



Newsletter 17 2020-21

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

A big welcome back to everyone. I think we have all wished each other a Happy New Year – but if not we wish you the very best for 2021. School has got busy very quickly with classes interacting online and of course the news of morning sessions for classes was a real bonus to look forward to.

We do apologise for some disruption to the online programme today – it seems that Google apps or software was having a glitch day around HK or even Asia. We hope things will be back to normal on Monday next week.

JIS delivery of resources and library books – today



The JIS Happy Bus (Mr Walton's car this time) was out and about this morning. A chilly day for greeting everyone but the scarves, masks and big coats did not dampen the enthusiasm of everyone that I met. New books and resources were delivered or exchanged and everyone is looking forward to coming in to school for some sessions in the coming weeks!

The weather was a bit bleak and Sai Kung waterfront was amazingly quiet!



As the students are now allowed to come in to school we shall not need to do our deliveries as they will be able to take materials home with them, as they leave school. We shall also make sure to have a library session for the students when they are in school so that they can choose some books of their own to have at home until their next visit.

Staring back at school – from Monday 11th January

As mentioned earlier in the week we have been able to follow the latest HK EDB and HK Govt guidelines and allow a class at a time to come to school for an extended morning session. The schedule was set out in an email but is attached here for your reference. It enables all children to come to school to spend some much needed social time with their classmates and teachers – actually in the school building, not on a screen.

The weather next week will be chilly, so make sure your child has layers on to keep them warm, but that they can be removed if the sun comes out and they have fun running around outside.

This schedule is in compliance with the HK EDB - 1/6th of students at school per day.

The morning session will be from 8:15a.m. – 12:15p.m.

Mon 11 th Jan Reception	Tues 12 th Jan P1	Wed 13 th Jan P2	Thurs 14 th Jan P3	Fri 15 th Jan Online
Mon 18 th Reception	Tues 19 th P4	Wed 20 th P5	Thurs 21 st P6	Fri 22 nd Online
Mon 25 th Reception	Tues 26 th P1	Wed 27 th P2	Thurs 28 th P3	Fri 29 th Online
Mon 1 st Feb Reception	Tues 2 nd P4	Wed 3 rd P5	Thurs 4 th P6	Fri 5 th Online
Monday 8 th Reception	Tuesday 9 th P1	Wed 10 th Online	CNY holiday	

Please note: Japanese Section will also be allowing one year group only to attend school on these days. Parents who are driving to school to collect their child at 12:15pm please be aware of buses for JS students, when you arrive. There will be traffic assistance to help you collect your child safely – we may use the area near to the car park entrance as a collection point if the car park is busy. International Section school buses will be using the carpark at the back of the school.

We shall be following all usual hygiene protocols – hand washing, use of sanitizer, temperature checks and safe distancing. All classrooms are equipped with Perspex screening to try to further keep the students safe.

Health Declaration Form – complete before your child comes to school

Kim Murch (JIS office) has sent out the student ‘Health Declaration Form’ – please complete this before your child comes in to the school building. This is a requirement of a safe return to school. Please do NOT forget as we would hate to turn away a child at the door, or ask you to collect them

Temperature checks – complete at home please

A temperature check done at home is still a requirement of the regulations for attending school – we have attached a copy of the JIS temp check form for you to use, if you need a new copy. Thanks for your understanding.

Students attending school – let us know if NOT coming

Although Hong Kong is doing a good job of we do appreciate that there are still some anxieties within the community about sending your child to school. In order for staff to plan ahead for the ‘in-school’ mornings in the next few weeks we would appreciate if you could inform your child’s class teachers if your child is NOT coming. We will assume that all students are coming who we do not get messages from.

Friday Assembly and Challenge – Friday 8th January 2021

It was a real pleasure to see so many students join with the assembly this morning and to be able to share some ideas and a quick creative challenge with everyone. It's great to be back!

In P4, 5, 6 assembly we were able to highlight some excellent ACTION that has been taken by some of the students, over the holidays. These students have created activity clubs or groups and are sharing their commitment to helping the planet! As a school that is very strongly committed to the values of a strong environmental education this is fabulous news and a real positive reflection on the students and their developing passion for planet Earth and the Hong Kong environment. Keep it up everyone.



