



Newsletter 23 2018-19

Friday 8th March 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Japanese Section P6 Graduation – today 8th March

This morning was P6 Graduation for Japanese Section students. The ceremony was most impressive and marks the start of the celebrations for the end of the school year for Japanese Section. Final day of the Japanese Section school year will be on 15th March.

ESSPA Book Sale 2019 – 1st March – World Book Day – thanks and update

The money raised amounted to an amazing - \$6, 195 from our book sale last week. Proceeds will go towards some JIS school projects sponsored by ESSPA.

Music Festival 2019 update:

It's a busy time of year for many of our musicians and singers in March as they practice and get ready for the HK Music Festival. This year, Ms Jill is supporting over 30 singers and musicians to enter the festival. We have some solo and duet singers, recorder players and a variety of instrumentalists playing. Some students have already come back with certificates of merit and excellent scores. Congratulations to everyone who has been willing to have a go – well done!

In school assembly time on a Wednesday afternoon, we have been able to offer the Music Festival participants some time to practice in front of an audience to help plan for their nerves and stage presence.

Sports update:

Rugby tournaments for girls and boys teams this week.

The girls and boys teams joined in with the touch rugby tournaments this week at Kings Park. The girls team played one match and won and then got rained off on Wednesday – to be rearranged next Wednesday! They beat Diocesan Girls School 1-0. The boys followed them on Thursday, won one, drew one and lost one which meant they did not quite qualify for the finals this time. Mr Jason did reflect that our boys team played by far the best rugby but were beaten by some older students (local school P6) who were faster runners, as opposed to quality rugby players. A great opportunity for everyone to get involved though and we wish the girls the best of luck next Wednesday.



Well done and thanks to all the teams and Mr Jason for the team spirit and participation. Thanks also to the parents who came along to support the team.

Cricket opportunity for JIS team.

On March 20th JIS will be joining our first ever cricket tournament. Over the last few weeks the Hong Kong Cricket Association staff have joined the P5 and P6 PE lessons and have been giving some coaching on a new game for many of our students. The students are very enthusiastic and as ever, with a 'have a go' spirit a group of them wanted to join in with the ESF Schools tournament.



Kate Beasley – U.S. author at JIS today.

A part of the Hong Kong Children's Literacy Festival a range of international authors are in town and Mrs Wan was lucky to be able to book some to come into school and work with our students. This morning Kate Beasley (Lions and Liars, Gertie's Leap to Greatness) came to do some workshops with P3 – P6 students. Gertie's Leap to Greatness is one of the texts in this year's Battle of the Books context, so it has a lot of relevance to some of our ardent readers.

Many thanks to Cath Wan for arranging these workshops.



On Monday 11th Candy Gourlay will be in school and will spend some time with all classes Reception to P6.

JIS Student Council Pyjama Day – Friday 15th March

Next Friday our Student Council is organizing one of their very popular fun days. 'Pyjama Day!'

Students are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the day as a bit of fun and a nice way to end the week at school. There will also be some picnic lunches arranged in each of our classrooms and students will be signing up to visit different classes for their lunch.

The students will be able to bring along a favourite teddy/bed time toy and also a small blanket (if needed). Please make sure to label toys and blankets to make sure nothing will get lost or mixed up on the day

3 Way Conferences – 5th and 7th March

3 Way Conferences sessions were held this week. Many thanks to everyone who managed their time to come in to school to share some quality time with students, teachers and parents together.


It's a Pyjama Party

Date: Friday, March 15th
Lunch: Any class!

Sign-up sheet with your teacher

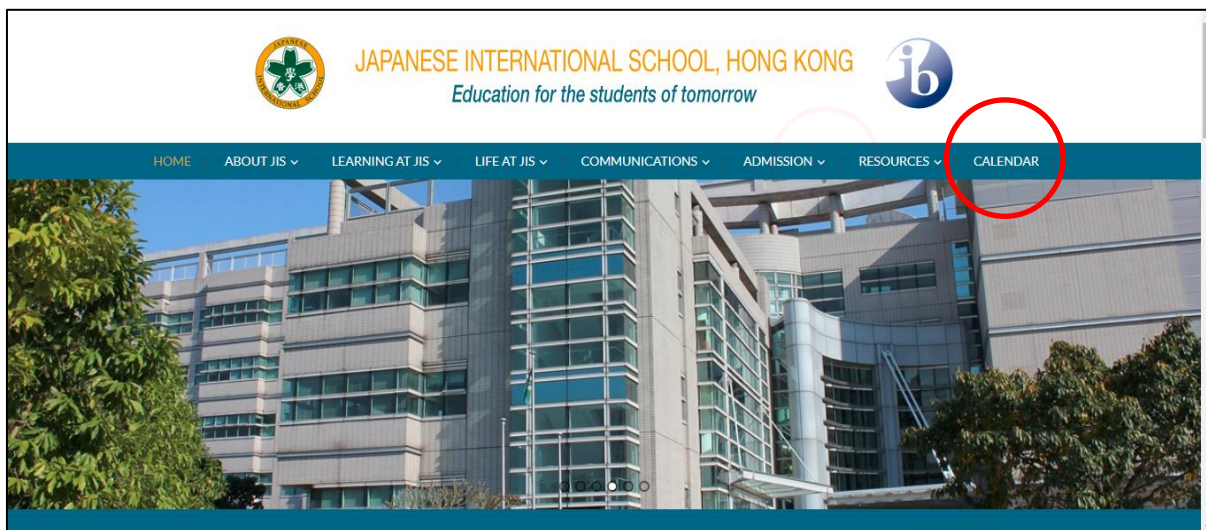
You can:

- Wear PJs (sensible clothes)
- Bring medium sized toy (labelled)
- Bring small blanket (labelled)



JIS Website – new calendar drop down:

Members of the school community have commented that the school calendar page on the website was not easy to navigate to so we have created a new drop down tab which has the calendar feature only. The Google based calendar is updated regularly and below this there is a PDF summary of the 2018-19 school year and also a draft calendar for next academic year – 2019-20, in case you want to print out and attach to the family fridge or noticeboard!



Medical update: Chicken Pox and possible HFM (Hand Foot and Mouth) cases at JIS

Please be vigilant regarding your child's health in the next few weeks. As the seasons change and the humidity rises it is quite common to get a few 'bugs and viruses' around school. We have been notified that 3 of our students have been diagnosed with chicken pox and one child may have HFM. There seems also to be a fever / temperature bug going around a bit, so please do not send your children into school if they are unwell, so that we can prevent the spread of any illnesses.

JIS Diary updates:

Jungle Book Saturday rehearsal date changed 23rd – all cast members should have received an email from Mrs. Wan – please reply to this message.

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 11: 11th – 15th March 2019

Monday 11th – Candy Gourlay (author) at JIS – HK Children's Literacy Festival

-Mr Walton represents JIS at official Opening Ceremony of Malvern College HK – 2:15pm

Tuesday 12th –

Wednesday 13th –

Thursday 14th – P5/P6 football against Malvern College – p.m.

-Japanese University exchange students doing workshops at JIS - pm

Friday 15th – Japanese Section – last day of school year

-JIS Student Council Pyjama Day – fun activity day for everyone

-Ms Jill presenting at Kindergarten Association – Tuen Mun – p.m.

-Laoshi (Judith Tseng) in Guangzhou – I.B. workshop presenter – Saturday and Sunday

ICHK Newsletter

This week's news letter from ICHK – please click [here](#) for this week's newsletter

Wishing everyone a very pleasant weekend, despite the gloomy weather.

Simon Walton
Principal