



## Newsletter 29 2017-18

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

### **Out and about with the JIS students!**

Congratulations to Team Phoenix – yellow team on winning the swimming gala again this year! It was great to have the whole school community together in the pool area this morning for our annual swimming gala. The SIS team had done another fabulous job in preparing some of the traditional competition races as well as some new fun games and relays for us all. Mixing competitive events alongside some excellent water safety and fun swimming training games allowed everyone to be involved and earn some valuable points for their teams! Well done to Stephanie Tsui and all her staff at SIS on another really enjoyable gala.



A big thank you to all the parents and siblings who took the plunge and took part in the family relays. The competition overall was very close it was so wonderful to include the P1 25m events for the first time this year. Congratulations to yellow Phoenix team on their success for 2 years running. No doubt the red Dragons and blue Pegasus teams will be chasing hard next year.

***ESSPA – Bake Sale – Thank you from all of the ESSPA volunteers for the donations to their bake sale today.***

There was plenty to go around and all the swimmers and guests enjoyed a post gala snack or two!

**Parents and community I.T. workshop – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 6:30 – 8pm** – please call in and sign up. The evening will be run by groups of students, working alongside JIS staff and will be a lot of fun and very thought provoking!

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 15<sup>th</sup> – please send a message to Kim Murch on [kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto: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](mailto: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, by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Interviews for this position(s) will be held at the school in week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018. All enquiries to the school principal on [s-walton@jis.edu.hk](mailto:s-walton@jis.edu.hk)

### **Battle of the Books – the first battle at Shatin Junior school**

The JIS Battle of the Books team went down the road on Wednesday to ESF Shatin Junior School for their ‘battle’.

The team was against 4 other schools who had all spent months reading, memorizing and rehearsing 20 books. Our team was strong – having thrashed the teachers the week before. There was a bit of a nervous start where the team lost a few quick points in the early round but they got into their stride in the other rounds with some excellent scores. The team did not win this battle, beaten by an excellent team from Shatin Jnr but did themselves proud by fighting hard and being close together and supportive as a team! Well done to all the team members and a big thanks to the JIS staff and some parents who read the books to devise lists of questions and answers for the team to practice with.



### **JIS inter house football tournament:**

As part of our initiative to make the school house system an integral part of school life Mr Jason (PE) arranged an inter house football tournament when the swimming pool was closed for maintenance. Each colour team played against the other two colour teams once in a round robin competition.

For Senior P.5 and P.6 games, Red Dragon won.  
For Junior P3 and P.4 games, Yellow Phoenix won



Thanks to Mr Jason and the PE department.

### **P6 Bhangra workshop and school P3-6 workshop assembly.**

Well done to Ms P in P6 for arranging another great workshop opportunity for her students within their 'How we express ourselves' unit of inquiry. Exhausting, great fun, great music, fabulous feel good factor – the workshop and assembly had it all! The power and passion of dance to unite people was clearly apparent in our MPR on Wednesday afternoon!



Well done to P6 and everyone who got involved!

### **ESSPA AGM 2017-18– notice to school community – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 some members of the 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](mailto:drixon@es.jis.edu.hk)

## ***JIS Talent Show – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May***

Auditions have been happening and we look forward to a creative, inspiring afternoon on 18<sup>th</sup> May. Watch this space for full details next week.

## ***ESSPA Bingo Night - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May***

The ever popular ESSPA Bingo Night will be held in the JIS school gym on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May. ESSPA would like to thank those JIS families who have already donated some prizes for the evening. We hope to offer a range of prizes for the very young and the ‘not so young’ if possible.

Anyone able to donate any further prizes for the evening, please contact Kim Murch in the school office 2834 3531 or [kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk).

Save the date in the family diary!



## ***ESSPA elections of officers: sign up to get involved for 2018-19***

Please consider joining our school parent community association as a way to get involved or support the school. Each year there is a community election for a group of parents who meet together to plan and organize different events for the school the students and the community. It is a great way to get involved in the school but it is not too time consuming, ask one of the existing committee members for more details. Kim Murch the current President of ESSPA has sent out some details and attached a form, please sign up and get involved. Nomination forms can be left in the blue box in the school office. The school belongs to all of us and we can work together to make it as good as possible!

## ***School place deposit for 2018-19***

Next week we shall be sending out full details of the deposit system for next year’s school places at JIS. In order to support the school in planning for the next school year we ask all JIS parents to pay a non-refundable deposit for their school place for next year. This is NOT an extra charge as it becomes your school fees for the first month of 2018-19 school year.

We have applied to the Education Bureau for a school fee increase of 3.5% which means that school fees for JIS for 10 months next year will be \$10, 875. An increase of \$350 on 2017-18. There is no increase in the annual capital levy. A deposit will need to be paid by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June to secure your place at JIS.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back at JIS in August 2018.

## ***Dates for the next week: 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018***

***Monday 7<sup>th</sup>:*** Reception class Japanese class open lesson

***Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>:*** Staff from Think International School visiting JIS a.m.

-HK and South China PYP network meeting and teacher professional development workshops at JIS 4:30 – 6pm. Lots of visitors to JIS.

***Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>:*** Reception class in Tai Po Kau forest school – day trip

***Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>:***

***Friday 11<sup>th</sup>:***

Once again, a big thank you to all the parents and community members who came along this morning to support our swimming gala and also to the SIS (Sports International services) team who prepared everything and made the event go so smoothly. A job well done!

Have a great weekend

Simon Walton

Principal