

SJIIM Weekly Update

10th November 2023

Important Dates:

28th November - Y9 Options
Evening

Upcoming Events:

16th November - Digital Parenting
17th November - Deepavali Gala
24th November - ES Open Morning

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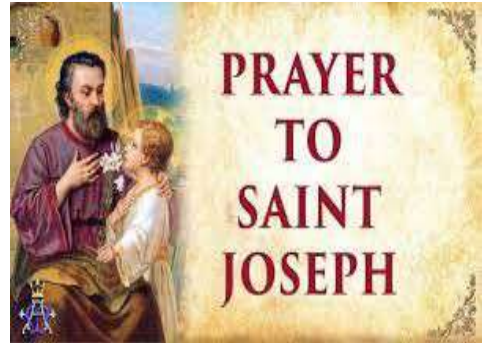
This week's highlights at SJIIM



Please note that the school will be closed to all staff, students and parents during this extended holiday weekend, and no-one will be able to enter the site. Thank you for your cooperation, and enjoy the Deepavali holiday and celebrations.

Catholic and Christian Community

During the month of November the children will learn about different Saints, starting with St. Joseph. We will learn about their lives whilst they were on Earth and why they were made Saints.



PSG Update



SJIIM Christmas Bazaar


Begin the Christmas season at SJIIM's Annual Christmas Bazaar on 1st December 2023. This event is proudly organised by the SJIIM Parent Volunteers (SPV). We are inviting vendors, volunteers and sponsors to be part of this year's festivities.

Come join us by filling in the forms below:


[Vendor form](#) or

[Parent Volunteer/Sponsorship Form](#).

Year 1- Year 3
Nov 6th - Nov 24th



Author Vanaja Dhanan is coming to SJIM to tell us all about Chi Ki Kat!



About the book:
An enchanting tale celebrating the magic of childhood, universal love and friendship.

An energetic kitten Chi Ki seeks amusement, while he waits for his friends to join him at play. Before he gets into too much mischief, an unexpected guest appears before him and together they set out on a wild, magical trip.

Get your own signed copy of the book for RM20. Pass RM20 to your class teacher. You will receive your signed copy during Unity Week (Nov 20th-Nov 24th)

Unity Week

As part of Unity Week (Nov 20th-24th), we will be hosting a range of interactive storytelling sessions for students in years 1-3, led by local children's author, Vanaja Dhanan. Her book, **Chi Ki Cat**, tells a beautifully illustrated story about friendship and love. Signed copies of the book are on sale from November 6th-21st. For more information about the book and the author, please see the flyer attached- [HERE](#).

We look forward to welcoming Vanaja and Chi Ki Kat into our school community.



Deepavali Day

We saw our school filled with colour today as our students marked our Deepavali day by dressing up in traditional Indian attire. Our amazing Parent Volunteer team put together a spread of fantastic Deepavali activities for the entire school to enjoy. Everyone loved pressing murukku and watching the squishy paste create patterns. The younger children had a blast rolling out chapatis, not forgetting diya painting and the all time favourite, henna hand art! Thank you to all who helped to make this such a successful and memorable event!

Year 1 trip to Kidzania

Year 1 had an excellent trip to Kidzania this week! We were very impressed with how the students represented the school, showing their virtues of courtesy and cooperation. Linking with our IPC topic, A to B, we experienced being pilots, firefighters and lots of other jobs that use transportation. Well done year 1, we are all very proud of you and we hope you all had a wonderful time.



SRC Logo competition

The Student Representative Council (SRC) decided that they needed to personalise their own logo. We are pleased to announce our winner for 2023; Grace (4I) who impressed the team with her creativity. Well done Grace!



FOBISIA Leadership Conference

Congratulations to Evelyn Teng (Year 11) who took part, last weekend, in a panel discussion at the FOBISIA Leadership Conference at the Shangri-La Hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

Along with a small number of students from other international schools, Evelyn gave her views on a wide range of issues including the biggest issues faced by teenagers today, changes that school leaders can make to improve the experiences of young people and her hopes for what she will gain out of education.

