



Newsletter 26 2017-18

Thursday 29th March 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Peter Pan – A great JIS evening!

*'Just beyond the stars
Beyond that great black velvet curtain
No one knows for certain
What you'll find.....'*

We didn't quite know what we'd find when the journey for Peter Pan 2018 began but we found some new stars with voices we'd never heard before; some fantastic commitment and dedication from a group of students to learn lines, listen to direction, sing and the dream to perform; some fabulous community spirit from the hours of creativity and support from parents, staff and more. A great show – we hope you enjoyed it and if the songs lingered in your head for a full weekend like me – we succeeded!



A special thanks to the JIS staff stage crew music and direction team who have given the students hours and hours of their time to get the show ready.



Thanks also to the ESSPA volunteers for the ticketing arrangements, food and drinks on the night and supporting the preparations for us all. We hope to be able to share a recording of the concert as a downloadable file soon.

Around JIS



Student Council Toy Pet Day!

Many thanks to the parents and pets (!) who came along to school yesterday to support the JIS Student Council Pet Day. Not all of our students have the opportunity to own or

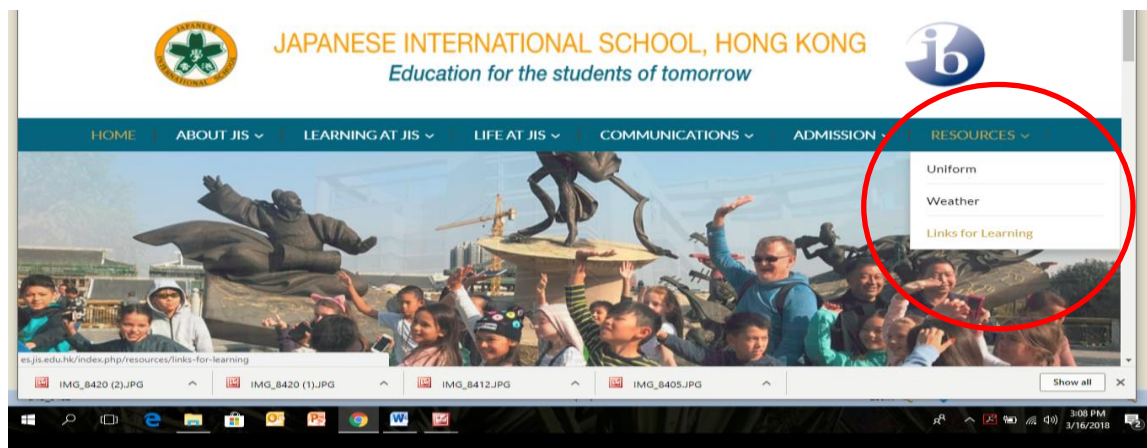
live with animals so it is a great opportunity when they get to learn about, touch and experience family pets.

The animals that came to visit were incredibly patient and calm and some of the owners were asked some rather in-depth questions too!



JIS school website – internet research and other activities, may be of use for the holidays!

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.



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 wi-fi 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

Coming up next term:

JIS Sailing club – possibility for next 3

Hebe Haven Yacht Club is again keen and willing to run a JIS sailing club (approx. 8 weeks) in term 3 should there be sufficient interest. Mrs Ashton has been doing some support teaching back at JIS for the last few weeks and is happy to arrange a Monday after school sailing club. The club would have a bus from JIS (parental support with an adult on the bus will be needed) to Hebe Haven Yacht Club, where the HHYC staff will run sailing activities for interested JIS students. In previous years around 10 students from P3-6 have joined the activity. Parents would be responsible for collecting their children from HHYC, Sai Kung – at the end of the lesson, around 5pm.

JIS Talent Show – Friday 18th May

Advance notice of the annual JIS Talent Show which will be held on Friday 18th May in the afternoon. Students may wish to think about what to do over the school holidays. Application forms will be sent out in the first week of term and then auditions in early May 2018.

JIS Swimming gala – Friday 4th May

Our annual swimming gala and ESSPA bake sale will be held on Friday 4th May. The pool is currently closed for annual maintenance and should be back in action for some training and the gala in early term 3.

JIS Bingo Night - Friday 25th May

The ever popular ESSPA Bingo Night will be held in the JIS school gym on Friday 25th May. Anyone able to donate some prizes for the evening, please contact Kim Murch in the school office 2834 3531 or kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk. Full details will be circulated closer to the event.

The bingo night will also be preceded by a short ESSPA AGM to give details of the work and funding levels of our school community organization.

Dates for the new term ahead: April – June 2018

Monday 16th: Start of term 3 and new school year for Japanese Section and International Section

Tuesday 17th: P6 Capoeira workshop

Wednesday 18th: Sarah Brennan – P6 workshop

Thursday 19th:

Friday 20th: Crazy Hair and Jelly Day – ESSPA organizing this event

On behalf of everyone at JIS we wish ‘good luck’ to some of our students as they begin life in new schools, new countries and also new schools in Hong Kong. We look forward to a great term 3 in April and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 16th April.

Wishing everyone a very healthy and enjoyable Easter holidays.

Simon Walton
Principal

Secondary school links - ICHK Weekly bulletin for this week: [here](#)