



# 新年快樂

Happy Chinese New Year



## SJIIM Weekly Update, 5th February 2021

### Chinese New Year Celebrations 2021 - the Year of the Ox!

#### Elementary School

This year in ES we celebrated the “Year of the Ox” virtually with storytelling, CNY songs and traditional activities. The Y6 “Advanced” group created a short video to tell the stunning story of “Nian” as well as the Origin of the 12 Chinese Zodiac with their superb acting. The Nursery, Reception and Y1 children had been learning and singing the well known traditional Chinese New Year Song “恭喜恭喜”(Gōng Xi Gōng Xi) with much joy and excitement. Our theme song “MooMoo 咁”(Moo Moo Dá) was the highlight of our CNY celebrations this year, not to mention the effort and the enthusiasm that our children had put into the dynamic dance and the energetic singing. Besides that, during virtual lessons, children also experienced CNY traditional art forms such as “剪纸”(jiǎn zhǐ, paper cutting), “挥春”(huī chūn, Chinese calligraphy), “红包”(hóng bāo, Angpao or red envelope) making, etc. “红包” was our ES children’s favourite activity as they hoped that evil spirits would be chased away if they hid themselves and made “红包” under their pillow. No doubt, the pandemic has diluted the Chinese New year atmosphere, but together we can still have a special CNY. We look forward to a better year - the year of the Ox.

#### High School

The HS has prepared several online activities for the students to do at home, including singing Chinese New Year songs. Although it is difficult to sing together at one time online, the teachers have encouraged students to dance and sing virtually. Besides this, students have carried out explanations of the 12 Chinese zodiac fortunes and they have been delighted to help to translate them into English as well. Family bonding is one of the key components in celebrating the festival. To facilitate this aspect of the holiday, students enjoyed baking CNY cookies at home, and doing Chinese calligraphy and painting with family members. The Year 12 students formed a remarkable music band for the virtual event. This year, we celebrate Chinese New Year in different ways and in different places, but we have never failed to find new ways to celebrate the festival.

[ES CNY virtual celebration video](#)

[HS CNY virtual celebration video](#)

To find out more about the folk tales and traditions of Chinese New Year, you can access [“why and how do the Chinese celebrate the new year for 15 days?”](#)



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## 5th February 2021



### Catholic Corner

### Pray for tomorrow

***Ask God to guide you tomorrow, leading you to your highest purpose.***

***Send love and light to tomorrow, praying for wisdom and strength.***

***Feel deep gratitude, knowing that God has already answered your prayer and tomorrow is already blessed.***

***Take some deep breaths and know that all is well.***





# Elementary Weekly Update



## Chinese New Year Dress Up Day

In celebration of Chinese New Year, **Tuesday 9th February** will be a dress up day with outfits representing this very special holiday. In preparation for our Chinese New Year yearbook page, we would like to ask you to send a portrait-photo of your child in their traditional dress (preferably in front of a plain background) to your child's class teacher by **Friday 12th February**. A selection of these photos will be included in the yearbook.

Please note that Tuesday 9th of February is the last day of school before the half term break. Thank you!

## The Virtue of LOVE

Our virtue for this week is love. Students have been discussing this virtue in our weekly assemblies. The practice of being loving begins with allowing yourself to feel love. How is love being practiced in your home? Considering the feelings of others and sharing time, feelings, ideas, affection and attention are great ways to show love. Love is contagious, let's keep spreading love!

**Love** You are practicing **Love** when you...

- Treat others as you want them to treat you
- Say kind and loving things
- Share your things and yourself
- Love people just as they are
- Take good care of the things you love
- Do what you love and love what you do

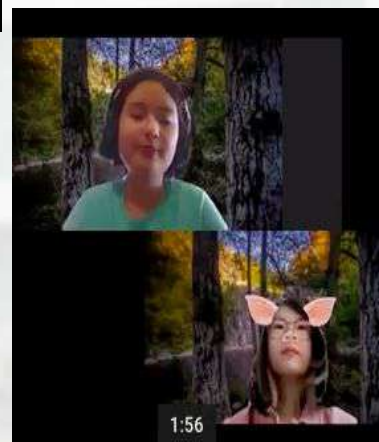
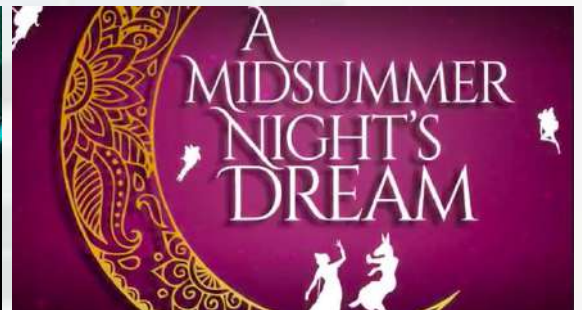
**Affirmation**  
*I am a loving person. I show my love with thoughtful acts, kind words and affection. I treat others the way I want to be treated.*

Love is a special feeling that fills your heart. You show love in a smile, a kind word, a thoughtful act or a hug. Love is treating people and things with care and kindness because they mean so much to you. Love is contagious. It keeps spreading.

