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Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

Week 14 around school – lots of groups have been out and about this week.

We have so lucky to get the students out and about into their local environment as we take advantage of the cooler and less humid weather that autumn brings in Hong Kong.

P4 out and about in the forest:



The P4 class were busy with some interesting sensory experiences in Tai Po Kau country park, using a variety of ways to identify smells and possibly textures to then apply these ideas in creating potions of their own! There were some very imaginative ideas and mixes created.

Laura Fisher (P3 teacher) was supporting the P4 class as she has now completed her full Level 3 Forest School certification. This means that both Fiona Merrill and Laura can be called upon to support our outdoor education programme. Thanks also to the P4 class based staff and all the parents who came along to support and get involved in the trip.

Reception class have been on their first trip out – they ventured off to Tai Po Waterfront Park



The Reception class set off to Tai Po Waterfront Park on Thursday for their first out of school learning trip. Ms. Chen and Ms. Janice were supported by a big group of parents who were able to get involved and try out a range of activities in the very nice surroundings of Tai Po Waterfront Park. Fiona Merrill went along to manage some of the activities and make sure everyone was kept busy and having fun. A big thank you to everyone who got involved.

P6 have been out in the beautiful wilderness of the North East New Territories with ICHK staff and students.

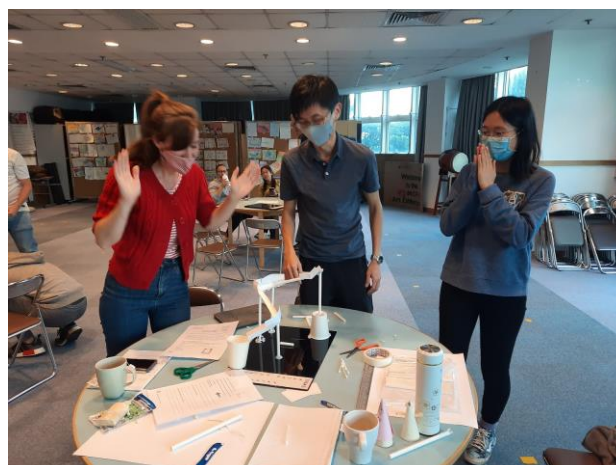
These liaison days are really great fun and an excellent opportunity for the students of ICHK to do some leadership training when working with younger students from their partner primary school. They are called ‘wild science’ days for a good reason as the students get out and about in the trials and streams of the N.T. In previous years our P5 students have been invited along as well to similar events.





Learning at JIS – from Cath Wan, Deputy Principal/ PYP Coordinator

Last weekend, JIS class teachers and assistants met together to participate in the IB course, “Science in the Curriculum.” We all had a most inspiring time, reflecting on how we teach science at JIS and planning for further scientific learning for the students.

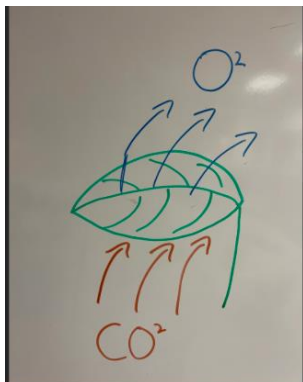


As we continue to reflect on our science learning at JIS, I thought today would be a perfect time to share a few snapshots of scientific learning that have been happening recently around school.

In our Reception class, stimulating curiosity and experiencing scientific concepts through play is an incredible foundation for their learning.



P1s have been investigating how “Plants sustain life on Earth and play a role in our lives.” They have had practical experiences in caring for plants (including making garbage enzyme!), thinking carefully about what plants need and discovering why we need them. P1’s silkworms are also a source of wonderful curiosity in the P1 classroom!



P2s have been inquiring into the sustainability of Earth’s resources. This week, they were thinking about which natural resources are used most by humans.



P3’s used scientific concepts last week to create their own magnetic compasses to explore with.

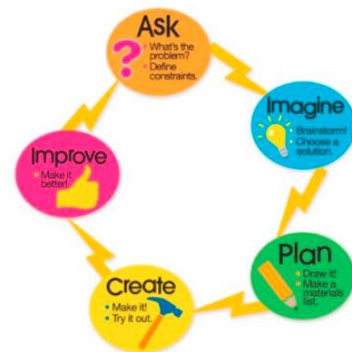


During P4's unit Who We Are, students used science and design skills to inquire into how we can protect ourselves.



The Egg Drop Challenge:

How can you "protect" your brain?



P5 students are currently inquiring into the scientific concepts around energy - using hands-on experiences to investigate energy transfer and different energy sources.



P6's had a lovely time on their ICHK "Wild Science Day" today - I'm sure we'll have pictures for you later. And we must not forget how naturally science inquiry happens in our outdoor learning programme...



... how children choose to investigate during their recess time, using the equipment provided. In this particular child initiated experiment, the size of the ball became the variable!

Have a lovely weekend and, as always, if you have any questions about learning at JIS, feel free to contact me on Toddle or at cwan@es.jis.edu.hk



Recycling at JIS – community bins up and running!

Please keep up with the efforts – bins in the car park area are open to our school community members. We filled the bin for plastics again this week. Thank you for those who are supporting us.

Art Competition – reminder- Logo design for JIS Outdoor Education

Thanks for the entries so far – they are displayed on the notice board outside our art room. Other entries are still accepted for the next few weeks.



Ms Merrill would love to have a logo to use on the posters, information sheets and online messages etc. for our outdoor learning programme. SO – using a circle as the main starting shape we are interested to see what ideas the students can come up with to celebrate the interest and joys of learning outdoors. It can relate to the forest, beach, parks, playground – anything at all. Designs for the logo can be given to Ms Merrill at anytime.

(The two designs here are just to share an initial idea and were shown in P3, 4, 5, 6 assembly this week. The circle can be any size as we can scan it later)



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](#)

Flu Vaccinations – Monday 22nd at JIS

These students who are signed up for an influenza vaccination will have them on Monday morning next week. Student Health Department have checked all the submitted forms so we cannot accept any new forms on Monday morning.

Happy weekend everyone.

Simon Walton
Principal