



Newsletter 24 2020-21

Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

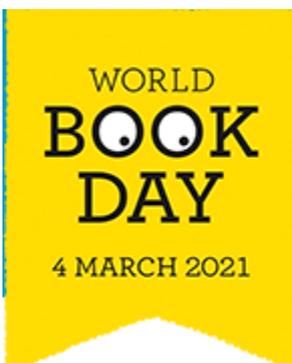
Book Week celebrations 2021

Book Week Reading Challenge – Anna Lamont from the library has been busy working with Cath Wan and the students on the reading challenge.

The students now have until Monday morning to read as many books as they can – judging by the score boards (see pic) the amount of books read is very even. Each block of books on the shelf represents the books read by the students in their age group.

Donated books and book swap books. Next week the children who have brought in swap or donation books will have an opportunity to look for something by using their vouchers given to them for their donated books. The books which are left over will be shared with some of our local contacts in charities and through some local schools who are very keen to develop English language libraries.

Thanks to everyone who has got involved.



Please use the following links to record what books you have read. Some students suggested that adults can also add their reading. You are all welcome to join!
Here are the links:

Reception, P1 and P2 (children and adults):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tchocczF5MYrDOkunbBbFuRW3Z9GiyfuA-dkA00mhKQ/edit?usp=sharing>

P3 and P4 (children and

adults): <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WzJpeSS4WCjVY3C3WdqsbTrZmYK7sLpgIP1jCPju7nI/edit?usp=sharing>

P5 and P6 (children and adults):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zQEgKrcKeaukaKr02A3r-CqxIWCTWzb-3AZJCnh0dL4/edit?usp=sharing>

P3 and P4 Arts Celebration day – Friday 5th March

Well done to the staff and students of P3 and P4 today on their Arts workshops today. The students were involved in Dance, drama, Taiko drumming, photography and nature art classes. Thanks also to the JIS staff who volunteered to lead workshops on some different areas to inspire and interest the students.



Re – Schedule – next week will be week 1 of the cycle, March 8th to 12th:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Week of cycle
8th Rec /P2, P4, P6	9th P1, P3, P5	10th Rec /P2, P4, P6	11th P1, P3, P5	12th Rec /P2, P4, P6	1
15th Rec /P2, P4, P6	16th P1, P3, P5	17th Rec /P2, P4, P6	18th P1, P3, P5	19th P1, P3, P5	2
22nd Rec /P2, P4, P6 Inc. 3 Way interviews	23rd P1, P3, P5 Inc. 3 Way interviews	24th Rec /P2, P4, P6 Inc. 3 Way interviews	25th P1, P3, P5 Inc. 3 Way interviews	26th Rec /P2, P4, P6	3 way conference week

School day time changes:

The extended morning to 12:45 p.m. has worked well and removed all the traffic concerns in the car park around 12:30pm. All students collected by parents or helpers are reminded that they need to meet their child(ren) at the front entrance from now on. School buses have managed the new times and the system seems to be running smoothly.

Future changes to the school day (update): As mentioned in my email message to all the school community last night we will be meeting with the school board next week to discuss the ways of getting students back to school face to face as often as we can. The timescale set by HK EDB of at least 2 weeks of data, challenges of defining ‘close contacts’ and aspects of quarantine make this a very difficult issue. With our current arrangements of 3 way conferences from 22nd – 26th March now in place we shall look to make a reasoned decision about when changes can be made and the best ways forward.

3 Way conferences Students, Parents, Teachers - March 2021 – (22nd – 26th March)

We have arranged a week of 3 Way conferences for the week of March 22nd – 26th. Information is being sent out to all families to give details of appointments and logging on procedures.

Each day will be a normal school session for the year groups involved – students will come to school and then will sit with class teachers to log on to meet with their parents. The class teacher will be released from class to allow time to spend time with parents and students together. The meetings will be for 10 minutes each and by using the school time we can fit in around 13 appointments on each morning, therefore over 2 days each whole class can be managed. Specialist classes will be managed slightly differently, but allow for appointments for some families.

Other JIS staff will be teaching the classes involved in the meetings, so the day will continue as normal.

Friday Assembly and Challenge (26th Feb update) – The role of the moon in lunar calendars and then the Moon itself.

Last week a variety of people got involved in finding out some information related to the moon and also creating some interesting moon-landing craft using lego or other resources. Some of the reserahc was presented on Google slides, so is difficult to share here, but the students did a great job in sending it in.

Thanks also to some students for sending in photos of their models:



Lucas



Tsumugi



Kai



Gloria

Thanks to everyone that got involved again.

Link to presentation from assembly this week 5th March:

The subject for this week was Mars – as there are so many exciting happenings on and around Mars in 2021. Hopefully, the students will be inspired to learn more.

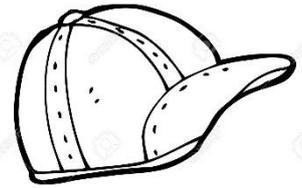
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https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nFCIY2win36NCpMFxpYaqbXR7KYbVxHVFLFVeoaoEUc/edit#slide=id.gbffefd1c33_0_89 - lower school presentation

(The link is connected to our school Google Suite so is best viewed through a JIS email address/logon.)

No Hat No Play – Everyday!

As the weather is getting warmer and the sun is getting more intense we shall be asking all students to wear a hat outdoors for morning recess.



JIS School Uniform Shop – open on Wednesdays – from now on

The school uniform shop on the ground floor of school will open every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting after the Chinese New Year holidays. The first day for opening will be 24th February 2021



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ICHK newsletter for this week.

Click [here](#) to find out the latest news from our secondary school

Vaccinations update: HPV (P5 and P6 girls) and MMR (P1 and P6) Hepatitis (P6)

NEXT Monday 8th March there will be vaccinations for P6 and P5 girls and the P1 students. These vaccinations are managed through the HK Govt. Health Department and are open to all students who are HK residents. Students in P5 and P1 who will need to come to school for their injection are asked to come between 10:30 a.m. and 12p.m., once the records have been checked in the morning by Health Department staff. All students unable to attend school on Monday 8th will be offered an appointment at a HK Government clinic for their vaccination.

We apologise that the P5 and P1 students cannot come in to school on this day as it would push us beyond our allowance of students in the school under the current guidelines from HK EDB. Crazy but true!

JIS Staff Professional Development Day – Saturday 6th March

Tomorrow we look forward as a staff to a day of sharing information regarding the work of our Learning Teams that have been looking into our current Maths, Arts, Assessment and Outdoor Education curriculum. We shall be using the expertise of our own staff in presenting workshops and information sharing sessions for the day.

Have a really great weekend everyone. We hope the weather improves a bit.

Simon Walton
Principal