

Newsletter 34 2018-19

Friday 14th June 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

A big week for P6 this week as they shared their Exhibition with their families and friends and then the whole school community. Congratulations to all of the P6 students, Ms P, Ms Shabnam and all the JIS staff who have worked together to help prepare for the Exhibition.



The knowledge, passion and creativity in which the students presented their research was really fabulous. They have also had the added responsibility of presenting to a range of students from other Hong Kong schools who visited today and they shall present again on Monday to a variety of visitors. Well done to all of them – have a well-earned rest this weekend!

News around JIS for this week.

Student Led Conference Day – 18th June



Learning at JIS – from Cath Wan PYP Coordinator

Student-led conferences

On Tuesday, 18th June, we will be holding our annual student-led conferences. Student-led conferences are an essential part of our assessment practice at JIS as we encourage children to take active responsibility for their learning - engaging in thoughtful reflection on their strengths and areas for improvement. Your child will be responsible for leading the conference. Below are a few tips to help ensure that the student-led conference is enjoyable and productive for you and your child.

General Tips

- Focus on and listen to your child; it is their time to share.
- Be positive and encouraging; this is a celebration of your child's work.

Questions you might ask to encourage the conversation.

Portfolio and work around the classroom

- What did you enjoy most about this piece of work? Why?
- What did you find challenging? Why? What strategies did you use to face the challenge?
 - What do you feel you have improved on most? Why? What strategies helped you to improve?
- What do you feel you need to work on? How can I help you with that?

General questions

- How do you feel about school? Why?
- Do you think you have changed since the start of ...? If so, how?
- Which of the Learner Profile attributes do you think describe you the most? Why?
- Are there any Learner Profile attributes that you need to work on? How can I help you with that?



Some housekeeping items for Student-Led Conference Day

- There is no regular school on Tuesday. Please bring your child at your conference time. SIS after-school sports activities are still being held.
- Please be aware that there will usually be approximately 3 conferences going on simultaneously in the classroom. Your child will know where to take you.
- Your child will also take you to Mandarin or Japanese and the pitch to talk about PE. You are also welcome to visit the music room so that your child can tell you about their musical experiences.

Trips out this week:

Some of our classes had their outdoor activities rained off this week but with some quick re-arranging things were able to happen if possible:

-Reception class did not get off to Bride's Pool Nature Park as the rain was way too heavy on Tuesday

-P1 and P6 did have a picnic lunch on Wednesday and then got together for a creative afternoon of making stick men inside and a 'bug hunt' at JIS outside: (pics below)



P5 class – went off to Renaissance College to see their P6 Exhibition on Thursday, to gain some inspirations for next year!

P2 class – Had a rain free day in Tai Po Kau today (Friday) and enjoyed a great morning out.

ESSPA – Staff Appreciation Tea- thank you

On Wednesday afternoon the ESSPA committee very kindly on behalf of the JIS community prepared an afternoon tea for all the JIS staff to say ‘Thank you’ for another school year at school. The cakes, snacks and sandwiches were very much appreciated as a gap in the report writing and editing sessions that have been going on around us, all this week. Thank you.

ESSPA – Special lunch today:

Many thanks to the ESSPA volunteers who helped to arrange the special lunch today for all the students.



JIS Community Survey 2019

Many thanks to all the people who took some time to complete our survey related to perceptions of the school and its operations over the last year or so. There are some very supportive results related to much of the vision and work of the school and also some items we need to explore further within our newsletters and also our future school development planning for 2019-21.

A few statistics to share:

100% of respondents agreed that the school is responding appropriately to our vision '*to create educated, creative, compassionate, active and empowered citizens of the world*' – great news if our vision is being enacted in the expectations of our community, thank you.

98% feel that we uphold our 3 key values of Respect, Commitment and Kindness

100% feel that our office and administration is welcoming, informative and approachable

98% of you find our information sent out by email and in our newsletters informative and useful.

94 % feel that Class Dojo informs about the work of the school - perhaps we need to look at the gaps it does not fill and review this.

98% of you feel that the school has a positive reputation in the HK community – excellent news as we want you to be proud to be parents at JIS!

87% approve of the school website – so we may need to look at access and purpose of the school website in the future

92% feel informed about the POI and school curriculum issues, so we can look at how to get our message across even clearer in the coming years

100% of you like our admissions process and many of the other items in the survey, with **94% - 100% being the most common range in all other questions.**

The main value of the survey for us as a school is that we have improved and now have constructive feedback on our communication and access to the school. This means that some of our recent innovations are working and that we are also consolidating well on the information we give to you all and the opportunities we are offering for you to engage with us as a school.

Once our 2019-21 School Development Plan is completed we will share it with the school community.

Thank you again for the support

ICHK Newsletter for this week:

Please click [here](#) for an update from the staff and students of ICHK.

Week 8, Term 3: 17th – 21st June 2019

A few important dates as we head towards the end of the school year – see below for details

Monday 17th – P3 at Sai Kung, research and shopping trip

-ICHK Japanese Class students in JIS to work with our students for the day

Tuesday 18th – Student Led Conference Day – see above for details – appointments only – NOT a regular school day

Wednesday 19th – Reception Class 2019-20 and P1 class Induction morning – a.m.

Thursday 20th – Japanese Class Exchange with TSL Camoes School, Yau Ma Tei – morning

-HSBC Primary Touch Rugby tournament – Kings Park

Friday 21st – End of year lunch – shared lunch in each class

-School reports sent home for second half of school year

P6 Graduation Day Wednesday 26th June at 8:30 a.m. in the school gym

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Simon Walton
Principal

