



Newsletter 27 2018-19

Friday 12th April 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

JIS Student Council Events this week.

Thanks to the Student Council for organizing some events for us all this week.

Pet experience day – Tuesday afternoon at JIS our playground was like a mini zoo as a variety of pets came to visit school. This is always a great opportunity for the students to learn about the routines and skills of looking after pets and also for those who do not have pets at home to get to know what it might be like.



We should also thank some very patient dogs, hamsters, turtles, birds and others who allowed groups of children to touch stare and generally disturb the for an hour and a half (and of course their owners too!)

Disco fever on a Friday afternoon:

Disco diva Premchand hit the turntables, (or laptop actually!), and filled the MPR with dancing tunes and videos this afternoon to help the Student Council end of term Disco party. It was a fun way to end the term with some sparkling outfits on the dance floor, lots of 'flossing' and a variety of conventional and unconventional dance moves! There was the usual crowd of seated onlookers – mostly male, as ever but everyone actually seemed to have some fun as we had lots of smiles and energy used up.



Thanks to Fiona Merrill and Resham Premchand for their support for the JIS Student Council and their events throughout the year so far.

JIS Bookathon 2019 – getting started!

A message from Mrs Wan and Ms Cong from the JIS library

‘Today, we launched our JIS Bookathon in the library.

The emphasis of our Bookathon is for students to enjoy reading as much as possible. From today until May 2nd, we ask all students to read as much as they can and list the books that they read. On May 2nd, we will collect the lists and count how many books we have read.

Students are also invited to collect sponsorship for how many books they read and bring in the money they collect on May 2nd. The money collected will be split between buying more resources for our school library and a donation to the charity ‘Room to Read’, which works to improve literacy and access to books around the world.’

Book character dressing up day: On May 3rd, we will celebrate our efforts by **dressing up as our favourite book character**. All students received a letter, book record sheet and sponsorship form today in the library. We have also attached copies of these on this email for families who are travelling. Happy reading!

A link to the JIS Bookathon documents and sponsor sheets:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CGjzkW3Dk290IV7z035z7cJXWms5DKyj/view?usp=sharing>

The sheets are also attached to this newsletter for your reference.

Events for the week gone by at JIS – week 15.

P1 trip to Sam Tung Uk museum and Sha Lo Tung deserted village - The P1 class went off exploring some interesting elements of history in Hong Kong as part of their inquiry into homes and living in the past. These two visits offer some excellent opportunities for the students to compare their own lifestyles and homes with those of people in Hong Kong many years ago.

P2 and P3 – Country Parks in Hong Kong AFCD presentation – On Tuesday morning the AFCD educational unit came to work with our P2 and P3 students to share some workshop activities related to

Hong Kong's Country Parks, their animals and plants. The activities were very well received and well presented. A very successful session for everyone.

Discovery Dome – Wednesday morning – The BIG dome came to JIS this year and provided all the students with a 3D experience of discovery in the school gym. Everyone loves it and the presenter shared his enthusiasm in coming to JIS as the students are 'calm' and ask great questions!

Battle of the Books – staff vs students – Monday afternoon

On Monday afternoon the staff challenged the 2019 Battle of the Books team. P4 – P6 classes came along to watch and surprisingly enough were desperate for the students to win! The team for 2019 is truly excellent and they managed to answer all their own questions and steal a few from the staff team as well. For a while it was close but the superior knowledge of the student team won out and made them comfortable winners again! We wish the team all the very best for their match at Shatin Junior School on 2nd May.

Hong Kong and Taiwan PYP network – mini conference at JIS – Thursday evening

On Thursday evening we were delighted to host a range of professional development workshops (12 of them) presented by HK based international school teaching colleagues from a variety of PYP schools and kindergartens. Cath Wan was a major part of the organization of this event and around 100 people came along to JIS. Participants visited our classrooms and we had very enthusiastic feedback on what a well-resourced and vibrant school we have. Thanks to everyone at JIS who helped with hosting this very successful event.

Week 1, Term 3: 29th April – 3rd May 2019

Monday 29th –

Tuesday 30th – P2 at Forest School Adventures – all day

-P4 visit Nissin noodles – a.m.

Wednesday 1st – **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

-Battle of Books Team meet at JIS a.m.

Thursday 2nd – Reception Class at Forest School Adventures

-JIS Battle of the Books Team – do battle at Shatin Junior School

Friday 3rd – JIS Book Celebration Day

Saturday 4th –

ICHK Newsletter

This week's news letter from ICHK – click [here](#) for up to date news of ICHK

From all of the staff and student we wish you all happy holidays everyone. Stay healthy, happy and safe. See you all on Monday 29th April.

Simon Walton
Principal