

SJIIM Weekly Update

24th March 2023

Important Dates:

24th Mar - End of Term 2

10th Apr - Start of Term 3

11/13th Apr - Y5 PTC

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

Upcoming Events:

23rd -28th Mar - HS Taiwan trip

23rd Mar to 13th Apr - IB Visual Art
Exhibition

17th-21st Apr - International World
Book Week (and Dress-up Day)

26th May - ES Student Led
Conferences

27th May - ES Sports Day

23rd June - EY Sports Day

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"Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve"

Professional Learning for Staff at SJIIM - from the Leadership Team

This year, we have seen exciting developments and broader network opportunities for our staff to continue to learn and grow as professionals, so as to better educate and serve our students. SJIIM is both leading and benefitting from training and development within our networks.

Recently, we have become a Partner School for Best Practice Network, a UK Department of Education provider for teacher training and educational leadership qualifications. Mr Bayfield and Mrs Fedorowicz have led training for educators from across Malaysia who have come to St. Joseph's to study for their NPQSL (National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership). SJIIM has two members of staff currently working on the course as well, which will add value to whole school projects.

Through FOBISIA, our staff's opportunities for training have expanded greatly. Just this past weekend, we joined the FOBISIA leadership conference in Bangkok and were treated to two-full days of talks on strategic school development. Our Learning Assistants have also benefited from this training, with two of them attending full-day Job-Alike Workshops (JAWS) hosted by the British School of Manilla. Our KS1 leader, Mrs Woodhams, also presented a phonics workshop at the training. Our Learning Assistant have further weekly training and team building sessions, coordinated by Mrs Fried and led by various school leaders, in areas such as guided reading, first aid and bar modelling.

Our middle and senior leaders have also been given the opportunity to join in various network mentoring opportunities. Through AIMS we participated in a middle leaders mentoring programme, where senior leaders from across the network (SJI included) were paired with middle leaders in different schools to continue to develop on their leadership journey. Similar, we have participated in WISE (Women International School Educators), which is an initiative to develop female school leaders across Asia. SJIIM has both mentors and mentees participating in this programme.

These external development opportunities all support our internal CPD programme which staff engage with every Monday after school and during INSET days throughout the year. The internal sessions focus on a range of priorities that keep our staff current and up-to-date with pedagogical advances in other parts of the world. Some of the focuses this year have been metacognition, differentiation and giving feedback. Alongside these teaching and learning priorities, staff have also developed their expertise and skills around the use of progress data, safeguarding and supporting our EAL learners more effectively. Additionally, staff take part in a chosen PLC (Professional Learning Community) group throughout the year where they use research to work together and develop understanding and initiatives that will benefit the wider school. Some of this year's PLCs include Student Wellbeing, Differentiation for EAL learners and the use of CEIAG (Careers Education Information Advice & Guidance) in tutor time.

Catholic and Christian Community (CCC)

Wow, what a term it has been!

Our Catholic and Christian community continues to grow from strength to strength. We are incredibly proud of the various prayer groups that meet regularly to pray for our school community namely Our 'Moms in Prayer' group and our Parent Rosary circle. Also this term it was lovely to be able to meet as a community led by the CCC team and pray the Stations of the Cross in our chapel.



High School

This term Ms. Edmunds has worked closely with our high school students. Our high school students now have their own Google CCC classroom to help build spiritual connections. On Tuesday, March 21st a special Mass was dedicated to our examination students. We will continue to pray for all our students and families involved with examinations this year.

Elementary School

In the ES, we are very grateful to Ms. Joanne for her patience and creativity in supporting the little ones in our weekly Catholic CCA gatherings. Also a big thank you to the wonderful mummy helpers who come and support us each week. We now have over 50 students across years 1-year 6. Needless to say, we are already planning for Term 3. Please use the sign-up sheet for Term 3 Catholic CCA [HERE](#).

Wishing everyone a peaceful and blessed Easter.





Year 1 & 2 Kidzania Trip

Year 1 & Year 2 students had a wonderful trip to Kidzania on Monday. They enjoyed bringing their learning outside of the classroom and getting to experience a child-sized city where they dipped their toes into careers as police officers, firefighters, pilots and much more.



