

JCS Newsletter

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"
Nelson Mandela



Principal's Welcome



As we try to lead as near ordinary lives as possible during these unprecedented times, JCS will continue with online distance learning for all its students. Sadly, we have postponed Morning at the Museum, the Swimming Carnival and Indonesia Week. We wait on advice for when we can welcome our children back to school and will share this information with you as soon as we know.

We have, however, enjoyed so many other things this academic year: the BBQ, Camp, Halloween, the Certificates and Dance Assembly, Book Week and the Athletics Carnival to name but a few. I would like to share some of our happier moments here at JCS and know that there will be many more in the future. This edition of the Newsletter has been shared as a PDF copy. I hope you enjoy looking at the photographs and remembering some of our events and activities over this academic year.

As a school, a community, a city and a nation, we do not know how long the pandemic measures will be in place. We will continue to work with you in our virtual school until we are able to open our doors once again. Please know that all the staff here at JCS, are looking forward to welcoming our children back to school.

Please stay safe and healthy. My best wishes to you all.



Swimming Carnival
17 April 2020
CANCELLED



Morning at the
Museum and
Indonesia Week
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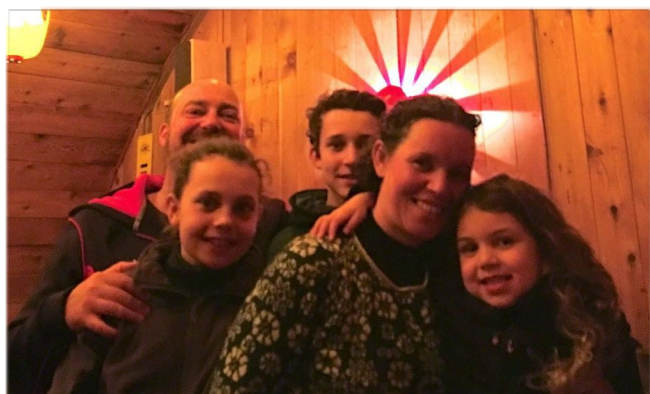
WELCOME FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL, PAK IAIN

I hope this message finds you all healthy and well. I am very excited about the coming year ahead – its challenges and rewards as well as experiences and celebrations to come. After graduating in 1993 with an Honours degree in Oceanography - specialising in Chemistry from the University of Plymouth I worked in a research laboratory in Bristol before completing my PGCE in 1995 from the University of Bristol – again in Chemistry education for ages 11 – 19. I have worked in several successful schools in the last 24 years in various positions including Head of Science Department, Director of Science Specialism, Assistant Principal and Vice Principal. I am currently based in Suzhou, Eastern China at Dulwich College as Deputy Headteacher, where I have worked since 2017. Recently I have been awarded a Fellowship of the Chartered College of Teaching in the UK and contribute to their education literature whenever I can. I am currently completing my MBA in International Educational Leadership with University of Cumbria, Kennedy College, UK.



When I am away from education my wife Eliza and I keep ourselves busy with our three children William (14), Harriet (12) and Florence (8) and various activities – mostly supporting sports and participating in football, rugby and cricket, as well as water sports (such as surfing, scuba diving and sailing). I am a keen skier and try to travel to exotic places to find fresh skiing opportunities

- as well as other adventure travel expeditions (my most recent expedition was taking a group of students to Cotopaxi in Ecuador for a month). I enjoy reading travel writing and listening to live music whenever I can. I am very much looking forward to immersing myself into the rich life and culture of Jogjakarta and Indonesia, and for joining JCS as your Principal.



