



Newsletter 16 2021-22

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Parents and JIS community

Week 18 around school – the last week of term

P2 out and about in Sai Kung:

The P2 class had a group trip out to Sai Kung on Tuesday to further explore their unit of inquiry related to systems and how they operate and support us. A great day out was had by all. Thanks to all the parents and helpers who came along to support the trip.

JIS Student Council, Green Team and ESSPA– Christmas events this week!

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.

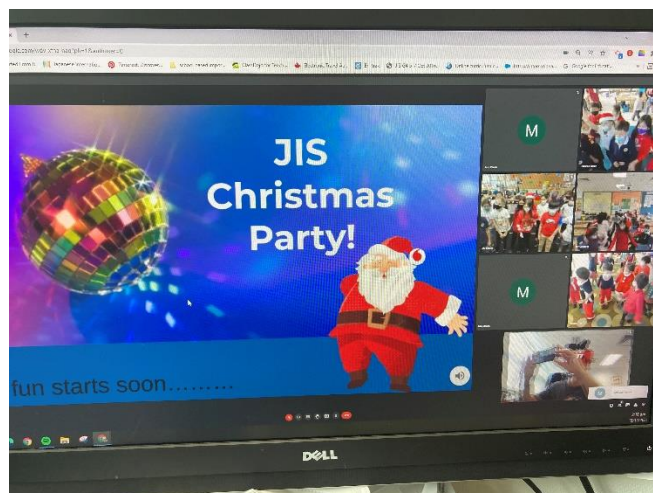
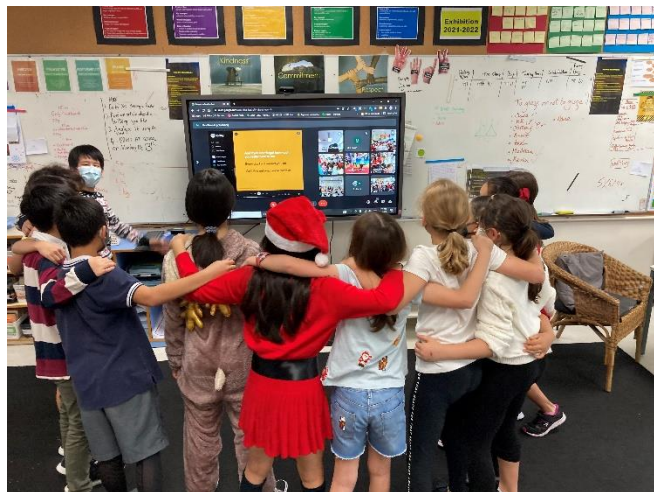
ESSPA – Crazy Hair Day – Monday 13th December – a great job everyone!



The Student Council organized a ‘Dress Christmas / Christmas jumper Day’ on **Wednesday 15th December** in order to raise some money for ‘Save the Children Fund’ Hong Kong. We had t-shirts, jumpers, Santa outfits, costumes, Christmas colours etc. etc. Thanks for the support.



In the afternoon on **Wednesday 15th** instead of school assembly, the Student Council hosted **a disco!** Each class was able to request some songs to dance to in their classroom – using the classroom interactive T.V.’s. Mrs. Rixon was our resident D.J. for the afternoon! Thanks to her and the Council for their efforts.



ESSPA Pizza lunch: Thursday 16th December

Many thanks to all the ESSPA committee and volunteers who came along on Thursday to ensure the end of term pizza lunch went all smoothly and everyone got fed! There were some very happy students on Thursday lunchtime!



The Christmas fun days were also all for a good cause. Many thanks to everyone who made a donation for Operation Santa Claus and Save the Children Fun. All JIS families were invited to make a donation to be shared between the two charities.

We have raised just over HK\$10,000 which means we can proudly donate around \$5,000 to each charity. Thank you SO much! Well done to everyone who helped.

End of term Christmas concert – playground event, today at 11 a.m.

As we still grapple with the regulations on social gatherings in school we decided to end the school term with an outdoor Christmas singalong in the school playground. Ms. Jill (music teacher) arranged a series of items with all classes able to join in with singing or musical accompaniment and some solo instrumental performances by some students. We also had a staff group of acapella singers to entertain us all!

Of course it is such a shame that we cannot invite the school community to such events as yet – but we hope to be able to do so in 2022! It was a lovely way to end the term and get ready for the holidays.



Holiday screen time and internet awareness: please watch carefully.

After a long 18 week term it is important that all the students have some time to relax and enjoy themselves and this will inevitably involve screen time of some sort. Please be aware of what your children are watching and how much time they are devoting to their devices. We have had a few instances at school recently when young students have been distressed by images they should have not have seen or have confessed to watching inappropriate online content. We want the students to be aware of good choices and how they should keep their viewing to be positive – but they will need monitoring or some kind of parental lock software on home wifi connections, at times.

ESSPA Book Sale in January 2022 – recycle your books for other JIS students

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,so read on.

The ESSPA book sale means that over the Christmas /New Year holidays 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 (January 24th / 25th) 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 – ESSPA will do the rest.

ICHK Newsletter for last week – winter special from Mr. Newton and ICHK

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 the winter bulletin and last week's newsletter click: [here](#) and [here](#)

Extra excurricular update: information was sent out last week.

Information for ballet and music classes was attached to the email sending last week's newsletter. Please check through this if you are interested. SIS Ltd. sports information is also attached for you to plan ahead for.

Reception class interviews for August 2022 starting date:

We shall be hosting our annual interview sessions for our new Reception class (and some P1 spaces may be later) in January 2022. The Reception class interviews are currently planned for Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th January. Please be sure to make sure that you or your family friends have submitted an application to the school as soon as possible to make sure you can be included and invited for interview.

The interviews for the younger children are hosted in groups of around 5 students on a 'playdate at school' kind of basis. The students have the opportunity to explore a variety of different play scenarios and listen to a story, with a group of JIS staff. The session usually last about one hour and is aimed at being as stress free as possible for the students.

School fees: term 2 2021-22

Apologies for the polite reminder but school fees will be collected by direct debit on January 3rd 2022 – unless families have heard separately from Kim Murch (JIS office)

Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and New Year holiday – see you all on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Keep safe and happy.

Simon Walton
Principal