



## Newsletter 26 2021-22

Friday 18th March 2022

Dear Parents and JIS community –

### Week 11, term 2 at JIS: Hong Kong Young Readers Festival and more.....

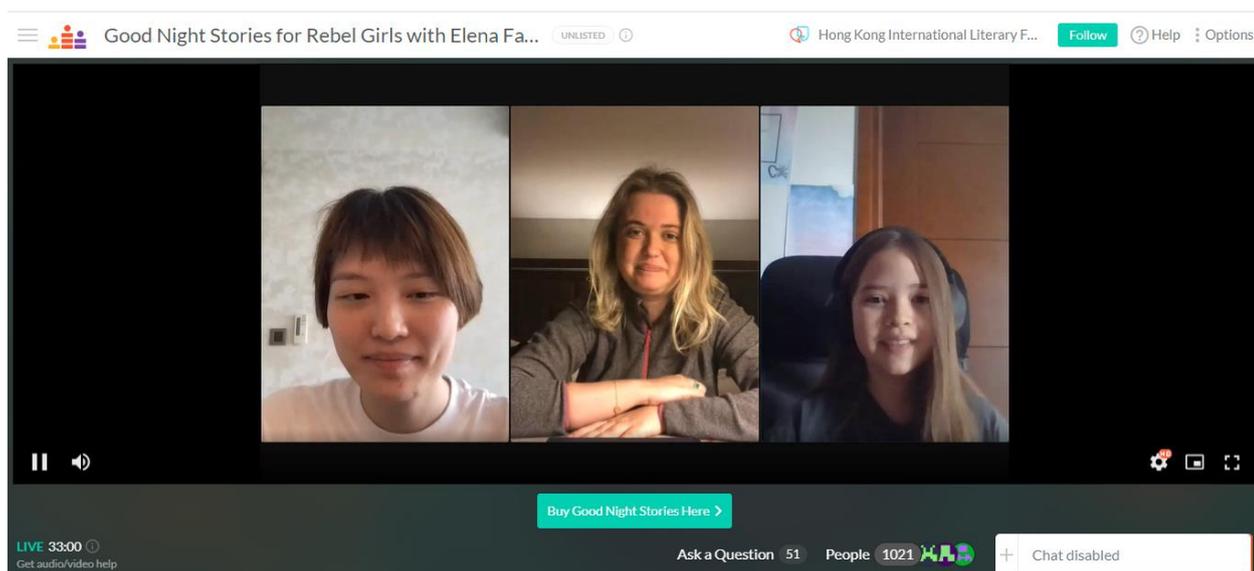
This week as part of the HK Young Readers Festival we welcomed several authors into our online school.

Imogen Dean thrilled Reception and P1 with her interactive workshop based around "Easy For You to Say"

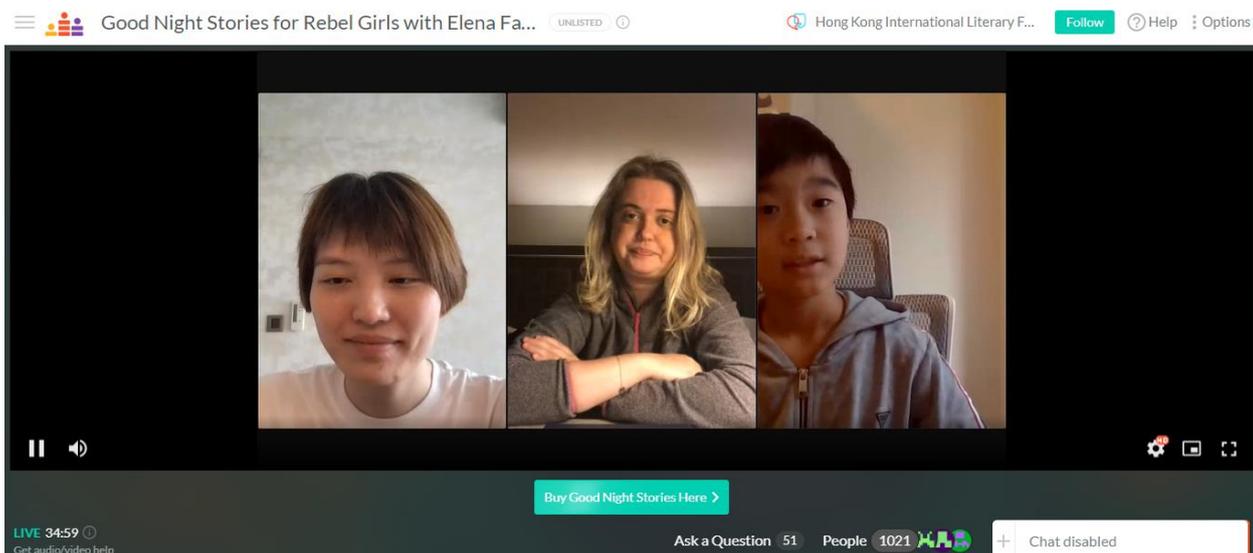
Connie Maoshan helped P2 and P3 students think deeply about the issues of dog ownership (fostering and adoption) and abandonment through her writing and illustrations in the workshop "Deserve".



