



Newsletter 33 2021-22

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and JIS community

A quick update of the week at school:



JIS Yearbook Cover 2021 -2022



Get creative! – Time for designing!

JIS is 25 this year! Celebration time.

What do you remember of this school year?

What are the best memories of 2021-22 to include?

Entries must include somewhere in the design:

- JIS or Japanese International School
- The year: 2021 – 2022

Remember to write your name on the back of your entry (A4 size)

Entries by Tuesday 10th May 2022 – hand in your design to
Mr. Walton or the school office

Competition closes TODAY – so use the rainy days to create something special!
Hand in on Monday, no problem

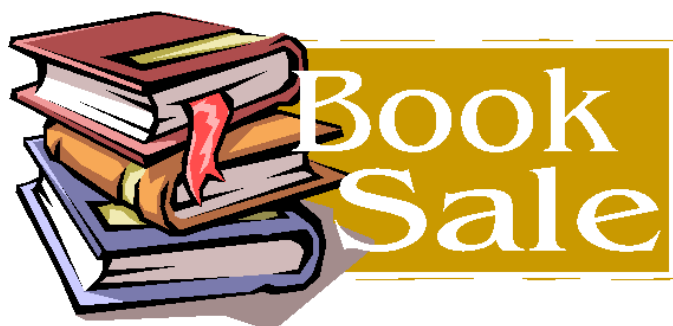
This year's yearbook will be the 25th edition so we are adding a few extra features to the book to look back on the last 25 years and also to the next 25!

Battle of the Books Team – Good luck for May 17th!

The JIS BoB team are geared up and ready for the grand finals of the HK Battle of the Books competition on Tuesday 17th May. We wish them all the very best of luck!



ESSPA Book Sale – back!: Sale is now on Wednesday June 1st, 2022



For many years the ESSPA committee ran a very successful recycle / renew book sale for JIS students and families. Obviously this has not happened for two years but they are back in business now and are ready to relaunch this event in the next few weeks.

The ESSPA book sale means that you can have a good sort out of your children's books to clear some space for new ones or to clear the shelves.

Send in your good quality, used books and ESSPA will arrange a book sale on June 1st to give these books new life for new readers, and create some money to donate to a literacy charity along the way. Books that your children have grown out of or sets that they have finished and no longer need – other children may love them and they can buy them at the book sale. Books are usually \$10 - \$20 at the sale, to encourage them to be sold on and ensure some very happy young readers.

Clear out your shelves and send in the books to school during the next few weeks in May – ESSPA will do the rest. Thank you for your support.

JIS Talent Show videos 2022 – during May 2022

In school we have introduced to the students the idea of doing another JIS Talent Show video – such a shame we cannot host our annual Talent Show performance yet again. The idea is that students can send in a short video to share their talents or performance and we will edit them together as a celebration of what our students can do. The video can be individual or in pairs / groups and can obviously be anything! (sport, dance, singing, magic, poetry, designing, art, - we have had a big variety in the past. This is purely voluntary and students would need to send in their videos to: s-walton@jis.edu.hk either the video file or a link for the file to be downloaded by school. Videos should be sent in to school by end of May 2022, please.



School fees for 2022-23 – Application to EDB for fee adjustment

Further to a budget review and meeting of the JIS/HKJS Board of Directors we have been asked to request a fee adjustment for next school year of 5% with EDB. This means that the school fees would be adjusted by \$578 per month, from \$11, 552 to \$12,130.

At times of major school financial insecurity regarding numbers of students remaining in Hong Kong and also our need to continue to redevelop and maintain the standard of our building and facilities the Board feel it is necessary for all 3 of our schools to have a consistent fee increase. We are committed in the next school year to spending over \$2 million on updating the JIS aircon system, to include the school gym and other general areas of the school. All student classrooms have been equipped with a new system in the last two years (around \$8 million). We are also very conscious of the increase in our huge energy bills in managing our large building and swimming pool. We are keen to allow the students to swim regularly all year, and not to have to close the pool for several months per year. Our school Annual Capital Levy has been left at the same rate for another year.

We do appreciate the increase of school fees is never easy and we have tried to agree on a fee structure that will allow the school to remain competitive and also offer an excellent deal for students and their families.

