



Newsletter 6 2018-19

Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

A busy week in school with the LEAP van here for all classes to visit and lots of interesting activities happening in classrooms. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Mid-autumn festival and remind you that the school will be closed on Monday 1st October for the National Day public holiday.

Around school:



Cooler weather in the playground brings out the building skills and the smiles!

Pizza Day!



A big thank you to all the ESSPA volunteers who came in to school today to help with the Pizza lunch. A very popular and satisfying lunch for everyone today! Thanks also to the committee members who have sorted all the order forms over the last few weeks.



Around school updates:

School Photos Day: Friday 5th October

Next Friday is school photos day for all students and classes. The photos are taken during the school day in the school library and all students will have an individual photo a class photo and if ordered a siblings/family photo.

Please can you make sure that all students have a **white school shirt** for their photos. As we are in transition from old uniform to new one, we will accept either style of white shirt for this year.

Apologies for the late notice but application forms will be sent out on Tuesday 2nd October. We are waiting for the photo company to send through their application forms and will it send on as soon as possible.

Music festival notice

Ms Jill has sent out the application forms for the Music Festival for this year. If you are interested in your child being involved, please send the form back by **Tuesday 2nd October**.

Art Literacy Project



Last year Annette De Thier with a group of JIS Parents ran the Art Literacy workshops for the JIS students. These workshops were a great addition to our arts programme and allowed for some excellent community liaison opportunities, as well as some sharing of hidden parental talents!

This year Ms. De Thier is keen to get a group together again. The idea of the group is that they research an aspect of the visual arts – could be a specific artist or a genre of art, and then they develop some activities and a short introductory presentation for the different classes at JIS.

Anyone interested please contact Annette De Thier on adethier@es.jis.edu.hk for more details.

Typhoon Mangkhut and the trees: update



‘If we can make some benches or seats using the big tree logs then the trees did not die for nothing’ – a fabulous thought, I am sure you will agree! One which we would like to act upon, if possible.

Due to some great strength, commitment and passion of the JIS staff and community we have got some tree trunk logs from around the local environment and look forward to trying different ways to use them for furniture – stools, climbing apparatus, art activities or hopefully some other creative ideas.

We may need a chainsaw and will still be delighted to receive any more tree trunks. It may

be a difficult one but we would like to try and basically honour the trees in our own sweet way. Anyone who thinks they may be able to help – please let us know, school phone: 2834 3531 or s-walton@jis.edu.hk

Note: In the photo can you spot which trees are real???

Mrs. Wan – Curriculum follow up from survey and newsletter items:

We have had a few questions about class timetables. All teachers plan their 'homeroom' time to ensure that there is plenty of time allotted to inquiry in language and maths. Sometimes these subjects will be taught as 'stand - alone' or discreet subjects and sometimes language and mathematical skills are being developed through the units of inquiry. If you have not received a timetable giving details of how often language and maths inquiry occur throughout the week, you will receive it within the next week or so from your class teacher. The timetable is a guide, not a prescription; if the bell rings and the students are fully engaged in a mathematical inquiry, we do not stop just because the bell says so!

Detailed schedules will not be sent out from Reception class. This is because in line with child development, direct maths and language instruction mainly occurs in small group situations. Therefore at any given time in Reception class, language and maths along with explorations across the curriculum will be going on simultaneously.

Free magazine

All students should have received a free magazine from Bayard Press Asia. Should parents wish to subscribe to the magazine, please use the details in the letter provided with the magazine to organise this directly

ICHK Weekly Bulletin: Friday 28th September.

Mr Newton at ICHK has sent through the weekly update from ICHK: click [here](#)

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 7, October 1st-5th

Student standardized assessments (MAPS) testing – P3 – P6 week 2.

Monday 1st October – Public Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 2nd – Japanese Ministry of Ed visitors to observe JIS

Wednesday 3rd – Student Council applications deadline

Thursday 4th – Reception Class – day out trip

Friday 5th – School Photos Day

Wishing everyone a really enjoyable weekend ahead with the holiday on Monday.

Simon Walton
Principal