



Newsletter 38 2020-21

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Dear Parents and JIS community

Out and about around school this week:

P1 had a turn at the Forest Adventures Park on Monday

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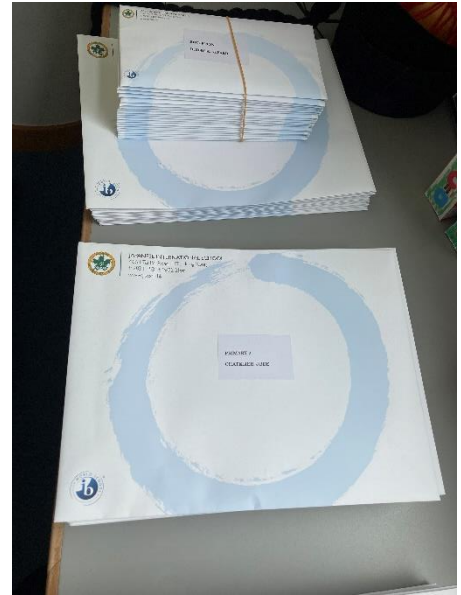


We look forward to more normal school conditions in term 1 next year when the weather is bright and cooler, so the students can be out and about in the local environment.

School reports sent home today:

All students at JIS will be bringing home a half year school report today. The report is an update on their progress since January 2021 and includes reflections on their online studies as well as their work within school since we have been back in term 3.

At morning line up today I (Mr Walton) mentioned to the students that the report shows their recent progress and also their future learning targets to guide them to improve even further. I mentioned that the school report is not only for parents but it is an important document for the students too, so that they have a full understanding of their own learning and that they can work towards their future development. Please spend some time sharing the report with your child(ren) so that they understand it and also know that their education is a partnership between family and school, together. Some classes will also be receiving a copy of unit of inquiry reports today as well. Some of these will be sent home next week, when fully printed and signed.



P6 Graduation next week – Tuesday 29th June

On Tuesday morning next week we shall be hosting a very private graduation ceremony for the P6 class and their parents/family only. Due to current guidelines for schools we have to keep all visitors to school to a minimum. All visitors will enter and leave the building from the swimming pool entrance only and will not enter the main school building.

The Graduation ceremony will allow us to wish the P6 graduates all the very best and celebrate their time at JIS as well as sending them off on their way to secondary school.

The JIS graduates are all off on journeys to schools in Hong Kong and around the world. We wish them and their families all the very best of luck as they move on from primary school and hope that they will stay in touch with us to let us know of their future.

Meet the new teacher – Wednesday afternoon

All the students in the Reception class up to P5 class had time this week. The aim of the session was to allow students to spend some time in their new classrooms and get to know the new teacher and assistant. The students do know the teachers well but it is a bit different to go and spend some time in a classroom and know that this will be ‘their’ room soon.



School places for next year: a few vacancies that we would like to fill



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.

Due to some family relocations we do have spaces in our P3, P4 and P6 classes for August 2021 – please let friends know if they are interested in joining JIS to contact us for a potential interview as soon as possible.

Summer School events at JIS: July 2021

Stephanie Tsui (SIS Ltd) has sent out information to the school community regarding sports and arts opportunities for summer camps at JIS. If you need any further information, please contact SIS Ltd on 2652 1128.



Summer Camp Ballet: There was an attached information sheet to last week's newsletter for those families who may be interested in some summer camp ballet lessons.

NEW - Employment opportunity at JIS – please ask around our community.

First Aid Coordinator / Resources manager – needed for August 2021. There is an option to apply for only one part of this role.

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. This is an ideal part time position or full time position to allow someone to enjoy a new role but not have to worry about holiday child care.

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. If you are interested in either aspect of this role, please get in touch with us.

We will try to advertise more widely over the summer holidays but are asking within the school community and via our own website 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: 28th June – 30th June 2021 – half week only

Monday 28th: P1 at Forest Adventures – Reception Class Olympics – a.m.

Tuesday 29th: P6 Graduation Day at JIS – 9a.m. in the school gym – private ceremony

Wednesday 30th: Final day of school year 2020-21. School closes at 12 p.m. midday.

-JIS Board of Directors meeting – 1:30 p.m.

Photo of the week! – Learning in and enjoying the local environment!



Wishing everyone a really enjoyable weekend!

See you all next week.

Simon Walton
Principal