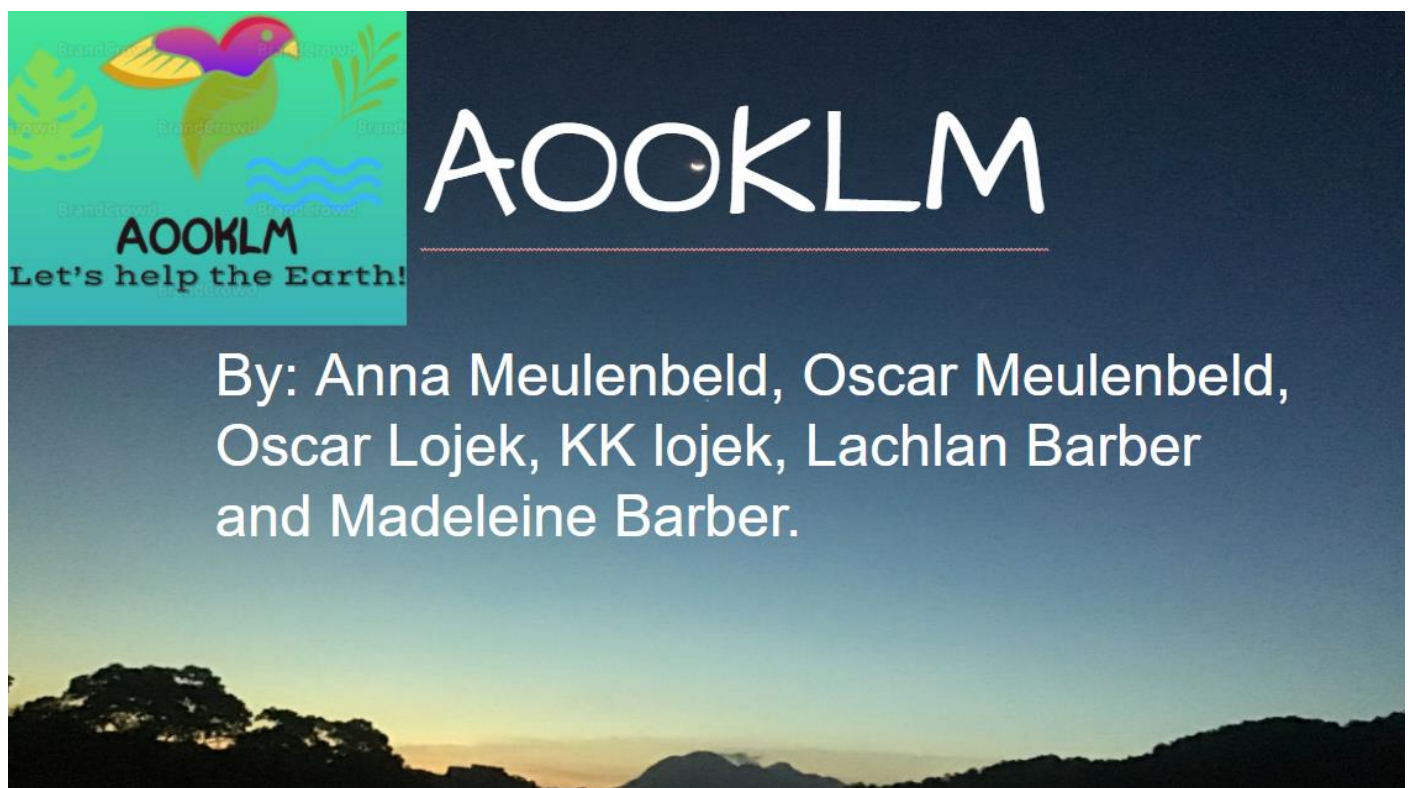
CLEANING UP THE OCEAN
BY: MIA (P5), ANNA (P5), HARUNA (P6), KAI (P3), TAKA (P3)
JIS STUDENTS

Mia Lee:	9 JIS
Haruna Araki:	10 JIS
Taka Araki:	8 JIS
Kai Lee:	7 JIS
Anna Meulenbeld:	9 JIS

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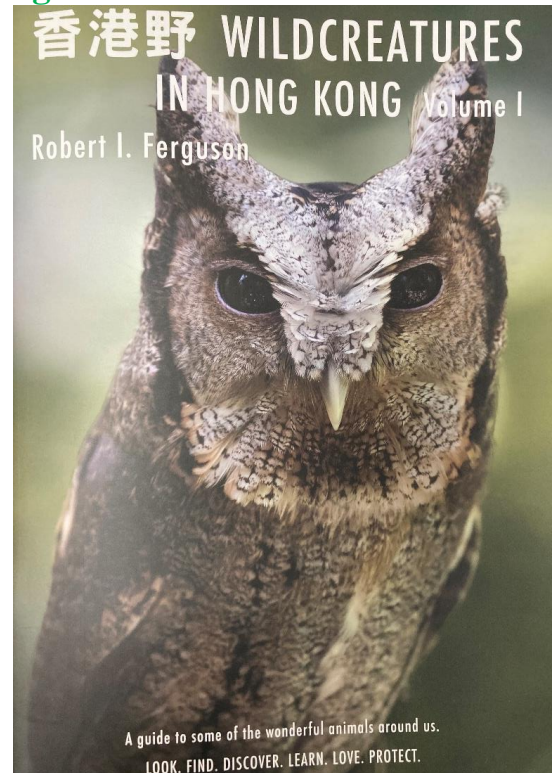
By: Anna Meulenbeld, Oscar Meulenbeld,
Oscar Lojek, KK lojek, Lachlan Barber
and Madeleine Barber.

It is great for us to have so many 'eco warriors' within the school community!

Wild Creatures in Hong Kong (vol 1) – by Robert Ferguson

In the next few days we shall be giving all our JIS students (I know some have one already!) a copy of the book (shown below) produced by a local photographer and passionate environmentalist here in Hong Kong. We have bought a copy for all the students so that we can use it as a reference material during the school closure – and beyond – to inspire the students and also to develop an increasing knowledge and respect for our local wildlife and environment. Fiona Merrill (P2) has been working on a range of activities for our outdoor education programme and will continue to support classes and also some of our assemblies by using the booklet and also challenging the JIS community to do more to support environmental awareness. The students will be able to bring home their free copy of the book when they visit school in the coming few weeks.

Robert Ferguson takes a lot of his amazing photographs in the Tai Po Kau country park, right across the road from JIS so we hope to be able to use his expertise and enthusiasm in working with the students, once we are allowed more time in school. This could be a real bonus for us all.



ICHK Newsletter update:

The recent newsletters from our partner secondary school is attached: [here](#)

Keep warm, healthy and safe everyone. We really look forward to seeing the students starting next week. As the weather is set to be cold early next week – please remember to wrap your child in layers to keep them warm but also to allow them to remove some once they are warmer.

Have a great weekend.

Simon Walton
Principal