



## Newsletter 37 2021-22

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents and JIS community

### Around school this week:

#### Dress Casual – JIS House Day – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June

This week the JIS Student Council arranged a dress casual day – but with a twist – to celebrate the JIS school houses and their colours. Dragons – red, Pegasus – blue, Phoenix – yellow. Sadly with Covid and the in and out of school arrangements the use of the school houses for swimming gala and sports day has not been possible for two years. The Student Council want to use it again.

The students were all involved in some class based games / activities and also a series of fitness challenges with the P.E. staff during the day on Thursday.

Overall the scores for these activities were as follows:

**Red Dragons: - 268 points**

**Yellow Phoenix – 313 points**

**Blue Pegasus – 300 points**

**Therefore, congratulations to the Yellow Phoenix house this time!**







We were also delighted to be able to raise \$3, 200 to donate to **IMPACT HK** – the Student Council will be arranging to send this JIS donation to support the work of this excellent HK based NGO. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

#### **P4 Japanese Class – presentation of Rakugo performance – ‘Manju Kowai’**

The P4 Japanese class first language group presented their Rakugo performance for Mr. Walton and Ms. Wan on Thursday morning. The students had rehearsed and planned the show themselves and had put a lot of effort into the presentation – Well done to all of them.



Note: **Rakugo** (落語, literally 'fallen words') is a form of [Japanese](#) verbal entertainment. The lone storyteller (落語家, *rakugoka*) sits on a raised platform, a *kōza* (高座). Using only a paper fan (扇子, *sensu*) and a small cloth (手拭, [tenugui](#)) as props, and storyteller depicts a long and complicated comical (or sometimes sentimental) story. The story always involves the dialogue of two or more characters.

Thanks to Sora sensei for the support given to the students.

### JIS Talent Show videos 2022 – best ever numbers of videos sent in.



Thank you for all the videos sent in to school. We shall edit them into a series of videos (we had a lot this year) and will then be able to share the links with the students in assembly and with the school community. Details of links to follow later.

### Student Led Conference Day 2022 – Please book your appointment for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Check the Toddle announcement for full details – sign up by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> please.

Please be sure to book your appointment for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June as it will be Student Led Conference day at JIS. There are many things that we have missed out on over the last few years, due to Covid, but we hope to reprise one of them this term with our Student Led Conference Day. This day allows all the parents to be invited into school in small groups to allow the students to share with them their learning over the last year. It is a time for them to celebrate and show their progress over the year. The students lead the meeting and have an opportunity to showcase a range of the things that they do in school.

By using safe social distancing and also the Leave Home Safe/Vaccine pass process at the school doors, we believe we can arrange this event as a great end of term activity. It will also be the first time in years that we have been able to invite the school community into school. Full details of appointments will be shared later with everyone – please save the date. Note:

**Please note: there is no regular school on this day, only appointments.**



### **P4 visit to Crossroads charity / NGO**

On Wednesday our P4 class went to Crossroads for a workshop simulation regarding poverty and the challenges faced by so many communities around the world. The students were required to work as a team in developing solutions to a variety of problems and issues. Sadly the weather did affect some of the planned activities but they managed to work indoors to complete a variety of tasks.

Thanks to the JIS staff who arranged the event and supported the students on a wet, complicated day.



Crossroads do some amazing work around the world to support others, through relocating furniture, clothes, other resources around the world; which are donated by people in HK and Asia. When JIS refurbished the classroom furniture a few years ago it was donated to Crossroads who used it to equip a school in Africa in Uganda.

### **Our special visitor this week – after the heavy rain:**

On Wednesday morning a group of P3 students (Savannah, James and Jude) found a stranded red-bellied newt on the astro-turf pitch at 8 a.m. Obviously washed there by the heavy rains or dropped by a bird perhaps, it needed some help. The newt looked dead but they cared for it and gave it some water to revive it. The newt stayed in school for everyone to see and was then released back into the wild by Ms. De Thier in a stream near her home.





The students were very caring of it and were delighted that it was safe to be set free again. We hope it survives. Red Bellied newts are a protected species in HK so we were trying hard to save it.

