparent.com/kids-mixed-media-art-creativity-inspired-by-fabric-scrap/>

### **More arts and crafts**

<https://www.kidsartspot.com/>  
<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/craft-ideas/how-to/g1389/diy-kids-activities/?slide=7>

### **Design Challenges**

#### **Lego ideas**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=3&v=ItincwrwWhA&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=ItincwrwWhA&feature=emb_logo)

#### **Create a Rube – Goldberg machine**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=48&v=ICv5owYrW4w&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=48&v=ICv5owYrW4w&feature=emb_logo)

#### **Building a bridge**

<https://www.education.com/download-pdf/activity/174000/>

#### **Making a boat**

<https://www.education.com/download-pdf/activity/174080/>

#### **Make a cereal box house**

<https://www.education.com/download-pdf/activity/61098/>

### **Improve it Challenge**

Take an object and find ways to redesign it and make it better.  
Make it lighter or smaller, more powerful, able to do more things  
You could choose anything but here are some ideas:

- Money box
- Shoe
- Torch
- Pencil
- Cup or plate





### **Quiet moments:**

And for when you need some quiet moments...

### **Create a 'quiet space'**

<https://www.education.com/download-pdf/activity/174117/>

### **Mindfulness**

Our very own Ms. Le Scelle, along with her Mindful Dino Crew as some child friendly mindfulness on her website: <https://www.mindfuldinocrew.com/>

An article with activities for mindfulness with children:

<https://positivepsychology.com/mindfulness-for-children-kids-activities/>

### **Yoga for kids**

[Kids Yoga and Mindfulness all about MONKEYS!](#)

[Yoga For Kids | Play In The Park | Yoga With Adriene](#)

[Saturday Morning Yoga! | The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#)

[Saturday Morning Yoga! | Stezzi the Parrot](#)

[Power Yoga for Kids!](#)

[Yoga for Kids!](#)

[Minecraft | A Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure!](#)



I hope this list gives you a few ideas for your holiday. This has been a challenging school year for Hong Kong, but we have seen our students show resilience and commitment to their learning along with kindness and respect to themselves and each other. Their joy and enthusiasm in returning to school has been wonderful to be part of and we look forward to welcoming our JIS community back in August. In the meantime, I wish you a wonderful summer of rest, play and family fun.

### **ESSPA – JIS Parents and Staff Association – can you join for next year?**

At the beginning of next school year we shall do some recruitment for our Parents and Staff association – ESSPA. Please consider getting involved. Ms Kim Murch has sent out a request for people to get involved through the Class Dojo newsfeed. This is a very valuable part of the school community and is an excellent way to make friends with other parents and have fun supporting the school.

ESSPA has recently offered to fund some more portable basketball posts to allow the students to have small scale games with their classmates. These should arrive ready for the new school year in August 2020. On behalf of the happy students who will use them – ‘thank you’ to all those who have helped raise some money this year for ESSPA to spend on the school.

### **School Uniform Shop – update reminder**

A few families have been asking for details and reminders of the school uniform shop. The shop is currently closed at school but the main shop is open in Jordan and the company will do on-line orders and delivery via their website link. Obviously as students will grow over the summer it may be appropriate to consider waiting until August 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> August when the shop will be open at JIS (10a.m. – 2 p.m.)

In a previous newsletter there was a message from our supplier (Uniform Station Ltd) about the potential discounts and also the location / hours of their shop in Jordan.

### **Finally:**

Have a safe holiday. Good luck to all those moving on to new schools and countries. Be happy and strong – show your new schools how lucky they are to have you!

Everyone else, see you all on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m.

Best wishes from

Simon Walton and all the JIS staff.