

## SJIIM Weekly Update

17th March 2023

### Important Dates:

22nd Mar - PTC Y7,8,9,10 and 12  
20th/22nd Mar - EY-Y4 & Y6 PTCs  
20th-23rd Mar - Term 3 CCA sign up  
11/13th April - Y5 PTCs

21st Aug - Start of Term 1 for  
Academic Year 2023-2024

### Upcoming Events:

20th-24th Mar - ES STEM Week  
21st Mar - School Mass  
22nd Mar - HS Spring Showcase  
Concert  
23rd Mar - Make-up Photography  
24th Mar House Spirit Day  
23rd Mar to 13th Apr - IB Visual Art  
Exhibition

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*"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"*

**Message written by : Chris Woodhams - ES Assistant Principal (Academic)**

We were delighted last week to see our residential trips resume, with Year 6 enjoying 4 days and 3 nights of fun and challenging outdoor activities in Port Dickson. Year 5 will journey to Melaka next week, and Year 4's trip to Janda Baik and the High School's Year 7-11 Camps will happen in June.

Our school's annual programme of residential trips play a vital role in our children's character development. Lasallian education, rooted in the principles of St. John Baptist de La Salle, emphasises the importance of a holistic education that nurtures the spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth of each student. Our residential trips do exactly this. Residential trips provide an important opportunity for students to deepen their sense of faith, service and community. Through reflection and engagement with different environments, and the world beyond their locality; students can foster a deeper sense of purpose and meaning in their lives and develop a stronger sense of social justice and service to others.

Residential trips also help students develop their leadership skills. By taking on new responsibilities and working together with their peers, students learn to be more effective communicators, problem-solvers, and decision-makers. These skills can be valuable in all aspects of their lives, from the classroom to their future careers.

Another benefit of residential trips in a Lasallian school is that they help students develop a greater sense of social responsibility. Through service projects and engagement with local communities, students learn about the needs of others and develop a sense of empathy and compassion. This can foster a lifelong commitment to serving others and working towards a more just and equitable world.

Overall, our residential trips are a powerful tool for character development. By providing opportunities for personal growth, leadership development, and social responsibility, these trips help students become more well-rounded and compassionate individuals who understand the meaning of our school motto; 'enter to learn and leave to serve' and who are committed to making a positive difference in the world.







## Kangaroo Maths 2023

The school is excited to be entering the Kangaroo Maths competition again this year and we are opening it up to all students in years 3-13. The competition will be held in school on 18th May and payment and entry needs to be submitted before the 20th March. The following [letter](#) contains more details.

If you have any questions, please contact our Heads of Maths; Shaun Wilson [swilson@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:swilson@sjj-international.edu.my) (ES) or Joel Lawrence [jlawrence@sjj-international.edu.my](mailto:jlawrence@sjj-international.edu.my) (HS)



## Pick up Time and Student Safety

We have many families who now walk to school in the morning. To support this, please can all families who drive into school, use their indicators when coming in through the gate. This makes the guards' job easier and our families safer. Also, if you plan to come early to collect your child, we ask that you please park in the visitor car park, instead of waiting in the lanes. This will allow traffic to flow more smoothly.



## Make-up Photo Session

Our friends at Fotorex have graciously offered to return to campus on **Thursday, 23rd March** for anyone that missed their class photo. Please wear formal uniform for photoshoot.

You also have the option of visiting the studio. Booking is required for the photo studio. More [info here](#).

To schedule a session, please visit their website:

<https://fotorex.simplybook.asia/v2/#book/location/2/count/1/>.



## International Mandarin Debate Workshop

The Chinese department is excited to organize an International Mandarin Debate Workshop for students from Year 5-10. This is a two-day debate workshop and is conducted on the 11th April (Tuesday) and 12th April (Wednesday), from 3:20pm to 4:50pm. Due to the nature of the workshop (only students with a solid Chinese background) are invited. View this [poster](#) for more information about the workshop.





*Bring your old books to swap for a ticket...*



*...then at the swap, you can 'buy' pre-loved books*



## Book Week Coming Soon - Are You Ready?!

Our annual Book Week is coming up on **17th April** with lots of fun activities for all. Building up to the week, children will take part in the annual 'Extreme Reading Challenge' bravely reading books in weird and wonderful places. Keep an eye of Seesaw for further details of this. Book Week will begin with a 'Costume Catwalk' in the auditorium. Children are asked to come to school dressed up as a book character that inspires them. On Wednesday, EY to year 3 will have guests from The StoryBook to lead interactive drama workshops. On Friday, year 4-6 will be entertained with a Shakespeare play from the 'The KL Players'. Throughout the week, children will 'drop everything and read' and share their favourite books with their friends. There will also be collaborative activities with the High School, including 'pop-up' drama performances and storytelling.

