



Newsletter 28 2017-18

Friday 27th April 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around JIS – a big news update this week, please read on.

Please note the new security arrangements emailed to all JIS families this week. If you need an i.d.card or a car park pass, please contact the JIS office. We want to make sure we can identify everyone and keep the campus as safe as possible.

Parents and community I.T. workshop – Tuesday 15th May 6:30 – 8pm

For our I.T. based Parent Workshop staff and students from P3, P4 and P5 will be presenting some hands-on activity sessions for parents to come along and learn and enjoy. The workshop will begin with David Rixon sharing some of the recent updates within our I.T. curriculum followed by the activities set up and run by students in the classrooms.

There will be a rotation of workshops with:

P5 students demonstrating some 'green screen' animation

P4 students showcasing some virtual reality (VR) learning

P3 students demonstrating some programming and code based activities, using programmable robots.

Along the corridor there will be a range of 'Hour of code' experiences for everyone to try.



Come along and join us, have a play, learn something new and enjoy some time with our student 'experts'. If you would like to join us on May 15th – please send a message to Kim Murch on kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk or call 2834 3531.

Employment Opportunities at JIS August 2018 – come join us!

Full Time Educational Assistant at JIS (5 days) and / or Part time (3 days) per week

We have begun a recruitment exercise for an Education Assistant role at JIS to start in August 2018.

The role will be full time (5 or 3 days per week) working alongside a JIS class teacher to support and develop the activities that are offered to the students. A full job description and information regarding salary and terms and conditions are available from the school principal – s-walton@jis.edu.hk.

The ideal candidate would have proven experience of working with young children and/or in a school based environment and a keen interest to work in a collaborative, dynamic learning environment. The roles will primarily involve working with students in their activity groups, some admin support, learning materials preparation and supervision duties.

Interested applicants should contact Mr Walton at JIS for further information or send in a CV and letter of introduction, including at least 2 referees. Interviews for this position(s) will be held at the school in early May 2018. All enquiries to the school principal on s-walton@jis.edu.hk

Battle of the Books – Students vs teachers

On Wednesday afternoon during assembly time the JIS 2018 Battle of the Books team challenged the teachers to a contest! The students have had to read, memorise, and analyse 20 books over the last few months and will be in a competition against other schools next Thursday, hosted by Shatin Junior School. In-depth questions about each book are randomly chosen to test the skills and memory of the team. The 2018 JIS team did a fabulous job and easily beat the teachers team by 38 -21. We wish the team the very best of luck next week.



ESSPA AGM 2017-18– notice to school community – Friday 25th May

In line with the regulations of our ESSPA – our school community association, we shall be hosting an A.G.M. of the association at the start of the Bingo evening on Friday 25th May. Information regarding elected officers and the accounts, as well as the work of the association will be shared with the JIS community.

Old or unused smartphones – do you have any that you no longer need that we could use? David Rixon is keen to have them!

Many thanks to a few families from JIS community who have given unwanted smartphones to the school – they will be well used! BUT we can use more! 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



JIS Sailing club – term 3

We have decided to postpone sailing club for this term as student numbers were rather low and bus expenses would have been high. We will try to work out an option in term 1 of next school year. Thanks to Hebe Haven Yacht Club for offering to host our students.

JIS Talent Show – Friday 18th May

Information and forms has been sent out earlier this week – please sign up and/or contact Ms Bailie or Laoshi (Mandarin class) for more details. The event will be in the afternoon on Friday 18th May

JIS Swimming gala next week– Friday 4th May – 9a.m. onwards

Our annual swimming gala and ESSPA bake sale will be held on Friday 4th May. Students wishing to buy a team colour hat (red, yellow, blue) and who have not already should contact the SIS office to buy one. Please make sure that if you are joining us for the swimming gala and wish to take your child home - that the class teacher clearly knows this and if there is a school bus involved, that you have contacted the bus company.





Swimming gala bake Sale: The bake sale will be arranged by ESSPA volunteers for after the swimming gala has finished. JIS students bring in donated cakes and cookies which are delivered to the school conference room at the start of school – Friday morning. The ESSPA volunteers will then sort the cookies, cup cakes and cake slices into bags that can be bought for \$10 / bag. Bake sale goodies are sold to the hungry swimmers at the end of the gala.

Coffee and tea / iced tea will be on sale to the parents and spectators at the end of the gala as well.

PLEASE NOTE: due to swimming gala; some SIS activities will start at 1:30pm on Friday 4th. Tiger Soccer 1:30 – 3pm, Tap dancing and swimming from 1:30pm

ESSPA Bingo Night - Friday 25th May

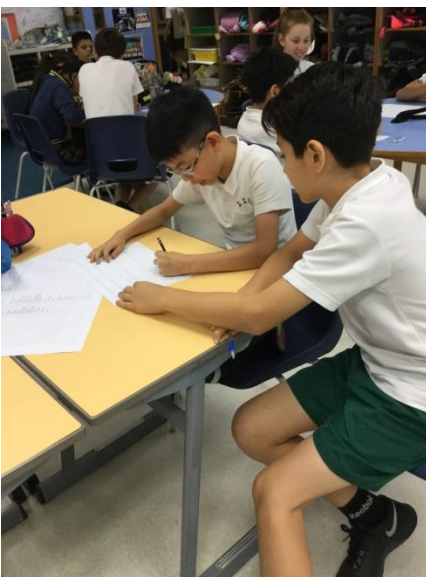
The ever popular ESSPA Bingo Night will be held in the JIS school gym on Friday 25th May. Anyone able to donate some prizes for the evening, please contact Kim Murch in the school office 2834 3531 or kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk. Full details will be circulated closer to the event. Save the date in the family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



Curriculum in the Classroom – from Cath Wan PYP Coordinator

P6 Exhibition

For the last few weeks, it has been a pleasure to be part of the P6 class as they prepare for their ‘exhibition’. The PYP exhibition is an in-depth student-led inquiry where students synthesize all elements of the PYP curriculum: knowledge, approaches to learning (skills), concepts, attitudes and action. Students are also expected to demonstrate attributes of the learner profile. The IB requires students to investigate real-life, relevant issues.



