



Newsletter 3 2018-19

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Updates on the week just gone and things coming up.



ESSPA – Welcome Back Party BBQ!

Friday 14th September 2017, 6-8pm

ESSPA look forward to welcoming everyone back to school and to meet new families/students at their annual term 1 BBQ, scheduled for the evening of Friday 14th September, starting at 6pm.

The event is held in the school covered playground and will be an evening of good food, nice company,

with some games and activities. It is a great opportunity to meet some new parents and fellow students. There will be some entertainment and activities for everyone – see you there!



BBQ

Order forms for food have been sent out and need to be returned to school as soon as possible for catering to be ordered (**Please return by 10th September – very latest!**).

All visitors to the event **MUST** have a ticket. Very limited tickets on the night will be available – so please pre-order by Monday 10th.

Meet the Teacher Night – Wednesday 5th September, 7:00pm

Many thanks to the parents who came along to meet with their child's class teacher on Wednesday evening. We hope you found the sessions useful. Parents who were not able to attend will be able to access the information shared – check your child's backpack or emails from your child's class teacher.

CUHK student internships at JIS

This week we welcomed 3 CUHK students to join us for a 3 month internship at JIS. We have developed a long standing relationship with the CUHK Psychology Department and welcome a group of students to JIS every year. This year the students will be in P3, P4 and in the Music classes. They always enjoy their time with us at school and soon become an integral part of our staff team. At the end of their placement they review aspects about young students and their learning that they have observed and learned more about and challenge the students to a session of interesting research games / activities, which are always a lot of fun.

HK Music Festival – seeking interest – Ms Jill, music class

The **71st HK Schools Music Festival will be held in late February - March 2019**. We are delighted to offer a range of children the chance to enjoy a music competition again this year. Ms Jill usually introduces the festival during music lessons but if you are interested for your child to take part in this competition, please contact Ms Jill. Ms. Jill will provide training to students from Term 2 snack recess / lunch recess for the following items:

Recorder Duet Junior
Children Vocal Solo (English)
Children Vocal Solo (Cantonese)
Vocal Solo
Vocal Solo

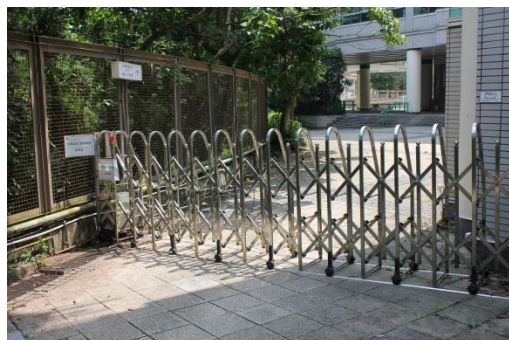
Please send an email to Ms. Jill by 14 September (Friday) to request the competition form.

Class Dojo; smartphone / device application



The school is now connected to the community through Class Dojo – look out for message updates, photos and occasional videos about what is going on in your child’s classroom. Some students are now using their own personal dojo accounts to create news feeds and portfolios of what they have been in doing in class.

Security and school – important update – please read this carefully



JIS is a very safe environment for children to learn in but we have to make sure we have appropriate security measures to maintain this. Demands on schools to review safety and access increase all the time so we have to be up to date and careful in all our practices. Thank you for your support and understanding so far.

Please remember to park your car appropriately and leave by 3:30 p.m.

All visitors to the school must identify themselves at the school office before they enter the school. Please wear your JIS school i.d. and sign in at the office. (Or receive a visitors badge.) Please make sure all family members and domestic helpers are aware of this and support us.

After school hours when Japanese Section buses have left (around 3:40pm) the rear car park will be closed – the sliding silver gate will be pulled across to prevent people using this exit or entrance. Access in and out of the building will be through the swimming pool entrance doors on the ground floor. Mr Lun (security staff) will have a desk in the entrance area and will sign people in and out of the building. If you have your school I.D. it will be much quicker and safer. All students and visitors to the school after 3:40pm will be asked to use this entrance.

