

SJIIM Weekly Update

28th January 2022

Important Dates:

Public Holiday:

1st and 2nd Feb - Chinese
New Year

Term 2 half term break:

31st Jan - 4th Feb

Upcoming Events:

11th Feb - Jaime House Saint
Day

24th Feb - HS SLC and PTC

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from David Fitzgerald (Head of Year Two and EYFS/KS1 Maths Lead)

At University, I studied History and English at the University of Derby. These subjects had always been my favourite at school and continuing my education in these areas had always appealed to me. During my degree, I did some volunteer work in a school and loved it, everyday was so unique and the career seemed so rewarding. Straight after University, I began my PGCE at Newman University College in Birmingham and it is the best decision I have ever made.

Following the completion of my teacher training, I spent one year in Thailand teaching English as an additional language. I spent nine months based in a quiet part of Thailand around one hour north of Bangkok. This was my first experience outside of Europe and ignited my love of travel and in particular the food of South East Asia. I taught all year groups from ages 3 - 18 and class sizes ranging from 15 - 90. This was definitely a steep learning curve for a newly qualified teacher. Learning to teach children across a language barrier helped me learn so much as a teacher. My time in Thailand was pivotal in helping me develop my teaching style going forward.

When I returned to the UK, I moved back to my home city of Birmingham where I taught at a one-form entry Catholic school. During this time, I had the opportunity to teach in Menorca in the Canary Islands as part of an EU funded Erasmus program. This scheme was an incredible opportunity to meet teachers from across Europe and learn about the pedagogy in their home countries.

After Birmingham, I moved to London, where I lived for four years. I thoroughly enjoyed my time in London. From a teaching perspective, I discovered my love for mathematics through the South West Maths Mastery Hub which was focused on developing the teaching of mastery mathematics in UK schools. From a personal point of view, the access to live sports was incredible. I was lucky enough to go to Wimbledon, Twickenham and Wembley to name a few.



In 2018, I knew it was time to move on. After my previous experience in Thailand I knew that South East Asia was on my radar. It did not take long for Malaysia to become a front runner and after a coffee with Mrs Quigley in London, SJIIM was definitely my number one choice. After 2 and a half years, I am so happy that I made this choice and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here so far.

Catholic Corner

In Gratitude



I wish to extend my gratitude to the members of the SJIM community, the school administrators, the staff, students and parents. Over the past number of weeks you have made me more than welcome and, in fact, have spoiled me quite a bit. I will miss your lovely school and especially your lovely students and I do hope I will be able to return every so often. Brother Felipe will be coming later in February and we certainly plan to have the physical presence of Brothers moving forward. As the Year of the Tiger is around the corner, I wish you all a Happy Lunar New Year. May peace, joy and good health be yours.

Brother Patrick



Chinese New Year Celebration



The Origin of Red Envelopes (红包)

The earliest form of Chinese New Year (CNY) money dates back to the Han Dynasty (206 BC -220 AD) when money in red envelopes was not a currency, but was in the form of coins to ward off the evil spirits. After 1912, the money was gradually converted from coins to banknotes, and parents then began to use new banknotes with consecutive numbers as a way of saying "growing up successively."



Chinese New Year (CNY) 2022 Celebrations

We ushered in the year of the Tiger with our live 24 festive drums flash mobs in school. Students were mesmerised by the amazing choreography and superb synchronisation performance by their peers in school in the morning, lunchtime and after school. There are also other CNY events that were filmed, as part of our precautions in following the social distancing SOPs. These videos include a "shadow puppet show", a CNY theme song, a CNY dance and the "YuSheng" tutorial. Posters with QR codes generated for each of the videos were displayed at the foyer to encourage the students to work in groups, scan the code, watch the CNY performances online and answer the quizzes asked at the end of each of the videos. On Friday, the last day of the events, students were dressed up in traditional Chinese New Year costumes to receive good luck red envelopes from the "God of Wealth" - signifying a good year ahead. Alongside these celebrations, we highly appreciate the PSG, who contributed and prepared red envelopes for students and teachers.

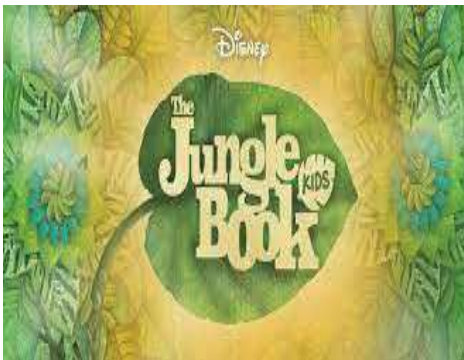


[Performances Link](#)

Jungle Book - Parent Volunteers

We are excited to announce that our school production this year will be The Jungle Book! Auditions were held this week and the standard of performance was very high.

We are now looking for a wonderful group of parent volunteers to assist with costume, makeup, set and props. Our parent helpers have been incredible in the past and we know that you are a very talented group!



If you are interested in being involved with the show or have any questions, please contact Miss Pardo (Head of Drama) cpardo@sj-i-international.edu.my



CNY celebrations and performance

It has been a great day of festivities today with everyone looking resplendent in red or in their traditional Chinese outfits. Our Mandarin team and students have excelled themselves again in the production of our annual [Chinese New Year performance](#) which they and now you can enjoy watching today! Gong Xi Fa Cai everyone, we wish you a very happy holiday season.



