



Newsletter 15 2018-19

Friday 4th January 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Welcome back to school for term 2, 2018-19 school year. We hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready to get going on another action packed term at JIS. We have two new students (Kurtis and Annabelle) who have joined our P1 class this term and we look forward to getting to know them and their families in the coming weeks and months.

Around school:

Its official – during the school holidays we received our certificate that acknowledges that we have been nominated for the Top Ten Best International Schools on Hong Kong by The Knowledge Review publication (2018)! Time to be proud for a moment or two as the magazine puts us up against some of the much larger and well-known schools in Hong Kong, so it is great to have been noticed.



Here is the digital link to the magazine that has been published if you are interested to follow it up:

<http://magazine.theknowledgereview.com/The-10-Best-International-Schools-In-Hong-Kong-2018-December2018/#page=1>

JIS Student Council Toy Swap Day



Next Friday the JIS Student Council is arranging their annual 'toy swap day'. This event allows students to bring in good quality, unwanted toys that they no longer play with or like so much. They are then given tokens for their toys which they can swap at break or lunchtime for other toys that have been brought in. It is a win - win situation as there is a message of re-use and re-generate whilst also have a feel good factor of a new toy! Ms Merrill has sent out some information on Class Dojo this week, if you need more.

ESSPA and JIS Annual charity appeal New Year 2019: Please support us

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. A great time of year to clear out some of your shelves and donate good quality items for others to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your support

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 your 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 for collection.

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.

Environmental awareness and action at JIS - update from Fiona Merrill

Update message from Fiona Merrill – following on from last term'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.

Diary updates:

JIS Reception Class 2019 interviews in week of January 21st

P1 class interviews follow where spaces are available

Chinese New Year celebration day – Friday 1st February. (Lion dance, student presentation and shared community lunch)

Events for the week ahead at JIS –

Week 1– 7th – 11th January 2019

Monday 7th – P3 and P4 students start their Art rotation activities for new unit of inquiry

Tuesday 8th –

Wednesday 9th –

Thursday 10th – Reception Class go to Kadoorie Farm – 9 – 12:30pm

Friday 11th – Japanese university students visit International Section for the morning

Sat / Sunday – Ms Cath Wan presenting I.B. workshop in Guangzhou this weekend

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Simon Walton

Principal