

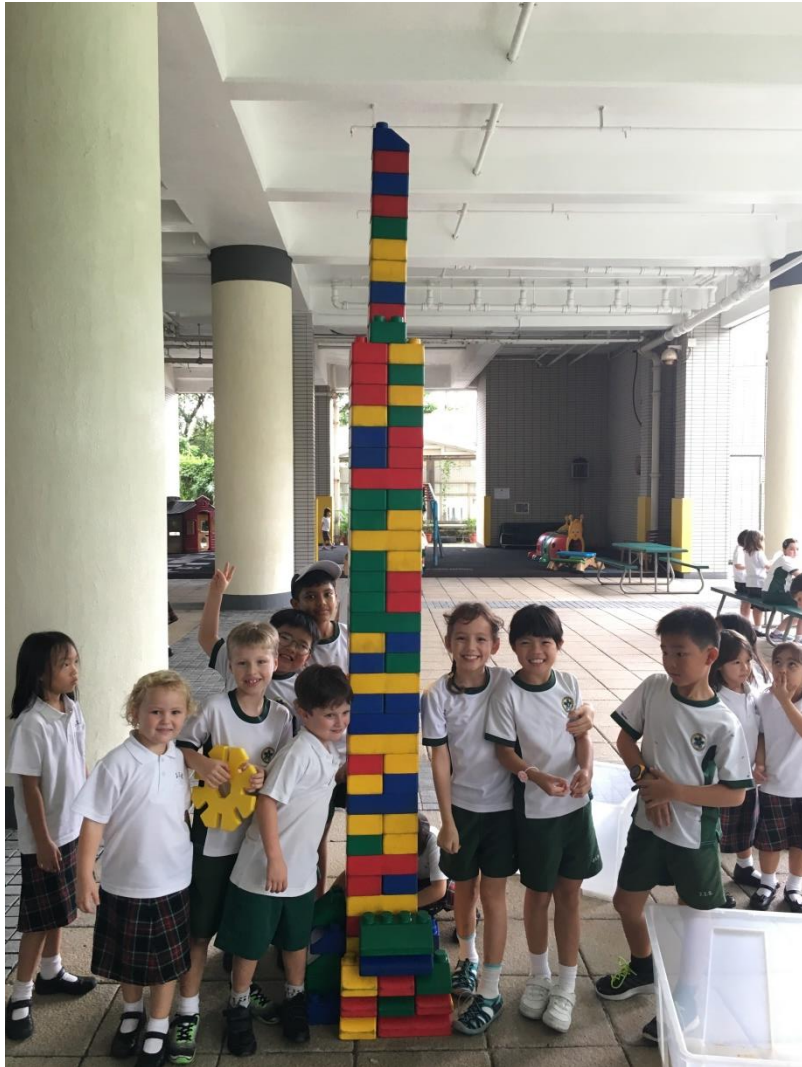


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Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents and JIS community

Playground cooperation! Highest tower ever!



Ted in P5 organised the group to go higher and found some excellent strategies for building beyond the students' height. A great collaborative group effort.

ESSPA – Welcome Back + JIS 20th Birthday Party BBQ! Friday 15th September 2017

We all look forward to a very enjoyable evening next Friday. Order forms were due in today – if there are any last minute ones, please make sure they come in to school for Monday morning. It all starts around 5:30p.m. in the main school playground area. See you there.

Car Parking: Please remember we do have limited car parking,



so car-pool where possible and be sure to display your JIS car i.d. in the windscreen area of the car when you park at school, in case we require you to move the car or for safety access.

Students staying at school: Please support ESSPA and the school in making sure all students have a chance for a rest before the BBQ starts, by going home in between end of school and start of BBQ (especially Reception and Yr 1 students). If students do have to stay in school they MUST be supervised at all times by an adult, as there will be caterers getting ready and we need to ensure safety and due care at all times.

Meet the Teacher Night – Wednesday 6th September, 7:00pm

Many thanks to everyone who made the effort to come along to ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening on Wednesday 6th September at 7:00pm. We hope you all found it a useful time and were able to receive some materials relevant to your child’s class to take home and digest. Thanks to Cath Wan and all teachers for preparing their materials and for their after-hours time on the night. Any follow up questions, please email your child’s class teacher or Mr Walton on s-walton@jis.edu.hk

ICHK – upcoming events:

Tuesday 12th September: P6 class to visit ICHK for secondary school ‘taster day’

Wednesday 13th September: ICHK Information evening for P5 and P6 parents (others welcome too). Contact JIS office if you would like to join the minibus travelling from JIS to ICHK and back on the night.