## Book Swap in Book Week

There will also be a 'Book Swap' on the Friday of Book Week. In preparation for this, from next **Monday 20th March until Wednesday 19th April**, children can donate any preloved books (good condition please) to the ES office where they will receive a ticket from Ms Aisyah in return. This can then be exchanged for another book of their choosing on the 'Book Swap' day.

## STEM Week and House Spirit Day

Next week, each child will undertake their own 'STEM Challenge'; an annual event to celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Each class winner this year will also be entered into the 'AIMS Science Showcase' where their creations will be exhibited alongside other winning designs from Malaysian international schools. This is also a House competition to coincide with our traditional end of term House Spirit Day (next Friday) so valuable House Points will also be up for grabs. A reminder that on House Spirit Days, we ask all children to come to school in their House PE kits.

## Happy Ramadan

Ramadan starts on Thursday next week. To support students who are fasting, please can parents let us know by completing this [form](#). This will inform our teachers who can then make accommodations if necessary. Students fasting may use their lunch periods to read a book or finish work in the library. We thank Miss Prema and Mr Abang for extending the library to our students during this special month.

## End of CCA and After School Care Club (ASCC)

Please note that this week is the last week of CCAs. Kindly arrange for your child to be collected at their finishing time from their pick - up point next week.



## PTC - 22nd Mar (Wednesday)

There will be **no school for Year 7,8,9,10 and 12** students on 22nd Mar. Y11 and Y13 will attend school as normal, but will participate in bespoke workshops to help prepare them for exams and beyond.



## 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 on Monday, **10th April 2023** to our

- 1) Head of School, Mr. Gary Cairns at [gcairns@sj-i-international.edu.my](mailto:gcairns@sj-i-international.edu.my) and copy to
- 2) Admissions, Ms. Kwa Jin Nee at [jinneekwa@sj-i-international.edu.my](mailto:jinneekwa@sj-i-international.edu.my)



## House Spirit Day - Friday, 24th Mar

'It's good to talk, and even better to walk and talk. Look out for an email from Mr Bayfield this week about the HS plans to walk and talk to support our physical and mental health on the last day of term 2, all whilst sipping fresh fruit juices grown in our very own school garden!



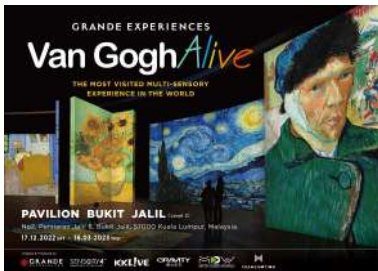
## HS Spring Showcase Concert

The upcoming HS Spring Showcase Concert is set to take place on the 22nd of March, from 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm. We have a variety of performances from different music groups in school who have been practising diligently over the course of the term, including the school orchestra, choir and rock band. The winners of the Inter-house Performing Arts Competition are also set to perform, so come along for an evening of music and drama! We hope to see all of you there supporting the talented students of HS!



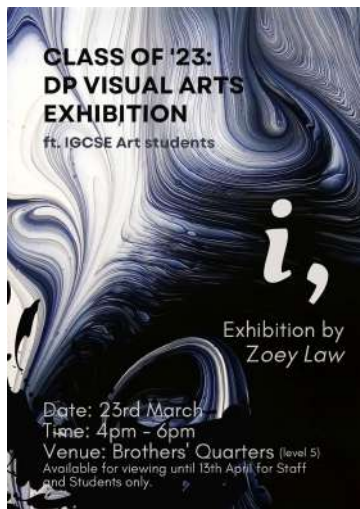
## IGCSE Options Evening

On Wednesday we hosted the second of our Options Evenings of the year, this time to support our Year 9 students in choosing their IGCSE subjects. Students and parents were able to benefit from the expertise of our experienced and knowledgeable teachers about the courses and progression routes open to them. Conversations about future goals and aspirations left our students feeling both inspired and informed. We look forward to championing the success of our next IGCSE cohort in August 2023! Deadline for Options selection is 22nd Mar.



