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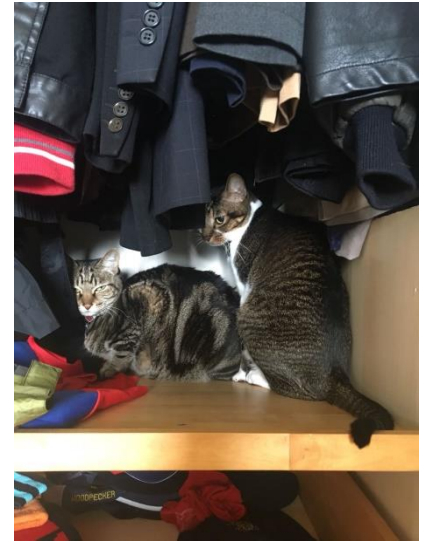
Dear Parents and JIS community

Apologies for the slight delay in this newsletter – I was moving house on Friday! Judging by the picture on right our 2 rescue cats, found at the back of the wardrobe were not too happy to be leaving their home!

Around JIS: week 3

Interviews for August 2018: Reception and P1

Last week we did some interviews for the new Reception class of August 2018! My thanks to Cath Wan, Glenda Bailie and Fiona Merrill for their patience, creativity and sheer perseverance in getting the shy, tearful and mute to speak, play with playdoh and listen to a story! We shall be offering a group of students a place this week and will maintain close links with some priority waiting list families in the coming months, in case some applicants do not follow up on their offer. We have also met some new P1 siblings and long term applicants to start us considering the extra 5 or 6 places we offer in Primary 1.



P2 visit to the Peak

The P2 class had a great time on Tuesday on their visit to the Peak from JIS, using as many types of transport as possible. The class is busy studying different types of systems and how we rely on them – so how nbest to learn abot the HK transport system by using it all the way between Tai Po and the Peak! The weather was great and they were back in JIS at 2:35 – perfect timing for school buses and going home.



Thanks to all the parents who came along to help and JIS staff for arranging and planning the excursion

ESSPA Lunch – change of date – Monday 29th January – not Friday 26th!

Due to a clash of booking with the Rec, P1 and P2 theatre trip ESSPA have very kindly agreed to move their special lunch to NEXT MONDAY.

Please make sure your child has snack and lunch with them as normal on Friday, but only snack on Monday 29th – if you have preordered from ESSPA.

JIS Peter Pan - showtime! - The JIS stage production team has already advertised this year's show will be – Peter Pan – which will be performed on Friday 23rd March.

Congratulations to a range of students who succeeded in their auditions and were given a main / speaking parts last week. Lots of rehearsals and line / song learning ahead!

All classes will be involved in the show as usual. We look forward to a great JIS evening.



Active Parenting Course:

We have mentioned our intention to run the Active Parenting course again for the school community in a few previous newsletters. The course is really proactive and useful and will hopefully be running in April and May as an evening event 7-9pm so as to allow as many families as possible to access it. We need around 10-12 parents to get involved, currently we have 7. Please get in touch with Kim Murch in the school office or Glenda Bailie in Student Support for more details or reviews from previous course members.
April – 19, 26, May 10, 17, 24, 31.



Italian lessons at JIS – January 2018 – ready started, more welcome!

Italian lessons started last Tuesday with a group of 7 students enrolled.

JIS Parent strategic planning discussion group – new ideas, new voices

Our community discussion group / 'think tank' met last week on Wednesday evening to consider the JIS school development plan 2017-19. The exchange of views allows the school to learn more about community thoughts and ideas and members of the school community learn more about the planning and aspirations of the school. Next meeting will be in June 2018 towards the end of a school year and to plan ahead for new dreams and visions for the future.

O.T. (Occupational Therapist) assessments at JIS - Fridays

We had another visit by the O.T. on Friday from 'Rehabilitation Consultants' as part of their offer of assessments for JIS students. A group of students were assessed again and others will be in the coming weeks on a Friday. Each visit is around 30 minutes offering a perfect opportunity for the therapist to undertake a wide variety of activities to complete their student profile assessments.

Dates for the week ahead: January 2018

Monday 22nd:

Tuesday 23rd: P2 trip to the Post Office in Shatin

-Mrs Juliet Ashton in P6 (Tuesday – Friday) and Ms P. is on a literacy professional training course

Wednesday 24th: Reception class to Shatin Park – a.m.

-P3 and P4 Art Exhibition – 1:45pm in first floor lobby area

Thursday 25th: P1 trip to Sheung Yiu Folk Museum in Sai Kung country park

-ICHK BoD meeting 6:30pm

Friday 26th: Reception, P1 and P2 classes to visit theatre – The Ugly Duckling

-O.T. screening at JIS – opt in

-Half year school report sent home with students.

Saturday 27th – Japanese section Open Day – 10am – 2pm

ICHK newsletter link: Operation Santa creativity award to Student Council

This week's newsletter from ICHK has some exciting news about another award for the school – This time for their community spirit and fund raising exploits.

Click the link and see: <https://www.smores.com/qzgav-weekly-bulletin>

Looking forward to a busy but interesting week ahead.

Simon Walton
Principal