### **Vaccination survey: Thank you for the updates with the second dose.**

Thank you very much everyone for completing the JIS vaccination survey. The link is here for you to update at any time if your child's vaccination status changes. If we get 90% of students on second dose and 14 days clear, the students can eat in their classrooms. Please update us if you have not yet.

Here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jRXb\\_0Zg4Tn90FTFuJ-5EMw0QcCfNLX10pBVZ2r3tIg/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jRXb_0Zg4Tn90FTFuJ-5EMw0QcCfNLX10pBVZ2r3tIg/edit)

**Vaccinations and the use of the swimming pool at JIS during the school day.** Sadly we continue to be told we cannot have the students swimming as PE lessons in school hours, without 2 vaccinations and 14 days clear. I have lobbied the local EDB staff about the unfairness of this, as all U12 children can visit a local swimming pool (LCSD rules) without any vaccination requirement at all (or RAT test or temperature check) but it seems there is no compromise with EDB staff and we have to wait. We are currently not able to get the students in the pool due to our vaccination status.

SIS Ltd are allowed to use the pool as they can operate under LCSD guidelines, so after school swimming can take place! (I fail to see the logic or fairness in this. – SW)

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## Staffing for next school year – 2022-23 at JIS

### JIS Staff Placements 2022-23

As we move on through term 3 it is obvious that people begin to think a little about next academic year. We are delighted to report that our recruitment was successful for next school year:

Class or subject area	Role	Name:
Reception	Teacher	Samanatha Sanson
Reception	Education Assistant	Janice Tam
P1	Teacher	Annette De Thier
P1	Education Assistant	Ronald Lau
P2	Teacher	Laura Fisher
P2	Education Assistant	Jo H Cristobal
P3	Teacher	Ivan Ng
P3	Education Assistant	Ada Cheung
P4	Teacher	Fiona Merrill
P4	Education Assistant	Charmaine Mok
P5	Teacher	Nicholas Cheung
P5	Education Assistant	Charmaine Mok
P6	Teacher	Rianna Sakhrani
P6	Education Assistant	EnHsing Liu
Mandarin	Teacher	Judith Tseng
Mandarin	Language Assistant	Karen He
Japanese	Teacher	Sora Satonaka
Japanese	Language Assistant	Mari Uno
Music	Teacher	Jill Tse
PE/Swimming	Coordinator	Stephanie Tsui
PE	Teacher	Jason Chan
Student Support and Well Being	Coordinator (TLR)	Jenny Procter (from Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> )
Student Support and Well Being	Teacher	Nathania Wu
Student Support and Well Being	Temp teacher (until Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> )	Amber Le Scelle (3 days)
Library and Resources manager	Assistant / manager	Floyd Samarakkody (4 days)
I.T.	Manager	Joseph Dandan (3 days)
Office	Admin, Admissions, Accounts	Sachiyo Miyajima
Office	Fees, Admin and staff support	Kim Murch
Deputy Principal	PYPC, Curriculum, Library manager,	Cath Wan
Principal		Joshua Blue

**Many thanks and good luck for the future to the staff who are retiring or moving on to new schools or countries:**

Kiyomi sensei (HK and Japan), Lilian Chen (HK), Anouchka Chatelier (Aus), Vikki Rixon (Singapore), David Rixon (Singapore), - thanks for all your efforts and support over the years.

### Mr. Walton – Farewell afternoon tea – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 3-5p.m. (please book)

We have had many requests from ex-students and families to come and visit the school to say a farewell to Mr. Walton, before the end of term. This is sadly very complicated to arrange due to school based visitor restrictions. Rather than arrange a whole series of small events it should be easier to have one afternoon when small groups (Covid style!) can visit the school, at the end of Student Conferences Day. If you have

friends or know ex-students who would like to attend please call Sachiyo Miyajima on 2834 3531 in the school office to book a place. We need to know who is coming and what time, to comply with guidelines.

Mr. Walton will obviously be in school on Student Led Conference Day to speak with existing JIS parents.

Enjoy your weekend everyone.

Simon Walton  
Principal

“Mr Walton I need to show you something.....” – I am literally dragged around the playground each day to view more and more fabulous bugs around the school! Here are Friday’s nature marvels!



The red bellied newt was also a big favourite this week – and no one hurt it or caused it any distress. We are making progress with our appreciation of the natural world around us, without stamping on it or pulling it apart! It was released into the wild again.

