

## SJIIM Weekly Update

11th February 2022

### Important Dates:

14th-17th Feb - School  
Photography

Cancelled : 24th Feb - HS  
SLC/ PTM in school

### Upcoming Events:

22nd Feb - HS Sixth Form  
virtual launch

24th Feb, 9am - EY and ES  
Open morning

23rd Feb - Zoom Info session  
on HS SLC/PTM

24th Feb - HS Y11/13 PTM  
online

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### **Message from Miss Thompson, Year 3 teacher and Head of Year**

Before I became a teacher I had a career as an environmentalist. One of my main areas of work was environmental education and it was this that led to my move into teaching. During this previous career, I was fortunate enough to take groups of children to visit to Iceland and Switzerland to study environmental issues. Interestingly, I was about to jointly lead another excursion to Malaysia (to study threats to coral reefs) when changes to the funding structure meant I could not accompany the trip. I clearly recall being devastated with the news that I would not visit Malaysia! Little did I know what lay in my future...

As a young adult, I had dreamed of living abroad, but at that stage in my life I did not quite have the confidence to make it happen, so was grateful for those opportunities that did arise. Having always found other countries and cultures fascinating, I became increasingly eager to experience life from a new perspective and decided that I would live in another country *one day*.

After completing a PGCE, I taught for many years in the South West of England in several primary schools. As I grew as a teacher, one of my responsibilities was running a 'Comenius Project' (European project for schools to make connections) and my passion for overseas travel was reignited during exchange trips to Norway and Poland. Working with children from different countries and school settings, as well as seeing how our English children broadened their own horizons, was an illuminating and inspirational experience.

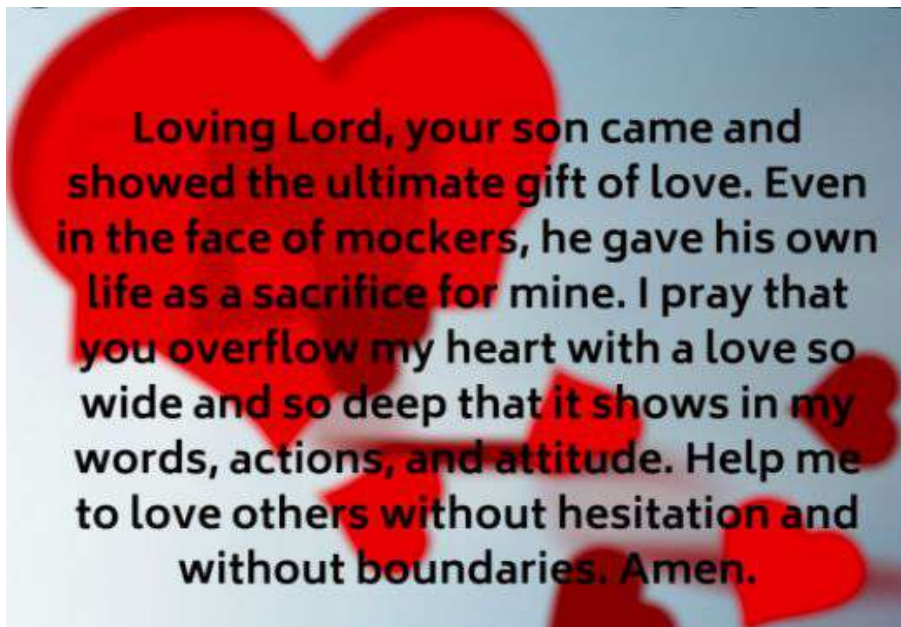
The time arrived where both myself and partner (Mr Bush) were ready to embark upon our international teaching adventure. We chose this part of the world as it was somewhere quite different, that neither of us had visited before. I had never even been to Asia until I arrived here! We joined St Joseph's in 2017 and adapted quickly to life in Malaysia. We found it to be everything we hoped it would be and more! It has been an absolute joy to teach the wonderful students during these 5 years. For me, the ES Virtues Programme and ethos really makes the school special. Experiencing the beauty and cultures of Malaysia and its surrounding countries has been life-changing, giving me the new perspective I had so keenly sought. Putting aside the obvious challenges of the pandemic, and perhaps a few interesting adventures involving buses, and bicycles, I have been delighted to make Malaysia my home.

Aside from travel, outside of work my main interests are yoga, reading and music. I am a singer songwriter and play guitar. You may remember from Mr Bush's article that we play together in a band. We write much of our own material as well as performing covers and have recently been learning to record our songs and produce music videos.



## Catholic Corner

The month of February is often associated with being the 'Month of Love'. On February 14th many people all over the world celebrate love by giving each other cards, flowers, chocolates and or by doing kind deeds for that special person. In Year 4 this week we talked about the importance of loving one another and how it feels to be loved and valued. We were reminded about the powerful unconditional love that Jesus has for all of us. Furthermore, as part of our Virtues learning, we explored self love and how it relates to building confidence in ourselves.



