



Newsletter 27 2021-22

Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and JIS community –

Return to school: Tuesday 19th April – news on vaccinations

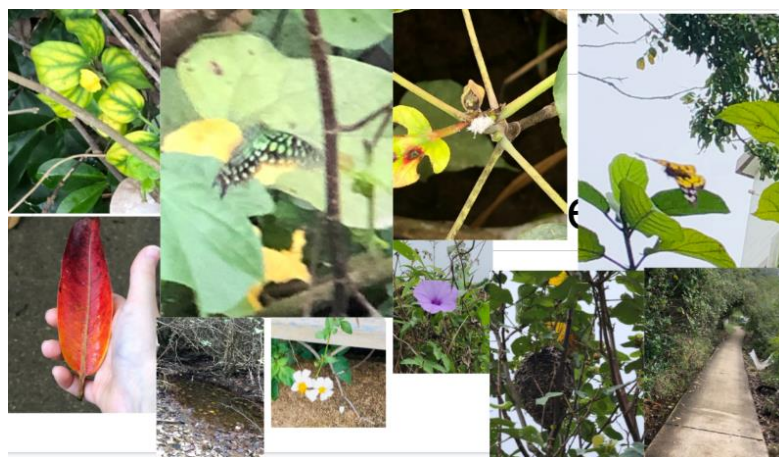
A quick update on news regarding the return to school after the Easter holidays. We are fully anticipating the return of all students on Tuesday 19th April for term 3 at school but schools have not yet received any formal updates as to requirements or whether existing approved plans can be implemented. Obviously the news media has speculated about doses and double doses, but there is no official news as yet. I am sure we share mutual frustration on this issue. So I am sorry to not be able to offer concrete advice to everyone at this time. I have been in touch several times with HK EDB North District staff, to ask for full clarification of the conditions upon which the students' return to JIS can take place, but have yet to receive any information. As soon as this information is available to schools, I will happily share details with everyone. Fingers crossed that we can look forward to seeing each other very soon.

Week 12, term 2 at JIS: Outdoors and Indoors and more.....

This week celebrating the big outdoors – inside too!



Thanks to everyone who got involved with the activities this week planned by Fiona Merrill and Laura Fisher for all the children. There were workshops for all the classes and then a really wide ranging set of activities in the Awesome Afternoons slides for everyone to get involved with.



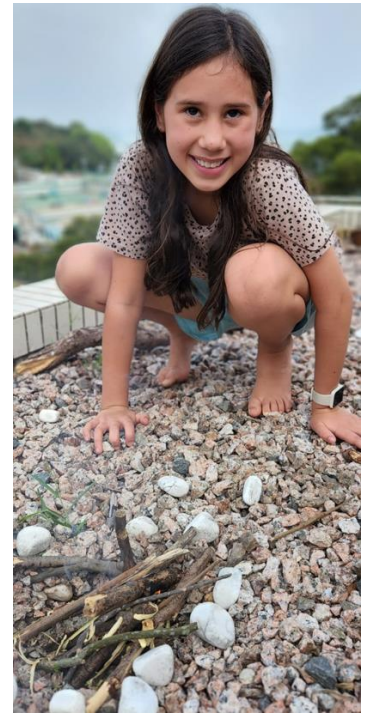
Charlotte in P4 was out and about in Sai Kung.

Heesu in P4 was looking at leaf textures and colours in his photographs.





The activities in class workshops looked into creating a 'Dragons egg' in the lower classes and also into 'how to lay a fire' for the upper classes.



Sunflowers March 2022 – are they growing yet?

Many thanks for all the messages and plant pot pictures showing the beginnings of sunflowers sprouting up all over the balconies and windowsills of Hong Kong! Keep looking after them and let's see what flowers we get in the coming weeks!

Thanks to everyone for their enthusiasm in having a go at this JIS event.

Awesome Afternoons: screen free fun for all next week

Awesome Screen Free Afternoons

All these activities are optional...you may have your own screen-free activities which you can enjoy too - that's fine! Any activities that you do, please post here, or send to Mr. Walton or Ms. Wan. You can do the activities more than once if you like. Have fun!

March 28th - April 1st This week's theme: Drama, Dance and Music

Afternoon activities will still be available for those who wish to join in. This coming week there are some very interesting challenges using music, dance, drama and puppetry.

Many thanks to those who have got involved and sent in some of their creative ideas. Keep getting inspired and keep busy.

Young Readers Festival 2022 – last few classes, this week!

Events this week:

Sarah Scheerger- with P4 on Monday 21st
Lindsey Stoddard – with P5 on Wednesday 23rd



I was lucky enough to join in with the P5 workshop with Lindsey Stoddard, who joined the students live from Vermont in the U.S.A. It was an excellent presentation as she went through her process as a writer and shared how her first book was completely rejected by 10 publishers after 3 years of effort! She was devastated but managed to convince herself to have one more go – whilst also having 2 young children – and the second book was a success! She really demonstrated her JIS value of commitment! An excellent role model for our own young aspiring writers.

Thanks again to everyone at the HK YRF for arranging the festival online and to Cath Wan for booking all our events for the school.

Assembly this week – guest Ms. Kim from the office – the worms!

We were delighted to welcome Ms. Kim from the school office this week in Wednesday assembly, and she did not mention direct debits or school fees once! She charmed and informed the students about her red wiggler worms that she keeps at school for composting. The weather forced us inside and meant hosting an assembly from the floor in the school lobby but it didn't stop Kim and she gave us all a huge amount of information and practical tips on recycling food waste with some worm assisted composting!



A big thanks to Kim for all her efforts in preparing for the assembly and also for sharing her enthusiasm for what the worms can achieve to support new plant life and to recycle her food waste.

Kim has also assured the students that once they are back at school, she will share with them more experiences and information to do with the JIS red wiggler worms.



Kim uses a series of layers of recycled food (not all foods are useful) and recycled paper to build dark, moist, environments for the worms. Surprisingly, it does not smell at all and is clearly a very healthy ecosystem for the worms and bugs to do their work. If it was to smell – Kim would know she was using the wrong fruit or vegetables, - so the expert tells me!

Great job everyone!

JIS News: latest edition:

At the time of sending this newsletter the JIS News Team in various bedrooms or kitchen tables around Hong Kong are busying editing an edition of the JIS news. As soon as it is ready we will share on Toddle and then through Google classrooms so that everyone can see it.

A big thanks to all the P6 editorial team who have self-created and edited this edition for us all.

Activity clubs – online created by P6 students: Clubs started this week for everyone.



The P6 students have been 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 below as a JIS link here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1rYsxvelNPG1YbSQzn60b5_fmBRJMFKBb0k0wtV4HtG8/edit?usp=sharing

Thanks to P6 and well done with your clubs this week so far. Thanks to all the attendees who have been really positive and well behaved for the P6 students to manage. Well done, everyone.

Library update – useful app for Story box Library – online subscription (repeat):

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

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 or 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 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 (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

A few more dragon egg pictures from this week: From P1(Rio, Katie and Zayyan)

