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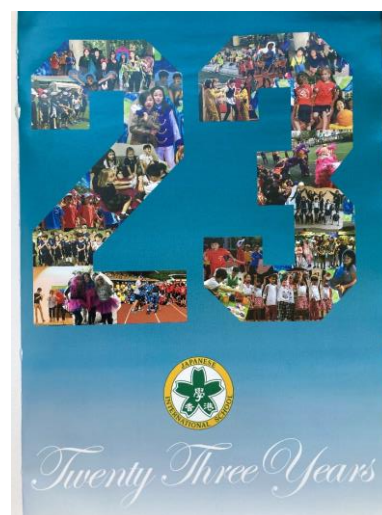
Dear Parents and JIS community

A quick overview from the shortened week and some information for the week ahead:

Monday morning photo for everyone: don't be late!

Important to be at school on time on Monday 24th May please! We shall take a whole school photo ready for our Yearbook 24th edition in the school gym. Line up as usual in the playground followed by a photo in the school gym.

Last year's 23!



Monday 24th May – full school day for all students

HK EDB has agreed 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 24th May. We are therefore reverting to all our schedules and timetables that were planned for term 1 2020, these will be shared by class teachers with all families.

The notes from last week are included here as an important reminder of what to prepare for next week:

- *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 but 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.*
- *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*
- *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.*
- *The students seem very genuinely excited and happy to have more time at school. We hope to build up to the end of the school year with some great activities*

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. If you did not win this year – there is always another year to try for.

-Congratulations to Nam Nam in P6 who was voted as the winner of the front cover design.

-Katie Chan in P6 was voted as the design for the back cover.

-Students who did very well and will be included in the book include: Joshua P4, Mitch P4, Laila/Tsuki P5, Fifi P6, Rio and friends P6, Sophie P6.

The yearbook should be available for everyone towards the end of June and is a gift from the school to all students.

JIS Talent Show videos – thanks for those received so far:

The JIS Talent Show will be by video again this year. Students have been sending in a variety of videos of their various skills and talents. These are being edited into a final ‘show’ for us all to enjoy.

A few students asked today if they can send in on Monday or over the weekend – I am sure this will be fine.



School fee payments for 2021 – 22 – Direct Debit forms

Direct debit forms have been sent out by the school to all families. Please complete the form(s) for each of your children and send in to your bank for acknowledgement. We ask that you process the forms by June 4th as this will act as your school place confirmation. This allows us to manage the school places and offer interviews to some students who may be on our waiting lists.

The school office will send out an acknowledgement once confirmation is received from the bank.

Families needing any support or clarification on payments are asked to contact Kim Murch kmurch@es.jis.edu.jhk or myself on 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 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.



Camps and outdoor education trips: an update of learning from experience for JIS staff and camp providers.

Over the years we have tried very hard to develop a strong programme of activities and outdoor education for our students. We believe very strongly in the benefits it brings in so many, many ways for the students. Fiona Merrill and the JIS staff have done an excellent job of creating days out in our environment which have been complemented with our many school trips, overnight school camps and for the P6 students usually a trip to China or more recently Cambodia.

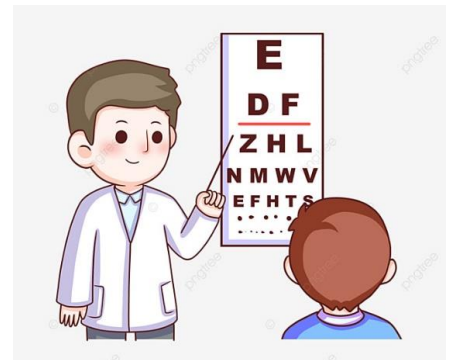
On Monday and Tuesday we had planned two adventure days for our P5 class with Dragonfly Ltd to replace the disappointment of cancelling the original camp on Lantau Island for the P5 students, due to Covid 19, back in November. The students had 2 days out in the Sai Kung Country Park area.

Unfortunately on Monday due to some very hot weather, bright sunlight and time out on the water some of the students experienced severe sunburn. Both JIS and Dragonfly Ltd. have apologized to all students and families concerned for the discomfort caused and we have reviewed our own risk assessment strategies to include acute awareness of exposure to sun and the provision of shade in water sports on hot days, to prevent such occurrences again. The students were reminded to use sunscreen regularly but it was clearly not enough and we have to consider better ways to ensure that this should not happen in future. Provision of leggings and long sleeved rash vests will also be added to watersport packing lists in future, where necessary.

Our forest school trips have weather and shade planning built into them and these procedures will be tightened up to ensure students can enjoy a day out in the Hong Kong environment safely and happily.

Eye screening for JIS students – Tuesday 8th June; forms out soon

Usually in term 1 we arrange an opportunity for our students to have their vision/eyesight tested by a professional optometrist. This was not possible in term 1 but we have been able to book in Suzan Salnikow for Tuesday 8th June, Forms will be sent out next week for any student who may wish to have a vision test. The tests will be done at school, with little disruption to the school day. Forms will need to be returned by Thursday 3rd June to the school office.



Events for the week ahead: 24th – 28th May 2021

Monday 24th: Yearbook photo 24 in gym – 8:30 a.m.

-Full day schedule resumes again for all students – full timetables to be used.

Tuesday 25th: P6 Outdoor Education Day at Brides Pool

Wednesday 26th: -

Thursday 27th: HK / South China PYP Teachers network on line Professional Development meetings

Friday 28th:

ICHK Newsletter

Friday 14th 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