



Newsletter 17 2019-20

Friday 24th January 2020

Dear Parents and JIS community

Around school:

JIS staff and students wish you all a very healthy and prosperous Chinese New Year of the Rat



Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our events today as we celebrated the beginning of Chinese New Year. A very big thanks to all the Mandarin department for their efforts in planning and sorting out our schedule today. The decorations and activities this year have all been excellent.

To those families who are travelling for the holidays we wish you a safe and happy journey and for those families staying in Hong Kong have a wonderful holiday too.

P5 Mandarin class – Chinese New Year assembly.

The P5 Mandarin Class did an excellent job of telling us two famous tales from Chinese New Year folklore – The story of the Great Race and the story of the monster Nian. The P5 students wrote their own script for the show and rehearsed it all so that all the story was clear and very confidently delivered to the audience. Well done to all the P5 class!



Many thanks also to the Mandarin staff – Judith Tseng and Karen He for their support to the students in getting the stage, costumes and props ready for the show. They have managed to rehearse only a few times but did so well to put on an excellent show!

Capoeira presentation – before the CNY lion dance today.



Well done to our school Capoeira club who did a performance this morning before the CNY festivities began. The group is performing soon at the AIA carnival in Central so practicing in front of a live audience is good for them! Thank you to Ms Merrill and her team for their efforts.

JIS Community Chinese New Year lunch – today

It was great to see so many members of the school community come in for a lunch today, as has become a JIS tradition at Chinese New Year. Thank you for all the diverse food and support.

We hope to see everyone happy and healthy after the school break – to start the new ‘Year of the Rat’.



P3 and P4 Art Exhibition on Thursday at JIS

Congratulations to all the P3 and P4 classes who presented their ‘Art Exhibition’ this week. The work for the exhibition came from their recent unit of inquiry and allowed the students to share their learning in a very personal way. All students had a presentation board on which they show cased some of their recent work but they were expected (and willing!) to share their ideas and thoughts through presenting their board to an audience of parents or fellow students from JIS. The students did a really great job and were confident and knowledgeable as they shared their recent research.



Many thanks also to the teachers and assistants in P3 and P4 who helped get everything ready for the big show.

SPOT Children’s Centre – 10a.m. Conference Room – update from Jenny Procter (St Sppt Coord)

This morning in the JIS Conference Room , Emily Nguyen, O.T., from SPOT Centre, presented to a group of parents based on a ‘*Successful Start*’ . Thanks to the parents who came along, we hope you found it useful and informative.

Continuing after the holidays Abi Chan, Speech and Language Therapist, Spot and Emily Nguyen, O.T., Spot will be with us one morning each per week. Forms for screenings are being sent out, if anyone has missed these and would like their child to be included please contact the Jenny Procter at school.

After CNY Ms Yuki, school counsellor will be with us every Tuesday (rather than Tuesday and Thursday bi-weekly) but will continue to see students on a bi-weekly basis.

Chinese New Year Appeal 2020: Clothing and toys – busy all ready, thank you

Our appeal for good quality clothing and toys has done well so far, with the delivery of some Salvation Army collection bins. The bins are in the corridor close to the Conference Room on the first floor.

The bins will be in school for around 1 month this year (Feb 10th). So there is plenty of time for your sort out at home after the CNY holidays.



School reports: Sent home on Thursday 23rd January

Half year school reports were sent home on Thursday this week for all students and their families. Please be sure to check that you have received it – or search your child's backpack!

The reports are a compilation of the assessments and data gathering from August until December 2019. Please share them in detail with your child and respond to our survey if you have received a sample in your envelope.

Thank you to all the JIS staff for their efforts in completing these reports. They are very detailed and also very personal for each student – a real bonus for students and their families.

Change of dates:

- **Japanese Section will be hosting their annual Open Day on Saturday February 1st, 10 – 3pm.** There are a few Japanese vendors as well as open classrooms on this day, IS students and their families are welcome if they are interested to come along. The school car park will not be available on this day.
- **School closure Day on Friday 21st February** – last term we had to postpone our Professional Development workshop for all JIS staff due the HK protest situation. It has been re-arranged to Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd February. School will therefore be closed to all students on Friday 21st February.

Events for term 2 at JIS – Week 5, February 3rd - 7th

Monday 3rd – First day back after CNY holiday

Tuesday 4th– Faust Poetry Show performance for P2 – P6 students

Wednesday 5th–

Thursday 6th–

Friday 7th– ESSPA lunch (P4 parents to support)

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE CNY holidays at 12pm (midday) on Friday 24th January until reopening on Monday 3rd February.

Green wall initiative: We aim to start our 'green wall' / gardening club initiative after CNY. If you have any large size plastic bottles – please save them and send them in to Christine Lau in the Resources room and we can use them as plant pots, ready to hang on the fence. (Apologies to our recycling bins for a few weeks)



Thanks to Christine Lau for her support and ideas for this initiative.

Have a very special holiday. I sincerely hope everyone can stay fit and healthy ready for school again in February.

Should there be any HK Govt or EDB announcements regarding schools we will be sure to share it with you as soon as we know.

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