JIS School places for 2022-23 – click the link – please complete this by May 20th

We do understand that for a variety of reasons some of our JIS families will be relocating out of Hong Kong in the coming months. We have been contacted already by some families and have been lucky enough to try to arrange some interviews for potential new students.

Can we please ask that everyone please clicks the link below to update the school office. As Hong Kong is experiencing considerable change within its student base it is important for us to be up to date with our planning for August 2022. Thank you.

School places link, click here: <https://forms.gle/imYpxucWUugEdGQC9>

The JIS Capital Levy of \$15, 200 for 2022-23 will be collected by Direct Debit in August 2022, with term 1 fees payable in September 2022.

JIS Lunchtimes – volunteers – continued thanks for the support

The parent volunteers who are supporting our current lunchtime arrangements are doing a great job, it is proving to be really useful.

EDB updates – continued testing and school logistics, keep going please.

Thank you so much for the support in following the EDB guidelines regarding the daily RAT testing and temperature checks.

Obviously if your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home and if they test positive for Covid, please inform the school as soon as possible and also report your case to the relevant authorities. (the Department of Health within 24 hours via the [‘Declaration system for individuals tested positive for Covid-19 using rapid antigen test’ website.](#)

All visitors to the school building are required to comply with the ‘VaccinePass – LeaveHomeSafe’ requirements of the HK Govt. Please scan the QR code and have your temperature taken at the main entrance to the school, before entering.

Swimming at school – we have asked EDB district colleagues to ask senior colleagues to review the use of the school pool, as we are currently not allowed to use during the school day/or as curriculum time, yet we now know public pools are now open with no restrictions for U12’s. This situation seems unfair on schools at the moment. We hope to get the kids swimming as soon as we can.

Vaccinations arranged at school for some students: MMR and Hep B and HPV (P5/6 girls)

On Monday 16th May students in P1, P6 and P5 girls who have enrolled through the Student Health Service will be receiving their delayed vaccinations for MMR and HB.

Only students with booked appointments will be included in this event.

Vaccination survey: Thank you for the updates with the second dose.

Thank you very much everyone for completing the JIS vaccination survey. Please update the link at any time if your child’s vaccination status changes.

The link for the survey is here if you need to update it:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jRXb_0Zg4Tn90FTFuJ-5EMw0QcCfNLX10pBVZ2r3tIg/edit

This information is used for us to plan our access to activities and school only. No names are shared, just totals or numbers of each category. As a reminder, students can attend school regardless of their vaccination status due to our prior agreement with EDB representatives.

Applications for the Position of Japanese Language Assistant August 2022. Thank you for the interest so far, open until May 20th:

Due to the above retirement of Kiyomi sensei we are recruiting for a new Japanese Class Language Assistant for August 2022.

The position of Japanese Language Assistant is a key role in working alongside the teacher and students in Japanese class. The role would interest someone who is keen to work in a school environment to develop the Japanese language and cultural knowledge of our students. The candidate should speak and understand fluent Japanese and have a working knowledge of English as an additional language. They should be confident in working in a busy, social environment and be keen to get creative with staff and students. The role would include working with groups of students, individuals or working alongside a class teacher with the whole class group. Experience of working in a school or child care environment is preferred but not essential.

- The responsibility of the position would be full time 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., during school time.
- Salary would be on a starting scale of HK\$19,700 up to HK\$ 25,000 per month depending on experience and qualifications.

Interested persons should send in a letter of application and C.V. to Simon Walton on s-walton@jis.edu.hk by Friday 20th May. Interviews will take place at JIS in the week beginning 30th May 2022

We ask that members of our Japanese community who may have friends or contacts that could be interested in this position, please pass on the details, so that we can arrange to meet candidates in the next few weeks. Thank you for your support.

ICHK – Weekly Bulletin: our partner secondary school



Please click here for the ICHK newsletter for this week: [here](#)

Such a shame about the rain signals this morning. Thankfully the message got to everyone on time.

Enjoy your weekend everyone. Hopefully it is not completely wet!

Simon Walton
Principal

Outdoor kitchen request: (a few more if possible)

If anyone by any chance is having a bottle of wine or two over the weekend, can you please send us in the corks. Our outdoor kitchen in the playground area desperately needs some more for the play cooking at recess!

Thank you for the ones donated this week.

