



Newsletter 32 2018-19

Friday 31st May 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Important announcement to share with all school community

Attached to this newsletter I have been asked to send an official letter from the Chairman of our school board of directors (management committee). It relates to an employee of our management office based in our Happy Valley campus who has been investigated and has been asked to leave the employment of HKJS Ltd., our school parent body. The matter has been investigated and we have been advised that all members of the JIS community should be informed.

The investigation and the resultant action has no direct affect whatsoever on the students of the international section of Japanese International School. Please be completely assured that no students have been involved and this is the result of administration business, which has been thoroughly investigated. Please read the attached notice for more details, should you wish.

News around JIS for this week.

A busy and enjoyable week again at JIS – despite the miserable weather!

P5 ‘Wild Science’ Day with ICHK Year 10 students and staff

The P5 class had a fabulous day out today – the rain did not matter as we spent most of the day exploring the rivers and waterfalls of the Nam Chung Nature Trail, in the Pat Sing Leng Country Park close to ICHK. It really was a great collaboration between the two schools and also between different age student groups.



The students had the opportunity to hike and then try out 4 different activities managed by the staff and students as part of their leadership programmes in their ‘Deep Learning’ programme. The location of ICHK close to these parks and trails allows them to share with us some of the favourite outdoor learning areas!

Great news for all of us at JIS – now that the new tunnel has opened the journey up to ICHK was around 15 minutes quicker and so smooth as we completely avoided Fanling area! ICHK school buses are already feeling this bonus!

Mr Cheung has some excellent photos he will share on Class Dojo also



P4 organisations and fund raising:

The P4 class did a fabulous job and has now had some discussion and a vote to decide who they would like to donate their hard earned cash to:

UNICEF: \$3, 300

Food Angel \$ 1, 400

Heifer \$1, 300

WWF \$800

HKDR \$ 300

SPCA \$300

Well done to everyone involved!



APSSO U9 Basket ball at IMS in Stanley – report

From Mr Jason:

'8 students from P.4 were selected to join the APSSO Basketball Tournament. For many of them, it was their first formal basketball game. Although they did not win a game, they were not depressed. With a tight struggle throughout the second game, they managed to have a draw. They improved in positioning and then had more rebounds and having more shooting chances. They were all motivated and are looking forward to the next tournament.'

Well done to all the team and Mr Jason and thanks for representing JIS so well.



JIS Cricket Team at Cricket Hong Kong tournament at KCC on Thursday – report



Our P5 and P6 cricket enthusiasts went off to KCC on Thursday to join a tournament run by Cricket Hong Kong – the coaching dept of Hong Kong Cricket Association. The team did phenomenally well as they are all new to the game. They won all 3 of their initial league games and then went on to win the final between the two winning league teams! A fabulous achievement for all of them!

JIS Community survey 2019 – feedback for development planning

Thank you to all those people who have completed our survey. We shall use the data to help inform our decisions for the School Development Plan for 2019-21, which we will share with the school community in term 1 next school year.

JIS Talent Show 2019 – a few more pics to celebrate

Well done to all the performers and staff involved last week in our annual Talent Show. It was great to see and hear such a variety of acts and performers.



Places at JIS for next academic year – 2019-20 – deadline June 3rd

Thank you to those families who have sent in details for next year. We shall plan some interviews for students to fill up places in the next few weeks and over the summer holidays. Families who have friends or relatives waiting for places in JIS in P4 – P6, please let us know as we may have some openings for interview this year.

*Employment Opportunities at JIS – 2019-20 Education Assistant position(s) - Deadline Friday 31st May, thank you.

Many thanks to members of our school community who have contacted me at school or sent recommendation messages to friends or colleagues about our E.A. positions. We shall be arranging some interviews in the next week or so in order to firm up our assistant positions for next school year. As soon as these positions are filled we can share the full staffing plan for next academic year.

Class teachers and non-class based staffing for next year 2019 – 20

Staff position	Staff member 2019 - 20
Reception	Amber Le Scelle
Primary 1	Annette De Thier
Primary 2	Fiona Merrill
Primary 3	Vikki Rixon
Primary 4	David Rixon
Primary 5	Nicholas Cheung
Primary 6	Resham Premchand
Japanese Class	Mikiko Yuguchi
Mandarin Class	Judith Tseng
Music	Jill Tse
Student Support coordinator	Jenny Procter

Student Support teacher	Angie Bilbow
P.E. and Swimming teachers/coordinator	Stephanie Tsui / Jason Chan
PYP Coordinator / Library	Cath Wan
ICT coordinator	Wa Man Lee
Library support	Cong Contreras
Resources manager and first aid support	Christine Lau
Office manager and support	Sachiyo Miyajima and Kim Murch
Principal	Simon Walton

IC HK Newsletter for this week:

Please click [here](#) for an update from the staff and students of ICHK. It was great to see some of our ex-students in the photos of the 2019 Graduating Class from Yr 13 ICHK. Congratulations to all of them!

Week 6, Term 3: 3rd – 6th June 2019

Monday 3rd – Global Class staff from Happy Valley school visit JIS this afternoon

Tuesday 4th – P4 class visit Food Angel charity HQ

Wednesday 5th – U9 7 a side football at Happy Valley

Thursday 6th – Capoeira workshops at JIS – arranged by Ms. Merrill

Friday 7th – Tuen Ng – Dragon Boat Public Holiday – Tai Po Dragons, JIS staff team will be racing in Sai Kung on Friday morning.

We hope the rain stops for everyone to have a great weekend and also for us to get our final dragon boat training sessions in for next Friday!

Enjoy.

Simon Walton
Principal