



Friday 10th February 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community

P3 and P4 Art Expo week!

Many thanks to all the parents and community members who came along to support the P3 and P4 classes for their Art Expo on Wednesday and Thursday this week. The exhibition was a culmination of their recent unit of inquiry using the 'How We Express Ourselves' transdisciplinary theme. It was great to see a range of 'arts' on show, both in the students opening ceremony, the diversity of work and also within the personal or group projects and research undertaken by the students.



Many thanks to all the staff and students in P4 for all their efforts and enthusiasm which have really brought together a huge range of expertise and talents into one unit of inquiry. It is always such an important experience for our younger students to present their work and learning to the school community, preparing them for future events such as the P5 Science Expo and the P6 Exhibition!

Around school updates:

JIS Chinese New Year appeal 2017:

This week on Monday the staff of Food Angel came along to collect the donated items of food from our CNY appeal.



Donations of toys and clothing for the Salvation Army are still being accepted until 23rd February – the van will be collecting from JIS on Friday 24th February

ESSPA Book Sale – Tuesday 14th February

Next Tuesday, 14th February, ESSPA will be arranging a charity book sale of the donated books from the JIS community. All books will be priced at \$5, \$10, \$20, so students could come in to school with some small notes to spend at the book sale on Tuesday. The books donated can be bought for students themselves, brothers and sisters, etc. Books not paid for may be reserved and students can bring in money the next day. All proceeds will go to 'Room to Read charity' as in previous years.

Sarah Brennan in school – 'Rickshaw Rooster' book launch

Sarah Brennan came along to JIS again on Monday to launch her CNY 2017 book – 'Rickshaw Rooster'. Sarah is always a popular character with the students and once again gave several great performances of her book! She uses a 'narrative poem' genre of writing with some complex text and imagery but the P4, 5, and P6 classes all seemed to love it, once again. Many of the children have asked to order her book – if you need to, please send in the order form as soon as possible.



Matt Cooper visit:

Reception, P1 and P2 classes will get the chance to meet with Matt Cooper a local author and environmentalist who will be presenting his new book next week at JIS (Wednesday 15th February)

JIS Bookathon 2017– going strong!

The annual JIS Bookathon is in full swing with lots of students reading and borrowing extra books from the school library. The aim of the Bookathon is for the students to prepare for ‘UNESCO World Book Day’ by doing some fundraising for the JIS library and Room to Read charity. All students have been given a sponsor form to help raise some money. To end our JIS Bookathon we shall celebrate World Book Day on Friday 3rd March 2017 with a character dress up day and events in the library.

JIS Parent Workshop – Inquiry learning, PYP and JIS – 23rd February 7pm

We have sent out some information regarding a parent information and workshop evening on Thursday 23rd February at 7pm. The workshop will aim to give parents a chance to explore the philosophy and practical implications for teaching and learning at JIS. Ms Wan (PYP Coordinator) and Mr Walton will present the session which will be information, activity based and hopefully informative and fun! Please sign up using the link sent out from school this week. We hope to see as many parents as possible at this event.

Sign up link: <https://goo.gl/forms/wU2BfyOdlc29XB8f1>

Refreshments will be served and also Ms Miyajima has volunteered (!) to provide child care for those parents needing to bring students along to an evening workshop.

Changing Young Lives – Guojiashan Friendship Primary School, Gansu, China

Over the last 10 years or so JIS has helped to rebuild and develop a small primary school in the hills of Gansu Province, China. The students of JIS have been connected with the school over many years through their fundraising, popcorn days, crazy hair days, keep fit sponsor events etc. Mr Walton and Laoshi visited the school a few years ago and ESSPA have supported many events in order to maintain a quality of life for the staff and students of the school. We have a photo album of the school and students in our first floor lobby area.

Changing Young Lives is a Hong Kong based charity which supports our work with Guojiashan School. Each year they launch a laisee packet appeal to support their work and of course ‘our school’. On Monday we will be sending the children home with a laisee packet to help raise funds for the school. Please give a small donation if you can. We do appreciate that there have been several \$\$ requests from JIS recently but we hope we can support Li Ning, He Jun Jie, Zhang Li Wen and some of their classmates. It is such a worthy cause!



Hearing tests screening for JIS students – Wednesday 8th February.

Around 40 students took advantage of the hearing screening arranged by Ms Bailie for the school community. All results have been sorted and we are glad to be able to help a range of families in JIS. Thanks to Glenda Bailie for arranging

Sound system – Parental connections for the school show

A big thanks to the parents and community for connecting me with a range of companies that may be able to help with our school show. We are currently following up with some discussions and hope to be able to look into a positive solution for our show on March 24th.

ESSPA book sale – Tuesday 14th February

Using the donated books from the JIS community ESSPA aims to have their bi-annual book sale on Wednesday 8th February. Anyone still waiting to clear their book shelves of books that are not longer needed, but could be happily read by other JIS students – please send them in this week or on Monday 6th February. We have some, but maybe not as many as usual, so some more would make the sale more successful.

Dates for the diary – next week – Week 7 - February 6th – 10th

Sign up for JIS Parent Workshop on 23rd February!

Monday 13th – P1 at HK Science Museum

Tuesday 14th – ESSPA CHARITY BOOK SALE – at JIS

Wednesday 15th – Matt Cooper – Sai Kung based author in JIS (Rec – P2)

P3 and P6 exploration to HK Science Park and Tai Po district

Reception Class to Shatin Park

Thursday 16th – DBIS Touch Rugby competition – JIS team involved

Friday 17th – P2 trip to Tai Wai walled village and Heritage Museum

See you all around school, have a great weekend.

Simon Walton