



Newsletter 35 2020-21

Friday 4th June 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

A mixed set of events for this week, with all classes being out and about both in school and at workshops elsewhere. P6 are getting ready to launch their P6 Exhibition website and have been frantically busy editing videos and updating their work 'Padlet presentations' – launch date is Thursday 10th June at 1:30 p.m.

Out and about around school this week:

So great to see the Reception class – who couldn't reach the monkey bars at the beginning of the year now go from one end to the other. Real progress and such positive development in gross motor skills!



P5 have been busy with a drumming workshop this week.



P2 got busy and cleaned up the adventure playground area for everyone



P3 did some great teamwork challenges, showcasing shared responsibility



Gardeners decided to get together and clear up some of the weeds in the play area at recess



P4 workshop at Crossroads (Tuen Mun based charity) today

The P4 had a simulation experience with the staff at Crossroads HK, based on coping with poverty and the lack of a water supply. Although the workshop is fun it comes with a very serious message about the precious importance of water and also the daily challenges so much of the world's population has in getting access to fresh water on a regular basis. The visit is also linked to the P4 unit of inquiry on How We Organise Ourselves – linking into NGO's and the work of charities. Ms Chatelier had her first experience of a Crossroads workshop and said it was 'excellent!' today. Thanks to the JIS staff who accompanied the children today.



Hot weather and mosquitoes at school:

We have been very conscious of the hot, wet weather at school this week with regular reminders to all students about drinking water and changing sweaty, hot masks when needed. Hats are mandatory at all times for students, and most students are into this routine by now. If your child is forgetful – please put a spare hat in their bag that can be kept in school, so they have one at all times.

When the hot dry weather changed to some rain and thunder storms we did notice an increase in the numbers of mosquitoes around. We have had all the drains around the school playground cleared to try to prevent build up of stagnant water, and our machines are on 24 hrs. It seems to be ok at the moment but we have issued children's mosquito spray to all classes to use before recess and lunch outdoors. If you prefer to have a specific mosquito spray or cream (medical or allergy reasons) – please apply your cream to your child's legs and arms before setting off for school and send in a tube/spray to school.



JIS Talent Show videos – Video sharing next Wednesday afternoon:

The JIS Talent Show will be shown to the students next Wednesday in the afternoon. Mr. Walton will watch the video with the students who have included themselves and the other students will watch in their respective classrooms. (We are still not allowed to host large group assemblies as yet).



School fee payments for 2021 – 22 – Direct Debit forms due in today

Direct debit forms have been sent out by the school to all families. Please complete the form(s) for each of your children and send in to your bank for acknowledgement. We ask that you process the forms by June 4th as this will act as your school place confirmation. This allows us to manage the school places and offer interviews to some students who may be on our waiting lists.

The school office will send out an acknowledgement once confirmation is received from the bank.

Families needing any support or clarification on payments are asked to contact Kim Murch kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk or myself on s-walton@jis.edu.hk

School places for next year:

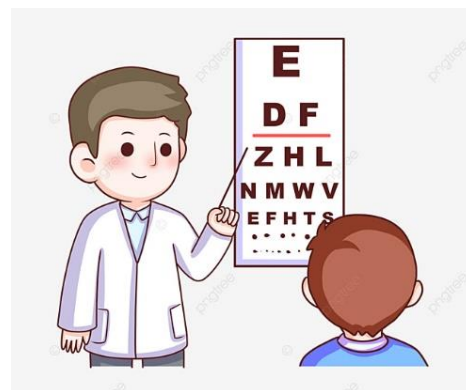
Families who are moving away from Hong Kong or relocating to a new school for August 2021 are asked to contact Sachiyo Miyajima in the school office on 2834 3531 or by email at s-miyajima@jis.edu.hk as soon as possible. Student withdrawal forms have been sent out to those who have informed us so far that they will not be returning to JIS and interviews have been arranged for spaces that have become available. This helps us plan for the new academic year ahead as accurately as possible.



Eye screening for JIS students – Tuesday 8th June; NEXT WEEK

Usually in term 1 we arrange an opportunity for our students to have their vision/eyesight tested by a professional optometrist. This was not possible in term 1 but we have been able to book in Suzan Salnikow for Tuesday 8th June.

Completed forms should have been returned by Thursday 3rd June to the school office. Please contact the office urgently if you wish to be included.



