



Newsletter 9 2019-20

Friday 25th October 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around school:

A mid-morning stretch on the swing bars today – great core strengths girls!



Diwali 2019 – this weekend

As some of our JIS families and millions of people around the world will be celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali this weekend Ms P. offered a storytelling experience to some of the classes to share the story of the festival and to share some ideas on the customs and rituals associated with this very special event. We wish all our JIS families and staff who will be celebrating Diwali with their family and friends a very enjoyable weekend of festivities.



Dress Casual Day – Supporting Hong Kong Community Chest: Friday 25th October

Many thanks to everyone who came ‘dressed down’ today and everyone who made a donation to the Hong Kong Community Chest.

Donations to the school reached a very impressive: \$ 3,550 which will be sent off to

support the many charities and NGO’s of Hong Kong. Thank you for your kind contributions.



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THE COMMUNITY CHEST

‘Show you care by what you wear’- 25/10/19 at JIS

Parent Teacher conferences – Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October 2019

This is the first of our scheduled meetings between parents and teachers to discuss progress and set targets for the months ahead. Please be on time as best you can. If you are going to be late, please call Ms Miyajima in the school office so that she can inform the class teachers. We have done our best to match up everyone’s requests where possible. Siblings will obviously be on the same day and at suitable times, wherever possible.

If you would like a meeting with Mandarin or Japanese teachers, please complete the sign up on the google document sent out by Cath Wan.

Next week Mr Walton and Ms Wan will be on camp with P6 in Cambodia so they will not be present for the Parent Teacher evenings. Should you have any information requests or questions, please either leave a message in the school office or email us and we can get back to you upon our return to Hong Kong.

Halloween Day at JIS

Next Thursday (31st October) those students who would like to get dressed up for Halloween can come in to school in their favourite costume. We shall be hosting a short parade in the playground at 8:15a.m., allowing everyone to show off their costumes to the rest of the school.

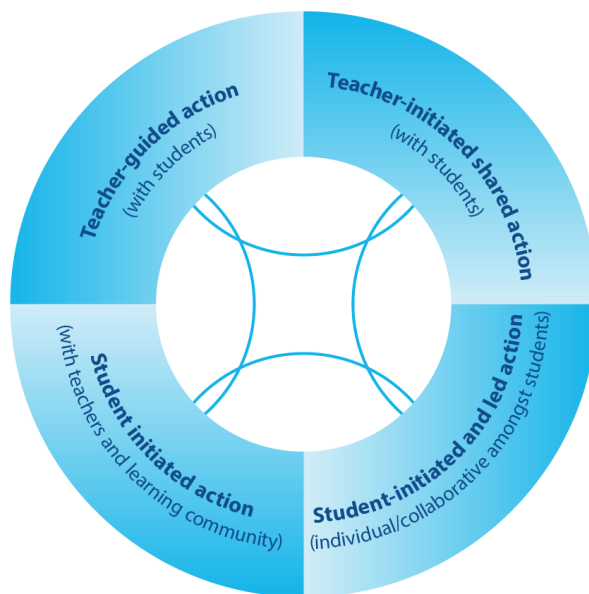


Dressing up is purely voluntary for those who would like to get involved and have some fun.

ESSPA committee and volunteers will also be selling popcorn – preordered through the forms from ESSPA



Learning at JIS – from Cath Wan, Deputy Principal/ PYP Coordinator
Action in the PYP



In my last Learning at JIS article, I talked about how we are developing student ‘agency’ through our annual show production. This week, I will talk about an essential element of the PYP, action.

Action is closely connected to agency; a student who is empowered through voice, choice and ownership of their learning, is more likely to take self-initiated action. Action is also linked to the learner profile, as these habits of mind naturally produce independent, caring, self-motivated learners and to international-mindedness as students realise that, as an empowered world-citizen, they can make a change.



IB Learner Profile

Taking action, does not have to be about saving the rainforests, or eradicating world poverty. Action, can be as small as a change in attitude. It is an example of where a student has taken what they have learned and made it their own. It could be as simple as becoming responsible for cleaning their own teeth after learning about self-care; deciding to use conflict resolution skills taught in school when arguing with a sibling at home; deciding to help with recycling after learning about the effects of plastic in the ocean. And of course, if students decide to take steps to save the rainforests or eradicate world poverty that’s fine too!

The latest documentation on action from the IB, sorts action into 5 categories:

- Life-style choices
- Participation
- Advocacy
- Social Justice
- Social entrepreneurship

Action investigation

Parents, we’d like to ask for your help. As part of our ‘I.B. self – study’ and in order for us, as a school, to reflect critically on how we enable empowered action- taking students, we’d like to collect examples of action that you observe with your child at home.

On the document below, you will find chart with the 5 categories of action, alongside examples, in the left hand column. In the right hand-column, we would like all the JIS community to add examples of action that

they have observed. Just a quick sentence is fine. The boxes expand infinitely, so please do not be shy about celebrating your child's action!

Here is the link to the document:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eqf0n8w2I3YTsgw0eOPVpeKQk2yCx_aodBahiGApFWw/edit?usp=sharing

I look forward to reading about action you have observed. We are also investigating action that we see in school and I will share that with you on a later date. It will hopefully give us a clear picture of how we are enabling agentic, empowered learners at JIS and help us to think about how to encourage this even more! As always, if you have any questions about learning at JIS, please feel free to contact me at: cwan@es.jis.edu.hk

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 11, October 28th -1st November

P6 – Mr Walton, Ms P. and Ms Wan will be in Cambodia Monday – Friday this week.

Monday 28th – P6 adventure in Cambodia begins – 7 a.m. at HK airport

Tuesday 29th – Parent Teacher consultations: 3 – 6pm – day 1

Wednesday 30th – P2 to Shatin Post Office and IKEA – a.m.

-Reception class to Tai Po Kau Forest – a.m.

-Parent Teacher Consultations: 3-6pm – day 2

-APSSO Football Tournament – Mr Jason and squad to Happy Valley - p.m.

Thursday 31st – Halloween Parade and Popcorn Day at JIS

-P5 Wild Science Day with ICHK student leaders and staff

Friday 1st– P6 class return to Hong Kong – 3pm

ICHK Weekly Bulletin:

Not available at time of going to press this week.

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend and a safe and happy week ahead for JIS!

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Builders on the playground requested a photo too!

