



Newsletter 8 2018-19

Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

School camp week this week for P4 and P5 classes: An excellent extension to our curriculum and social skills activities. Also a superb experience of getting closer to some of the superb opportunities that can be offered to us in Hong Kong.

P5 students have been to Pui O on Lantau with Mr Cheung and Ms Merrill. The Treasure Island camp staff organized a range of surfing, raft building, mountain biking, hiking, swimming, sand sculpture and a beach Olympics competition. The P5 students put up their tents as teams to create their homes for 3 days!

P4 have been in Sai Kung Country Park with Dragonfly. They have been kayaking, mangrove exploring, visiting historic temples and isolated fish farms, snorkeling off their junk, orienteering and hiking.



Both camps had a mixture of weather but managed to have a lot of fun, have some great 'first time' experiences and bond with their classmates to create stronger friendships and appreciation of their classmates!

We have posted some photos on JIS Dojo for families to follow if you are interested to find out.

Our thanks go to the JIS staff who went with the class groups – P5 Mr Cheung and Ms Merrill, and P4 Mr

Rixon and Ms Wan. They provide 24hr support, encouragement and energy to the students and without them the camps would not be as successful. Well done to everyone.

We also thank the staff of Treasure Island group on Lantau and Dragon for the Sai Kung camp.

Not so long now before the P6 class head off to Xi'an for their adventures in China! (November 5th – 9th)

Around school:



October is positive listening month with JIS – we are trying to make a difference!

We are focusing on the benefits of being a good listener and Mr Walton asked the students to share what they thought the benefits that positive, good quality listening can bring.

The students also outlined how they can be a good listener, so that we can all model these strategies – a few of the agreed comments include:

- A good listener gives someone their attention through positive body

- A good listener looks at the person speaking
- A good listener listens to all the conversation or question
- A good listener shows respect and focus
- A good listener responds appropriately to the speaker or music, television etc.

The campaign is also linked to our secondSTEP Personal and Social skills programme in which the students are aware of the routine; ‘eyes watching, ears listening, voices quiet, body calm/still’ which is used around the school. Many classes are also used to using their ‘attentascopes’ to maintain their listening focus.

Please talk to your children at home to reinforce the message of what can be gained by being a ‘positive listener’. We shall continue to highlight the positive role models and examples of good listening that we see, to share the message of how this can really help us develop good social skills and open up new possibilities for learning and exploration.

Parent Teacher Consultations – Oct 30th / Nov 1st 2018 – letters in school bags

We are arranging the first phase of our home / school consultation process for this academic year. The appointment afternoons are on Tuesday 30th October and Thursday 1st November. A short application form has been prepared and should be in school bags today (not P4 and P5 camp students) and will need to be returned to school by Wednesday 24th October at the latest. Appointment slots will be from 3- 6pm on both afternoons – selected your preferred options and return the form to school as soon as possible after the holidays.

Updates:

Dress Casual Day

Many thanks to all those JIS families who supported the HK Community Chest ‘Dress Casual Day’ on Thursday this week. We raised \$2, 225 for the appeal.

Art Literacy Project – any more interest or support – please help if you can?



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.

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 9, October 15th -19th - School mid-term break **School will be closed next week for the mid-term break – be safe and enjoy your time with family.**

Week 10 – 22 – 26th October 2018

Monday 22nd October –

Tuesday 23rd –

Wednesday 24th –

Thursday 25th –

Friday 26th – P2 trip transport explorers – Tai Po to Sai Ying Pun and back

ICHK Newsletter from this week from Toby Newton: click [here](#)

Wishing everyone a really enjoyable week ahead for the holiday.

Simon Walton
Principal