School Murals

The murals that were designed by our students last year are developing nicely on the walls around school. With the kind support of our parents, outlines have been sketched and are ready for the next stage, where our students will add the finishing touches.



Jaime House Saints' Day

Friday February 11th is our first House Saints' Day of the year, and the Saint as the focus of this day is Saint Jaime. To mark the day, all Jaime students will be able to wear their house colours and all non-Jaime students and teachers will wear an item of red upon their person; it could be a red tie, shirt or sock! Students from Jaime house will be leading the community in activities centered around Service, Sport and Knowledge, and they may get in touch with some of our parents to help out with the service element too! We are also excited by the opportunity to collaborate with our High School House Leadership, and Wednesday saw a productive meeting held between Jaime House Captains in Years 6-12.



HS House Performing Arts Competition 2022

This week we held the finals of the HS PAC 2022, with our Dance and Drama finals shown to all students in form time on Thursday and the Music final on Friday. There were many great entries but our final winners were:

Dance - Jaslyn Leong and Jynez Tan - Year 12

Drama - Meagan Motha - Year 12

Music - Shao Yong Chan - Year 12



You can view the finals and all the Music entries in the following videos:

[HS PAC Dance and Drama finals](#)

[HS PAC Music Finals](#)

[HS PAC Dance and Drama \(All entries\)](#)

[HS PAC Music \(All entries\)](#)

The final house points were:

Benilde - 56 points

Jaime - 48 points

Miguel - 28 points

Mutien - 68 points



Well done to the Mutien, all the entrants who have shown great courage and talent, and our winners!



New Performing Arts Leader appointments

The HS Performing Arts Leaders (PALs) have been instrumental in developing and driving performing arts activities in our community and have made a significant impact over the past few years in and out of Covid, encouraging and maintaining engagement and sense of belonging within the community.

We have recently received some excellent applications to join the PALs team and over the last two weeks I was proud to attend year level assemblies for year 7 - 9 to present the new members with their badges.

In Year 7 Yukki Chong and Sumaiea Wan, Year 8, Isabella Stacey-Swale and Joe Ng and in Year 9 Evelyn Teng.

Congratulations to all these students and we look forward to the fruit of their creativity and efforts as they take on this responsibility.

Student Led Conferences (Years 7 to 13) and Parent Teacher Conferences (Years 11 to 13) Thursday, 24 February

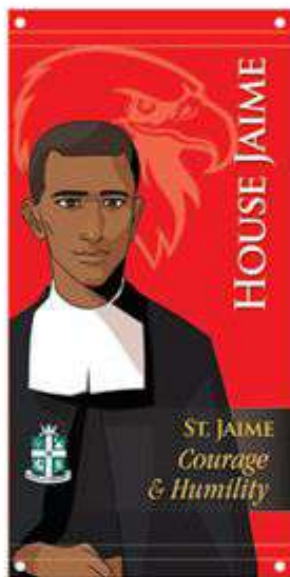


We are pleased to be able to hold student led conferences in school this term, with SOPs in place. This is our first opportunity to do this after several months of restricted activities in school due to the pandemic. On the 24th of February, all students from Year 7 to Year 13 will have a student-led conference with their parent(s) and their form tutor. During these SLCs, students will discuss their reflections on their learning so far this term with their parents, and their aims for the remainder of the term for their approaches to learning. Students will be prepared for these SLCs in lessons and with their tutors in the weeks leading to the SLCs. The SLCs will be held from 8am to 12.30pm that day.



Year 11 and Year 13 completed their mock examinations this month. In order to support their reflections on these exams and their preparation towards their final exams in Term 3, teachers of Year 11 and Year 13 subject teachers of those year groups will be available for parent teacher conferences. These PTCs will take place **online** on the Meet the Teacher platform in 10 minute appointments. These will take place from 1.15pm to 4.30pm that day.

More details and instructions for sign-ups will follow after the CNY holiday.



Saints' Day - Jaime House

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Project Huat

Project HUAT was created by the SRC as a meaningful service project to express our appreciation towards the elderly community this Chinese New Year. We will be donating CNY goodies and items needed by 3 old folk homes: Mitchell Care Home for the Elderly, Shalom Nursing Home and Unique Elderly Care Center.

We will open our donation drive of **both physical goods and monetary donations** on January 19th till February 8th. Donated goods can be dropped off at the booth set up in the school foyer near the drop off and pick up area, while monetary donations can be made by passing the cash donations to the SJIM Finance Office. The SRC will also set up a booth outside the cafeteria during lunch times, so students can feel free to donate money then too. For more information on essential items needed, please refer to the attached [poster](#).



Paletines

To start off the second half of Term 2 with a bang, the SRC has decided to organise an event **in celebration of friendship: Paletines!** The pandemic has disrupted friendships, so the SRC wants to foster a sense of community amongst the students and enable them to create cherished memories.

Here's what we will be organising:

- [Cupid's Gift Pack Packages](#) where students can send messages, candy and flowers to friends/teachers of their choice (pre-orders will be taken through this [form](#))
- A [bake sale](#) providing a delicious variety of confectioneries (pre-orders will be taken through this [form](#))
- A [photo booth](#) to capture their memories on Polaroid film

All funds raised will be used to **fund future SRC events** to better the students' school experience. Do check out the poster below for more information!



[ES Student Absence Form](#)
[HS Student Absence Form](#)



[HS Parent Calendar 21/22](#)
[ES Parent calendar 21/22](#)



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