This year, the exhibition will be under the transdisciplinary theme of ‘How We Express Ourselves.’ The descriptor is as follows: *An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on; extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.*

A crucial part of the exhibition is the creation of the ‘central idea’. A central idea is a generalisation that acts as an ‘umbrella’ for all the inquiries. It has to be broad enough to allow a range of inquiries, but it must be connected to the How We Express Ourselves descriptor. In practical terms, it provides structure and guidance to research. The process in coming up with a central idea is a challenge. This week in P6, students have dissected the meaning of the transdisciplinary descriptor, reflected and categorised possible areas of inquiry that they are passionate about and come up with several draft central ideas that link their passions with the transdisciplinary descriptor. Below are our draft ideas and a list of criteria from the International Baccalaureate.

At the moment, our draft ideas are being commented on by staff at the school and we would love to have input from the whole JIS community. If you have any suggestions or comments, please feel free to add your comment to the board outside the P6 classroom, or email with your comments and I will be sure to add them. Deadline for comments is Monday 5pm.

Next Wednesday, P6 class will discuss all the comments from the JIS community and use them to create the final central idea - an exciting time. Thank you for your input!

Criteria for central ideas:

- Written as one sentence
- It is a true statement
- Neutral (no opinions)
- Supports a range of inquiries
- Connects to the transdisciplinary theme
- Globally significant, addressing the commonalities of human experience

P6 draft central ideas (from students)

- 1) People discover, experience and reflect by doing their passion, therefore being able to express themselves freely and uniquely.
- 2) Human beings have distinctive ways of discovering their passions in order to express themselves.
- 3) Human nature impacts a way of expressing them to reflect on their own passion, creativity and feelings allowing them to investigate past and present forms of expression.
- 4) Extension of one's thoughts can allow them to freely express and uncover their own personality.
- 5) People express themselves through unique ways to show their creativity and appreciation of the aesthetic.
- 6) Personal beliefs and values influence the way we express ourselves.

Exciting news from ICHK: HK School Drama awards 2018!

ICHK is delighted to announce that ICHK has swept the board once again at the prestigious Hong Kong School Drama Festival. Our students participate in the festival every two years and we have established a pretty much peerless record of success, on which we have built once more this year.

The results of this year's festival have just been announced and we won in all the following categories:

Award for Outstanding Director: Liam Greenall

Award for Outstanding Actor: Chloe Tung ; Joaquin Dela Cruz ; Caelan Hermans

Award for Outstanding Stage Effect

Award for Outstanding Cooperation

Award for Commendable Overall Performance

Schools from across Hong Kong compete for the coveted awards. A team of judges visited ICHK last month and were left spellbound by our amazing production of *The Forgotten Circus*. The annual showcase saw students from across year groups mix circus, physical theatre and dance to create a visual extravaganza.

Parents, staff and friends of the school were similarly left amazed when they watched the production, which was likened to a piece of professional theatre.

These awards are a true testimony to what ICHK stands for. In our performances we see our 5+1 model come to life: young people, expertly supported by passionate teachers, encouraged to explore their interests and talents to the full. We see the culmination of always believing in students as learners – whether in the field of drama, sport or other settings, we witness students who are carefully challenged out of their comfort zones, respond and develop the resilience and grit they will need to deal with the many challenges that life will present.

ICHK has gained a matchless reputation in recent years for our amazing drama productions, and these awards are the latest to add to our collection. We don't do school plays, we do theatre.

Congratulations to our talented students and enormously dedicated staff for creating another enchanting and duly recognised masterpiece.

Best wishes,

Toby Newton

Head of School

International College Hong Kong

On behalf of JIS we congratulate the staff and students of ICHK on their success!

Dates for the next week: April 30th – 4th May 2018

Monday 30th:

Tuesday 1st: Public Holiday – school closed

Wednesday 2nd: P3 at Hoi Ha Wan for WWF experience day

-P6 Bhangra workshop 1-2pm, followed by assembly presentation for P3-6 students (dance based)

Thursday 3rd: Japanese class open day lessons P1 – P6

_JIS Battle of Books Team at Shatin Junior school – ready for a ‘battle’!

Friday 4th: JIS Swimming gala and Bake Sale – 9-11:30a.m.

-P6 Parents Exhibition meeting at 8:30a.m. in classroom

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**ESSPA thanks everyone for their support with the Jelly Day last week, \$1760 was raised which has gone towards providing the school library with some iPads to use for catalogue searching and other research activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the swimming gala next week and also at the I.T. Parent Workshop on the evening of Tuesday 15th May.

Have a great weekend

Simon Walton

Principal

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