

Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

A truly fabulous JIS week has just flown by. Some really inspirational presentations by some local NGO's for all the students to enjoy along with some excellent sporting opportunities and some building excitement, ready for The Jungle Book show next Friday evening!

Good luck to our drummers who represent our school at the I.B. Asia World Conference, opening ceremony at Asia World Expo on Sunday:



Final rehearsal in the MPR today.

A big thank you to all the students in the team as they have given up lots of break times and lnchtimes, alongside other freshearsals and demands on their time. This will be the biggest audience ever for our students and is a credit to them and all the work Yoko sensei and Kiyomi sensei put into the wadaiko team for us to be selected as the opening act. Good luck to everyone – enjoy it!

# The Jungle Book show – updates and reminders for all JIS community

The show will be performed next Friday on 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the school gym. Students will spend the next week doing some final rehearsals and getting excited to share their talents with all the school community. We have so far sold around 300 tickets.

Things to note:

**Main Cast rehearsal** – tomorrow (23<sup>rd</sup>) from 9-12 in the school gym. Students need to bring snack, water bottle and a book, (for the waiting periods between action!)

Tickets: will be sent home on Wednesday 27th to all families

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> evening of the show:

**Students going home and resting:** The day on Friday is long and students need to relax before the show and come back to school refreshed and ready to perform. Students not in ECA's should go home before the show and return around 5:15pm

**ESSPA** will be serving drinks and snacks in the school playground area from 5:15pm - 5:45pm. Entry to the show will be checked at the main door, so please be sure to bring tickets along.

**Students drop off in classroom:** Please drop off your child at their classroom and then wait downstairs with ESSPA snacks and drinks. Classrooms and corridors need to be clear for staff to get students ready for the show.

**Entrance to the show:** This will be through the stairs next to the swimming pool. We will have to keep the gym closed for sound check and singing rehearsals so please respect the show and do not enter the gym until the doors oen, around 5:55pm. Other staircases and entrances will be used by students and cast for the show

**JIS Dance performance:** A group of JIS students will perform their self choreographed dance in the playground at 5:30pm

**Parking** – spaces at school are always limited, please car pool or arrive by public transport if possible. Please listen to Mr Lun our school security guard who will try to fit in as many cars as possible. Please show your JIS car park pass in the car front window, so we can contact you if we need you to move your

More details will be sent out next week for final arrangements.

### **Sports update:**

## Cricket team at HKCC

Congratulations to our cricket team who went off to HKCC for their first ever cricket tournament and ended up coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league and 4<sup>th</sup> overall. They learned a lot (quickly!) but through some good fielding and teamwork they did really well.

## Football team at Happy Valley pitches:

Mr Jason reports: Congratulations to the football team winning the Asia Pacific School Sports Organisation Football Tournament. We played against Stamford American School Hong Kong, Yew Chung International School of Hong Kong, Norwegian International School and the International Montessori School. Most importantly the boys have showed some real improvement in this tournament. They showed how to play better as a team. There were many one-two passes and crossings in the games. They showed a better understanding of their position and how to work with each other in attacking.

Lots of potential for the future! Due to their success the get promoted to Division 1 next time, so will have some challenges ahead!



## ORBIS - P6 presentation and 'blind lunch challenge'



The P6 class had an excellent presentation by ORBIS an international NGO dedicated to helping people all over the world afflicted by unnecessary blindness.

As a way of getting the P6 students to think about life as a blind person they were challenged to eat their lunch

without being able to see!



#### Plastic Free Seas – P2 (and others in Rec – P3)

As many of our different classes are currently involved in environmentally themed units if inquiry it was very relevant for P2 and some of the other classes to have a presentation from 'Plastic free seas' NGO. As a school we are pushing ahead with many initiatives in recycling and also trying to avoid the over use of plastics. The images of oceans and sea creatures clogged with plastic are very shocking but PFS try hard to look at solutions as well as raising awareness. Our JIS eco-warriors are ready to help!

#### **HK Shark Foundation – all classes**

The school is getting ready for a deluge of shark posters, messages of preservation of sharks around the world and adverts to persuade the world to ban sharks fin soup, following a very passionate and dynamic presentation by Andrea – from HK Sharks Foundation to all classes on Wednesday. The figures and statistics are shocking and once again it was very impressive to hear our students ask, debate and get passionate about another ocean based important initiative.

My thanks to all the staff who network and book these presentations to bring learning to life with role models and passionate experts for our students to meet.

**Capoeira news** – please find some details from Ms Merrill regarding a capoeira event which may be of interest to some of our students:



# JIS Swimming Gala – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Please check the details sent out this week about the swimming gala to be held very soon on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. The Gala is a whole school community event with races and fun events for all – followed by an energy renewing bake sale!

# **Orienteering at JIS**



Mr Jason has done a great job recently in introducing our students to some new sports and ideas for staying fit, healthy and involved! The HK Orienteering Association came in to school and ran some activities for our P5 and P6 students recently. The activities were very popular and it looks like it will happen again in a

wider context – perhaps Tai Po Waterfront Park!

Watch this space for more details.

#### Events for the week ahead at JIS –

Swimming class changes for next week - due to rehearsals for Jungle Book etc. and practice for swimming gala

Monday  $25^{th} - P3 - P6$  will swim Tuesday  $26^{th} - P2$  will swim

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Reception class and P1 will swim together

NO swimming on Thursday – Jungle Book dress rehearsal instead

## Week 13: 25<sup>th</sup> – 29th March 2019

Monday and Tuesday: I.B. Conference Asia World Expo – Mr Walton, Ms Wan and Ms Premchand will attend. Cover for Ms Premchand is arranged with Ms Shabnam Diwan and Ms Angie Bilbow.

**Monday 25th** – P3 – P6 swimming – a.m.

Tuesday 26th -Y5 at ICHK Taster Day a.m.

-Reception Class at Forest School – a.m.

-P2 swimming in morning

Wednesday 27th – Football for U8 and U9 students at ICHK – Mr Walton

-Touch rugby tournament at Happy Vallley – Mr Jason

**Thursday 28th** – Jungle Book Full dress rehearsal – a.m.

Friday 29th –ICHK students at JIS – experience day

JIS presents 'The Jungle Book' at 6pm in the school gym

**Saturday 30th** – Ms Janice in Reception – getting married today!!

Note: Swimming gala and Bake Sale on Thursday 4th April

#### **ICHK Newsletter**

This week's news letter from ICHK – please click here for this week's newsletter

Wishing everyone a very pleasant weekend and an exciting week ahead.

Simon Walton

Principal