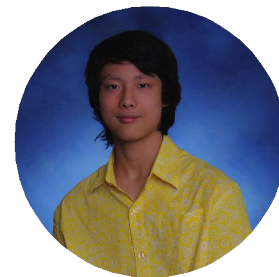
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The generosity from our parents is endless and there are never enough ways of saying thank you. On behalf of our children and staff I would like to thank Ibu Nova for the 3 wonderful trees which, in time to come, will provide shade in our play area. Thank you too, to Ibu Sita & Pak Hugo, Pak Daud and Ibu Sisca and Ibu Cindy & Pak Robert for their contributions to our school library. Finally, thank you to Ibu Zoe and Pak Bo for our new dining tables and benches. Our parent support brings so much to our small community here at JCS.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Hello all! My name is Michael, but many of you know me by my nickname when I was a student at JCS - Joey. Some parents may be curious, "Where are these children now that they have left JCS?" Well, here is my answer. I am taking a gap year from University and working in Semarang as a trainee at a paper box company in order to gain hands on experience. I'm hoping to continue in this position until the next academic year 2020-2021 when I'll return to my studies.



After leaving JCS I studied chemical engineering in the United States. I attended a great school, Whatcom Community College in Washington State, where I made a bunch of friends and acquaintances from a variety of countries. I was exposed to many different cultures and ideologies and I am really glad that it was able to open my eyes about modern society in today's age. I guess that is one of the perks of being in college—being free to express your ideas without limits.

Experiencing the four seasons was also fantastic, because that part of the world is not eternally hot like some places we know. I've included a couple of photos from my time in the US.



Besides studying and working, I've been thinking quite a lot about my future and what is best for me. Looking back at my decisions to become a chemical engineer, I've realised that I never really was interested in chemical engineering, but rather the subject of chemistry. Choosing engineering was not a well thought out decision; now I imagine a life with a lot less math. I now know I would prefer a lot more science and a lab. Based on my experience studying a discipline that turned out not the best for me, I encourage the students of JCS to choose a subject that is suited to your interests and will bring out your potential rather than choosing a subject that will lead you to a profitable career. Happiness is of utmost importance. Hope to see you around JCS next time I'm in town. Peace.



MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

Shaunraya McDemott (Year 8) has achieved a bronze medal after competing in the American Mathematics Olympiad at SMP Kesatuan Bangsa. In a second competition at the same school, Shaun achieved the Thailand International Mathematics Olympiad merit certificate and took second place in his category. We look forward to seeing Shaun take part in more olympiads.



Well done Shaun, a great achievement.

HALLOWEEN

The PTA organised a Halloween blast to celebrate the scariest day of the year. The event saw some totally 'out of this world' costumes. Cars were transformed for 'Trunk or Treat': some decorated, some with games, but *all* with treats. Pumpkins were carved and Halloween games played, before the ever popular costume parade and disco, where students danced the night away. A scary (but fantastic) time was had by all!



LUNAR NEW YEAR

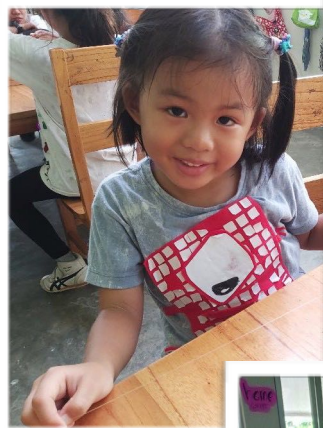
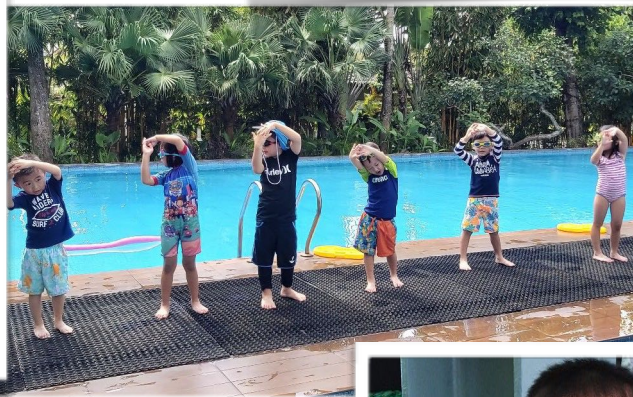
Students celebrated the Lunar New Year, the Year of the Rat, and were treated to a stunning routine from the Barongsai dance troupe. Children both young and old, offered angpau to the fiery dragon and the roaring lion to bring good fortune for the new year.