Tuesday 19th September: Presentation by Mr Newton (ICHK Head of School) at JIS – 8:30a.m. in conference room. All JIS families welcome.

Monday 18th September – EYE screening at JIS – Optometrist, Susan Salnikow



Please be aware that if you would like your child to have an eye screening test at school on Monday 18th September you need to complete an application form. The tests are voluntary for any families to take up the opportunity launched by Ms Bailie a few years ago. Application forms are available and have been sent home. Please return them to school if you are interested in this service as soon as possible.

Wednesday 13th September – SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY – correct uniform please



Order forms for school photographs were sent out yesterday ready for the School Photos Day, next week on Wednesday 13th September. Please make sure your child is wearing correct school uniform for this day. All classes will have a group photo and then all students will have an individual photo. Family or sibling photos will be arranged, if ordered in the afternoon. We will also ensure that P1 class have their photos taken before they go swimming!

Student Health Service – application forms sent home – purely voluntary.



Any parents wishing for their child to enroll in the HK Student Health Service should complete the application form sent home today by backpack mail and send it in to school by Monday 18th September, to the office. This is a voluntary service run by the HK Govt Department of Health for all Hong Kong families.

News and information about curriculum from Cath Wan our PYP coordinator



Curriculum in the Classroom – from Cath Wan PYP Coordinator

It was lovely to see you at Meet the Teacher Night on Wednesday. Curriculum in the Classroom is an article I put in the newsletter usually every two weeks. My aim is to give you snapshots of how our curriculum is developing on a school wide basis, answer any questions you might have about student learning and hopefully involve you in the exciting growth of our curriculum.

JIS is an authorised International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme School, which makes our school accountable to internationally recognised curriculum standards. These come in the form of a framework to support children’s learning across all disciplines, which we have cross –referenced with curriculums from around the world. The wonderful thing about the PYP curriculum is that it is a framework, not a ‘box’ which means that students can acquire the necessary knowledge, understandings, skills and attitudes whilst following their interests. Encouraging student questions is integral to PYP teaching practice. This fosters students’ curiosity and develops a love of learning. Developing the power to take action, no matter how small, is also an important part of our curriculum. I was reminded of this last June on the playground, when I received a polite but assertive telling off from some of our younger students for using a disposable water bottle - children can make a difference!

Inquiry is at the heart of all teaching and learning at JIS, so to start our year off, I’d like to share the PYP definition of what inquiry looks like:

- exploring, wondering and questioning
- experimenting and playing with possibilities
- making connections between previous learning and current learning
- making predictions and acting purposefully to see what happens
- collecting data and reporting findings
- clarifying existing ideas and reappraising perceptions of events
- deepening understanding through the application of a concept
- making and testing theories
- researching and seeking information
- taking and defending a position
- solving problems in a variety of ways.

(Source: International Baccalaureate, 2009, *Making the PYP Happen*)

If you have any questions or comments about teaching and learning at JIS, feel free to contact me at cwan@jis.edu.hk or pop by my office. It’s the door on the left hand side of our school office. You can spot my door easily by the large picture of the Cat in the Hat and a sign saying “Room of Requirement” !

Dates for the week ahead:

Monday 11th: P2 class at Tai Po Wet market - 8:30 – 10 a.m.

Tuesday 12th: P6 class to visit ICHK for secondary ‘Taster Day’ – 9- 1:30pm

Wednesday 13th: SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY – please make sure students are in full school uniform
ICHK Parent Information evening (P5 and P6 parents) – minibus leaving JIS at 5:15pm

Thursday 14th: P1 class visiting Ma On Shan Police Station – 9:30 – 11:30a.m.

Friday 15th: **Welcome Back 20th birthday BBQ** – starting at 5:30pm – JIS playground area

Here’s hoping for a brighter weekend. I look forward to seeing you all next Friday at the ESSPA BBQ.

Simon Walton
Principal