

Newsletter 35 2018-19

Friday 21st June 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

As we approach the final week of term next week I would like to share a special message of thanks with all the JIS community for some members of staff who will be leaving us at the end of this term for a very well deserved retirement:



Yoko sensei – Ms Yoko Yoneya will be retiring from JIS after 22 years of dedicated service. She has been the lead teacher for our Japanese Class since the school opened in 1997. There are many, many ways for us all to remember Yoko sensei but for most of us it is the person at the side of a wadaiko drumming performance supporting and cheering on her well-rehearsed students as they beat out another show stopping performance of Japanese drumming. It was most appropriate that at this years' Asia Pacific I.B. World regional conference held in Hong Kong that Yoko sensei and her team of drummers got to perform at the opening ceremony in front of hundreds of people. A fitting finale for a very special lady.



Yoko sensei we wish you all the very best of health, rest and happiness in your retirement in Hong Kong. We will still see Yoko sensei around JIS and we look forward to her offering opportunities of Japanese culture and language as extra curricular activities.



We also wish Ms Glenda Bailie the very best in her retirement after 6 great years at JIS. Glenda has been our Student Support coordinator and has mentored and supported a whole range of students as they got to grips with their life at JIS and a life beyond JIS. We thank Glenda for her hours of dedication and patience in creating opportunities for a wide range of students at JIS to allow the school to be as diverse, challenging and inclusive as it has become. Glenda will be heading off to the U.K. to explore options for her retirement but may well end up living in a cosy cottage on a clifftop in Northern Ireland – if she can find one to buy! We wish her all the very best of luck and some happy, relaxing times.

We shall also be saying farewell but not goodbye to Adele Hughes who shall be moving on from her role as the Education Assistant in P4 to a teaching position at Malvern College. Adele has been busy all year with her final practicum and studies all year and has qualified as a teacher to enter the 'honourable profession' Good luck!

News around JIS for this week.

Student Led Conference Day – 18th June

Many thanks to everyone who made it into school on Tuesday for our Student Led Conference Day. The students were excellent ambassadors for the school as they shared their learning and experiences with parents and family. They say the greatest way to learn and understand is to teach others – so hopefully it all helps to end the year on a good note for everyone!

Induction Morning for Reception Class and P1 – 2019-20

On Wednesday morning we invited our new students in Reception Class and P1 into school to meet their new teacher, assistants and also future classmates. The young students spent some time in their new classrooms whilst their parents shared an information session with Mr Walton, Ms Miyajima and Ms Wan. Parents were able to ask questions about starting life at JIS and sort logistics to do with bus, drop off and other issues.

Other events this week:

HSBC Rugby Tournament at Kings Park: Thursday 20th June

Update from Mr Jason and Fergus the coach: 'JIS touch rugby team joined the HSBC Primary School Touch Tournament on Thursday. 46 schools from across Hong Kong were involved. We were in the A grade competition which meant we were playing against students who are born in 2007. It was tough and was made tougher by the hot weather. Both of our boys and girls teams approached the tournament with a fantastic attitude. Boys team gave it their all against other schools while the girls team was unlucky to miss out the quarter final just by goal difference. We won some games, drew some and lost some but well done and a good effort just before the end of the school year!'



Japanese class exchange with TSL Camoes School from Yau Ma Tei

On Thursday morning Yoko sensei invited a group of students from a school in Yau Ma Tei on an exchange day of Japanese arts, crafts and language experiences. The school is one of the few HK local schools that offer Japanese as a language to study at primary school age. They worked alongside some of our JIS students for 2 hours.

ICHK Japanese Class students also came into school on Monday to work with our students, Yoko and Kiyomi sensei for the morning. It was great to see some of our ex-students back.

End of year lunch and P6 'Thank you' lunch – today

Thanks to everyone who made it in to school for our annual 'end of year' pot luck lunch. The P6 students also invited specialist staff into their room to say a 'thank you' for all their years of Mandarin, Japanese, PE and music lessons.

ICHK Newsletter for this week:

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

Week 9, Term 3: 24th – 28th June 2019

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

Graduation week for P6 students – Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the school gym

Monday 24th – P3 at Sai Kung, research and shopping trip

Tuesday 25th – JIS Board of Directors Meeting 12:30 – 2:30pm – Mr Walton to attend

Wednesday 26th – P6 Graduation Day – all JIS community welcome to come along and join us as we say farewell to our class of 2018-19 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday 27th –

Friday 28th – Last day of term – school closes for the summer holidays at 12pm – midday

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Simon Walton

Principal