

## SJIS Weekly Update

13th December 2024

### Important Dates:

13th Dec 24 - End of Term 1

7th Jan 25 - First day of Term 2

7th to 17th Jan - HS KS4/5

Mock Exam

### Upcoming Events:

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*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

## This Week's Highlight at SJIS

The Lasallian Parents' Community of Saint Joseph's Institution International School (SJIS) has long been a pillar of support to the Lasallian Mission. Their generosity has been instrumental in numerous social responsibility projects that have positively impacted various social institutions over the years.

The latest initiative, **Jingle Bytes**, is a testament to their ongoing commitment. This collaborative effort, involving both parents, staff and students, raised RM 50, 584 for De La Salle Nabawan, a hostel in Nabawan providing residency and support for learning to 66 residents from marginalized communities all over Sabah. Funds raised will be for the purchase of new laptops, restock the library for our Lasallians in great need.

Through Jingle Bytes, the Lasallian community hopes to make a significant difference in the lives of these young individuals. By contributing to this project, they have shown commitment to ensure that the residents of De La Salle Nabawan have access to quality education, nutritious meals, and a safe and nurturing environment.

This latest project underscores the enduring spirit of compassion that characterizes the Lasallian Parents' community. Their unwavering support for the Lasallian mission continues to inspire and empower countless lives.



## Catholic and Christian Community

As we conclude the first school term, we have much to celebrate within the Catholic and Christian life of our school. It has been truly heartwarming to witness our community come together for various meaningful events throughout the term.

A standout highlight was CCC raising a total of RM14,184 which includes RM 9043 ( total proceeds from bazaar sales) RM4541 (ES - Art for Charity) and RM 600 as part of the LYM Bake off. These funds will be contributed to the SJIIS Jingle Bytes campaign to purchase new laptops for the students at De La Salle Butitin Nabawan, contributing to their learning and growth.

The term concluded beautifully with a special Christmas Mass, followed by a shared fellowship. This event reminded us of the strength and unity in our shared faith as we prepare for the joys of the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who made this term so special.

***Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Christmas!***

### Catholic CCA for Term 2

Catholic CCA [sign up link for term 2 HERE](#)



## Christmas Bazaar 2024

Our annual SJIS Charity Christmas Bazaar was a resounding success, filled with holiday cheer, community spirit, and generosity!

The event saw enthusiastic students showcasing and selling their beautiful handmade crafts, while parent volunteers tirelessly supported the stalls, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Parents came in full force, supporting the bazaar by purchasing items and providing their children with money to explore and shop, fostering a lively and festive atmosphere. The school was abuzz with games, delicious food, and the overall Christmas spirit, bringing joy to all who attended.

Together, the Bazaar raised an incredible **RM 33,443** for the Jingle Bytes Campaign, which will help purchase computers for the students of De La Salle Butitin Nabawan.

This amount includes:

- **RM 12,700 from SPV** - SJIS Parent Volunteers (including Bazaar stall rentals and proceeds; and parent contributions)
- **RM 11,700 from Kita Kitar** (total proceeds from Bazaar sales and Term 1 Uniform sales)
- **RM 9,043 from CCC** - Catholic & Christian Community (total proceeds from Bazaar sales)

A heartfelt thank you to every student, parent, teacher, and supporter who contributed to making this event a success. Your efforts have truly made a difference this Christmas!

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season! **SPV - SJIS Parent Volunteers**





## Jingle Bytes Christmas Campaign

Today was a momentous day for all involved in the Jingle Bytes Christmas Campaign as we proudly presented a cheque for RM50,584 to De La Salle Butitin Nabawan. We hope this contribution brings joy to our fellow Lasallians and enhances their learning experience.

Over the past two weeks, the SJIS campus came alive with various fundraising activities that united our community in a shared mission. A heartfelt thank you to all the donors, parents, students, and teachers who made this achievement possible.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

## 11th Novice Swim Meet

The Novice Swim Meet was our final swim meet of the term where we had 21 swimmers representing our school. This meet gives swimmers the opportunity of experiencing the atmosphere of racing in an aquatic stadium. They dive from starting blocks and end their races by finishing on touchpads, getting their time and position on the scoreboard. Our swimmers swam well and they had improved in terms of speed and racing skills. Congratulations to our medalists, Anxuan Zeng for winning 5 gold, 1 silver in his age category and Arjun Menon winning 1 bronze in the 25m freestyle in his age category. Well done! Thank you coaches for your ongoing hardwork and dedication, thank you parents for your continuous support. More photos [here](#).



## Delischool

On December 6th, the Delischool team came together to celebrate Christmas with a beautifully decorated cafeteria and a festive menu! 🌲☀️ Students had a variety of choices including Roasted Rosemary Duck with cranberry sauce, Homemade Mashed Potatoes, Sautéed Begetables, Beef Lasagna, Minestrone Soup, and more. The team was dressed in festive costumes to welcome students, and the canteen was adorned with garlands, an inflatable Santa, gift boxes, and twinkling lights. It was a joyful lunch filled with delicious food, vibrant decorations, and the festive spirit!

[Contextual safeguarding.mp4](#) - This video has been shared with students from Year 6 to 13; supporting them with how to stay safe over the holidays.



### Jingle Jamboree- Crafts for Charity as part of our Jingle Bytes Campaign.

A heartfelt thank you for the incredible generosity shown during our Christmas art projects with students in Years 3-6. Your fundraising efforts raised an impressive total of RM 4,541. These funds will be contributed to the SJIS Jingle Bytes campaign to purchase new laptops for the students at De La Salle Butitin Nabawan, contributing to their learning and growth. Your support truly embodies the spirit of giving and community.

