



## JIS Newsletter 35

Friday 19th June 2020

Dear Students, Parents and JIS community

School continues to be very calm with all students being able to have some time at school each day. The students remain aware and utilize the systems we have in place for their safety and hygiene and are being very mature about what is being expected of them.

Japanese Section update: all students will start morning classes next week (15<sup>th</sup> June), so there will be more students on campus and increased transport arriving and leaving the campus. Our current traffic systems are working well, so we shall keep them the same for the rest of the term. Thanks to all the afternoon car drivers for your support. Please remember if you are late, just turn in the lower end of the car park to avoid getting blocked in by Japanese Section buses.

### Around school:

#### Battle of the Books: Teachers vs Students event today

Well after two rounds the scores were very close! But then flushed with their early success the teachers team fell apart and lost their memory and the students team did not – they romped home with a 77 – 26 score line. Well done to all the students who have worked so hard to read and memorise so much about all of the 20 books, in this year's competition!



Thanks to the staff who read a book or two as well as especially to Ms Bilbow who was our team coordinator this year. Teachers team – maybe next year!

We shall be looking for a new team in Term 1 of 2020-21 – the list of books has been published if students are interested in starting already.

### On-line Graduation for Reception class - certificates

This morning the Reception Class all received an on- line certificate praising their efforts during their year and especially in their extended on-line period of activities.

The Reception class has done a great job of keeping their spirits up and joining in with their regular on-liner classes. Next week we look forward to seeing them when they pop in to school to collect their belongings. We wish them all well for their P1 year.



### P6 Graduation ceremony – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9a.m. – a private celebration

We are hosting a private graduation ceremony for our P6 students and their families only, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, at 9 a.m. in the school gym. The ceremony will follow aspects of the traditional JIS ceremony but in order to adhere to current HK EDB / CHP guidelines we are limiting entry to only P6 graduates and their families. We aim to wish our graduating students the very best of luck in their future adventures and new schools as they move on from JIS to their secondary schools.

P6 families will enter the school through the swimming pool staircase and will not enter the main school building, to keep it as safe as possible.

### Don't forget: End of school year 2019 - 20

School will close for the summer break after the afternoon session on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3:15 pm.



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

With our school holidays fast approaching and limited travel options for our families, I have compiled some practical suggestions for play. Play, according to numerous studies, lowers stress, helps form emotional attachments, supports the child's ability to concentrate, helps create deeper neurological connections in the brain, improves behaviour and develops self-control.

Outdoor play is wonderful for children, and my number one recommendation is to make use of our wonderful forests and beaches. Children don't need much in adult input in these environments – their natural curiosity and energy is likely to lead, whether it be finding bugs, creating dens, playing with sticks or jumping waves. For times when you not out enjoying the great outdoors, here are some other ideas:

<https://indyschild.com/70-things-to-do-with-kids-now-that-were-all-stuck-at-home/>

<https://indyschild.com/100-things-to-do-outside-this-summer-at-home/>  
<https://www.familyfuntwincities.com/physical-activities-for-kids/>  
<https://whatmomslove.com/kids/active-indoor-games-activities-for-kids-to-burn-energy/>



### **More ideas**

#### **Arts and Crafts**

##### **Shadow drawings**

Find a place with good light, give the child a long strip of paper, ask him or her to set up toys and objects to create silhouettes. Have fun drawing around the silhouettes!