Joanne Li inspired the P6 students in her talk about leadership and Elena Favilli's talk for the schools across Hong Kong focused on female empowerment. 2 students from JIS, Laila and Jeremy were chosen to present their questions and P6 Tsuki's question was also featured.



Well done, Laila!



Well done, Jeremy!

Next week, Lindsay Stoddard will visit P5s and Sarah Scheerger will visit P4

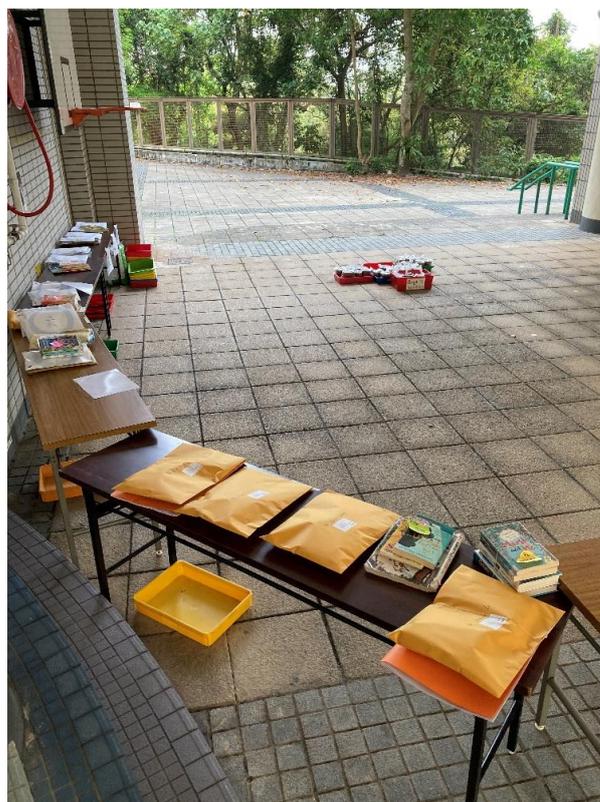
Library Day in HK YRF week and the students were encouraged to dress up as book characters if they would like to.

## Resources and Library Books – collection and delivery from JIS – delivery no 2.



Many thanks for all the orders for library books, they were sent out this week along with some class based resources that will be used next week or the week after. We have also included a sunflower growing kit to have some fun Thanks to all the staff who prepared things ready to go out. Please be

sure to collect your child's resources as they are needed in future school activities, next week and beyond.



The resources drop off are designed to give new ideas and creative ways of maintaining the students engagement as the online session drags on. We know it is challenging but we are trying hard to keep up the momentum and enthusiasm around the school community.

## August 2022 – interviews this week - online

Due to the ongoing lack of opportunity for face to face interviews Mr. Walton met some of the potential new students online this week. It was great to connect with some new JIS families. A few more interviews will be scheduled for next week, also.

## Awesome Afternoons: screen free fun for all

Afternoon activities will still be available for those who wish to join in. This week there were some very interesting challenges related to the HK Young Readers Festival!

Many thanks to those who have got involved and sent in some of their creative ideas.



## JIS Outdoor / indoor learning week across the school 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> March - get involved!



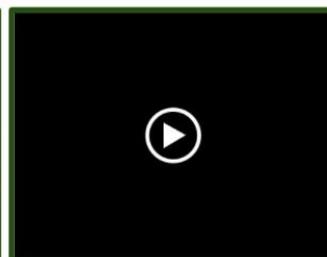
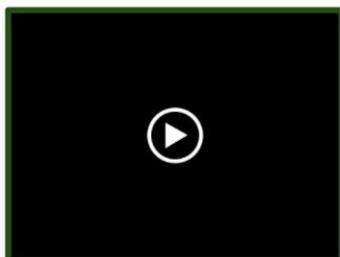
Next week the awesome afternoons and some workshops in each class will be building on the theme of our outdoor / indoor classroom week. Fiona Merrill and Laura Fisher have been busy creating a week of activities and workshops for each class. There are some fabulous ideas to get involved with – starting with some great videos made by JIS staff and students to get everyone inspired. Have a good look on Monday when they are shared with everyone. Again, these ideas are meant to be fun and creative – but take everyone away from their screens, once they have enjoyed a quick online introduction.



### JIS OUTDOOR LEARNING WEEK CHALLENGE!

The JIS team have set you some fun challenges to celebrate Outdoor Learning Week. If you can't go outside, try them inside! Which challenges can you complete?!

*Optional: Video or photograph your challenge attempts and post them on your Google Classroom or Toddle!*



The activities will be shared on Monday – for the week ahead.



## Celebrating the Outdoors Week- Monday 21st-25th March

Objective: Give students hands on experiences of interacting with outdoor style activities- get outside in nature if that option is available for your family.

### Online sessions

Each class will be led by Laura Fisher or Fiona Merrill in a hands on experience utilising new outdoor skills.