School uniform shop – Uniform Station, flagship store relocation:

Our school uniform shop will obviously remain in school – open on Wednesdays but should you wish to visit the main store it has relocated to Lai Chi Kok:

Lai Chi Kok Flagship Store Address :

8th Floor, China Pacific Industrial Building,
No. 10 Wing Hong Street,
Lai Chi Kok,
Kowloon.

Contact Number : 3598 0073

General Enquiry	
Office Tel:	2742 2498
WhatsApp:	9540 2814
Online Order Hotline:	3612 9552
E-mail:	uniform_info@midasltd-hk.com

Should you have any enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Thank you and regards,

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Summer School events at JIS: July 2021

Please find attached to this newsletter email some information about Music summer camp opportunities from Ms. Jill and the music department.

Stephanie Tsui (SIS Ltd) will be sending out information to the school community today regarding sports and arts opportunities for summer camps at JIS. Watch out for her email.



NEW - Employment opportunity at JIS

First Aid Coordinator / Resources manager – needed for August 2021

We are interested to hear from any members of our school community or their contacts who may be interested in a term-time only position to support the school's first aid and also resources management and purchasing.

Christine Lau who has been with us at JIS for 10 years is moving to the U.K., so we have a new opportunity to fill. Christine has combined her knowledge in nursing and organisational abilities to create a perfect solution for the school – we may not be able to completely replicate this role but we would be keen to hear from anyone who may be interested in either aspects or a combined position. The position would be school hours and term time only – so would suit a parent or person needing flexibility in school schedules.

We will be advertising more widely later but will try within the school community first. Anyone interested please contact Mr. Walton at JIS on s-walton@jis.edu.hk any time in the next week or so.

ESSPA – English Section Staff and Parents Association – get involved!

As we have had a very strange and disrupted year at school it has been impossible for us to have any social events or fundraising events for the school due to the COVID 19 pandemic restrictions. This has meant that ESSPA – our parents and community association has had a very quiet year. The ESSPA committee in previous years has helped the school a great deal by arranging social events for the school community and also arranging some fun events, family BBQ, monthly pizza / Japanese lunches and occasional treats for the students (Halloween, crazy hair days, dress up days). It would be really great to get some interested people who could start a new committee and plan some ideas for next year – in case we are able to open up the school in a more normal way.

If you would be interested in getting involved in supporting the school and also meeting other parents in a fun, purposeful way – please get in touch with us. Simon Walton on s-walton@jis.edu.hk or Kim Murch kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk (Kim in the school office is an ex ESSPA president from when her children were in the school so can share ideas and experiences with you).



Events for the week ahead: 7th June – 11th June 2021

A busy week in school with lots of class based activities and learning going on.

Monday 7th: P1 trip to Forest Adventures

Tuesday 8th: Eye test screening at JIS – appointments only

Wednesday 9th: - Talent Show video showing – p.m.

Thursday 10th: P6 Exhibition opens for JIS P6 Parents in afternoon – 1:30 pm

-3 Schools meeting for HKJS and JIS – SW, CW, SM attending

Friday 11th: Reception Class at Forest Adventures

-P3 out to Sai Kung

-HK Living Awards ceremony – SW and CW represent JIS to receive Primary School of the Year award

ICHK Newsletter

Friday 4th June May – [here](#) is the link to this week's newsletter from the staff of ICHK – our partner secondary school.

Primary School of the Year – for us! (in case you missed it.....)

Last week, we received a phone call from Hong Kong Living Media Ltd to say that their team of educational expert judges have considered the nominations for their first ever Hong Kong Education Awards and that JIS has been awarded their first ever **‘Primary School of the Year’** award.

The award was considered by a panel of expert educators from all sectors of the HK educational community and is viewed as an all-round judgement on the school, not specific to one area of achievement. They liked our strong sense of values, community spirit, creative curriculum and environmental awareness amongst other things!



It is really something for us all to celebrate as the school we all love and work hard to create has been noticed and given a special award! After a long period of school uncertainty, closures, pandemic guidelines and safety concerns, what a great way to end the school year and look forward to a brighter future in 2021-22.

Let us all hope that one day soon we can have a school social event and celebrate in style to say a big ‘well done’ to us all!

Wishing everyone a really enjoyable weekend and week ahead.!

Simon Walton
Principal