##### **Origami frogs**

<https://www.itsalwaysautumn.com/origami-jumping-frogs-easy-folding-instructions.html>

##### **Mixed media collage**

Get a box of scraps of material, old buttons, different textured scrap paper and let your child use their imagination. Here are some ideas:

<https://artfulparent.com/mixed-media-collage-kids/>

<https://artfulparent.com/kids-mixed-media-art-creativity-inspired-by-fabric-scraps/>

##### **More arts and crafts**

<https://www.kidsartspot.com/>

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/craft-ideas/how-to/g1389/diy-kids-activities/?slide=7>

#### **Design Challenges**

##### **Lego ideas**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=3&v=ItincwrwWhA&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=ItincwrwWhA&feature=emb_logo)

##### **Create a Rube – Goldberg machine**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=48&v=ICv5owYrW4w&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=48&v=ICv5owYrW4w&feature=emb_logo)

### **Building a bridge**

<https://www.education.com/download-pdf/activity/174000/>

### **Making a boat**

<https://www.education.com/download-pdf/activity/174080/>

### **Make a cereal box house**

<https://www.education.com/download-pdf/activity/61098/>

### **Improve it Challenge**

Take an object and find ways to redesign it and make it better.  
Make it lighter or smaller, more powerful, able to do more things  
You could choose anything but here are some ideas:

- Money box
- Shoe
- Torch
- Pencil
- Cup or plate



### **Quiet moments:**

And for when you need some quiet moments...

### **Create a 'quiet space'**

<https://www.education.com/download-pdf/activity/174117/>

### **Mindfulness**

Our very own Ms. Le Scelle, along with her Mindful Dino Crew as some child friendly mindfulness on her website: <https://www.mindfuldinocrew.com/>



An article with activities for mindfulness with children:

<https://positivepsychology.com/mindfulness-for-children-kids-activities/>

### **Yoga for kids**

[Kids Yoga and Mindfulness all about MONKEYS!](#)

[Yoga For Kids | Play In The Park | Yoga With Adriene](#)

[Saturday Morning Yoga! | The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#)

[Saturday Morning Yoga! | Stezzi the Parrot](#)

[Power Yoga for Kids!](#)

[Yoga for Kids!](#)

[Minecraft | A Cosmic Kids Yoga Adventure!](#)



I hope this list gives you a few ideas for your holiday. This has been a challenging school year for Hong Kong, but we have seen our students show resilience and commitment to their learning along with kindness and respect to themselves and each other. Their joy and enthusiasm in returning to school has been wonderful to be part of and we look forward to welcoming our JIS community back in August. In the meantime, I wish you a wonderful summer of rest, play and family fun.

### **Library – important update – end of year re-call of all books**

All library books should have been returned today – 19<sup>th</sup> June.

### **New student induction for Reception class and new P1 students coming into JIS- - information sent out**

We have sent out the videos and some information packs for new students for August 2020. We hope this will allow some of our new younger students to feel ready to come and join us in August 2020.

### **ESSPA – JIS Parents and Staff Association – can you join for next year?**

At the beginning of next school year we shall do some recruitment for our Parents and Staff association – ESSPA. Please consider getting involved. Ms Kim Murch has sent out a request for people to get involved through the Class Dojo newsfeed. This is a very valuable part of the school community and is an excellent way to make friends with other parents and have fun supporting the school.

ESSPA has recently offered to fund some more portable basketball posts to allow the students to have small scale games with their classmates. These should arrive ready for the new school year in August 2020. On behalf of the happy students who will use them – ‘thank you’ to all those who have helped raise some money this year for ESSPA to spend on the school.

### **School Uniform Shop – update reminder**

A few families have been asking for details and reminders of the school uniform shop. The shop is currently closed at school but the main shop is open in Jordan and the company will do on-line orders and delivery via their website link. Obviously as students will grow over the summer it may be appropriate to consider waiting until August 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> August when the shop will be open at JIS (10a.m. – 2 p.m.)

In last week’s newsletter there was a message from our supplier (Uniform Station Ltd) about the potential discounts and also the location / hours of their shop in Jordan.

Take care and stay healthy everyone. Let’s hope the possible typhoon turns away on Sunday / Monday this weekend!

### **Gardeners galore! – preparing the school for a summer recess**

It was great to have our group of merry gardeners this week who have been busy weeding parts of the school grounds, ready to be left for the summer holidays. They have done the pitch area as well as some of the paving slabs and car park.



Have a great weekend everybody.

Simon Walton and all the JIS staff.