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Friday 19th May 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community

JIS Talent Show 2017 – Friday 19th May: today!



This afternoon in the MPR we hosted our annual JIS Talent Show. It is always a great pleasure to see what ideas come from the students to perform and share with the rest of their school mates and community. We had some new performers this year and a very diverse range of ‘talent’. A big thanks to all the students for putting in their efforts for rehearsing and arranging their act and also to Ms Bailie, Laoshi and He laoshi for sorting the auditions and the schedule for the afternoon.



A special mention to Mayumi and Saki from P6 who put together their own script to ‘M.C.’ the show. It was funny, very lively and they managed to get the whole show to finish on time at 2:40pm – well done! Many thanks to all the parents and community members who came along to support the show.

ESSPA lunch today: P2 parents supporting

Many thanks once again to the group of parents and ESSPA committee who organised the P2 lunch today.

ESSPA Board Members – 2017-18 recruitment for committee

Many thanks also to those members of the JIS community who have volunteered to join ESSPA for the next school year. We are delighted that many members of the current committee have agreed to carry on and really encouraged that so many new members have stepped up to join in. The Board members do a great job of supporting the social aspects of the school community but also raise funds for school projects and items for classroom use.

Anyone else interested in joining should contact any member of the current board or contact Kim Murch (ESSPA President) in the school office on 2834 3531 or kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk.



JIS Student Council – International Celebrations Day – Thursday 25th May



The JIS Student Council have been busy planning their 'International Celebrations' Day.

A note from Mr Appleton and the Council members:

'This year our JIS Student Council has been working with the idea of having another International Day at school where students have the chance to share elements of their culture/s with other students at school. In the past, these days have proven to be quite a success!

Your child can bring in items from their own culture/s to share and show, including: clothing (they can wear it), stories, games, artefacts etc. They

should come prepared to share and discuss what they have brought and how this represents their culture. Each class will be paired with another to give us an opportunity to share and gain appreciation for the diversity and commonalities we have within JIS.

The sharing sessions will be managed during usual class times on Thursday.

Places deposits for next school year – 2017-18

In order for the school to plan for interview schedules and places allocation can we ask that cheques for school deposits for next school year are sent in to the office by the deadline of Friday 2nd June.

All students at JIS have an automatic place for the next academic year once a deposit for the place is paid and we look forward to welcoming back as many existing JIs students as possible. This deposit is deducted from school fees for term 1, 2017 – 18 and is not kept as an extra fee in any way. The collection of this deposit allows the school to appropriately plan for the next academic year and enable interviews to take place for students currently on the school waiting list during the month of June and August. All deposits are non-refundable.

Summer School 2017

Please be reminded of the invitation from Laoshi and Yoko sensei to join in with their summer school activities in July 2017. Application form is available from the school website if you have lost your original – (*Newsletters – May 2017 downloads*) The summer school is totally voluntary but may be a great idea for families wishing to entertain some busy children in the summer holidays. Sign up and reply if you are interested by June 16th.

JIS Yearbook 2016 – 2017 – in process of publication

Cover design voting – students will be able to vote for their favourite design for the new yearbook cover next week. A big thank you to all the students who have got involved and sent in a design for the competition this year – we have received a lot! We have some excellent designs to vote for.

The JIS Yearbook is being prepared now and will be a free, end of year gift to all students as a memory of another great year at the school.

Playing at school after school hours – please respect and support the school guidelines.

At JIS we have for many years had a policy of allowing students to play with their friends at school until 3:30pm – if they are carefully supervised. We understand that some of our students live long distances from school and may find ‘playdates’ quite difficult to arrange, so we try to support them and build a community spirit. Recently, however we have had an increasing number of students who are staying at school until much later than 3:30pm and they are not supervised appropriately, which has caused some unnecessary damage and neglect to school equipment and resources. Please make sure your child is not staying at school beyond 3:30pm unless they have an SIS after school club activity and that those students staying at school are supervised, do not eat in the playground area, and collect their own litter or food waste.