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**Early Years &  
Elementary School**

**OPEN MORNING**

Thursday, 24th February 2022 | 9.00am

09:00 Registration  
09:05 Meet the Elementary School Team  
09:10 Introduction to SJIIM Elementary School  
09:30 Parent Tour of the Campus  
10:00 Q&A / Consultation  
10:30 End

Children aged 3 to 10 years old

Madam Mak Lai Ying, Frances  
Head of School

Mr Gary Cairns  
Deputy Head of School

Mrs Stephanie Fedorowicz  
Deputy Principal, Elementary School

Mrs Nicole Panty  
Assistant Principal, Academic Profile

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Our Early Years and Elementary School Open Morning will be held at 9 am, Thursday, 24th February 2022. Please help us share the event details with any of your friends who are looking for a top international school for their child. Prospective parents will have the opportunity to meet and speak to the leadership team, tour the campus and learn more about the distinct advantages that stand at the heart of our Lasallian education.

Prospective parents can register for the event here:  
<https://www.sji-international.edu.my/open-morning/>



## School Photos - Reminder

### High School

**14th Feb, Monday**-Year 7M, 7Y, 7L, 8Y, 9M, 9L, 10L, 10 K, 10 Y, 10M, 11K, 11L, 11M, 12K, 12L, & 13K.

**15th Feb, Tuesday**- Year 7K, 8k, 8M, 9K, & 9Y.

**HS students should wear their formal uniform (white shirt and tie) for school photos on either Monday or Tuesday.**



### Elementary School

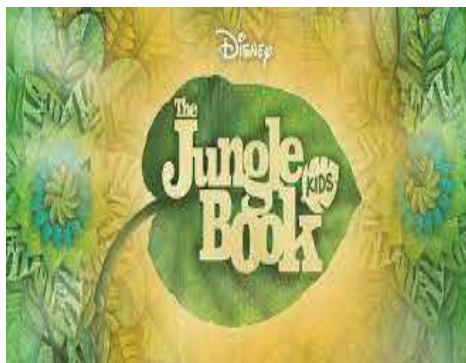
**15th Feb, Tuesday**- Nursery to Year 4

**16th Feb, Wednesday**-Year 5 to Year 6

**17th Feb, Thursday**-Sibling photos

### Sibling photos

These will be taken as students arrive at school on **Thursday morning, 17th Feb.**



## Jungle Book - Parent Volunteers

We are excited to announce that our school production this year will be The Jungle Book! Rehearsals started this week!

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@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:cpardo@sjj-international.edu.my)



## Safety and Health in School

We would like to remind parents that if ES students need medication in school (perhaps post vaccination) it should be given to our school nurse, with parental instructions. Our nurses will administer the medication to the child at the correct time. This is to ensure that no medicine falls into the wrong hands and that students get their proper doses at the correct time. We would appreciate all of our families' cooperation in this regard.



## School Photos Next Week

Next week, we will have school photographs taken. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform and is looking their best. In order to comply with the current SOP's, the children's class photos will be photoshopped to create a whole class image.

**Tuesday**-Nursery to Year 4

**Wednesday**-Year 5 to Year 6

**Thursday**-Sibling Photos in the morning

(Please come straight to the main foyer for your sibling photo from 7:30 am.)



## Year 4 Car Park Posters and Reminders

We would like to thank our artists in Year 4 for creating these amazing posters. Although we would love to display them all, unfortunately we only have space for a selection. We thank you all for thinking of so many great ways to improve our parking areas. Could we please remind all parents to heed the children's advice and drive with caution within campus. It has been noted that some cars are travelling very quickly.



## Jaime House Saints' Day Fun

What a wonderful way to end the week! Students wore something red to show their support for their fellow Jaime classmates. A quiz devised by our ES House Captains, Xiao Li and Svend, was shared in classes, and at break time, children were invited to buy delicious cupcakes, with proceeds going to charity. Then, at lunchtime, the HS House Captains hosted some classic games for our students; a Tug of War and Egg and Spoon race!



## The SJIIM Sixth Form 2023

Parents with children in Years 10 and 9 are invited to join us for a virtual launch of our exciting plans for Year 12 from August/September 2023.

The event will be held via Zoom at 5pm on Tuesday 22nd February.

A follow up event will take place to enable parents with children in other year groups to find out more about our plans for our Sixth Form.

We are sure that this new development will provide students and parents with even greater choice about post-16 pathways to university.

Please email Syu in the HS Office for the Zoom link stating the name and class of your child. The email is [hsyuadah@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:hsyuadah@sjj-international.edu.my)



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Photographs for siblings will take place on Thursday 17th.

Please see the Whole School Section for more details.



## Saints' Day - Jaime House

Today was our first Saints' Day of the year - Saint Jaime! To mark the day, all Jaime students wore their house colours and all non Jaime students and teachers were able to wear an item of red upon their person; it could be a red tie, shirt or sock. Students from Jaime house led the community in activities centered around Service, Sport and Knowledge. We also collaborated with our Elementary School House Leadership.



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



Please note that - in light of rising numbers of COVID cases in recent days - the student led conferences planned to be held in school on the 24th of February have been **cancelled**. However, students are continuing to do their SLC reflections with their teachers in school about their progress in their subjects in school.

In light of this, it is requested that parents carry out the overall reflections at home with their children in the week of the 28th of February. There will also be an information session for parents on 23 February from 5-6pm on Zoom to provide guidance about this.



It is disappointing that we will not be able to do these in person as planned, but the reflections in school with teachers and at home with parents will still make an important difference to student learning.

The parent teacher meetings for Year 11 and Year 13 only on the 24th of February **will go ahead as planned** online using the Meet the Teacher platform.

Mrs. Fitzgerald will send an email to all parents with further details about both the SLCs and the PTMs.



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