



Newsletter 25 2017-18

Friday 16th March 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Japanese Section finished school this week for their Spring break. We wish all the teachers returning to Japan the very best of luck and thank them for their work at JIS.

Around JIS



Student Council Toy swap activity – last Monday, 12th March

The JIS Student Council hosted their annual toy swap day on Monday this week at recess and lunchtime. Many thanks to all the students (and families) who donated toys in the spirit of re-cycling or 'up cycling', to make the activity a big success. Thanks to the Student Council and staff who helped sort the toys and arrange the day for everyone.



More Student Council updates:

This year the Student Council will run a few events:

Reading and construction club- every Wednesday lunchtime for P1/P2 until Easter

Pet Day - Wednesday 28th March - We will invite parents to bring in pets to visit (some information about this has gone out, if you feel you have a suitable pet and would like to participate please let your class teacher know or contact Fiona Merrill on f-merrill@jis.edu.hk.)

International Week - Monday 28th May-Friday 1 June - An opportunity to share our diverse cultures with each other

Faust Workshop with P6 and also school assembly.

Ms P in P6 arranged for the P6 class to have a drama and literacy workshop with some members of the Faust drama group last week. This was part of a range of arts based workshops for the P6's within their current 'How we Express Ourselves' unit of inquiry,



There will be a range of local artists and dancers coming in to work with the P6 class.

The workshop presenters then used time in our whole school assembly to share some ideas and activities related to drama with the whole school. Ask your children how we created a rainstorm in the MPR without any water being involved! If there is sufficient demand Faust would like to start a JIS drama group – but we also have the Glee Club currently offering drama, song and dance activities for some of our students.

Capoeira – with Ms Merrill



Many of you will be aware of the great work Fiona Merrill has been doing in the last few years of introducing some of our student to the world of Brazilian capoeira. As a dance based martial art, capoeira offers some of our students a fabulous opportunity to create movements in a disciplined but very creative way.

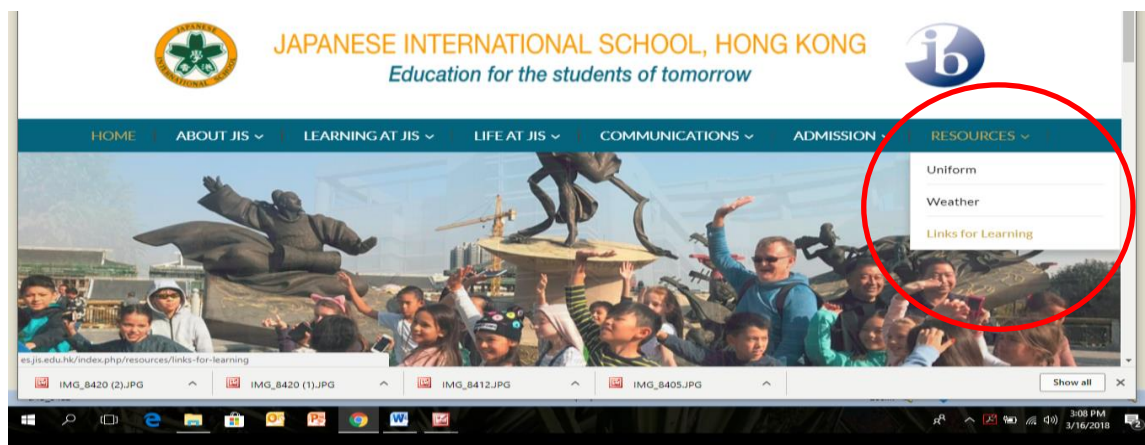
Some more news Fiona M. would like to share:

'Capoeira Group: Ms Merrill runs a capoeira club at school for P1-P6, everyone is welcome to join. This year some of the capoeira club will be performing a part in Peter Pan as lost boys!

Ms Merrills' capoeira group 'The Hong Kong School of Capoeira' runs free bi-monthly meetups. They are hosting a free mini-class and capoeira roda (when you actually get to 'play' capoeira) at 10:00 on Saturday 24th March at the AIA Wheel in Central. Please let Ms Merrill know if you would like to attend.'

JIS school website – internet research and other activities.

Mr Rixon and Mr Wa (ICT manager) have been busy adding a useful feature to our school website to help parents navigate the use of research tools and relevant games/activities for their children. Under the 'Links for Learning' drop down menu they have included a range of web links that we use at school or think that families will find useful. We will continue to update this during the school year.



Basketball success – first ever event!

