



## Learning at JIS – from Cath Wan, Deputy Principal/ PYP Coordinator

### **Creativity, Commitment and Resilience at JIS**

As we prepare to welcome the rest of the school back to JIS on Monday, our P5s and P6s have been showing us just how creative, committed and resilient they are – qualities of true learners.

A true learner is able to transfer habits of mind and understandings to new, and sometimes challenging contexts. Rather than simply regurgitating information, they are flexible thinkers and are creative in their problem solving approach.

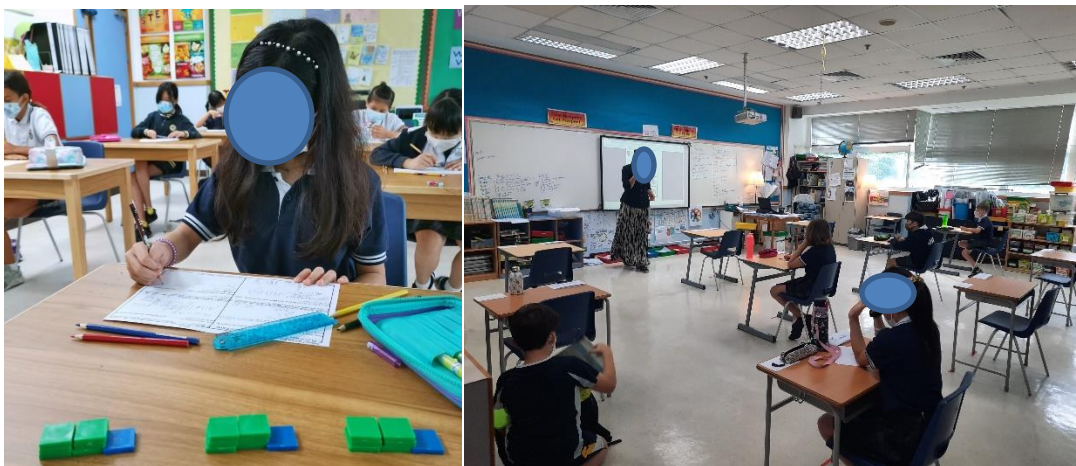
So what did this look like on P5 and P6's first few days back at school? The students had a lot of new routines to get used to, in line with safe distancing and rigorous hygiene protocols. In learning these, all students showed respect for the new routines, commitment to learning them and kindness as they gently reminded and helped each other.



On the playground, equipment is now limited and many physical games have to be put on hold. So the children adapted. Solo ball games, whilst chatting to a friend from a safe distance were popular, so were skipping games and running organized, well-spaced races. In the afternoon, some children brought down a 1.5 metre, soft stick made of newspaper to play a game they created 'stick tag'. This has now evolved into 'pool noodle tag', which the students delight in.



Whilst waiting in a suitably spaced line, children played games such as “I went to market” and “My turn your turn” to have fun whilst staying in their space. Our school looks very different now and whilst we are all looking forward to the time when our children can hug each other, play piggy back and tackling games, our children are resilient. They are figuring out ways to play and have fun within the new safety restrictions. As we settle into our adapted school life, I am confident that new games will be invented, new ways of ‘safe collaboration’ will be created and when this pandemic is over, we will have a bigger bank of communication, play and learning strategies for us to use.



As always, if you have any questions about learning at JIS, feel free to contact me.