Year 5 trip to Melaka

We are so proud of our year 5 students who returned this week from a three day trip to Melaka. Our students spent a day enjoying an array of outdoor activities at Melaka's Botanical Gardens. On the second day, the students walked up St Paul's Hill and completed pencil sketches. They listened to expert historian guides who walked them through The History and Ethnography museum as well as the Maritime museum. To top off a fantastic trip, the children enjoyed a beautiful river cruise and then on the final morning, students created their very own batik paintings. Thank you to the entire Year 5 team and our friends at Wilderness Malaysia for giving our students an experience that they will treasure forever.



STEM Week This week children embarked on the third annual SJIIM STEM Challenge, linked with our House Spirit Day. Children were asked to independently create a 'flying device'. Children enjoyed trying out new ways to engineer either something that flies or something that causes an item to move through the air using only recyclable items. Not only was this event a great chance to capture the virtues of perseverance, determination and cooperation but it also highlighted our students' fantastic ingenuity and creative flair!



Year 2 Exit Point On Thursday, Year 2 was transformed into an art gallery! The children have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks to create various pieces of digital and traditional art. Parents were invited to view the different pieces on display, scan QR codes to listen to the artist's reflections and leave feedback. It was a great way to end the IPC Unit "Hooray, Let's Go on Holiday!"



House STEM Cup and Term 2 Totals were announced in today's assembly. The winners of the House STEM Cup were Miguel with 1365 points. Congratulations to Jaylea and Roy, the Miguel House Captains, who received our esteemed DIY trophy. The end of term two House Point totals were also shared today:

Benilde-1609

Jaime-1827

Miguel-1875

Mutien-1953

It's still all to play for in Term 3, with the House Sports Day the next chance to earn valuable House points.



House Spirit Day

At 8am this morning, our high school 'walked and talked' in order to raise awareness of mental health, and the benefits of gentle exercise and social connection.

Usual lessons were shortened as students gathered for a short assembly outlining the neuroscience behind walking, and how it actually changes the plasticity of the brain. Students were shown research on the physical and mental benefits of walking, as well as how when done early in the day it prepares the mind and body to think better, think happier and learn better.

Students then walked and talked around the outside of our campus, whilst paying attention to being mindful, talking with students they did not often associate with and thanking their teachers for a term of hard work.



Spring Showcase Concert 2023

On Wednesday, the 22nd of March, we had the pleasure of watching our 2023 Spring Showcase Concert live! Our showcase included a wide range of performances from different individuals and groups in our school, from the orchestra to the Dance CCA. We were able to experience a variety of music performances, including solos, duets, and rock band items, all performed by the talented students of SJIIM. We are delighted to see so many students expressing their creativity through music and dance, and we are looking forward to more performances in the future!





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@sjj-international.edu.my and copy to

2) Admissions, Ms. Kwa Jin Nee at jinneekwa@sjj-international.edu.my



Year 8 Islamic Museum Trip (Maths and Art) - 24th May 2023

We are very excited to see the return of our combined Maths and Art trip this academic year. All students in Year 8 will be exploring the geometrical elements of symmetry and tessellations that are crucial to Islamic art and architecture.

Note : Year 8 parents please remember to complete the consent form and make payment for the trip at their earliest convenience.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Williams, mwilliams@sjj-international.edu.my



Make Your Mark - Y9 Service Project

The final week of 'Make Your Mark' has seen the students make the last push in their enterprise to raise as much money as possible for the Zomi Refugee Committee in conjunction with the LYM Artfriendz Project. As they wind up their businesses they reflect on their journey and how they have overcome the challenges that they faced as part of this project. More info [here](#).



International World Book Week 17th - 21st April

Please watch this video : [World Book Week 2023.mov](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WorldBookWeek2023)

Readings, performances, competitions and more!

Non-uniform day on Monday 17th of April

Come dressed as an inspirational character!



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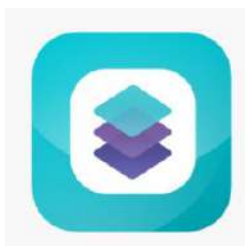
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