Evelyn spoke in front of over 200 Headteachers and Senior Leaders from across Asia. We were greatly impressed by the depth and insight of her contributions to the discussion, as well as the maturity and confidence to speak in front of such a big audience.



Kangaroo Maths Awards

This year we are celebrating some of our best results ever in Kangaroo Maths Competition across the High School and the Elementary School. Our gold medalist winners had the opportunity to attend the Award Ceremony and Kevin Park in year 11 went to collect his Gold medal for the 2nd year running.

All other medals and certificates will be presented to students in an assembly when they arrive (hopefully before the end of term). Congratulations again to all our winners and thank you to Kevin for representing the school at this event.



Best Debater & Victory in Individual Debates

Congratulations on the excellent achievements of the Chinese debate team representing SJIIM. Last Sunday (November 5th, 2023), our SJIIM's Chinese debate team was represented by a team of 6 students (Kaman Chan, Lanbin Cui, Tong Ye, Jiaao Yu, Yiwei Yuan, Xirui Wang). Despite it being their first time participating, our students secured victories in individual debates, and one of our students, Chan Kaman, was honoured as the Best Debater! The performance of SJIIM's debaters left a lasting impression on the judges, and such a remarkable achievement would not have been possible without the tremendous support from SJIIM, teachers and the coach. We hope that students will continue to excel and achieve success in the upcoming 3rd Malaysia International School Chinese Debate Competition. Thank you!





Model United Nation (MUN) Conference

We would like to congratulate the members of the Model United Nation (MUN) CCA who attended their first MUN conference this past weekend. MUN is a simulation of global diplomacy, where students take on the role of representatives for different countries in order to explore global issues and work together to propose solutions. This experience not only helped students to develop their public speaking and debating skills, but also gave them the chance to meet and collaborate with students from other schools while gaining a better understanding of international affairs.



A special congratulations goes out to two SJI students who received awards within their own councils: Rhea Llango, who won the award for Most Improved Delegate, and David Motha, who won the Most Diplomatic Delegate.



Year 7 Local Cultural Expedition

Our year 7 students went for their first Malay cultural expedition to Sekinchan on Tuesday, 7th November, 2022. They dived into traditional Malaysian dehusking rice practices, pounding rice with mortar and pestle and separating rice with the winnowing method using the Malay traditional bamboo colander. Please read more information [here](#).



Maths and Music Collaboration - Maths Day 2 November

Mr Lawrence was grinning from ear to ear in assemblies over the last two weeks as we were able to feature pieces of music he commissioned students, both past and present to compose, fulfilling a long held desire to see a collaboration of mathematically inspired musical compositions in the school. Please read more info [here](#).



Languages day

Last Wednesday and today, Friday, The Language Department (Chinese, Malay and Spanish) organised Language Days which took place at SJIIM, where our students had the opportunity to enjoy modern and traditional Chinese and Malaysian activities and games such as congkak, mahjong, chess, batu Seremban, sepak takraw, ian zi, pitch-pot game, and toop trundle. These showcased traditions and playing techniques contributed to improving concentration and competitive spirit and fostered cultural awareness and understanding. Today, Friday, The karaoke session, where songs were sung in Mandarin, Bahasa, and Spanish, not only adds a fun element but also contributes to language learning. Please read more info [here](#).



Save the date - Y9 Options Evening

Tuesday, 28th November 2023 at 4.30pm

Further information has been sent via email and is on the [Year 9 Parent Google Classroom](#). The link to the IGCSE Options Handbook is also [here](#).



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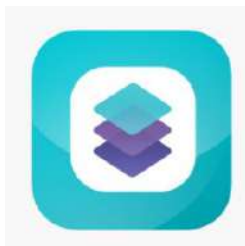
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