



Newsletter 10 2018-19

Friday 2nd November 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Winter uniform update:

The weather is getting cooler in the mornings so the uniform shop has stocked up on jackets, woollen vest sweaters and the new JIS hoody. As we now have plenty of items in JIS school uniform styles may we please ask that students do not come to school in clothing that is not school uniform.

School sports tracksuit – apologies but our new JIS tracksuit in navy blue has been delayed in production, so will be available later. In the meantime we have checked out the stock from our old tracksuit – the green one (see pic), which we are happy for the students to buy / use for cooler days P.E. lessons. These tracksuits we shall sell off at 30% discount – top \$150 and trousers \$100 to enable them to be bought quickly. These tracksuits will be available *from the school office* and are limited availability stock.



Around school:

Halloween Parade, Popcorn and Haunted House – Wednesday 31st October

Many of our students got themselves all dressed up for our annual Halloween parade on Wednesday morning line up. Thanks to all the families who helped create costumes and make up. This is entirely voluntary.

A big thanks to the very creative group of ESSPA volunteers who built a very successful Haunted House in the school conference room on Wednesday morning.

Clearly the group of volunteers had a great time creating their masterpiece but they spent a lot of time and effort on behalf of the students – thank you.



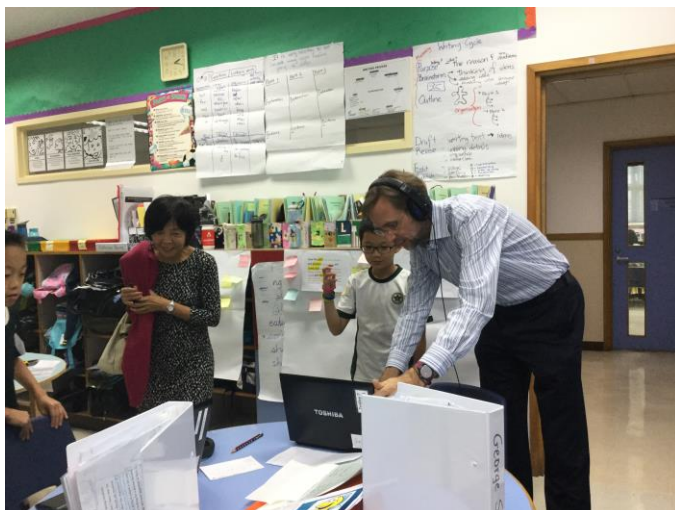
Thanks also to ESSPA committee for organizing the popcorn sale for all the students and staff on Wednesday morning.

Parent Teacher Consultations – Oct 30th / Nov 1st 2018 – next week

We hope everyone found the parent teacher conferences useful as we speed through term 1 and set targets for the rest of the year. If you have any follow up questions or issues, please keep in touch with your child's class teacher or contact the school office on: s-walton@jis.edu.hk

P6 Open House –

P6 class invited their parents in this week to share their 'learning journey' for this term so far and to allow parents the opportunity to view some of the video activities they have been doing through their media studies. The students have taken a 'JIS issue' and made a short advert or promo film to persuade the community to think again or think more positively about solving it.



In school assembly this week, two of the groups presented their videos to the whole school – to get us all thinking about how we look after the school and treat some of our resources. More groups will present in the coming weeks

Thanks and well done to all of P6.

ESSPA social event and workshop – Thursday 15th November 1:15 – 2:15pm

Have you ever wondered what an occupational therapist does in a primary school setting?

Why do teachers sometimes recommend them to parents?

How do they help children learn better?

Rebecca Teague our JIS associate O.T. (Occupational Therapist) will present an interesting workshop and information session for JIS parents on Thursday 15th November at 1:15pm. The event will be supported by ESSPA who will provide drinks and refreshments for the parents coming along.

In the busy digital age when we as parents are concerned with all sorts of issues with our children Rebecca will be able to offer some advice on such issues as:

- Attention, concentration and organisational skills
- Sensory processing skills, reactions to various sensory input, strategies to promote 'on task' behaviour and self-regulation
- Understanding the development of fine and gross motor skills and how they impact on learning
- Strategies to really help students succeed in school and beyond.

This promises to be a very interesting afternoon and will finish in time for parents to collect their children at 2:45pm. Please email Kim Murch on kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk to book your place at the workshop.

JIS Student Council 2018-19

Following on from some applications and class voting we met our new JIS student council this week in assembly. Congratulations to:

P3: Ken and Emma – will work with their class P3

P4: Summer and Katie will work with P4 and P2

P5: Kohsei and Keira will work with Reception

P6: Beatrice and Daisy will work with P1

Well done and thanks to everyone who applied to be a student council member!

This year they will work on organising four events. The student council will come round to each class to discuss ideas over the next few weeks and then will meet up with Ms Merrill to plan their next steps. The whole school was also encouraged to consider things that could further develop our school and to raise them with their student council representatives

Head Lice update – community awareness update

Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice,

the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

Please make sure to treat your child's hair before returning them to school. It may be necessary to treat the whole family and change pillow bedding etc. After the initial treatment it should be repeated between 7-9 days later. Please follow up with all treatments to ensure eradication of the head lice.

Links such as: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/head-lice.html> provide useful advice to parents and carers.

Diary updates:

Next week is P 6 trip to Xi'an week. Mr Walton, Ms Premchand and Ms Tseng (Laoshi) will be accompanying the trip

Events for the week ahead at JIS –

Week 12– 5th – 9th November 2018

Monday 5th – P6 class meet at HK International airport to start their adventure in China

Tuesday 6th –

Wednesday 7th –

Thursday 8th – P1 trip to Zen Organic farm

Friday 9th – P6 return happy and well from Xi'an! 3 tired but happy teachers go home for some sleep!

ICHK newsletter from our partner secondary school this week from Toby Newton: click [here](#)

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend and a reminder that I will not be in school next week as I am with the P6 students in China.

Simon Walton
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