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## Y6 Studies Shakespeare

Year 6 have been studying a Midsummer Night's Dream - and the students have use the conventions of play script writing to bring it to life - even over Zoom! We were so impressed! Students wrote scripts, learned their lines, created relevant backgrounds for the setting - and some even added in some costumes. The classes shared with one another to celebrate their hard work!



# High School Weekly Update



## Year 11 and Year 13 Mock Exam Reports

The Year 11 and Year 13 mock exam reports will be available to parents in the Managebac portal on the evening of **Monday, 8th February**. Parents can contact Mrs. Fitzgerald at [mfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:mfitzgerald@sjj-international.edu.my) with any question about accessing their Managebac account.

## Year 11 and Year 13 Parent Teacher Meetings

These PTMs will take place on Wednesday, 24th February from 3.25pm to 6.05pm on Meet the Teacher. Further details with reminders about how to sign up for these meetings on that platform will follow via email after the Chinese New Year holiday. Year 11 and Year 13 students are strongly encouraged to attend with their parents. These meetings will enable discussions about students' work in the recent mock exams, and suggestions on how they can best prepare themselves for the final exams in light of the results of those mock exams.

## Catching Up with Our Former SRC Presidents

On Thursday, we had a special Zoom call with some of our former SRC Presidents. Ying Xuan Eng (Class of 2018), Nicol Yong (Class of 2019) and Marcus Liew (Class of 2020) were asked questions about their life and studies after SJIIM by Bryan Chen and Clement Khoo. Joining us were also two Elementary School SRC members, Danya (Year 6) and Adrienne (Year 5). We'll share some highlights of that catch up with you very soon. It was great to speak to our alumni and we're looking forward to building connections with our former students in the coming months and years.



## Virtual School Tutor Time

After Chinese New Year, should students still be in Virtual School, there will be a slight change to the school day in that we will reduce the number of tutor time periods (12:30 - 1pm) from five days a week to three days a week. Tutor groups will now have two periods a week with their tutor/Head of Year and one period of 'Character and Wellbeing' on a Wednesday.

For the two remaining days when students are not on Google Meet/Zoom with their tutors, tutors will post an activity (ideally one that does not require being online), or students can have that time to read, draw or complete work. Tutors and Heads of Year will instead use this time to work one on one with individual students who may require additional support.

## Chinese New Year

In celebration of Chinese New Year, **Tuesday 9th February** will be a dress up day with outfits representing this very special holiday. We look forward to the coming holiday and we are excited to see our students dressed up showing Chinese culture and colours.

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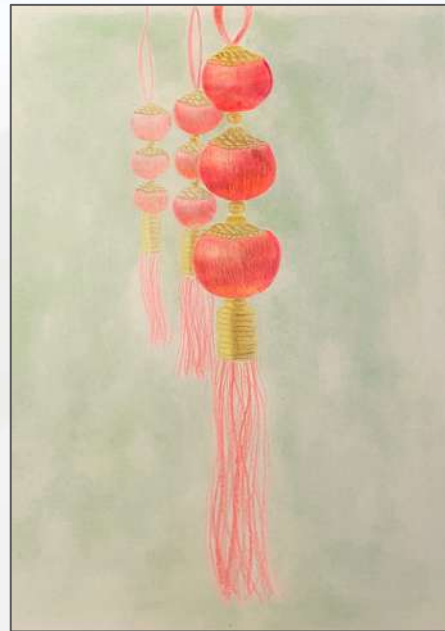


## House School Art - by Ms Sheena Kelly

Year 7 and 8 have continued with colour theory and have been applying their knowledge of complimentary colours to create these Chinese New Year Decoration. I am looking forward to seeing more of these coming in over the next few days.



**Klarissa Lee Wei-Shan 8Y**



**Vernice Sitt 8M**

## Humanities Department - Philosophy Week: Website Design Competition - WINNERS!

Last week, we asked all High school students and parents to help us conclude our Philosophy Week initiative by voting for the best Y7 Philosophy Week Website.

We received a total of 121 responses and after tallying all the votes, we are pleased to say that **the winner of our Y7 Philosophy Week Website design competition is 7Y with their google site creation about Siddhartha!** A big congratulations to Mr. Taylor and his tutor class on their amazing work! We also want to give a **big thank you** to **7M** and **7K** for creating two amazing websites\_and helping to teach us more about Avicenna and Immanuel Kent. We are so proud of our Year 7 classes and the amazing work they did researching, collaborating and designing these websites. We are very proud of you all!