## Van Gogh Alive exhibition

On Friday 10th March 2023, 30 students from years 9, 10, and 12 were taken to view the immersive Van Gogh Alive exhibition at Pavilion Bukit Jalil. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time experiencing the art of Van Gogh in various 3D and 2D formats, as well as drawing workshops, recreations of Van Gogh's home, 360 degree video and audio information as well as being able to read about his life and his work. The exhibition had 2 elements, one immersive and one interactive, students engaged well with both sections and were a credit to themselves and to SJII.



## IB Visual Arts Exhibition 2023 ft. IGCSE student work

On Thursday 23rd March, year 13 IB Visual Arts student, Zoey Law will debut in her first self-curated exhibition. Please join us and show support for Zoey as part of her internal assessment for her IB Visual Arts course.

The exhibition from 4pm-6pm in the Brother's Quarters, level 5.

The exhibition will also feature some amazing work from our current IGCSE Y10&11 cohorts. There will be live music, food and plenty of artwork on display. Please fill in [this form](#) so that we can get an accurate attendee list for the event.



## International World Book Week 17th - 21st April

Readings, performances, competitions and more!

Non-uniform day on Monday 17th of April

Come dressed as an inspirational character!



## Year 9 Service Project: “Make your Mark”

Another furious week of Make Your Mark trading from the Y9 students as part of their Community Service Project. With one week to go until the holiday and the completion of the project, students have been putting a huge effort into their enterprise in order to raise as much money as possible for the Zomi Refugee Committee in conjunction with the LYM Artfriendz Project. For me it has been an amazing experience already, seeing the enthusiasm and commitment to this project from the Year 9 students and also the support from the school community has been truly rewarding.

Comments from students:

### **Himari, Aurelia, Shine, Risako and Caitlyn: 9M - ‘Oreo milkshake and ice cream floats’**

“We have been selling Oreo milkshakes and ice cream floats over the last 2 weeks and we can’t believe how busy we have been. Even though we have had to buy a lot of ingredients, we have been selling out everyday and we know that we have been profitable. You can find us in front of the cafeteria, during lunch time 1:00 ~ 1:35.”

### **E-Shane, Philippine, Sophie and Emma : 9K - ‘Ice cream cookie sandwiches’**

“Our group sells vanilla ice cream sandwiched by 2 chocolate chip cookies, so basically an ice cream cookie sandwich. Not only do we sell ice cream cookie sandwiches but we also sell caricatures which are drawn by Philippine. Our stall is set up in front of the pool at the Lasallian Mission Centre(LMC).”

### **Super Snack Bros. (Conor, Jayden, Joe, Leo, Isaac)**

“Our group, Super Snack Bros. has been selling a variety of snacks that are sold outside the cafeteria every day during lunch time for charity towards the Zomi Education Centre. We originally had just three different snacks, but due to immense popularity, we have used our profit to expand our collection greatly, and we show no signs of stopping - now, we are even beginning to venture into the world of candies. Along with this, we have an online ordering system where your order will be prioritised and reserved to provide an easier experience for our customers. Our startup was extremely successful, and we feel that the overall experience has been very enlightening, as well as allowing us to learn how to manage finances and products more efficiently. We value our customers and always consider requests with the utmost enthusiasm. Hope to see you there! The Super Snack Bros.”

Trading will finish on the final day of this half term; 25th March 2023.



## Science week 2023

This year the theme of British Science week is 'Connections' so we had an assembly on Monday where students learnt about the connection between such diverse ideas as the invasion of Starlings in the USA and Shakespeare; and World War Two and Nutella. We have been working with the students to highlight the importance of creativity in the scientific process. In a joint project with the art department we have been running a project with KS3 classes where students have designed a pattern, drew the pattern, and then made the dyes, from food products, and finally painted their own tote bags. We have examined the process of making dyes from a science point of view, and of course been absolutely blown away by the creativity shown by the students in designing and painting their bags. It has been fantastic to see our students see the links between science and art and great for students to get to practice being creative.

There has also been a science week music playlist, where students have been able to identify songs, and the scientific idea the song is about, we will announce the winners of this contest next week. We finished the week with the quiz about connections too. We are very pleased to be back in school again for Science week and hope the students have enjoyed the activities we have been able to run.

You get better by practice. So practice being creative.

#creativityinscience #learningbydoing #scienceweek2023 #sjimscience







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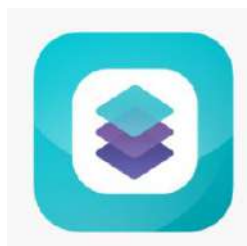
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