This is an important ‘respect’ issue for school equipment and our building and we thank you for supporting us in keeping resources safe and the school clean and tidy.



Curriculum in the Classroom – from Cath Wan PYP Coordinator

P6 Exhibition

For the last few weeks, it has been a pleasure to be part of the P6 class as they prepare for their exhibition. The PYP exhibition is an in-depth student-led inquiry where students synthesize all elements of the PYP curriculum: knowledge, approaches to learning (skills), concepts, attitudes and action. Students are also expected to demonstrate attributes of the learner profile. The IB requires students to investigate real-life problems or issues. This makes the exhibition more challenging - students cannot only investigate, for example ‘animals’ on a surface level, but have to think critically about issues within that area.

This year, the exhibition will be under the transdisciplinary theme of ‘Sharing the Planet.’ The students worked with the school community to create their own central idea. The amount of thinking that goes into creating the central idea is, quite literally, mind-blowing, but its importance cannot be over emphasized enough. Once decided, the central idea acts as the ‘umbrella’ to hold the inquiries together and provide links to the transdisciplinary theme. The central idea needs to be broad enough to allow different areas of interest to be investigated, yet clear, concise, challenging and significant.

Last week, we managed to finalise the central idea which is:

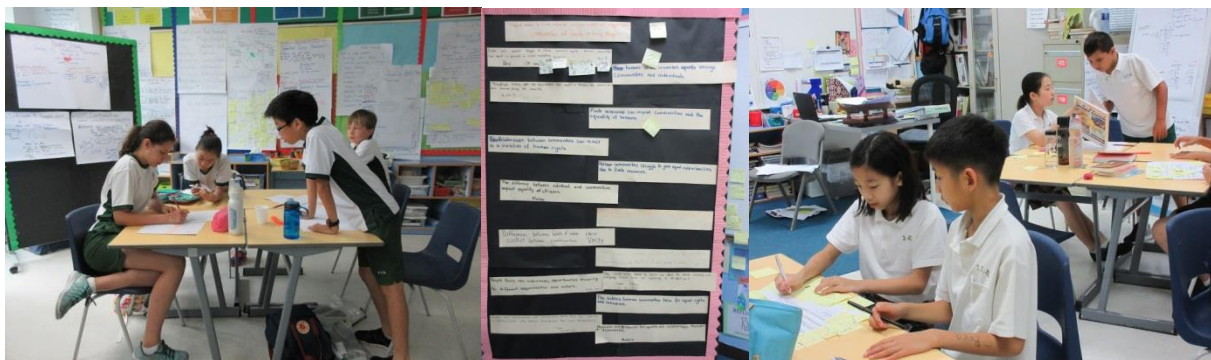
Actions impact relationships, rights and resources of living things.

Students have formed groups according to their passions and created lines of inquiry and questions based on the IB key concepts: form, function, causation, perspective, reflection, responsibility, change and connection. These serve to guide the students in their inquiry – giving them a structure, yet allowing freedom to explore issues that they are passionate about.

Over the next few weeks, students will be using primary and secondary resources to research their issues of interest; thinking of what meaningful action they can take as a result of their inquiries and getting ready to present to the whole community in just over a month’s time...P6 is certainly buzzing at the moment.

The exhibition will be open to P6 parents and families on the evening of Thursday, 15th June and then open to the whole community on Friday 16th June and Monday 19th June. We hope you can visit!

P6 at work!



Dates for the diary – next week – Week 6 – May 22nd – 26th 2017

Monday 22nd –

Tuesday 23rd–

Wednesday 24th – Japanese Class assembly – 2pm in the school gym

Thursday 25th – Student Council – International Celebration Day

-P1 and P2 Heritage Museum trip – a.m.

-ICHK Board Meeting – Mr Walton to represent JIS

Friday 26th – Inter school swimming competition – JIS team involved

Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend ahead.

Simon Walton