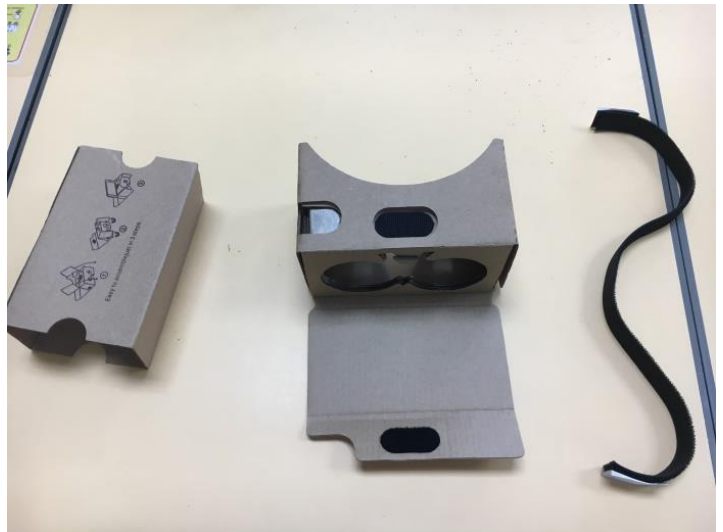
A big thanks to Mr Jason and the P5 and P6 basketball players who went off to the American School in Tai Po last Friday after school to play a friendly game. Mr Jason commented :

'We played a friendly game with 4 quarters of 8 minutes each. Our P.6 team and P.5 team took turn to play, they gained a lot of good experiences. Most of them haven't played a formal basketball game before and I was surprised with their performance. They learned and adapted to the rules quickly and managed to play with some good, simple tactics. With great effort, we won 20:14'



Old or unused smartphones – do you have any that you no longer need that we could use – read on!

There are some great things happening in our IT curriculum and David Rixon is keen to do more. We have recently bought some 'Google Cardboard' virtual reality glasses as more and more options become available for students to use these types of technology – exploring the museums of the world, famous artworks and more) BUT we need some smartphones to use as wifi based gadgets to put inside the box. Screen size needs to be max 4.7 inches. If you have recently upgraded your own phone and have an older one available, please contact David Rixon in P4 – drixon@es.jis.edu.hk



Trips out this week:

A busy week again for some of our year groups, out and about learning in Hong Kong.

Reception class – Forest school;



The Reception class went off into Tai Po Kau forest for a morning this week on Thursday. Ms Merrill and Ms Janice are always keen to get the students out into nature and the big outdoors as part of their learning and everyone seemed to have a great session this week. Many thanks to the parents of Reception class who were able to support the forest activities again.

P2 went up in the hills and then down in the valley of Shing Mun river in Shatin and Tai Wai

The P2 class went off on Wednesday to explore what human activity has done to the Shing Mun valley area of Shatin and Tai Wai. Looking from the top of the hills above Fotan the students were able to see how the river has been straightened and that lots of building has happened on reclaimed land. Next they went off to Tsang Tai Uk – the clan walled village in the corner of Tai Wai to explore and imagine what life used to be like around 150 years ago, when the house was finished. The class ended their activity day at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum exploring some of the exhibits in the permanent collections.



Peter Pan – school show

As we approach the final week of rehearsals for our big show on Friday 23rd March cast members will be in school tomorrow morning – Saturday 17th March 9am-12pm.

We will send out full details of the routines for next Friday evening. ESSPA has sent out information on tickets and after school arrangements. Parents of younger students please bear in mind that it is a very long day and we really recommend that students in early years classes go home and get some rest before the show to make sure they are ready and can enjoy it, rather than being very tired and grumpy!

After school playground and parking – a couple of reminders

Can we ask all parents to remind their children and helpers that they should leave the school playground area by 3:30pm if they are staying for 'playdate' time at JIS. The system of having time after school works and benefits everyone – if we all respect it and use it within the guidelines.

Car parking – **please do not bring your car into the rear car park until all buses have cleared the area either before or after school.** Having the spaces for only the buses makes it safer and much more efficient. Please use the front car park for drop off and pick as much as possible.
Thank you for your support in both of these.

ESSPA – special lunch today

Many thanks to everyone in ESSPA and the volunteers who helped arrange and serve the special lunch today.

Dates for the week ahead: week 12, March 2018- Peter Pan week.

Rehearsals galore! – a quiet week with everyone in the building!

Monday 19th:

Tuesday 20th:

Wednesday 21st:

Thursday 22nd:

Friday 23rd: Peter Pan – JIS school show in gym, evening performance

Simon Walton
Principal
(Tsang Tai Uk tour guide!)

