



Newsletter 30 2018-19

Friday 17th May 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

News around JIS for this week.

Bingo Night - tonight – Friday 17th May

ESSPA are all ready for our annual bingo night evening of fun tonight at 6pm in our school gym. 'Come on down' and get ready for some numbers fun and chance your luck for a prize or two. There will be a busy crowd of people – so please if you are arriving by car – park carefully and follow the directions of Mr Lun (security guard) as he tries to fit in as many cars as possible into our school carpark. We look forward to a lot of fun and a great evening!



ESSPA AGM – Friday 17th May at 6:10pm

ESSPA invite all members of the JIS community to their Annual General Meeting on Friday 17th May at 6:10pm. There will be a short presentation of the work of ESSPA during the last school year, a vote of thanks for their work from Mr Walton and also ESSPA accounts will be available for any members of the JIS community to read.

At the end of the AGM we can all finish our pizza and get ready to play bingo!

Battle of the Books finals – hosted at JIS:

On Tuesday morning the JIS gym was the host for the HK Battle for the Books finals 2019. It was a highly organized and very tense affair as students from all over Hong Kong reached deep into their memories and thoughts to answer some very detailed questions about the 20 books included in this year's competition.

It was a very close affair with JIS coming in joint 3rd - dropping only 2 questions and getting 2 'steals' from other teams. There was only 2 points between first and second and second and third places. Suck a cliffhanger it was difficult to watch towards the end.

Our team have done a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves!

Our thanks go to all the JIS staff who supported the team through rehearsals and their competition dates and then very quickly who got the JIS facilities ready to welcome around 120 people on the day to watch.





Bookathon 2019 – Thank you!

Many thanks to all those students and families who have been involved again this year.

Our final totals for our Bookathon 2019 were:

Books read: 962

Students participating: 66

Total raised \$42, 589!

Well done to Sean Liu (P4) and his brother Liam (P2) who raised a huge amount towards our total for this year. Well done and thanks to everyone who sponsored you both.

The money collected from our sponsored event this year will be shared with our school library and the charity 'Room to Read', who work with literacy groups all over the world to create opportunities for everyone to learn to read and have access to books. More than 16 million children around the world have benefited from the work of the Room to Read organization, so far. Long may it last!



Football success this week – Wednesday afternoon.

The weekly staff meeting at JIS was invaded by a group of happy, trophy carrying football players rushing back from their tournament in Happy Valley – Congratulations to the team on winning the event again.

'Congratulations to the football team winning the Asia Pacific School Sports Organisation Football Tournament for the second time this year. We played against Stamford American School Hong Kong, Yew Chung International School of Hong Kong, Think International School and the International Montessori School.'



Besides looking for skills improvement and better team play, this time we were also aiming to play with proper attitudes like being supportive and encouraging to teammates. With such a good team atmosphere, we were able to win 3 games and drew 2 games resulting in the highest points in the group.'

Jason Chan

Well done to everyone for an excellent afternoon of sport. Thanks to Mr Jason for arranging the opportunity for the team

P4 organisations and fund raising:

The P4 class have taken their recent unit of inquiry into reality by launching some fund raising activities and organisations. Each group from the P4 class has decided to raise some money for their chosen charity or NGO. They have planned a series of food and drink stalls and some creative activities for other students to join for a small fee.

Mr Lemonade: costs \$10 - \$12 – open Tuesday and Thursday next week.

Sweets 4 Ever: costs \$15 or \$20 – open Tuesday and Thursday next week.

Juicy Jelly: costs \$20 (3 flavours) – open Tuesday and Thursday next week.

Activities to sign up for – sheets outside P4 classroom:

Masquerade: costs \$20 – open Monday, Wednesday, Friday lunchtime – P1 – P6 can apply

Clay Creations: costs \$25 - open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday lunchtime – P2 – P6 can apply



JIS Community survey 2019 – feedback for development planning

Every two years the JIS send out our community survey to help us plan and develop for the coming few years. Thanks to those who have already completed the survey (38 pax) – if anyone else can spare a few minutes we would really value your feedback to make sure we have a consistent message from the whole of the school community.

<https://forms.gle/p3HczcfmuyceYW4h8>

If the link does not open automatically for you – please copy and paste into your preferred browser.



The survey is a way for the school to get some feedback on the work and innovation over the last few years (2017-19). It has been a very busy few years with some excellent achievements and developments. We do not stand still and will continue to develop and innovate as we go into our future development planning

cycle – 2019-21 and beyond. Our targets are measured and reviewed very carefully by all the staff, alongside student feedback and community data and opinion. The School Development Plan is always available for anyone in our school community to read. Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

Events coming up at JIS – week 4.

