



Friday 10th March 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community

Quick update newsletter for this week:

HK Children's Literacy Festival – March 2017

We have been lucky enough to get some of the visiting authors for this year's children's literacy festival in to visit JIS. Mrs. Wan has kindly arranged for all classes to get to meet someone. The authors come from a variety of countries around the world and will share readings and workshops of their books with the students.

Salina Yoon who visited Rec, P1, P2 and P6 this week gripped the students with her stories and also her reasons for being an author and contexts for her books. She gave some excellent workshops for the students.



3 Way conferences, this week at JIS Tuesday 7 and Thursday 9th March

Many thanks to all the JIS community for pulling together to arrange and attend the 3 Way conferences this week at school. We hope that by sharing the learning of the students with all stakeholders in the community that targets can be set and goals achieved in the coming months and years.

Wonka – school show – Friday 24th March 6:30pm

We are full speed ahead for the school show in 2 weeks' time. The classes are all learning their songs and some actions and the main cast are busy in rehearsals every break and lunch time. Many thanks to everyone for their dedication and efforts.



The background scenery is pretty much finished – thanks to a gallant group of JIS parents who have had a lot of fun in the JIS art room creating some masterpieces for us all to enjoy!

ICHK Exchange Day – Yr 7 at JIS campus

On Monday 13th March the students of ICHK Yr 7 will have an adventure day at JIS and in Tai Po Kau Country Park. The students will be having a hike in the country park, a swimming session in JIS pool and have the opportunity to do some artwork looking at the landscape of the Tai Po area from our 4th floor balcony. It will be a great opportunity for some of our ex-JIS students to show off their school, but also for our existing students to be able to interact with some older students for a change.

Parent meeting with Mr Toby Newton – Head of School ICHK, Wednesday 15th March, conference room, 8:30a.m.

Parents of P5 have been invited to a presentation and Q&A session with Mr Toby Newton – Head of School at ICHK on Wednesday 15th March at JIS, in the JIS conference room from 8:30a.m. *Any other JIS parent is welcome to attend if they would be interested to come along and learn more about the innovative work going on and the application process for ICHK.*

First Aid for domestic helpers- training course opportunity at JIS

Please note the information flyer that has been sent out from school a few weeks ago (download from JIS website ‘newsletters’). Cong Contreras from the school library has kindly liaised with the first aid tutors that worked with all the JIS staff to set up an opportunity for some first aid training for domestic helpers. We have been asked to run this type of course in the past, so if you would like your helper to have some first aid training, please enrol and send them along – on Saturday 22nd April.

JIS Facebook page and optional communication channel

We have recently set up an official JIS Facebook page which will allow us to enhance our communication with the school community. We are fully aware that social media feeds are a fast and efficient method of communication and information sharing. It will not replace our usual email and website communications but can allow us to post updates and reminders on the feed, which if you follow the page, will automatically be sent through to you. The page will be for sharing information only, not interactive.

Find us at Japanese International School HK on Facebook (not the unofficial pages, set up by alumni or other agencies).

Dates for the diary – next week – Week 11- March 13th – 17th 2017

Monday 13th – ICHK Exchange Day Yr 7 students

-British Council – Science Alive – demo for all JIS students

-Renee Walsh, author in JIS to work with P3 and P5

Tuesday 14th– JIS BoD Meeting – Mr Walton to attend

-P5 photography field trip to Sai Kung Lions Park

Wednesday 15th – Japanese Section – last day of school year

-ICHK Presentation By Mr Toby Newton for P5 (and others) in conference room – 8:30a.m.

Thursday 16th – P1 trip to Tai Po railway museum – p.m.

Friday 17th – A.J. Low - author visit for P4 class

-CUHK Education students to visit JIS – a.m.

ICHK Newsletter: A few parents have thanked me for linking in the ICHK newsletter to view what is happening at our partner secondary school.

This week’s link is here: [ICHK news bulletin](#) to catch up on news at the college.



Curriculum in the Classroom – from Cath Wan PYP Coordinator

Putting on a school show – why do we do it?

Our performance of Wonka in two weeks' time will be our 6th annual JIS whole school performance. Show time is a crazy time and, yes there have been times when we all (including myself!) question, "why do we do it?"

Then we look at what the children gain and the answer becomes clear – their growth from taking part is evident, both on an intellectual and a social basis. In the nature of true inquiry, I'm not going to list all the evidence of learning which I've witnessed in this newsletter. Instead I'm going to ask you to talk to your child and ask them how they think they have grown through taking part in the show. Below are some of the essential parts of our curriculum: learner profile, attitudes and approaches to learning. Please look through these with your child and ask them if they can pick an area they feel they have grown in and why.

If you email your comments to me (c-wan@jis.edu.hk), we'll put them in the Wonka programme! Please email any comments before next Friday (17th) to allow for printing. I hope to hear from you!

Learner Profile

Inquirers
Thinkers
Principled
Reflective
Balanced
Communicators
Risk-takers
Open-minded
Knowledgeable
Caring

Attitudes

Appreciation
Confidence
Commitment
Cooperation
Creativity
Curiosity
Empath
Enthusiasm
Independence
Integrity
Respect
Tolerance

Approaches to Learning

Thinking Skills

Acquisition of knowledge
Comprehension
Application
Analysis
Synthesis
Evaluation
Dialectical thought
Metacognition

Social skills

Accepting responsibility
Respecting others
Cooperating
Resolving conflict
Group decision making
Adopting a variety of group roles

Communication skills

Listening
Speaking
Reading
Writing
Viewing
Presenting
Non – verbal communication

Research skills

Formulating questions
Observing
Planning
Collecting data
Recording data
Organising data
Interpreting data
Presenting research findings

Self – Management Skills

Gross motor skills
Fine motor skills
Spatial awareness
Organization
Time – management
Safety
Healthy lifestyle
Codes of behaviour
Informed choices

Have a good chat with your children and respond to Mrs Wan, to give feedback.

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend.

Simon Walton