



Newsletter 5 2021-22

Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

Week 5 around school - Out and about around school this week:

P6 camp



The P6 class have been on an Outward Bound adventure camp for this week. They have been doing a range of extended challenges to push themselves and explore the great environments of our local islands and the Sain Kung country parks. They have kayaked to distant islands, hiked to find hidden waterfalls, camped in the wilderness, solved teamwork challenges, been coastering and much more.

The OBHK staff have been very impressed with their love and interest of the local environment and also their resilience in coping with the many tasks and challenges presented to them. They have done a great job and have some stories to tell, when they get home!

Thanks also to David Rixon and Cath Wan who have been with the group for the 5 days. They too are looking forward to a warm shower and getting home!

Yesterday when I visited for dinner the group were exhausted but happy – looking forward to seeing their beds, showers and family pets! They returned to school this afternoon in time for the school buses.



Recycling at JIS – community bins and more!

We have now finalised our deal with ‘Love Recycling Plus’ to arrange the collection, sorting and management of our recycling programme. There will be some bins in the car park area for community members to drop off their recycling, as well as our students based recycling station in the first floor corridor. The bins will be collected every week and allow us to recycle paper, varied plastics, metals, glass and tetra paks. (see poster below and attached to the newsletter and perhaps print off for the family noticeboard)

The range of items to be recycled is extensive and Kenny from Love Recycling Plus manages all his recyclables into correct locations – no landfill at all (unless it is not clean and affects the recycling process) and will provide the students with a record of their achievements in weight or volume with a simple calculation for carbon offsetting.



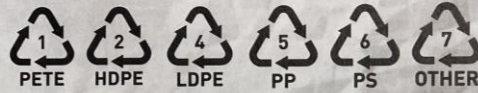
We look forward to some community updates about how we are all doing and what impact we have been able to achieve.

What can we recycle?

Plastic, Paper, Tetra Pak, Glass & Metal

Plastics - We can collect and recycle these types of plastics

See if you find these numbers on your plastic items!



Examples of what we can recycle, there are lots of others we can recycle, look out for them!



Paper - Examples of paper we can recycle



Glass - Examples of Glass we can recycle



Paper - Examples of Tetra Pak we can recycle



Metal - Examples of Metal we can recycle



Sorry we cannot recycle these items



The Mini and Junior Duke awards 2021-22 – life skills for young children

Following on from last years' pilot scheme for the P2 and P4 classes we are offering the Junior Duke Awards this year for all students in P1 – P6. The awards are a set of challenges for young children based on the model of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards famous for young adults and beyond. Fiona Merrill has agreed to coordinate the scheme again this year for the students.

- The Junior Duke program consists of 14 activities of which the children choose to complete 10.
- The Junior Duke program will be open to P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 and P6 children.
- The total cost for each child will be HK\$200
- Each child will receive a booklet to complete, teachers are available as advisors to support if need be
- Once a challenge has been completed, a parent will sign the booklet. Next the JIS Duke assessor will discuss the challenge with the child



- When 10 challenges have been completed a certificate and a badge will be awarded at an assembly.
- For the early year classes (P1) parents can support reflection on a task by scribing for their child (writing down what the child says.)

Click this presentation for full details of the awards and also for the application form – the form for each class P1 – P6 is on the final slide of the presentation:

Click here: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aynSuhTh520tGVrBWtRhSUZEt_yV-ZE1fRFhTtHqoX4/edit?usp=sharing

These awards are for interested volunteers, it is not a compulsory school activity.

Update from our Student Support Department – Jenny Procter

Presentation by Cheryl Liu and Abi Chan on Occupational Therapy & Speech and Language Therapy

Friday 24th September 2021 at 1.00pm

Link: meet.google.com/czr-oadk-wdw

Cheryl and Abi from Spot Children's Therapy who both support JIS students on a weekly basis will present to any interested parents via Google Meet on Friday 24th September at 1pm. The focus will be on what SPOT can offer, early intervention and the benefits of it, as well Cheryl and Abi's roles at JIS. The presentation will be around 30 minutes long and will include time for questions. Specific questions or concerns about your child(ren) should be directed to Jenny Procter, Student Support Coordinator (jprocter@es.jis.edu.hk).

Please contact Jenny Procter for any question in advance.

P1 and P6 vaccinations – 21st September

Parents of P1 and P6 students are reminded that vaccinations records have been checked and vaccinations will be done at school on Tuesday 21st September

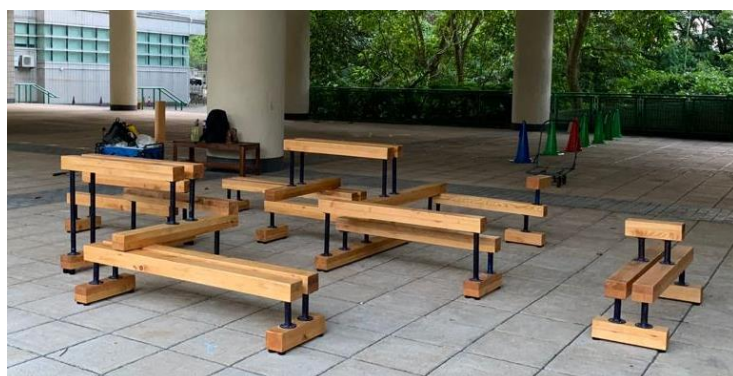
Student Health Service Forms

Please return these forms to show whether you wish to be a part of the HK Student Health Service. All forms are requested to be returned by Tuesday 21st September, thank you.



New playground equipment – more next week too

We regularly review the options for the students when they are outside at recess and our playground has become an active area where we encourage the children to take risks, strengthen their body muscles and body awareness, as well as have creative fun. The large loose parts area to build your own playground continues to be popular and now we have added an elaborate bench seating area, designed for balance, posture and relaxation (see pics below). It has proved very popular so far with all age groups. Next week we shall see the addition of some more storage for our equipment, planters for us to grow and green our playground area and also some circular benches for enjoyment and collaboration activities:



The benches were made locally by Forest Adventures Ltd. staff and were assembled at school by two talented ladies – much to the delight of some of our girls at school! Great role models for them.



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:



Recruitment position for I.T. Manager at JIS starting late October / November 2021

Towards the end of October we shall say farewell to our I.T. Manager Mr. Wa Man Lee, who has been with the school over 10 years. Wa has a part time job with JIS and also a job as a tree management expert. He will be doing some extended study in tree management for a Masters' Degree, upon leaving JIS. Currently this position has been 3 days per week and would suit someone with the technical expertise and knowledge who seeks only part time employment or who may be doing further study or vocational work. Working hours are negotiable. There is some technical work on management of our devices and system but also opportunities to have fun, engaging with students and broadening their computing skills:

I.T. manager, technical support (3 days per week, part time)

Applicants must be creative, confident and flexible to work in an international primary school environment. Duties will include system admin, network infrastructure, system and user support and resources management. JIS is a Google products school, with some Microsoft applications. Applicants should send their C.V. expressing their experience and professional qualifications; with names of two referees to the Principal: s-walton@jis.edu.hk. For further information or enquiries, please contact the Principal.

Please ask around our school community or elsewhere as we are needing to try to find someone in the next few weeks. This is the type of position that may appeal to a variety of persons seeking some part time work. Many thanks.

Finally a well done, superstar sticker and more to Cath Wan who boldly conquered her own fear of heights to do the famous 'jetty jump' at Outward Bound camp with the P6 students. Another great role model perhaps. Well done, Cath – you did it!



Have a great weekend everyone.

Simon Walton
Principal