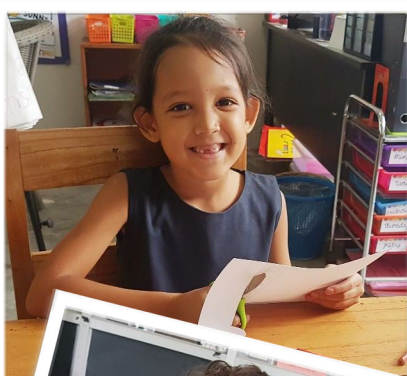
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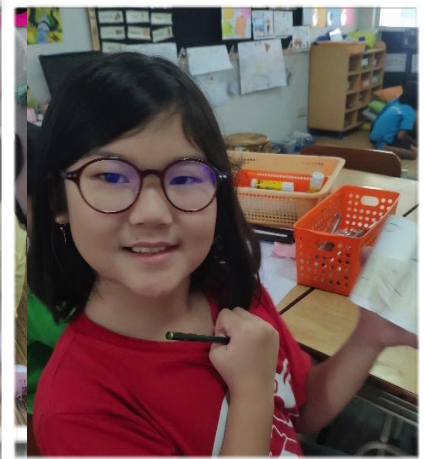
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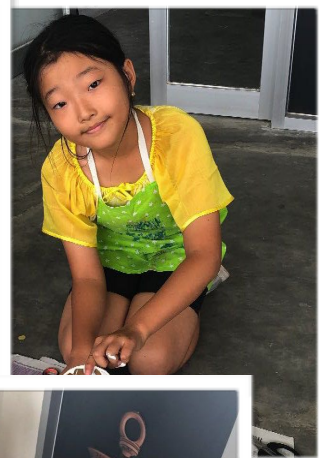
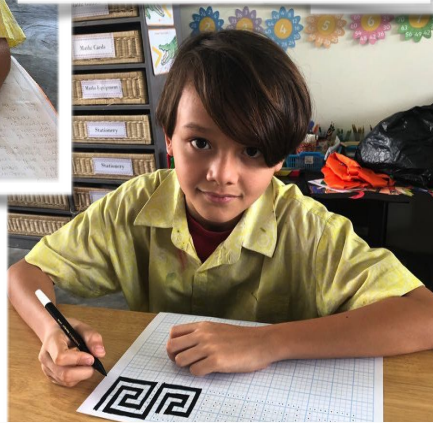
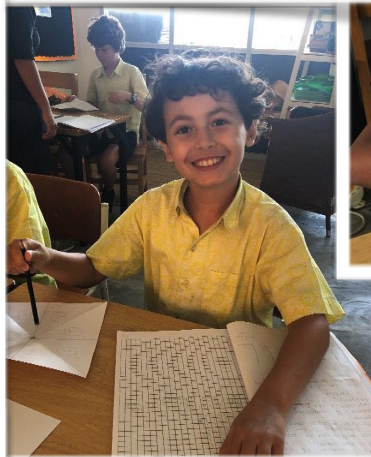
YEAR 1-2