### Virtues Canteen Poster Competition Results!

Congratulations to our Virtues Canteen Poster Competition Winners!

We're thrilled to announce the talented winners of our recent poster competition:

**First Place: Yijun and Jimin (5M)**

**Second Place: Vivienne Chloe (6S)**

**Third Place: Zarra (4S)**

A huge thank you to all 42 participants for their creativity and hard work. Your bold, bright, and clear designs truly impressed us! Stay tuned for the unveiling of the winning posters around the canteen.



### Christmas Melodies Performance

On Tuesday, December 10th, our school held the much-awaited Christmas Melodies 2024 show, featuring a delightful mix of performances from students across all year groups. The event, held at 2:00pm, included a captivating performance from the School Orchestra, a lively drumming session by 24 Season Drums, and beautiful solo instrumental pieces. The highlight was the joyful choir, with students from both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 singing a selection of Christmas carols and festive songs. Our students have worked incredibly hard in preparation for the show, and their enthusiasm and dedication were evident in every performance.

To add to the festive atmosphere, the School Parent Volunteer (SPV) team offered delicious hot chocolate at a stall, making it a fun, festive afternoon for all.

Thank you to all the students, staff, and the SPV for making Christmas Melodies 2024 a memorable celebration. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!





## KS1 & KS2 Christmas Sing off

Our KS1 and KS2 Christmas Sing-Off took place today, and it was a fierce competition among the year levels! The Year 1 and 2 groups ended in a tie, while the KS2 winner was none other than our Year 4s! A big congratulations to all the children and teachers who put in so much effort into making this event a success. This event also showcased the incredible singing talents of our elementary school students.



## Year 4 Free Tree Society Trip

The Year 4 students had a wonderful time at Free Tree Society. We went on an hour-long walk through the forest, learning about the different layers of rainforest, animals, and trees found along the trail. The children were then taught to make their own potting mix and planted rows of fruit seeds. Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who gave up their time to join us for this trip!





— Talking about —  
**HS DIGITAL PARENTING**

Add your questions and comments here ahead of the session

Supporting HS parents in managing healthy and safe online habits for their children, both at home and at school.

Friday 17th January  
9.00am  
(ONLINE)

Scan here for the Google Meet

## Upcoming Parent Workshop: Talking About Digital Parenting

### Friday 17th January (online and recorded - 9am)

This online workshop will aim to address some of the concerns and questions parents have about how to best support their children with their online use. The session will focus on the safe use of devices, as well as how they can be used productively at home and school.

If you have any questions or areas that you would specifically like to be addressed in this session, please scan this QR code, and we will do our best to support you.



## The Lasallian Youth Movement (LYM)

2024 has been an incredible year for the LYM. I'm continually amazed by the dedication and effort they all put into our projects and events, both within our school and in the wider community. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the students, parents and staff who make the LYM what it is.

A special thank you to the 2024 LYM Leadership team. Your tireless work has made this year one of the most successful since I took on this role in 2022. As Lewis Carroll wisely said, "One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others." This quote perfectly captures the deep understanding of the value of kindness, service and the joy of making a positive impact on others' lives; a spirit the LYM embodies in everything they do! Please read more here - [LYM Project Summary](#).

Have a wonderful holiday break!  
*Mr Phillip Weatherup*



## Korean Community Service Project

On December 6, donations of RM7,000 were collected from Christmas bazaar by the SJIIS Korean Community. Brother Mico and students from Year 11-13s visited CFEC and delivered the donation.

Thank you for your generous gift of time and community spirit - truly in keeping with our Lasallian values.



## Congratulations to Ian Teh

Congratulations to Ian Teh in Year 7 who recently took part in the Junior Writers Program. Through this program, Ian had the opportunity to collaborate and co-publish a book entitled '[Through the Window](#)' alongside 19 talented young writers. We have a copy of '[Through the Window](#)' in our library for our students to enjoy. All the royalties from the sales of this book will be donated to the Yayasan Chow Kit foundation that aims to support the children and teenagers in that area.

Adam watched the nestlings slowly consume their first few bites in this wonderful but cruel world. Adam had a few books on birds and from the bright green feathers, he realised they could only be green magpies. He gasped. Green magpies were rarely found in urban territory. The feathers on the babies had barely grown. Adam reached out his hand trying to stroke one of them. But their parents screeched so loudly that Adam flinched. *Yikes, what protective parents, he thought.*



**Teh Ming Ian**

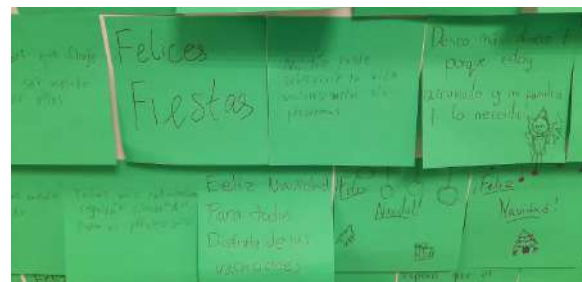
*Excerpt from 'Courage'*

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## "El Árbol de los Buenos Deseos" ("The Tree of Good Wishes")

In the Spanish class, Year 7 students carried out a special activity to celebrate the Christmas season, combining creativity, learning, and festive spirit. The task involved writing positive messages and wishes for the upcoming year on colourful sticky notes. Before starting, we spent some time learning Christmas-related vocabulary, such as "Feliz Navidad", "Próspero Año Nuevo", and "Mis mejores deseos". We also practised simple structures to express wishes, like "Espero que tengas..." or "Deseo que..".



**Staff Lasallian of the week :**  
**Mr Jeremy Bong**





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