

## SJIIM Weekly Update

25th February 2022

### Important Dates:

9th Mar - Y3&4 PTC

10th Mar - School Make Up  
Photos

### Upcoming Events:

2nd Mar - IBDP & IGCSE

Options Evening

4th Mar - Costume Parade

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*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

### **Message from Ms. Aoife Battle, PE Teacher and Head of Year 8**

At the end of Year 11 a new PE teacher joined my school called Ms M and she was great! PE was already my favorite subject but I was even more excited to know she was going to be my teacher. I had dreamed of one day being a professional athlete but I didn't want to give up all my other sports clubs and teams in order to focus on one. So, at 16 years old I decided - I am going to be a PE teacher! - and it was all down to my Year 11 teacher.

After completing my A Levels in PE, Drama and Theater Studies, Philosophy and Ethics and Psychology it was time to head to University to study Physical Education. I spent my first and third year at the University of Wales, Trinity Saint David and my second year in America at University of North Carolina, Greensboro. While at university in Wales and America, I fostered a new love for a new sport - Rugby! Since moving to Malaysia I have picked up Rugby again and now play for KL Tigers Women's Team.



Before embarking on my PGCE I worked as a Special Needs Assistant Teacher in a local high school. Working closely with children who had complex learning needs was a huge learning experience for me. I still draw on some of the skills I learnt there in my teaching today. I was accepted onto the PE PGCE at University of East London and my journey to becoming a qualified high school PE teacher really began.

After teaching for 4 years in an all girls Catholic School in East London it was time to expand my horizons. In December of 2019 I was lucky enough to be offered the job here at SJIIM and I accepted without a second thought. Little did I know that my international teaching experience would begin in the middle of a global pandemic! After enduring 2 difficult weeks of hotel quarantine I was ready to experience all that Malaysia has to offer. And after 18 months, I am still as excited as ever to call Malaysia home.

## Catholic Corner

This week in our Catholic CCA we took a few moments to think about Lent which starts next Wednesday, 2nd March. The children reflected on the many sacrifices that Jesus made for us and thought about how we can prepare our hearts and minds during the Lenten season. From our discussions, we recognised and celebrated the love that Jesus has for all of us. We explored the idea of unconditional love and shared examples of how Jesus demonstrated this type of love whilst on Earth. To conclude, we made celebratory hats with a ring style structure. The ring shape symbolises Jesus' love for us - A love that has no beginning and no ending. Finally the children joined together to sing 'Jesus loves me'.



### Important dates:

Wednesday 2nd March - ES Lenten Service for Year 3-Year 6.

Please use the link [HERE](#) to sign up

Thursday 3rd March - HS Lenten Prayer Service. Please sign up [HERE](#)





## Yearbook 2022 Announcement

Yearbook preparations are already underway! This year we thought it would be lovely to invite any budding writers to join us in building our Community Reflections segment. If you would like to volunteer, you will be required to write a short paragraph about your family's experience as part of our community. The word limit is 150 words and you will need to share a family photo too. Please send in your write-ups to: [yearbook@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:yearbook@sjj-international.edu.my)

Kindly title your document with your family name and leave it in editable format, not in a PDF format.

**Deadline 20th March 4pm**



## School Make Up Photos-Thursday 10th March

Our photographers will be back in school on Thursday 10th March to ensure that everyone has had their school photo taken.

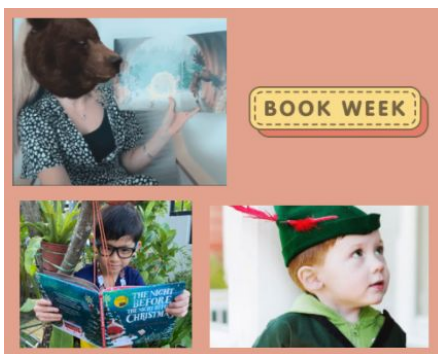
If you prefer to visit the studio to have your child's photo taken, you can make an appointment using this [link](#).

The deadline for completion of all class photos is 13th March. After this date we cannot guarantee that your child's photo will be included in their class photo. If you have any queries please contact Jordan at [jordantan@fotorex.com](mailto:jordantan@fotorex.com)



## Term 2 CCA Update

It is lovely to see and hear the corridors fill with energy and excitement as our Co-Curricular Activities programme takes off with a blast. Students enjoy a variety of clubs from School Newspaper to Zumba to Board Games. In order to ensure our students' health and safety, CCA's are split into phases with years 5 and 6 on Tuesday, years 3 and 4 on Wednesday and years 1 and 2 on Thursday. We end our week with Catholic CCA on Friday. We want to thank all of our parents for being so punctual in collecting the children after CCA's promptly.



## Book Week Fun

### Masked Readers:

Please remember to upload your Masked Reader videos to your class Seesaw. This is a short video where you are masked and reading an interesting part from one of your favourite books.

