



## Newsletter 14 2017-18

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community

### Around JIS:

#### Author visit Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November



On Monday, students from P3 -P6 enjoyed an author visit from Anjali Mittal. The students were extremely enthusiastic in learning about how Anjali's experiences inspire her ideas and about the full authoring process. Order forms for signed copies of her books have been sent home. If your child would like to order any signed copies of her books, please ensure that the order forms are handed into your child's class teacher by Monday. Books will be delivered before Christmas.



#### JIS New website upgrade: Google calendar for iPhone iCal

A JIS parent kindly contacted us this week and offered a quick way for any other JIS parent to use our google calendar in their apple iPhone as an iCal:

'Hi there — just wanted to let you know that I figured out how to get the JIS calendar into an iPhone. Had to use google calendar (native) to generate an iCal version of the link.

It's all set and anybody can use it.

Settings > Accounts & Passwords > Add Account > Other > Add Subscribed Calendar....and paste in the following link:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/jiswebmanager%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

And that's it! It'll show up in the iOS calendar app just like that.  
Feel free to pass it on!

Many thanks to Damian Bierman – Reception class parent.

### *Rohingya refugee clothing appeal Nov 2017:*



On Wednesday morning we loaded up a truck to send all of your kind donations of clothes on their way to support the refugees on the borders of Bangladesh and Myanmar. Many thanks again to all who supported this quick appeal.

### *Visits in and out this week:*

- P5 and P6 had a hike off to Tai Po Kau country park as part of the launch for their new unit of inquiry – ‘The design of buildings and structures is dependent upon environmental factors, human ingenuity and available materials’. The students used natural materials to create structures using scientifically based concepts. There was a lot of creativity and commitment on show! They learned a lot about strength of materials and made some excellent connections with their previous learning.



- P2 and P3 classes had exchange activities with Japanese Section. P2 students played some traditional Japanese games, organised by the JS students. There were lots of different centres for our students to visit and have a go at. In P3 the students also did some games, designed by some of the JS students but the activities were more arts and crafts based with some traditional Japanese activities to learn and experience.







Although the curriculum of the two schools is very different – there are still some positive exchange activities that can be planned for the students of both sections. Our thanks to the staff and students of Japanese Section for hosting our classes.

### **Sports Day – 8<sup>th</sup> December - BIG Reminder:**

JIS Sports day will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, from 1:15pm at the HKEDU sports stadium close to JIS. The whole school will be involved and will go by bus to the stadium around 1pm. Events will be scheduled from 1:30 – 3:30pm at the stadium. The stadium is located on Yau King Lane, just around the corner to JIS and does have car parking facilities.

- All students need to wear their new JIS ‘house’ t-shirt or a t shirt of their own that matches their house colour. JIS green sports PE shorts and trainers may be worn with the colour t-shirts all day.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle and snack and lunch as normal on this day. Students will eat their lunch at school before going off for sports events.
- All school buses will leave from the stadium around 3:30pm. Please make sure you have completed the relevant forms about how your child(ren) are getting home after Sports Day – we need to be sure all students are safe and collected on time. If your child usually takes a school bus, but will not on this occasion, please contact your bus company. Do not take your child away from the stadium without making sure your child’s class teacher is aware you are leaving. If your plans change on Friday afternoon (eg. bus to no bus etc.) – please make sure the class teacher knows what is happening – this is SO important in making sure we do not have unaccounted for students.



### **Italian lessons at JIS – January 2018**

We have recently been negotiating with the Italian Embassy in Hong Kong about the prospect of organizing after school Italian lessons for JIS students – our Italian community is growing every year!

The lessons will plan to start after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The embassy would like at least 4 students to start the class and will run a 10 week course in term 2 and future courses after this time, if there is enough interest. The lessons will be open for all members of the JIS community but may be of specific interest to our families with Italian family connections. Full details will be sent before the holidays BUT if families are interested can you please send an email to [s-walton@jis.edu.hk](mailto:s-walton@jis.edu.hk) to register.

Once we have initial numbers I will ask the Embassy to send more complete information.

(Tuesday is currently the preferred date of the staff involved, due to staff availability)

***Music extra-curricular information term 2 – is attached to this email***

## ***Dates for the week ahead: December 4th – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

**Monday 4th:** David Livingstone – kidnapped, ex-child soldier, reformed activist will meet with P5 and P6 classes – 10:30a.m. in MPR

**Tuesday 5th:** P3 and P4 classes art rotations groups – UOI research

**Wednesday 6th:** Music trip – whole school (JIS) to visit **Tseun Wan Town Hall for HK Philharmonic concert (9-12pm)**

**Thursday 7th:**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** ***JIS SPORTS DAY afternoon activities – see above***

### **School Christmas Party lunch – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30a.m.**

The whole school will celebrate together on the same day but each individual class will plan their own food menu for this event.

### ***ICHK newsletter link:***

This week's newsletter from ICHK: was not available at time of printing – visit [www.ichk.edu.hk](http://www.ichk.edu.hk) for the bulleting when available.

Wishing everyone a really great weekend –hopefully we get some more of today's surprise sunshine to enjoy.

Simon Walton  
Principal