R, P1, P2- Story telling and dragon egg creation

P3, P4, P5, P6- Various fire lays with sticks. **Parents please read the essential agreement**

### Awesome afternoons

There will be a variety of activities on offer. Please encourage your child to get involved as much as possible. The activities all have options so they can be enjoyed inside or out.

Post the work on Toddle or Google Classroom

### Ms Kim's JIS wormery

On Wednesday 23rd March Ms Kim will share in the school assembly how she cares for and feeds the worms in the wormery at JIS. Worms are vital for composting matter and help to create healthy soil.

## Young Readers Festival 2022 – last few classes, next week!

From one of Britain's best loved storytellers  
**MICHAEL MORPURGO**  
**WAR HORSE**

**GOOD NIGHT STORIES FOR REBEL GIRLS**  
100 TALES OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

**LAST NIGHT AT THE TELEGRAPH CLUB**  
"This book is for anyone who has ever loved—in any sense of the word."  
—JESS A.E. SOY, *REASONABLE PEOPLE*  
**MALINDA LO**

Hong Kong International Young Readers Festival  
香港國際青少年讀者節

**7-25 March**

Go to Schools Pack  
前往校園資料包

This year the HK Young Readers Festival continues with some presentations and workshops using famous children's authors from around the world. This week as a whole school present Elena Favilli was beamed in from New York to meet with our HK based students. She addressed some interesting issues about female role models and empowerment from a variety of perspectives, as well as sharing her own personal role models through her story collection. Two JIS P6 students had their questions chosen to present to around 1000 people!

### Events coming up this week:

Sarah Scheerger- with P4 on Monday 21st

Lindsey Stoddard – with P5 on Wednesday 23rd

### Dress Up in library today Friday – Friday 18th March

As part of the Awesome Afternoon activities for this week Cath Wan invited students to plan or create an outfit to wear when they attended their library session, today. There were plenty of outfits in a variety of the classes – so well done those that got involved and hopefully getting dressed up was a bit of fun and lifted a few Friday spirits!!



## Activity clubs – online created by P6 students: details in PDF file attached



The P6 students are missing out on some valuable leadership opportunities at the moment due to online learning – but not now! They have got creative with Mr. Rixon and Ms. Liu and devised some online clubs for the students to be able to attend. The PDF information is attached to this newsletter and also as a JIS link here:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rYsxvelNPG1YbSQzn60b5\\_fmBRJMFKBb0k0wtV4HtG8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rYsxvelNPG1YbSQzn60b5_fmBRJMFKBb0k0wtV4HtG8/edit?usp=sharing)

Thanks to P6 and good luck with your clubs next week.

## Library update – useful app for Story box Library – online subscription:

### Story Box Library app is here!

Our digital library "Story Box Library" has now launched an app. Free to download (with an active subscription) onto Apple and Android devices, a world of stories is now even easier to access.

Download the StoryBox app now, featuring

- Over 400 diverse stories, with new stories added regularly
- Quick and easy search filters and playlist functions
- Language learning and audio-visual support, including closed-captioning
- Individual profile settings for parents and children for family subscribers

For Log In, please use:

- Email/Username: JISLibrary
- Password: JISLibrary

Should you have any issues with logging on, please send an email to:

[fsamarakkody@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:fsamarakkody@es.jis.edu.hk)

## Student Support services – emotional support and strategies for students

As we have now been online for an extended time, our Student Support department strongly encourages families of students who were receiving support from Abi Chan, Speech and Language Therapist or Cheryl Liu, Occupational Therapist to get in touch with SPOT Therapy Centre and try to arrange for students to continue their support. School is happy to accommodate students missing classes in order that they can attend visits to these vital specialists. All of the staff from SPOT can also be available online for meetings. [cheryl.liu@spot.com.hk](mailto:cheryl.liu@spot.com.hk) or [abi.chan@spot.com.hk](mailto:abi.chan@spot.com.hk)

Ms. Ashima Sharma (JIS counsellor) continues to be available to support any student or family who feel this would benefit them. [asharma@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:asharma@es.jis.edu.hk) Ms. Ashima will be available to meet P5 and P6 students on a weekly basis at 2:30 pm on a Friday and others as and when appropriate.

Slideshow link:

Attached below is a link to some useful slides to support wellbeing for our younger students. They have some useful ideas on ways to support a range of emotional challenges:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uxhmkv7pRybWi1iE-nzSFxxtREPH7ZxG/edit#slide=id.p1>

**Tech support for parents** – if you are experiencing difficulties with access or computers borrowed from school – please contact our newly set up email. We can exchange a machine or advise on any support. Joseph our I.T manager will be glad to help:

[ithelpdesk@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:ithelpdesk@es.jis.edu.hk) (I.T. Help Desk for JIS community)



ICHK Weekly Bulletin for this week is: [here](#)



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Wishing everyone a very safe and healthy weekend – take care everyone.

Simon Walton  
Principal

Good luck with the sunflower growing competition!!

