

SJIIM Weekly Update

11th March 2022

Important Dates:

Upcoming Events:

13th Mar - Open Day

30th Mar - School Mass

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Message from Lauren Bayfield - Year 4 Leader and IPC Science Leader

As a founding member of the SJIIM family, I feel comfortable in calling our school my professional home. This is my 6th year working at SJIIM and since arriving in Malaysia in 2016. I have cared for some students throughout their whole school career (founding students), got married, had a child, and seen my child start school here. I would say I feel very welcome at SJIIM!

It was March 2016 when Mr. Bayfield and I first visited the school site. Walking amongst scaffolding and unfinished buildings, I felt a sense of trepidation but also excitement at the opportunity to be part of building something from the ground up; as I walked through the empty corridors I remember thinking 'this is somewhere we will stay'. This feeling has stayed with me throughout my time here and I hope for years to come too. I have watched its 'culture of kindness and care' grow and become more visible in our everyday encounters with our students, staff, parents and stakeholders; in my experience of working in international schools, this is a rarity.

The first year here was a year of excitement, intrigue and creation. The care required for the laying of foundations which we still stand on today truly tested the founding staff's imagination, resilience and drive. A challenge I thoroughly embraced and learnt from.

As the years have passed (so quickly) I have seen people come and go, overcome obstacles, experienced life as an online teacher during a pandemic but two things remain constant for me; my faith in the school and the enjoyment of working in a values driven environment. This in turn has enabled me to develop as a practitioner, and I can now look through the dining hall windows to see my own daughter playing happily with her friends in the early years setting, where I began my time at SJIIM.



Left photo: This was taken the morning the doors of SJIIM officially opened. I was so excited to meet my new students, I had very little sleep the night before!



Right photo: This photo was taken yesterday during a Year 6 Exit Point for IPC. Where students from Year 6 visited the Year 4 students to present their electricity projects. Even I was quizzed on my knowledge!

Catholic Corner

On Wednesday 9th March Mdme Frances Mak, Leanne Goh (CAC) and myself had a wonderful meeting with Father Alvin at St Xavier church. During the meeting we discussed the many ways we can further build the Catholic life of our school. It was lovely to reconnect with Father Alvin and we look forward to having our first academic school Mass at the end of this month.



Future Dates to note:

We aim to have a school Mass once a month. Our next Mass will take place on March 30th at 12:15pm for students in Year 3 and above.

We will offering students the opportunity to receive **confessions** before the Mass at 11:30.

Please sign up [HERE](#) if you would like your child to receive confessions.

Upcoming Mass dates:

March 30th at 12:15pm with confessions beforehand.

April 27th at 12:15pm

PSG Logo Design Competition

The PSG is looking for a **NEW LOGO** that will bring out our **IDENTITY & BRAND**

- Submission:** 14th - 25th March
- Shape:** Square or Circle
- Colors:** Multicoloured
- Format:** Hand-drawn or Digital (JPEG)
- Drawings-** Submit to Ms. Sahana/Ms Sheena
- Digital-** Email to: psg@sjj-international.edu.my
- The logo must reflect the PSG virtues** Multiculturalism & Respect, Community & Teamwork, Service & Compassion & include the letters PSG in it.
- Entries: (Single entry per student)**
 - Individual
 - Group: Max 3 (Friends/Siblings)
- Prizes:**
 - Winner: RM 100 Gift Voucher
 - House Points are to be won
 - ADDITIONAL EXCITING PRIZES!

School Photographer

PSG Update

The Parent Support Group (PSG) is looking for a new LOGO that will bring out our BRAND & IDENTITY. We invite all students to take part in this contest. House points to be won, along with other exciting prizes! The logo must reflect the PSG virtues: *Multiculturalism & Respect, Community & Teamwork, Service & Compassion* & include the letters PSG in it.

Kindly refer to the [poster](#) for more details.

School Photography

If your child missed the make-up photo session on Thursday, you may visit the studio to have your child's photo taken. You can make an appointment using this [link](#). If you have any queries please contact Jordan at jordantan@fotorex.com



SRC Meeting with Brother Felipe

Our amazing new SRC students invited Brother Felipe to join them for this week's meeting. Each student had the opportunity to ask him a question to learn more about his incredible 36 years as a Brother. He shared lots of lovely stories and also listened to the student describe what the role of an SRC member is and how they are hoping to help and improve our SJIIM community.



PTCs

Thank you to all the parents who logged into Meet the Teacher for Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed learning more about your child's progress. For many of our students, their most important progress area right now is their social and emotional development. Being back in school has been so beneficial! Our Heads of Year have shared some useful feedback from parents, so thank you very much for that. Next week there will be further sessions on Monday to meet with class teachers and then on Friday to meet with your child's language (Bahasa and Mandarin) teachers.



Year 6 share their electricity with Year 4

Year 6 students taught our year 4 students more about electricity using the 'interactive learning stations' they had created themselves; quizzes, puzzles and other fun activities. It was a perfect match for year 4 who have also just finished their own IPC unit about electricity. The students from both year groups thoroughly enjoyed this sharing experience and children in year 4 were 'electric' with excitement after the event!

Caleb - Year 4 " This was so awesome. I realised I knew more than I thought about electricity!"



Healthy Choices Assembly

Throughout the week, Ms. Chadwick and Mr. Collins led Healthy Choices assemblies for each year group. This was an opportunity to reinforce important messages about healthy living that the students receive at school and at home. Some of the topics discussed were exercise, drinking water, adequate rest and healthy food choices. Our KS2 students were encouraged to understand the importance of these choices as they become more independent in making choices for themselves. One example of an opportunity at school was to make health choices in the lunch line by having a balanced plate. Our students have the knowledge and we will continue to support them in applying it.



Y11 Withdrawal Notice

We wish to remind Y11 parents that if you would like to withdraw your child from our school, you will need to provide us one term notice in order to get your security deposit refunded.

Kindly send a withdrawal notice/email on or before the first day of Term 3, which will be Wednesday, **20th April 2022** to our

- 1) Head of School, Madam Mak Lai Ying Frances at mak_lai_ying_frances@sj-i-international.edu.my and cc to
- 2) Admissions, Ms. Kwa Jin Nee at jinneekwa@sj-i-international.edu.my and
- 3) Deputy Head of School, Mr. Gary Cairns at gcairns@sj-i-international.edu.my.



School Uniform

A reminder for parents that the smart Monday uniform of school shirt and tie will begin again from this Monday, 14th March. Please refer to the [letter](#) from Mr Bayfield sent last week if you need more details.



International Women's Day - Ginga Flashmob

International Women's Day took place on Tuesday and students in Years 7 and 8 took part in a special assembly, led by students, which highlighted special females across history. In English lessons, some time was devoted to looking at the stories of heroic women throughout history, such as Irene Sendler, a Polish nurse who served in the Polish Underground Resistance during the Second World War. Finally, our very own **Miss Selen Egit** represented Malaysia in a Flash Mob performance to support the Women's Aid Organisation, using dance as a way to raise awareness of female empowerment.

You can read more about it [here](#).



Kangaroo Maths Competitions

We are pleased to announce that the high school will be entering students for the prestigious Kangaroo Maths Competition again this year.

After our successes last year we are offering the opportunity to all students and require parents to complete an entry form and pay a donation of RM20 per child towards their entry. Please see the following [letter](#) with more information about the competition and entry process.



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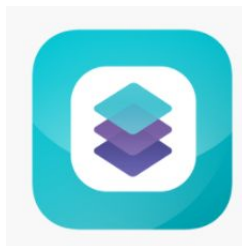
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