



Newsletter 14 2018-19

Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Parents and JIS community

Sports Day- 30th November – Last week – a great JIS afternoon!

A big well done to **Red 'Dragons' team** on managing to hold on to their sports day trophy for another year. The challenge for future years is on!



The weather was perfect, the events very well planned and organized, which created an excellent afternoon of sporting competition and sport related skills to be had by everyone. Many thanks to everyone who came along to support us and get involved as parent relay runners.

Ms Cong has shared a private google link with the school community to share some of the great photos taken by our staff photographers – Ms Cong, Mr. Cheung and Ms Bailie. Go to Class Dojo and click the link on 'School story' which was shared with everyone yesterday. There are some excellent photos – browse and enjoy!

Swimming gala is the chance for **Blue Pegasus** and **Yellow Phoenix** to put their team in a winning position. Note for your diary – due to closure of the school swimming pool for annual maintenance the JIS – international section **swimming gala** and bake sale has been moved to **Thursday 4th April 2019 at 9am.**

Around school:

Japanese Class assembly: - Wednesday afternoon – Kasajizo – a Japanese tale

A big thanks to all the students of Japanese Class, Yoko sensei and Kiyomi sensei for all their hard work in preparing for the Japanese class assembly presented to the school on Wednesday afternoon.

The students presented the story of Kasajizo – a traditional Japanese tale of how a special act of kindness came back to help an old man and his family. A group of our parents had been busy making some excellent scenery boards and props for the show, so the colours and culture of Japan were on show for us all to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who helped and got involved.

The wadiako drummers then followed with a slick and powerful display of talent and skill. Well done to all.



Environmental awareness and action at JIS - update from Fiona Merrill

Update message from Fiona Merrill – following on from last week's introduction of information



Electrical Equipment Recycling at JIS

I am happy to inform you that we have found a local recycler here in Tai Po. Should you bring any electrical equipment you want to dispose of (laptops, tablets, chargers, keyboards, mouse, camera's, phones etc.) we will pass them on for recycling. Please drop at the office with Ms Miyajima.

V cycle – bottle collection is up and running – see collection point in the school office lobby.

We will be working with the social enterprise V cycle until April recycling 'PET' plastic bottles.

V Cycle is a social enterprise that is committed to attaining an effective circular economy that will benefit Hong Kong socially and environmentally. We are organising this activity in the hope of collecting over 10 tonnes of PET (polyethene terephthalate) plastic bottles, which are categorised as type 1 plastics and usually take the form of beverage bottles.

We aim to recycle the collected bottles and remake them into creative, multi-purpose tote bags. Part of the recycling process will involve waste pickers, enabling them to earn extra income, while the sewing and stitching process will create job opportunities for rehabilitation participants. Proceeds from the sales of the bags will be used towards improving the lives of waste pickers.

The Ten Tonne Challenge will include environmental education and visits to assist waste pickers. Our aim is to promote ecological conservation and help some of Hong Kong's least fortunate citizens.
<https://www.vcycle.com.hk/>

Please send in any clean PET bottles to the foyer area to support this social enterprise. This is a great cause that supports waste pickers and facilitates recycling.

U.N. Global Goals

Classes throughout the school have been introducing the United Nations 'Global Goals.'

In 2015, world leaders agreed to 17 goals for a better world by 2030. These goals have the power to end poverty, fight inequality and stop climate change. Guided by the goals, it is now up to all of us, governments, businesses, civil society and the general public to work together to build a better future for everyone. <https://www.globalgoals.org/>



Miss Merrill has now placed some very relevant recycling bins linked to the Global Goals, outside our art room to create context and meaning for the roles that we all have in managing the future of our planet!

Future units of inquiry will be increasingly linked to Global Goals as part of our curriculum planning.

Final Library session before the holidays – Wednesday 12th December

The final library session of term 1 will be on WEDNESDAY next week (12th December). Please remind your child to prepare their books to be returned and bring them to school on Wednesday.

There are no library sessions on Friday 14th December.



ESSPA and JIS Annual charity appeal 2019: Books, Clothes, food

At JIS we have a very strong tradition of helping others and learning the value and benefits of thinking of others. This year we shall again be launching our books, clothes, food appeal between Christmas and Chinese New Year. This is advance warning in case you would like to clear some cupboards and shelves over the holiday season.

Books: We shall be launching our bi-annual book sale appeal in January and February – with a grand sale on 1st March – World Book Day. Donate your good quality books and ESSPA will sort them into groups for other students to buy at a very cheap price (\$2, \$5, \$10) on 1st March. That way everyone can get an upgrade of books for a very cheap price. We also share the positive message of re-use and recycle with all the students. Books for donation, please send in to the school office for storage prior to the sale.

Clothes: Clear out the wardrobes and drawers and send in your clean, outgrown, not needed clothes for children and we will donate them to the Salvation Army as part of annual support for the people of Hong Kong, not as lucky as us. Clothes can be donated before end of January in time for donation for CNY.

Food: In previous years we have had an amazing response for our food appeal for 'Food Angel' a superb local charity who help feed the less privileged in Hong Kong. Donate bags of rice, boxed and tin foods, non-perishable food items and we will arrange to get them to Food Angel in time for them to use for CNY. Donate food items to the first floor lobby area in January 2019.

Many thanks in advance for your support. We will work closely with the students to explain the purposes of donation and organization of an appeal like this.

Diary updates:

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Friday 14th December at 12pm (midday)

Events for the week ahead at JIS –

Happy holidays and Christmas sing along assembly on Friday 14th December at 11a.m.

Week 17– 10th – 14th December 2018

Monday 10th –

Tuesday 11th –

Wednesday 12th – P3 and P4 at Tai Po Forest - a.m.

-Environment assembly – R and P1, followed by P2-P6

Thursday 13th – P1 and P6 – buddy trip and picnic lunch to Tai Po Kau forest – 11:30 – 2:30pm

Friday 14th – Christmas sing along and final assembly at 11a.m. – all welcome

Christmas holidays begin at 12pm

School Christmas lunch – today. School was looking and feeling very festive today as the classes celebrated the end of term and the beginning of the holiday season. We are all still busy next week and will finish at 12pm midday on Friday 14th December.



Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Simon Walton

Principal