



Newsletter 29 2018-19

Friday 10th May 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

News around JIS for this week.

JIS Community survey 2019 – feedback for development planning

Every two years the JIS school community helps to create a JIS School Development Plan for the development and benefit of all the students who study in the school. It may not be on everyone's beach reading list – but it is important and does exist!

As June 2019 marks the end of our latest cycle of development we attach a short JIS Community survey which will give us some updated data and feedback about the perceptions of the school community on the work we have been doing. JIS is a team effort and there are many people who contribute in many different ways to the school. We continue to work very hard to create the best 'school experience' that we can for the students and their families. We would like as many of you as possible to complete the attached survey.



<https://forms.gle/p3HczcfmuyceYW4h8>

If the link does not open automatically for you – please copy and paste into your preferred browser.

The survey is a way for the school to get some feedback on the work and innovation over the last few years (2017-19). It has been a very busy few years with some excellent achievements and developments. We do not stand still and will continue to develop and innovate as we go into our future development planning cycle – 2019-21 and beyond. Our targets are measured and reviewed very carefully by all the staff, alongside student feedback and community data and opinion. The School Development Plan is available for anyone in our school community to read. Thank you for your time in completing the survey.

Bookathon 2019 – Thank you!

Many thanks to all those students and families who have been involved again this year.

We are still waiting for a few more students to bring in their sponsorship money, so we will update everyone next week on a final total. We are aware that some students have done exceptionally well and we look forward to saying 'thank you' to them alongside the rest of the classes and students.

The money collected from our sponsored event this year will be shared with our school library and the charity 'Room to Read', who work with literacy groups all over the world to create opportunities for everyone to learn to read and have access to books. More than 16 million children around the world have benefited from the work of the Room to Read organization, so far. Long may it last!



Events for the week gone by at JIS – week 2 and looking forward to week 3.

Battle of the Book Team – Final to be hosted at JIS – Tuesday 14th May

It is all systems go for the finals of the Battle of the Books which have now been moved from CIS to JIS, next Tuesday morning. Everyone is looking forward to supporting the team and also



welcoming around 150 people (students, staff, parents) to JIS. Our team have done phenomenally well and we are very proud of them all.

P5 Maths Team join in fun day of Maths challenges at Discovery Bay Int'l School – Monday 6th May

Mr Cheung and 4 of his keen P5 mathematicians headed off to DBIS last Monday to have some fun solving maths problems and quizzes. The activities were a range of team, pairs and individually based. The team tried hard to cooperate and pool their brain power against a range of other groups from Hong Kong schools.

Well done to all and thanks to Mr Cheung for arranging the event.



Other events this week –

P3 had a good time at the revamped HK Space Museum on Monday.

P1 went off to Forest Adventures on Thursday and had a great time. **P3** will go next week on Wednesday 15th May

P4 and P5 went to Crossroads HQ in Tuen Mun today for a simulation X-pereince and a tour of the charity headquarters.

Interns at JIS – this week we have welcomed two interns who are interested in a career in education or a child development. There will be one more next week starting on Friday. The students come from HKEDU or have contacted us through the Japanese consulate.

Bingo Night - coming soon – Friday 17th May

ESSPA are getting busy preparing for our annual bingo night evening of fun on Friday 17th May at 6pm in our school gym. 'Come on down' and get ready for some numbers fun and chance your luck for a prize or two. There will be food and drinks served from 6pm with bingo games starting around 6:30pm.

ESSPA would really appreciate support from our JIS community for donations of prizes for the event. If you have can donate small toys, beach toys, stationery, games, puzzles etc – please contact your **ESSPA** committee. A few donations of prizes or vouchers for adults will also be very much appreciated. Thank you for your support.



ESSPA AGM – Friday 17th May at 6:10pm

ESSPA invite all members of the JIS community to their Annual General Meeting on Friday 17th May at 6:10pm. There will be a short presentation of the work of **ESSPA** during the last school year, a vote of thanks for their work from Mr Walton and also **ESSPA** accounts will be available for any members of the JIS community to read.

At the end of the AGM we can all finish our pizza and get ready to play bingo!

JIS Talent Show 2019 – Friday 24th May – 1:00pm

Individuals, duets, groups – all are welcome. Performances will be in the MPR for the whole school community – mark the date in your diary.

Important dates for this year's show are:

Application deadline: Thursday 9th May

Audition dates: morning and lunch recess on 14th and 15th May

Run through rehearsal: Thursday 23rd May

Talent show date: MPR 1:00 Friday 24th May



Places at JIS for next academic year – 2019-20

Offers for places for next school year were sent out this week. Please complete the form and arrange a deposit to reserve your place(s). We use the deposit as September fees, so it is not an added charge for families to manage. It does allow us time to review our waiting lists and arrange some interviews in June and August where applicable. Thank you for your understanding.

Week 3, Term 3: 13th – 17th May 2019

Monday 13th – PUBLIC HOLIDAY – School closed for the day

Tuesday 14th – **Battle of the Books final at JIS!**

Wednesday 15th – P3 at Forest School Adventures – a.m.

-Reception Class at Kadoorie Farm – a.m.

-Football Tournament at Happy Valley – 2-4pm

Thursday 16th – P1 Class off to the theatre to see 'Elmer'

Friday 17th – Yearbook whole school photo at 8:20 a.m. – *All students on time please at 8:15a.m.*

-P6 at HKA Exhibition – a.m.

-ESSPA BINGO NIGHT – 6pm school gym

-ESSPA AGM – 6:15pm, school gym

Saturday 18th –

ICHK Newsletter

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

The sun is popping out in Tai Po right now – so here's hoping for some nice weather to celebrate the long weekend and Buddha's birthday festival on Monday.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Simon Walton
Principal