### Extreme Readers:

Take an extraordinary photo of you reading in an extraordinary way and share it on your class Seesaw for all to enjoy!

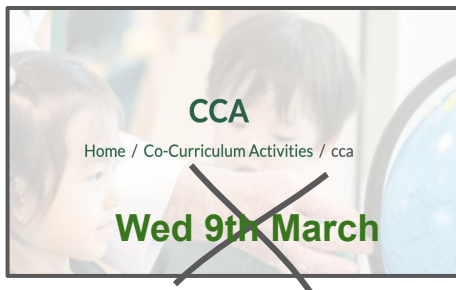
**Friday 4th March is World Book Day.** All students are asked to dress up as a courageous character - be brave and bold for Book Week 2022!



## Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences Sign Up

We are pleased to inform you of the following Parent Teacher Conferences for Language and Class Teachers in Early Years and Elementary School. These are opportunities to meet your child's teachers and discuss their pastoral and academic development. Please check Seesaw for more details of dates and times. A separate email has also been sent to your SJIIM family gmail account with a reminder of your login details for Meet the Teacher.

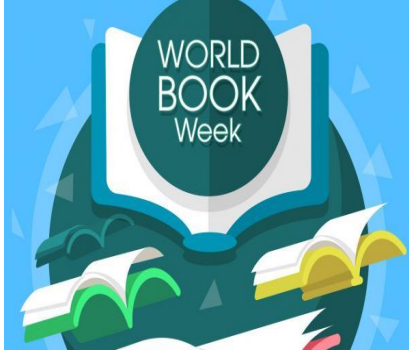
Please visit [sjiim.meettheteacher.com](http://sjiim.meettheteacher.com) to book your appointments.



## No Year 3 & 4 CCA's on Wednesday 9th March

Please note that since one of our Parent Teacher Conferences take place on the 9th March, we will have to cancel our year 3 and 4 CCA's on Wednesday 9th March. This will allow time for all teachers to run their meetings with parents. Y3 & 4 Wednesday CCA's will resume the following week. You may need to adjust pick up arrangements for this one off occasion.

## World Book Week (Monday 28th Feb - Fri 4th March)



The school community will be celebrating its love of literature during its annual World Book Week events. During the week, students will enjoy a whole host of tutor time and English lesson activities. However, please encourage your children to get involved in the following events that may require some input at home:

- Book Swap: students can bring any pre-read and unwanted books from home and trade them in throughout the week for a token that they can exchange for a different book during Friday's Book Swap.

- Costume Parade: on **4th of March**, students from all year groups are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice for the final day. Should they choose not to do this, then school uniforms should be worn (or house uniforms if students have PE that day).

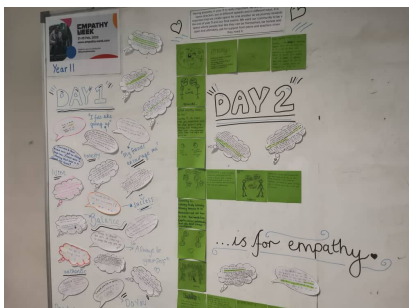
- Creative writing competition: students can opt into this competition to explore this year's theme of courage through creative writing. Submissions must be made via their English teacher by **4th March**.

- Year 7/8 students only: a local author (Malcolm Mejin) will come and speak to our students during an assembly on Friday 4th March. There will be the opportunity to purchase his books for autographing, so please remind your children to bring money into school that day if they may wish to do this.



## Empathy Week

This week saw our inaugural Empathy Week, with students from Y6-13 using the power of film to understand better how to empathise with divergent young people from around the world. This was supported with a parent session on Wednesday, where parents were 'taught' how their children were taught during the week. We hope to continue using the resources available to us through this programme and thank Miss Williams for being our ambassador for the event.



## IGCSE and IB Options Information Event Wednesday, 2 March - 4pm to 6.30pm



Next **Wednesday, 2 March** we will hold the Options information event for Year 9 and Year 11 students, to support them in their choice of IGCSE and IBDP subjects for Years 10 and 12. This will be an **online event** due to the current number of COVID cases.



The event **will start at 4pm** with a presentation from Mrs. Fitzgerald giving an overview about the IBDP options choices and how to make decisions about these. This will be followed by the opportunity to visit shorter sessions related to individual subjects, where you will be able to ask questions of the teachers of those subjects. This section of the event will finish by 5.30pm.



**At 5pm** Mr. Bush will give a presentation about the IGCSE options choices for next year with guidance to students and parents about making those choices. This will also be followed by breakout sessions with subject teachers, so that parents and students can ask questions about studying for IGCSE in those subjects. This final section of the event will finish by 6.30pm.

Parents in Year 9 and Year 11 can expect to receive before the event via email:



- IGCSE and IBDP Options booklets
- Videos and presentation documents with information about the syllabus for individual subjects
- Details of video links for the introductory presentations and breakout information sessions about individual subjects



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