



Newsletter 10 2019-20

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around school:

P6 trip to Cambodia – 28th Oct – 1st November

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all the students and staff of P6 for a very successful trip to Cambodia last week. It was our first trip to Cambodia with the students and it provided some excellent learning opportunities and great memories. The days were busy (7a.m. breakfast – ‘til late in the evenings) but with lots to see and enjoy, it worked out really well. The P6 students also spent a day and a half on a range of activities with a local Cambodian primary school to have experience of school and cultural life in Cambodia. Using our knowledge of the UN Global Goals we also did some carbon offsetting work by supporting the planting of a rainforest and learning some traditional crafts and farming techniques.



The students had time to explore Angkor Watt and some other famous temples, local monastery's, a human circus acrobatics show, explore some farming, traditional crafts, play football and team with the locals, plant a rainforest, have a traditional ox-cart ride to a hidden temple and even a late afternoon chill out in a swimming pool! It was hot some days, wet some days but overall the weather did not stop us doing anything. We all enjoyed it and appreciated the opportunity to learn a lot and share our time together.

My sincere thanks to Cath Wan and Resham Premchand for their energy and commitment to the students and ensuring they had a safe and really enjoyable and beneficial trip.
Thanks also to CAS Trips and Buffalo Tours for all the support and care given to our school group for the 5 days.



Here is a link to a video created by Buffalo Tours (Siem Reap) of the JIS P6 trip: [P6 in Cambodia 2019](#)

Halloween Day at JIS



A few photos from the Halloween parade on 31st October when P6 were on camp

Farewell to Ms Shabnam Diwan



Today we say farewell to Ms Diwan who has been working as an Education Assistant in P6 and P5 for the last two and a half years. She has recently been studying hard and gaining experience to work as a teacher of students with individual needs. She will join a student support centre as a full time teacher. We wish her all the very best in her new career. On Monday 11th November Ms Charmaine Mok will join the P5 class as a 3 day per week Education Assistant.

JIS Football Team – Tai Po district tournament

This week our gallant football team joined in with the local district football tournament. They played 9 a – side on a big pitch, against local school P6's – many of whom are 11 or almost 12years old (2008 born). The JIS team uses players from our P4 – P6 due to the size of our 'squad'. They lost their first game, but went back the next day and staged a fabulous last 10 minute comeback to win 2-1, this game put them into a qualifying round where they lost 1-0 to a team who had beaten others by big scores. The team should be proud of their achievements and the speed with which they adapted to a new size of pitch and bigger/stronger opposition. Well done!

Note: Mr Rixon posted a video from a JIS parent on Class Dojo if you want to see more.

Outdoor Education Day – learning beyond the classroom – Thursday 7th November.

On Thursday it was international Outdoor Learning Day so many of the classes took their activities outside and enjoyed a different environment to learn in. Research has proven just how valuable it is to take children into an outdoor environment as it stimulates all types of neural pathways within the brain. It is also just nice to go outside too! P1 went off to Green Produce Foundation and had a great time making Rosella berry jam, some classes went out and did maths connected to the environment or did language or art activities. Photos

were posted on Class Dojo of different groups having fun whilst learning. Thanks to Fiona Merrill for leading a lot of planning and ideas on this one.

P1 at Produce Green Foundation:



MAPS testing – phase 1

During this week we have arranged for our P3 – P6 students to undergo some international standardized tests, as part of our assessment programme. The tests are general ability tests in maths and language and provide some useful comparative data for us as we work alongside the students during the school year. We do not teach to the tests and keep them as stress-free as possible but do encourage the students to try their best. Later in the year the students will do another set of activities which gives us a comparison of development and performance over the school year and also in future years as we monitor progress.

Ms Yuki De Long – school counselor

A quick note to let the JIS community know that Ms Yuki will not be in JIS next week to work with some of our students and families but will be in school during the following week on 19th and 21st November.

SCHOOL CLOSURE day – Friday 15th November

A quick reminder to everyone that JIS will be closed to all students on Friday 15th November. JIS staff will be involved in a 2 day (Fri / Sat) workshop with a facilitator from the I.B. Asia Pacific staff. The topic of the workshop is 'Evidencing Learning' and will allow the staff to analyse and review our uses of all types of assessment and evidence gathering to understand how much the students are learning and where their learning needs to go to next.

Events for the week ahead at JIS – Week 11, October 11th -15th November

Monday 11th – Hearing tests at JIS – students have signed up

-Mr Walton out at HK Int'l Schools admin meeting a.m.

Tuesday 12th –

Wednesday 13th – P3 out at Tai Po Waterfront Park – a.m.

-Mr Walton and Ms Miyajima at Eton House (Mayfair by the Sea) presentation at 5-7pm

Thursday 14th – P5 at 'Green Hub' – a.m.

-P6 at HK Museum of History – a.m.

-Ms Wan at DBIS – Maths meeting –a.m.

Friday 15th– SCHOOL CLOSED for staff Professional Development Weekend with I.B. workshop facilitator (15th and 16th November)

Potential disruption on Monday – transport system – please be aware

Please be aware that there are rumours of transport disruption on Monday morning next week. Obviously we do not know of anything factual as yet and if there are any problems that are known I will inform the school community as quickly as possible by Class Dojo, email and SMS on Monday morning.

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

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