



## Newsletter 3 2021-22

Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

### Week 3 around school

School values and the school environment:

At JIS we have 3 core values that we work on and share with the students; **KINDNESS, COMMITMENT, RESPECT**.

These values come in all sorts of different contexts but we refer to them constantly as way of making our school environment happy, positive and purposeful. As this is the beginning of term we are currently working on reminding the students about their roles in KINDNESS. Kindness in actions, words and thoughts.

As all children have had a huge disruption to their lives in the last 2 years and after a long summer holiday we are reminding the students that kindness is free, everyone can do it and it makes all our world a better place. If your child(ren) show acts of kindness at home – please praise them and link it to the work we are doing at school, to show that everyone cares and values about the same thing. If you would like to let school know – that would be great and we can share it in assembly or through our ‘Superstars’ awards schemes.

Some of our P6 students have volunteered to be playground ambassadors and supports for the new younger students in Reception and P1 class – it is great to see their willingness to expand their own social skills around school and for them to take up some responsibility.



In Reception, P1 and P2 assembly this week we focused on Kindness as a value and looked in detail at the playground and how we can play together and support each other when we play.

Due to current restrictions for schools (no large group meetings) assembly has to be online so Mr. Walton was beamed into the classroom via their interactive T.V. from the office! Crazy but true!



## Toddle – new school communication app: ‘Welcome to Toddle’

The new school communication and information app was launched on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August and will be used as our main communication tool within school. Some information will be sent by email where necessary but be aware of notifications from your Toddle app as they will be messages from your child’s class teacher, sharing of your child’s learning or whole school announcements from the school office.

If you have not yet connected yourself: Please be sure to use the QR code or link to the app store (IOS or Android) to load Toddle to your smartphone or device (Blue colour icon for Family app). Your unique code was sent to you by your child’s class teacher.

Some classes have begun to gradually use it as a way of sharing information within the class community and school admin staff will also share updates and useful notices from next week. It will grow as we become more familiar with it and apply its functions to the children’s learning and school experience.

## Information update:

### **NEXT WEEK: Meet the Teacher Night – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 6:00pm – online meeting**

You are being sent a link to a Google Meet online video session with child’s class teacher on ‘**Meet the Teacher**’ evening on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6:00pm**. This event is usually in your child’s classroom but this year it will have to once again be online. Teachers will be able to talk more about the schedule for their class and how learning is integrated across the spectrum of our PYP (Primary Years Programme) curriculum. If you have any ideas, please send in some questions that may be added to the presentation by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We hope to ensure that everyone is fully understanding the start of the school year.

### **NEXT WEEK: Meet the Principal and Deputy Principal – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 6:00 p.m. – online meeting**

Last year after the initial teacher based interviews we ran an additional session for parents to learn more about the administration of the school and its curriculum, run by Mr. Walton and Ms. Wan. We shall do the same thing again this year to offer information to new families and also to answer the questions of the school community as a whole. If you are interested, please log on using the link below and if you have a question – please send it in to [cwan@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:cwan@es.jis.edu.hk)

### **Meet the Teacher Evening: Tuesday 7th September 6pm, onwards (5:30 for P6)**

At Meet the Teacher Evening, you will have the opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher and learn about life and learning in your child’s classroom.

- Presentations will last around 30 - 40 minutes for Reception to P3 and a little longer for P4 to P6 as camp representatives will be joining these meetings after the teacher to share information about the camps planned for this term.
- Please use the relevant Google Meet link (below) to join your child's class teacher. Please use your own account (not your child’s - your child’s Google Meet privileges are currently inactive) to join the meeting. Please be punctual as the meeting sometimes has to be paused to let late comers in.
- If you have more than one child and wish to access both meetings, it is possible to have multiple meetings going on your computer and switch between tabs - please just make sure that your microphones are muted.

If you have any questions that you would like answered on the evening, please message your child’s class teacher before Monday 6th September.

Class	Time	Meeting Link
Reception	6pm	<a href="https://meet.google.com/tnm-rfts-psb">meet.google.com/tnm-rfts-psb</a>
Primary 1	6pm	<a href="https://meet.google.com/bie-edip-brk">meet.google.com/bie-edip-brk</a>

Primary 2	6pm	<a href="https://meet.google.com/dee-tzcm-pwf">meet.google.com/dee-tzcm-pwf</a>
Primary 3	6pm	<a href="https://meet.google.com/pct-zmkf-rpd">meet.google.com/pct-zmkf-rpd</a>
Primary 4	6:00	<a href="https://meet.google.com/rqz-ctmg-wdg">meet.google.com/rqz-ctmg-wdg</a>
Primary 5	6:00	<a href="https://meet.google.com/itp-ffyj-ijh">meet.google.com/itp-ffyj-ijh</a>
Primary 6	5:30	<a href="https://meet.google.com/nau-xocc-btk">meet.google.com/nau-xocc-btk</a>

### **Meet Mr. Walton and Ms. Wan: Thursday, 9th September, 6pm**

On this evening, Mr. Walton and Ms. Wan will share information about JIS from a whole school perspective. If you would like any questions answered during this session, please contact Ms. Wan on [cwan@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:cwan@es.jis.edu.hk) or via our Toddle App before Wednesday, 8th September.

