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Dear Parents and JIS community

Around the JIS community

Art Literacy Project – Islamic art

This week the Parent Art Literacy group with support for Ms De Thier presented another series of workshops for all the classes. The theme of Islamic art was chosen this time as a link to the festival calendar for Ramadan and Eid-al-fitr. The Art Literacy group researched the background information and then considered interesting ways of presenting artistic themes to the students. This time the students had a ceramic tile on which to create asymmetrical pattern, linked to the ideas and pictures they had been shown of Islamic themes of architecture and design. It is great to get our creative parents involved in working with the students on such projects – many thanks to all of the people who have been involved.



ESSPA staff appreciation tea – Wednesday after school

As the staff hit busy season with report writing, end of year assessments and P6 Exhibition it was a delight that the ESSPA committee laid on their annual 'staff appreciation tea'. There was a range of sumptuous goodies to be enjoyed and the staff felt very 'appreciated'!



Basketball news!

Our JIS P5 and P6 basketball enthusiasts went off for another challenge match at the ASHK in Tai Po on Wednesday after school. Mr Jason was impressed by how much the players have learned about position play and although some of them got very nervous about shooting (for some reason!) the team set up a comfortable lead and then hung on for a 23 – 22 victory, by the end of the fourth quarter! Both the P5 and P6 sections played and gained some excellent match experience in basketball. Thanks to Mr Jason for arranging the match.



Curriculum in the Classroom – from Cath Wan PYP Coordinator

P6 Exhibition

The last few weeks have been an extremely busy and productive time for P6 as next Thursday, they will officially open their PYP Exhibition! The PYP Exhibition is a culmination of the student's primary school

learning, where students engage in an in-depth independent inquiry and present it to the community. Students are expected to explore authentic issues, dig deep into them, using the key concepts as a guide, present their learning in a variety of ways and demonstrate how they can take action on their learning. At JIS, the whole community is involved, with teachers across the school acting as mentors to different groups of children. As the Exhibition is under the theme 'How We Express Ourselves', students also participated in a variety of workshops to experience different art forms and whet their appetite for more! Our central idea, the 'umbrella' that holds everything together, was decided collaboratively as a community. It is:

'Human beings explore and express their creativity in distinctive ways.'

Under this central idea, we have a whole range of inquiries going on: creativity in sport, photography, cooking, quilling, poetry and much more! The process of creating, conducting and presenting an independent inquiry is an enormous task and our P6 students are showing wonderful enthusiasm and commitment to completing a high quality exhibition for the community. The opening night, for P6 parents, will be on Thursday evening. The exhibition will then be open to the whole school community and visitors from other schools on Friday June 15th (until 2pm) and on Wednesday June 20th in the morning. Do feel free to come along. Please ask the students lots of questions on their exhibition; this year, there has been a lot of focus on students becoming 'experts' in their field and being able to discuss their issues in depth with you. We hope to see you there!



Hong Kong Primary School Inter-district Swimming Championships tomorrow

Good luck to Annabella (I.S.) , Ko, Katriny, Katrina and Yujin (J.S.) in the inter school district swimming gala tomorrow at Kowloon Park pool!

Weather warnings:

May we remind any parents who are not familiar with Hong Kong weather symbols and warnings to read the section on the JIS website about what it all means for students and schooling. Under the 'resources section'.

<http://es.jis.edu.hk/index.php/resources/weather>

Any messages that need to be shared before school starts will be done by SMS using the school database and news will be posted on the front page of the school website. This is done at 6a.m. or as soon as possible after the HK EDB announcements.

Dates for the next week: 11th June – 15th June 2018

Monday 11th: P6 Exhibition week - good luck P6!

Tuesday 12th:

Wednesday 13th: P3 at HK Monetary Authority – research trip

-ESSPA meeting – 8:30a.m.

Thursday 14th: P6 Exhibition Open Evening for P6 parents and family

-JS students in P4 and P5 on exchange with PLKTSL school in Yau Ma Tei

Friday 15th: P6 Exhibition open for JIS community and other visitors

Diary dates – coming up

Student Led Conference Day – Tuesday 19th June – School closed, appointments only

Induction morning for new Reception and P1 students – Wednesday 20th June

End of year class-based party lunch – Friday 22nd June

2nd half year reports home to families – Friday 22nd June

P6 Graduation Day – Wednesday 27th June

ICHK Newsletter for this week: click - [here](#) from the staff and students at ICHK

Wishing everyone a great weekend.

Simon Walton