



## Newsletter 9 2021-22

Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

### Changes to school holidays:

A reminder of my message to all of the JIS community this week – term 1, 2021-22 at JIS will now finish on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at midday (12 p.m.). All other dates for this school year will remain the same.

### Week 10 around school –

#### School Photos Day – Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

All students and siblings had their photos taken on Monday. These photos are obviously for sale and are also used on school documentation like reports. Due to current guidelines on pandemic prevention all students could remove their mask for their individual photos but we were unable to take a full group photo – a composite class photo (same as last year) will be created from all the individual images.

### HK Shark Foundation presentations – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October



On Monday this week the students all had an opportunity to get some updated information from Andrea at the HK Shark Foundation. It certainly inspired many of the students to consider some action and to produce some posters and infographics for the rest of us to consider.

Vanness and Vera did a great job in producing a Google slides show to share their own thoughts and concerns.

Some other students brought in art work too.



The statistics and data on sharks is truly amazing, on their longevity and also on the rate of their current destruction, but many of our JIS eco warriors seem inspired to make a change in this.

Thanks to Cath Wan for arranging the presentation for the students.

## Redress Hong Kong – a clothing / retail based educational NGO – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October came to JIS

On Tuesday as part of the current research for the P4 unit of inquiry Redress HK came to JIS and gave some presentations to the students of P3, 4, 5 and 6. Charly from Redress shared some fascinating information about the impacts of the clothing retail industry on all aspects of climate change and planet preservation. The students were very engaged and asked some excellent questions. Our recycle clothing initiative is being led by P4 class with support from Redress for the month of October and early November. Please sort out your wardrobes and drawers for good quality unwanted clothing and send it in to school. Redress sort the clothing and arrange donations to local charities and also re-sell some clothing in their upcycling shop to raise funds for their work in supporting local people.

The information about how much clothing is dumped or not recycled in Hong Kong each day – is quite staggering!

Let us all hope that bit by bit we can make a positive change in both attitudes and manufacturing practices.



Great to see so many students at our recycling stations at the start of the school day – thank you for the support from our school community. Please remember if you drop off your child(ren) in the school car park there are recycle bins in the car park area to use.

**UPDATE, just in from P4: FINAL CALL FOR REDRESS BOXES IS NOW MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER – Please send in your items on time.**



## Dress Casual Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you for the support for the HK Community Chest Dress Casual day on Wednesday. Apologies that it was a bit rushed but the message seemed to get through to almost everyone.

You have all donated an amazing **\$4,950** to support the work of the HK Community Chest. In assembly this week I shared some information as to the work of the 'HK chest', who they are and what they do. In 2020/21 they gave \$42.03 million to support the work of 24 different agencies that work alongside local family and child welfare services.

Thank you for the support, we shall send it on to HK Community Chest, along with the money donated by our Japanese Section community.



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## P2 learning outdoors at Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

As the weather cools down we look to the autumn to allow us to take the children outdoors into the Hong Kong environment more. There are so many excellent options for learning and social / empathy skill development by taking the children beyond the school gates. It is a key part of what we believe at JIS and is closely linked to our Respect, Commitment, Kindness core values that permeate all our planning and working with the students.



The P2 class with a group of parents went off to Tai Po Kau on Tuesday. A great opportunity to do some plant identification work, art work with natural materials and generally enjoy being out and about in nature. Schools are still subject to the 'group of 4' rule set out in the HK pandemic guidelines, so it is great that we can get a large enough group of parents together to enable 3 students and one adult to be a group, when necessary – thank you to those who came along.



## Recycling at JIS – community bins up and running!

Please keep up with the efforts – bins in the car park area are open to our school community members. We filled the bin for plastics again this week. Thank you for those who are supporting us.

## Art Competition – wow – great response

By Wednesday 20th October all JIS students were invited to submit an A4 piece of art that promotes calm and happiness to help decorate the renovated JIS counselling room area. The response to the competition has been really positive, thank you to all those who got creative and had a go.

Ms. Ashima will choose one piece from each class to frame and hang on the wall. She is getting ready to judge the different artworks. We have entrants from every class in the school! Well done to everyone.



There are now so many (around 50) entrants that there will be some for the Counselling room and then we shall do a gallery exhibition of the other ones in the school corridor for everyone to see and enjoy.

## ICHK Newsletter for this week – (mid-term holiday for ICHK this week)

Each week we share the newsletter from ICHK –



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College Hong Kong) to keep our community informed of the news from our partner secondary school.

To access last week's newsletter click: [here](#)

(We were on midterm break last week and this newsletter came out last week)

## Home T.V. and computer time – please be aware and monitor your children

A quick request from the staff at JIS that parents are fully aware of what their children are watching and online activity / games they are playing at home. We are hearing regular discussions among students who are chatting about highly inappropriate T.V. shows that they have seen (eg Squid Games on Netflix). They should not be viewing such programmes, so please monitor carefully what is going on. Online games are also a source of inappropriate language and images, please be aware of what is being interacted with and at what time of day. Just because a child is in their room – they may not be asleep and could be viewing inappropriate content.

Please also have a polite reminder about bed times and hours of sleep that your children get, especially during the school week. Sleep is so vital for all of us to recharge and process our lives – but is vitally important for young children who need to be focused and ready to learn and socialize at school.

Many thanks for your support

## Halloween Parade and costume day: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October – advance notice.

Have a great weekend everyone. The cool weather is only scheduled for a few days – sunshine is coming back again, next week! Let's hope.

Simon Walton  
Principal