To meet Mr. Walton and Ms. Wan

Thursday, September 9 · 6:00 – 7:00pm

The link for this meeting is:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ujn-ydby-ijq>

### **Ms Le Scelle in JIS**

Many of you will remember Amber Le Scelle as our ex P2 and Reception class teacher. She has recently started her own children's welfare consultancy focusing on mindfulness, yoga and mental health strategies for young children. This week she came in to school to support a range of our classes with either their research for their units of inquiry (P6 puberty related, P5 brain science and P4 body systems) or some wellbeing workshops



Amber Le Scelle writes and publishes a variety of books which introduce mindfulness and wellness techniques through story. If you would like to order a signed copy of any of her books, details, plus an order form are here:

<https://forms.gle/JEe5s2S2XhYmeiut5>

There were some issues with accessing the form earlier in the week (we have very tight digital security). However this seems to be resolved and the form should be open for orders.

## JIS Superstars awards

As a school we try many different ways of motivating the students to contribute to their school experience and also to enjoy their life at school and beyond. One of these strategies is the school 'Superstars' book, which is proudly shared in the school corridor.

P1 class have been trying really hard with their independent reading time in class – Ms. De Their nominated the whole class for an award, so Mr. Walton was delighted to visit the class and present them with a special superstar sticker!



## Update from our Student Support Department – Jenny Procter

**O.T. Presentation:** Unfortunately we had to postpone the presentation planned for today by Cheryl and Abi from SPOT about Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy. We will rearrange this as soon as possible and share the details and Google Meet codes with you.

**Ear tests / screening:** You should all have received information on how to opt in to an audiology screening with our audiologist Anna on Wednesday 8th September. Please contact Kim in the office if you have not and Jenny Procter if you need more information. [jprocter@es.jis.edu.hk](mailto:jprocter@es.jis.edu.hk)

## Security and school – I.D. cards and car park permits

Thank you to everyone who has now applied for their carpark permit and also begun to wear their school I.D. lanyard when collecting students from school. If you need more of these, please let us know.

We have increased our security and monitoring of persons in the school building in compliance with current EDB/CHP guidelines for schools. Parents and visitors are requested to not enter the school building, or to make an appointment booking if they need to contact school staff.

Our security staff: Mr. Lun and Mr. Tsang will continue to monitor car park entrances and exits and support in all parking arrangements.

Please wear your JIS I.D. tag to visit the school or when collecting or dropping off your child(ren).

## **Car parking and drop off at JIS – Japanese Section began school on September 1st**

As you are aware, we have to share the car park areas with the Japanese Section of our school, so we have to keep to a system. Japanese Section students started school on Wednesday 1st September 2021 and although the car park areas were busier, we seem to have had no problems so far. Please remember to remove your car from the main car park by around 3 p.m. or you will be blocked in until around 3:30 p.m.



International Section school buses use the rear car park behind the building, cars do not enter this area.

## **Extracurricular activities at JIS – starting next week**

Information for all SIS (Sports International Services) extra-curricular activities was sent out by email from SIS Ltd– please check your emails to find their brochure. There are lots of options to choose from across different sports and different days of the week. These activities will start next week.

Other extra-curricular activities and clubs (eg. Ballet, Music lessons) are not managed by SIS Ltd. Please read the contact and payment information carefully as some of the activities are not arranged through school, so we cannot accept payment in our school office.

## **Lunch orders at JIS: delivered to school each day**

One of the catering options that has been used by school staff OKA's catering, can arrange delivery of lunches (Bento box styles or rice/noodle dishes). Parents would need to contact the company and pay them directly through their website or call them on 2785 1305.

Currently the website is only available in Japanese / Chinese but English is spoken on the phone if you call the restaurant. They will try to arrange some translation into English soon:

<http://www.okashk.com/ch/menu.html>

T: 27851305

## **ICHK Newsletter for this week**

Each week we share the newsletter from ICHK – (International College Hong Kong) to keep our community informed of the news from our partner secondary school.

To access this week's newsletter click: [here](#)



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Wishing everyone a very enjoyable weekend – we look forward to connecting with you all for the Meet the Teacher and Meet the Admin evenings, next week.

Simon Walton  
Principal