We are keen to keep the school and students safe, be aware of who is in the building and to promote responsible safeguarding practices within our community. Thank you for your support.

ICHK Open Evening presentation – Wednesday 12th September – 6 pm – 8:50pm



International College Hong Kong

ICHK will be hosting a Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 12th September from 6-8:50 pm. Parents of P4 – P6 students are invited to the school for an evening of presentations and information sharing. Other parents who are

interested are welcome to join if they would like to.

Note: There will be a bus from JIS carpark at 5:30pm – which will return from ICHK to JIS around 8:30pm – please contact Mr Walton – s-walton@jis.edu.hk if you would like some seats on the bus.

P5 and P6 Cricket Experience day at Mission Road Cricket Ground with Hong Kong Dragons and Japanese National Team – Thursday 13th September

Next week on Thursday the P5 and P6 students have been invited by Cricket HK and the Japanese National Cricket Team to have a coaching session and introduction to the game of cricket, as part of the East Asia cricket tournament happening next weekend. The students will have some fun coaching activities and will then be able to watch some of the first game in the international tournament between Hong Kong Dragons and Japan. Korea and China will also play in the weekend tournament.

For any families interested in watching the tournament from 13th – 16th September follow this link: <http://www.hkcricket.org/en/media/news/2018-men039s-east-asia-cup>

A member of the Japanese cricket team used to be a well-known baseball player, before he switched to the new game : Manager of Japanese cricket team shares some information - *‘Shogo Kimura will be in our squad, a well known former professional baseballer who has been in the headlines following his switch to cricket. The following documentary about him aired recently and may be worth showing to your students for inspiration!* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WTTX5YHy3zl&app=desktop> (in Japanese)



Learning at JIS – from Cath Wan - PYP Coordinator

It was lovely to see you at Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday. I usually put an article in the school newsletter twice per month. The title has changed this year from “Curriculum in the Classroom” to “Learning at JIS”. Yes, we do have folders upon folders of curriculum documents, but the magic that happens is when children engage with a curriculum that gives them a framework, whilst them to develop their passion, creativity, skills and love of learning. The “learner”, is at the heart of everything we do. My aim is to give you snapshots of how our curriculum is developing on a school wide basis, answer any questions you might have about student learning, hopefully involving you in the exciting learning journeys that happen across the school.

This year, I would like to take your ideas on the content of newsletter articles on aspects of education that interest you and/ or that you would find useful.

If you could take 30 seconds to fill in a questionnaire about what you would like to know more about, I can ensure that articles address your questions. Please follow the link here to submit your answers.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10gz_ioyPDeyApMhQwfhULDQL7v8idJOsQrMnu921hIE/edit?usp=sharing

Alternatively (or in addition), please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding learning at JIS. My email is: c-wan@jis.edu.hk

Events for the week ahead at JIS – week 4, September 10-14th

Monday 10th –

Tuesday 11th – P6 students to ICHK for ‘Taster day’

Wednesday 12th – P5 Mandarin class to Fo Tan restaurant for Dim Sum lunch

-ICHK Open/Information Evening for JIS parents 6-8:50 pm – bus leaves JIS at 5:30pm

Thursday 13th – P5 and P6 Cricket experience day with Japan National Team and Cricket HK staff

Friday 14th – ESSPA BBQ night – see you there

ICHK Weekly Bulletin: This week.

As part of our link to ICHK as our partner secondary school we try to include their weekly bulletin as often as possible in our own newsletter. This allows us to keep in touch with the achievements of some of our ex-students and also gives new families an introduction to the school.

Click here for this week’s bulletin from ICHK: [click here](#)

I look forward to seeing everyone around school. Please do not forget to send in your order form for the Welcome Back BBQ – Monday latest.

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