Outdoor Classroom Day – Thursday 23rd May



All classes will participate in the worldwide initiative ‘Outdoor Classroom Day’ on Thursday 23rd May. The aim of the day is to ‘make people understand that spending time outdoors is as important for children’s development as learning to read and write. Being outside the classroom engages and excites children in spectacular ways. We want everyone to understand that outdoor play is the key to improving children’s health, wellbeing and happiness.’ (Outdoor Classroom website <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/about/>)

‘When teachers take learning outdoors they report some powerful impacts: children’s behaviour improves, whole classes are excited to learn, and individuals who feel inhibited by the curriculum often thrive in an outdoor environment. When adults think back to their own happiest memories of childhood, they

frequently recall the joy of playing outdoors. Play is not only central to children’s enjoyment of childhood, but teaches critical life skills such as problem-solving, teamwork and creativity.’ (Outdoor Classroom website <https://outdoorclassroomday.com/about/>)



Each class will take their learning outside for one session during the day: classroom teachers have planned maths and literacy sessions and this will involve hands on learning experiences. If you and your family have opportunities to go out within Hong Kong and take learning outside please feel free to photograph and document your



experiences using your classes ClassDojo account.

JIS plans to take part in the next Outdoor Classroom day on November 7th November 2019. There will be opportunities for parents to come along and help out as well.

JIS Talent Show 2019 – Friday 24th May – 1:00pm

Individuals, duets, groups – all are welcome. Performances will be in the MPR for the whole school community – mark the date in your diary.

Important dates for this year’s show now are:

Run through rehearsal: Thursday 23rd May

Talent show date: MPR 1:00 Friday 24th May



Places at JIS for next academic year – 2019-20

Offers for places for next school year were sent out recently. Please complete the form and arrange a deposit to reserve your place(s). We use the deposit as September fees, so it is not an added charge for families to manage. It does allow us time to review our waiting lists and arrange some interviews in June and August where applicable. Thank you for your understanding.

MAPS testing next week at JIS P3 – P6 students.

As part of our assessment procedures every year our P3 – P6 students do a series of international standardized tests. Currently we are using an assessment package from USA called MAPS. The students do these tests as part of their normal school routine, we do not ‘cram’ for them and we use the data as a reference comparison point for the data we have collected ourselves in our working with the students. As a small independent school it is important that we can crosscheck our standards with other schools and systems to track our progress.

The tests will be done in the school I.T. room and also using our own computers in regular classrooms during next week.

Employment Opportunities at JIS – 2019-20 Education Assistant position(s)

We would like to invite interest in working at JIS as part of our Education Assistant Team from August 2019. We will potentially have 2 vacancies for 3 days per week or one vacancy for a 5 days per week position (to support 2 classes during the week). The positions will be in our junior classes.

An Education Assistant at JIS is an important member of the student learning programme. Our educational assistants support individuals and group learning activities and support the class teacher in the management and administration of the class. It is a great way to explore a career in education and still manage the demands of family life as positions are term time only.

A sample job description is available here: [E.A. Job Description](#)

Interested persons should send letter of application to Mr Simon Walton – s-walton@jis.edu.hk with a C.V. or related information by Friday 31st May. Full time positions will be paid on a scale between \$17 – 21K and hourly part time positions will be paid at \$170 per hour for 18hrs per week. We look forward to your interest.

Week 4, Term 3: 20th – 24th May 2019

Monday 20th – MAPS testing for P3 – P6 students during this week

Tuesday 21st – **P4 clubs and food or drink stalls going on this week (see above)**

-Interschool swimming gala Ms Stephanie and Mr Jason to accompany school team (IS and JS)

Wednesday 22nd –

Thursday 23rd – International Outdoor Classroom Day – JIS to take part

-P6 Class off to see Kingston International School Exhibition

Friday 24th – JIS Talent Show – 1pm MPR, 1st floor

-ESSPA special lunch

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Bingo night this evening at 6 pm.
Have a great weekend.

Simon Walton
Principal

Local Brownies Pack – info for anyone interested: via contact of Ms. Merrill

‘Would you be able to help us include a short announcement in an upcoming JIS newsletter about our Brownies Pack in Sha Tin Wai. We currently have 3 girls from JIS in the pack, and we would be keen to have more girls join, especially if they have moms who are willing to help out, as we are short of leaders at the moment and excited to expand our team of leaders and keep the momentum that we have built up going strong. Could you please ask if the announcement and photo below could be included in your next school newsletter?’

Notice: English-Speaking Brownies Pack at Pok Hong Campsite - We have a great group of girls, ages 7-10 years old, from a variety of different schools in the area, and we meet weekly at Pok Hong Campsite, near Sha Tin Wai, on Fridays from 4:30-6pm. With great indoor and outdoor space, we focus on learning about Brownies, earning badges, playing games, doing crafts, and developing girls as leaders. We currently have 2 openings for girls who have moms who are willing to get involved with the pack on a regular basis



(our next leaders' training course will be in late August). We are part of the HK Girls Guides Association, which is part of a global movement of empowering girls. Please email: shatinbrownies@gmail.com for more information and to sign up'.