# High School Weekly Update



## House Performing Arts Competition

**THIS IS THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SIGN UP TO THIS EVENT!!!!**

Our inter-house Performing Arts Competition, being led by our student Performing Arts Leaders (PALs). The details are available on the House Google Classroom pages for all students to be involved. The categories of performance are Music, Dance and Drama. This will be conducted virtually through video submissions. Students will be expected to submit a video performance on the theme for the competition, which is 'Hope', and so all entries must feature performances/songs related to this theme.

### **Key Information:**

- Students are to apply through a Google form ( <https://forms.gle/d7rs5BQxqt64hcPr9> ) posted on their House's Google Classroom by the 5th of February 2021.
- After application, students are to record a video from the category of their choice, then submit it onto a Google Classroom assignment created by the House Leaders by the 19th of February 2021.
- Students can participate in more than one category.
- All HS students are welcome to participate from Year 7 -13
- All submissions should be less than 3 minutes long

Please contact Mr Stacey at [dstacey@sji-international.edu.my](mailto:dstacey@sji-international.edu.my) for more details.

**MUSIC, DRAMA, AND DANCE!**

*Hope!*

**THE WINNERS GET TROPHIES!  
YOUR SCHOOL FRIENDS AND  
FAMILY CAN JOIN IN TOO!**

**MUSIC**  
PERFORMANCE OF WRITTEN PIECE. ANY STYLE/INSTRUMENT

**DRAMA**  
MONOLOGUE/DIALOGUE WRITTEN ON THE THEME. WRITTEN BY  
PROFESSIONAL OR STUDENT

**DANCE**  
PERFORMANCE FOR EXAMINATION OR CREATED SPECIFICALLY  
FOR THE COMPETITION

*Recorded and submitted through House Google Classroom -  
limit to 3 minutes per piece*

**Sign-up before 5th feb & Submit before 19th feb**

# High School Weekly Update



## Year 11 and Year 13 Additional Lessons

Now that the mock exams have been completed, our students and teachers will be turning their attention to dedicated preparation for the final IBDP examinations. In order to make this preparation as effective as possible we are putting in place additional, optional, after school classes (3:30pm to 4:30pm) in each subject. These sessions will focus on reviewing key topics identified in the mock exams and other assessments.

The extra after school classes will follow the schedule below, on a fortnightly timetable. In order to help teachers prepare the sessions, each student will be asked to complete a Google form informing us whether they plan to attend a session. Subject teachers will be able to provide more details of the topics to be covered in each session.

These after school sessions **will begin on Monday 1st February and continue until 26th February**, with the fortnightly timetable shown below. Due to the Chinese New Year break, the first two weeks will run on the following dates.

## Year 11 Additional Lessons

	Mon, 1 Feb	Tues, 2 Feb	Wed, 3 Feb	Thur, 4 Feb	Friday, 5 Feb
<b>Week 1</b>	Physics/ Coordinated Science	English	Maths	Languages	Biology
	Mon, 8 Feb	Tues, 9 Feb	Wed, 17 Feb	Thurs, 18 Feb	Friday, 19 Feb
<b>Week 2</b>	History (24, 2 blocks)	Econ (32, 2 blocks)	Geography / Business Studies	Art / Music / Computer Science / PE	Chemistry

## Year 13 Additional Lessons

	Mon, 1 Feb	Tues, 2 Feb	Wed, 3 Feb	Thurs, 4 Feb	Friday, 5 Feb
<b>Week 1</b>	none	Humanities	Chemistry	Economics	English
	Mon, 8 Feb	Tues, 9 Feb	Wed, 17 Feb	Thurs, 18 Feb	Friday, 19 Feb
<b>Week 2</b>	none	Languages	Biology/ Physics	Maths	none

# STRAVA RUNNING UPDATE

## This week's top 3 runners:

### Miguel

1. Rahim Yahya
2. Eva W
3. Joyce Lim

### Mutien

1. Cindy
2. Ven Chellam
3. Carwyn Williams (Student)

### Benilde

1. Kwangho Choi
2. Kiun Cho
3. Majid Hussain (Teacher)

### Jaime

1. Jeff Hashim
2. Darrell Tan
3. Joel Lawrence (Teacher)

**Mutien**

**3189**

**Miguel**

**3101**

**Jaime**

**2005**

**Benilde**

**1596**

## "LET'S GET ACTIVE"

- ★ We're now into *week 10* of our Strava Running Challenge.
- ★ Each Sunday the kilometers ran from the previous week are added to the running total
- ★ You also get points for members signed up to the house group
- ★ Currently the members total is:
  - Miguel - 44
  - Mutien - 55
  - Benilde - 39
  - Jaime - 49
- ★ So... if anything, sign up and support your house!

**What's your quick 5 km time?**



# Useful Links



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



[HS Parent Calendar 2020/21](#)  
[ES Parent calendar 2020/21](#)



[Whole School Teaching Staff Email 2020/21](#)



[Term 2 AY 20/21 meal charges](#)  
[ES Menu Jan 2021](#)  
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[Music Website](#)



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[Epulse \(Top up credit\)](#)  
[Tapestry \(For ES\)](#)  
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