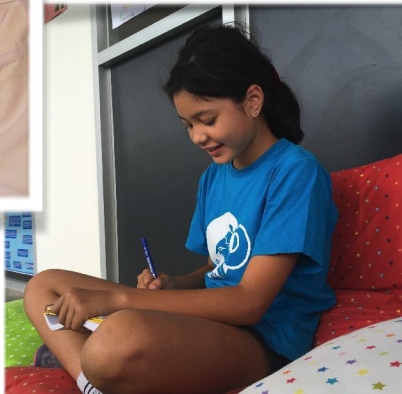
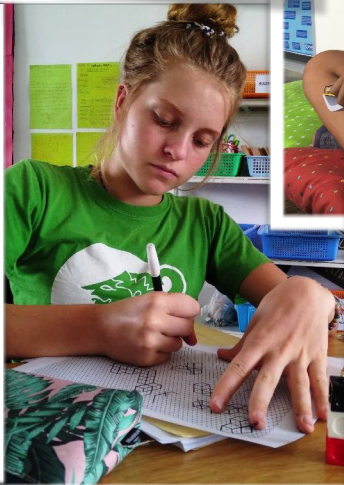
YEAR 3-4



YEAR 5-6



SECONDARY



NEW MEMBERS OF THE JCS COMMUNITY



Morgan
Pre-School 1



Otto
Pre-School 2



Shaunraya
Year 8

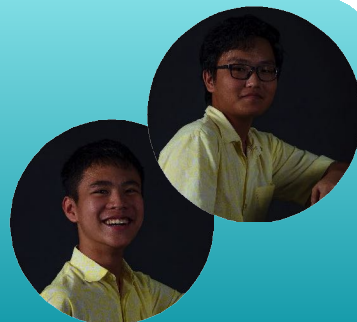
The classrooms were empty and the school was eerily quiet. Teachers were doing very strange things such as singing, dancing, exercising, playing games ... what has happened?

Even in the midst of the Covid 19 crisis, we are not defeated! With the help of Google Classrooms, See Saw and many other online programmes, our teachers are working hard to ensure children can still access lessons from home. They are busy creating engaging and challenging activities for the children. The team spirit of the whole staff here at JCS has been amazing and I applaud every one of them, from teachers to housekeeping to satpams and gardeners, and of course, our terrific office staff. However, without the support of the parents or the enthusiasm of our children, none of this would have been possible. Thank you Team JCS!

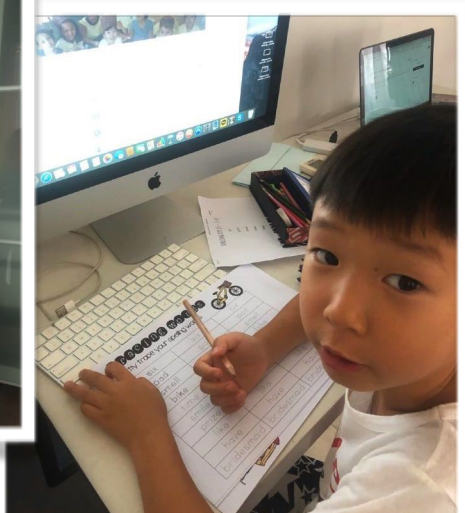
FAREWELL TO TWO OF OUR STUDENTS

Hilton Mawardi and Indra Yang
Year 12

Both students have completed their tuition here at JCS and will begin studying for their chosen Foundation Diplomas in Singapore



LEARNING WITHOUT CLASSROOMS



BOOK WEEK

The JCS annual Book Week event in December 2019 finished off Term 1 in style. 'Reading is my Superpower' celebrated the power that a book can have over all of us. During the week-long event, students participated in some exciting classroom activities, listened to stories read by Mystery Readers and everyone got the chance to be a hero. The Friday Finale event saw the amazing multimedia performance 'Like a Bird', an exciting House Quiz, and the Costume Parade, in which students dressed up as their favourite characters. They were not the only ones dressed for the occasion; the JCS teaching crew could not have performed such a great play without looking like superheroes!



DANCE ASSEMBLY

We ended Term 1 with a spectacular assembly showcasing a variety of traditional dances from around the world. The stage came alive with music, colours and the smiles of our talented young performers.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The JCS annual Athletics Carnival was a spectacular success with our children competing in track and field events, as well as the Ice Race and the resurrection of the Parent Race. This year Sadewa took the overall championship but really, all our competitors were winners!

