



## Newsletter 14 2021-22

Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

**Week 16 around school –**

**P1 out and about at the Zen Organic Farm:**



The P1 class had a great day out at the Zen Organic Farm in Fanling on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November. The children learned a lot about organic farming and then had an opportunity to make their own pizza for lunch using the farm's very own pizza oven.

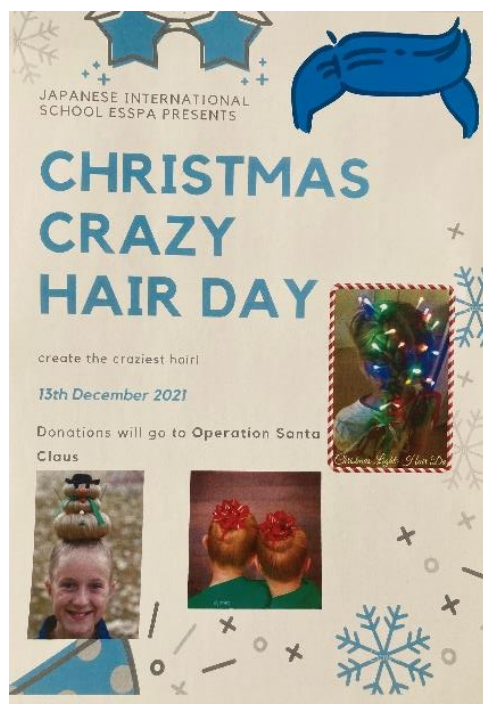
The weather was superb and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support the trip (these trips cannot happen with you!) and to Annette De Thier for arranging it.





### JIS Student Council, Green Team and ESSPA– update.

The JIS Student Council, JIS Green Team and ESSPA have been busy over the last few weeks, planning some events for our final week of term. We are following guidelines that are applicable to schools, but we feel it is appropriate for the students to have some fun activities after a long 18 week school term. We would also like the students to learn a bit from these fun days, especially as most festivals (Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, New Year, Diwali, Eid, Lunar New Year; to name a few) come with a message of caring and thinking of others – therefore we suggest that the students bring in a donation on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December and all proceeds will be shared between our two chosen HK charities – one donation two gifts!



### ESSPA – Crazy Hair Day – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

ESSPA are inviting everyone to get creative and get festive on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December with a Christmas crazy hair day! You can add things to your hair, colour your hair, wear a special Christmas hat or anything you like, for a crazy hair day! No one is swimming on a Monday, so we are all systems go for some fun. Donations for this day will be for the (RTHK/SCMP) Operation Santa Claus appeal 2021

**The Student Council** are organizing a ‘Dress Christmas / Christmas jumper Day’ on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** in order to raise some money for ‘Save the Children Fund – Hong Kong’. Students can wear their special Christmas jumpers if they have one or dress in red or in Christmas costumes if they prefer.



In the afternoon instead of school assembly the Student Council will be hosting a disco! Each class will be able to request some songs to dance to in their classroom – using the classroom interactive T.V.’s the Student Council will be able to beam in some songs to all students.



## ESSPA Pizza lunch: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

ESSPA have sent out forms for their Christmas lunch on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please make sure that all forms are returned by 7<sup>th</sup> December. Orders will have to be placed with caterers, so please hand in the form on time.

Thanks to the new ESSPA committee for arranging this for everyone. Volunteers will be needed on this day. Please be sure to complete a full health declaration form at the school entrance before entering school.

Visitors need to be double vaccinated or have proof of a negative testing result in order to enter the school.

Thank you for your understanding.

**The JIS Green Team** – working alongside the Student Council will continue to monitor the use of single use plastic in school. It really is a work in progress and starts many conversations in classrooms and around the playground at snack time.

By having the plastic so visually presented it really helps to remind the children to bring in snack and lunch in a washable, reusable box. A big thanks to all the help we are receiving on this initiative from JIS homes!

Thanks to Vikki Rixon for her support and coordination of the JIS Student Council and also the Green team.



## Update from Jenny Procter and Vikki Rixon on body awareness PSPE at JIS this week: (PSPE - Personal, Social and Physical Education)

This week the students began their first 'body awareness' unit, focusing on parts of our body which are private and what we can do if we feel uncomfortable about physical interactions. Staff used stories, songs and scenarios to teach these concepts at an age appropriate level. If you have any questions about the content of these sessions or have questions that have been raised by your children at home that you are unsure of how best to answer, please contact either Vikki Rixon or Jenny Procter at any time.

## Athletics update from Mr. Jason in P.E. – Tai Po District Championship.

Over the last year or so it has been hard for students to get opportunities in a range of new sports or to have some active competition, but Jason Chan in our P.E. Dept. has given Andy, Taka and Heather in P5, an opportunity to get involved in the Tai Po District athletics championships. The students have been doing some training and have been down to the track to try out running in spikes (sprint running shoes). The students are having a go at the 60m or 100m sprint events next week. Good luck to them and thanks to Jason.



We look forward to the return of competitive sports, once regulations for schools are relaxed or changed. The school has regularly competed in a range of swimming, rugby, soccer, skipping and gymnastic events in the past.

## **ESSPA – thanks to the committee for getting started again. New volunteers are very welcome.**

It is great that we have managed to reform the ESSPA committee, so that we can start to plan activities for the community and the school, through our parent support group/ ESSPA (– which stands for English Section Staff, Parent Association). They have not been able to get too involved in the school for the last two years almost, since the pandemic started to affect visitors to schools and also when the students were at home.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the local government ordinances/police the committee has to be named. My thanks to the volunteers.

Katherine Chong – President

Yurika Soprani – Vice President

Mai Araki – Treasurer

Nachiko Honda – Secretary

Kayo Takeda – Director

Elaine Wong – Director

Laura Fisher – Teacher representative

Simon Walton – Principal representative

If you are interested in getting involved with ESSPA please contact the school, so that messages can be shared with the committee.

## **Recycling at JIS – community bins doing well!**

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.

## **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](#)

Have a great weekend everyone

Simon Walton

Principal



Engineers of the future in their perfectly designed house at recess today! Chairs, tables, roof shade – the whole lot included.