



## Newsletter 32 2020-21

Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

### P5 at Brides Pool Nature reserve – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May

P5 were off on Wednesday for an outdoor education experience day. It was hot but nature provided some shade and some cool water to relax in. The students applied many of their new knotting skills to a creative game design and building activity. Great to see our 'city kids' so comfortable out in the HK environment and enjoying learning in the real world. There were also no monkeys to interrupt the day either!



Thanks to all the parents and staff who went along on the trip to make sure the students had a great time. We believe very strongly in the benefits of outdoor education and with current pandemic restrictions we can only do this with parental support to keep numbers in groups within guidelines. It is totally reassuring that we know our school community shares our same values and attitudes to what learning can be both in and out of the regular classroom.

Thanks to Fiona Merrill and the P5 team who helped plan and coordinate the day out.

## Conformation of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May – full school day for all students

We have received full confirmation from HK EDB that all of our students can return to school for a full day (8:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) each day starting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. We shall therefore revert to all our schedules and timetables that were planned for term 1 2020, but actually hardly used.

- In order for the students to be able to eat lunch at school we shall again adapt some of our specialist rooms into eating zones, with correct distancing and/or use of perspex screening. The system has worked well in the past so should be easy for us to implement again. Students are not allowed to eat lunch in their home classrooms at present
- Students will need to have a snack for 10 a.m. and a lunch for 12 p.m. Please think very carefully about what you send in for your child's lunch as it needs to be easy for them to eat independently and efficiently.
- JIS staff will supervise lunch but obviously with student masks removed we will need to model appropriate safe distancing rules.
- During their lunch break students will have a time in the outdoor playground to relax and will eat their lunch indoors in the air conditioning
- Last time we used these arrangements, the P3 class ate their lunches outdoors on the playground picnic tables but they will not do this for May and June as it is too hot. We have rearranged the room schedules to accommodate them indoors.
- Buses will be running on their original published schedules and have been notified of the changes to our school day
- For car owners please be sure to arrive in time to collect your child(ren) at 2:45 p.m. and leave the main carpark area by around 3 p.m. as Japanese Section buses will arrive at 3:10 p.m. and block the car park.
- If there are more considerations in the coming days we shall update the school community through Class Dojo or email.

This change represents the 7<sup>th</sup> time this school year we have had to rewrite or adapt the whole school timetables and scheduling. We have all had to manage so much change and flexibility this school year, so well done to all of us! Let's hope that we can begin to experience some stability and happier times ahead.

## JIS Yearbook – cover design competition 2021

We have exhibited all the designs so far for the students to cast their vote for the front and back cover of the JIS annual yearbook. There were almost 40 entries altogether. Thanks to all the students who got involved and gave their time and creativity to a potential winning design.

The Yearbook is being planned and published now and will be returned to school in mid-June. All JIS students get a free copy of the Yearbook as a memory of their school year. Parents wishing to purchase a second (or more!) copy are able to do so through the school office. We have to order a 200 copy run, so we will always have spares to purchase at cost price.

## JIS Talent Show videos – due Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May

The JIS Talent Show will be by video again this year. Students are invited to send in a short video showcasing their talents or favourite activities. Videos do not need to be long – a short clip can be just as meaningful. We shall arrange for the clips to be edited together to create a show that all the students can watch in a few weeks time.



## School fee payments for 2021 – 22 – Direct Debit forms

Direct debit forms set up by JIS will be sent to all families next week to complete personal details and send in to your bank for processing. Once the direct debit has been approved please send in an acknowledgement of the processed direct debit form to school.

The direct debit payment form will be taken as a reservation of a place at JIS for 2021 – 2022 and we ask that these are returned to school by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

There are 4 key payments that will be claimed from your bank:

1<sup>st</sup> August – Annual Capital Levy \$15, 200 (in lieu of place deposit)

1<sup>st</sup> September – Term 1 fees – 4 months - \$11, 552 per month - \$46, 208



1<sup>st</sup> January – Term 2 fees – 3 months - \$11, 552 per month - \$34, 656  
1<sup>st</sup> April – Term 3 fees – 3 months - \$11, 552 per month - \$34, 656  
These dates are in line with the system in our partner Japanese schools.

Families needing any support or clarification on payments are asked to contact Kim Murch  
[kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:kmurch@es.jis.edu.hk) or myself on [s-walton@jis.edu.hk](mailto:s-walton@jis.edu.hk)

### School places for next year:

Families who are moving away from Hong Kong or relocating to a new school for August 2021 are asked to contact Sachiyo Miyajima in the school office on 2834 3531 or by email at [s-miyajima@jis.edu.hk](mailto:s-miyajima@jis.edu.hk) as soon as possible. Student withdrawal forms have been sent out to those who have informed us so far that they will not be returning to JIS and interviews have been arranged for spaces that have become available. This helps us plan for the new academic year ahead as accurately as possible.



### SIS – after school activities information: update from Stephanie Tsui

SIS Ltd will be adapting their schedules and provision to reflect the change in the school day from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May. It is hoped to accommodate everyone in the change of timings. Stephanie will be in touch to clarify all details.

### Covid update: on going update.

Like all aspects of social communities schools also suffer from pandemic or Covid fatigue but we need to make sure that we follow all the current HK EDB and HK Gov't guidelines as best as we possibly can.

- **Please make sure to complete the temperature record for your child each morning**
- Please take time to reinforce and explain to your child why we need to wear a mask to school and how we need to cover both our nose and mouth with the mask. We reinforce this at school but please share a discussion at home
- We will continue to eat snack outdoors as much as we can to make eating routines as safe as possible
- There are some schools in Hong Kong experiencing short term closures by CHP due to colds and respiratory infections among students – this has not yet happened to JIS. We ask that if your child has a cold or is not feeling well that you keep them at home for a rest and give them time to be fit enough to come to school.

### Standardised testing 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May – Maths only

This week the students in P3- P6 had a go at some standardized maths tests. This was done as part of our regular programme and proved to be smooth and slick with the students. We will analyse this data alongside our own assessment information to allow us to plan for where our students are and what modifications may or may not be needed for future maths planning. Of course we are aware of the disruption to this year's schooling but we have seen a lot of positive growth among many of our students during the last 12 months.

### Events for the week ahead: 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

**Monday 17th: P5 Day camp with Dragonfly – Sai Kung Country Park (day 1)**

-P3 Outdoor education forest trip

**Tuesday 18th: P5 Day camp with Dragonfly – Sai Kung Country Park (day 2)**

**Wednesday 19th: - Public Holiday – school closed for the day**

**Thursday 20th: ICHK Board Meeting 6pm – SW and CW attending**

**Friday 21st: Talent show video closing date**

### ICHK Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May – [here](#) is the link to this week's newsletter from the staff of ICHK – our secondary partner school.



Wishing everyone a really enjoyable weekend and week ahead.

Simon Walton  
Principal

More great pics from P5 trip to Brides Pool Nature Reserve:

