

## **OLN Connect**

#### **School Mission**

A CHIJ School is a Christ-centered school community where all work together for the promotion of truth, justice, freedom and love, with special reference to the needs of students who are disadvantaged in any way.

#### **School Vision**

Girls of Today for Tomorrow



### Principal's Message

It has been a fruitful 2024 with the many events that we have planned for our students such as CHIJ 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Languages Come Alive!, Launch of "Bella Goes to School", Children's Day Celebrations etc. It was truly our blessing to see the children enjoying themselves while learning.

Our girls have grown much this year, and we were happy to share their achievements and progress with parents at GRACIA! Celebrations, eMTP and our social media channels.

We were also very proud to announce that our P6 girls did well and were touched to see their joy as they received their PSLE results. We wish them all the best as they embark on their secondary school journey.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, students and staff who have worked with me for the past 8 years. It has been a wonderful journey at IJ OLN and I was touched by the affirmation and support given by all. Come 2025, I hope you will continue to work as closely with the incoming Principal, Mrs Karen Tan as you have with me the past years.

With that, I wish you happy holidays and encourage all to continue to 'Hold on to our IJ Dream!'. Mrs Karen Tan, along with her team of Vice-Principals and staff will be looking forward to welcoming you and your children next year!

### **General Information**

#### **Appeal for Donation**

With reference to our appeal letter for donation (letter reference no.: 2024OLN\_0495), we are pleased to announce that we have reached our target of \$34,100.00 and hence will not be accepting any more donations.

We have raised a total of \$66,261.00 and this would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors including you, parents of IJ OLN. We thank you!

### Fund Raising for IJHCC

We would like to thank all parents and students for their generosity towards our efforts to raise funds for Infant Jesus Homes and Children's Centres (IJHCC) throughout this year! The recently concluded IJ Bazaar raised \$8,575.00 and this, together with Project G.O.O.D and the sale of Hot Cross Buns, raised a total of \$10,831 to support IJHCC efforts and programmes.

#### **Edusave Awards for Primary Schools**

Edusave Awards are given by the government annually to Singaporean students to enhance educational opportunities and motivate students to excel in the academic and non-academic domains. You can refer to this webpage <a href="https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/awards-scholarships/edusave-awards">https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/awards-scholarships/edusave-awards</a> for more information as to the various awards, eligibility criteria and the monetary value of each award.

MOE will continue to use PayNow (using the student's birth certificate number) as a means to disburse Edusave award monies. Edusave award recipients will receive a notification letter from MOE. Your area's Constituency Office will also be disseminating information as to the award ceremony.

#### **Ordering of Student Name Tags**

You are able to order the name tags now via an online mode. You can log into this website for more information: <a href="https://nametags.stitchwerkz.sg/chijoln">https://nametags.stitchwerkz.sg/chijoln</a>

#### Travel Declaration for December School Holidays Gentle Reminder

If your child is travelling during the December school holidays, please make the necessary declaration for her via Parents' Gateway (PG) under Services -> Declare Travels. If there is a need to amend the travel plan, you can do so via the same module in PG. If your child is <u>not</u> travelling during the holidays, <u>no action is required</u>.

### **Updates for 2025**

#### School Hours - General

Please note the official school hours for 2025:

Mondays - Fridays: 7.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Assembly will begin promptly at 7.30am, and students who are not with their class for assembly at 7.30am will be considered late.

#### The Use of Handphones and Smartwatches

As you prepare for the new academic year, please note that students are not encouraged to bring digital devices like handphones and smartwatches to school. However, if you require your child/ward to bring such a device to school, you would need to complete a Request Slip. More details will be sent out in January 2025.

Should your child/ward bring a personal digital device like a smartwatch / handphone to school, it would need to be switched off so long as she is within the school premises. She would not be allowed to use it during school hours which include recess, CCA and after-school programmes e.g. supplementary/support/enrichment lessons. This means she would not be allowed to use these devices to make/receive calls or texts, take pictures or make any form of recording.

### Wet Weather Staggered Dismissal

Should there be a need for staggered dismissal due to inclement weather, we will dismiss the P1 students at 1.20pm, followed by the P2 students at 1.25pm. P3 and P4 students will be dismissed at 1.35pm while the P5 and P6 students will be dismissed at 1.40pm.

#### **Recess Timing**

We will continue to have 6 recesses in 2025. The recess timing is as follows:

Level	Recess Time	Snack Time (15 minutes)
P1	10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	Between 8.30 a.m. and
		9.00 a.m.

P2	8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m.	Between 11.00 a.m. and
		11.30 a.m.
P3	9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.	Between 11.00 a.m. and
		11.30 a.m.
P4	11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Between 9.00 a.m. and
		9.30 a.m.
P5	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.	Between 11.30 a.m. and
		12.00 p.m.
P6	10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.	Between 8.30 a.m. and
		9.00 a.m.

<sup>\*</sup>Parents, please pack dry and healthy snacks for your child to eat during snack time e.g. fruits, buns, biscuits.

### **Access Timing for School Gates 2025**

The access timing for the school gates will be as follows:

Gate		Opening Hours during School Term (Mondays — Fridays)
Main Gate		7.00 a.m. $-$ 7.45 a.m. (only for school buses and parents who are driving their children to school)
		Should you arrive earlier than 7.00 a.m., please let your child alight at Side Gate 2 near the HDB carpark at Blk 465A.
		Parents who drive and pick up their children from school after dismissal, should wait at Side Gate 2.
Side Gate	1	6.30 a.m. — 8.00 a.m.
(Behind the stop)	bus	(the gate will be opened only if it rains)
		1.30 p.m. − 2.00 p.m.

	(P4/P5/P6 students will be dismissed via Side Gate 1)
Side Gate 2 (Near the HDB	6.30 a.m. — 8.00 a.m.
<b>\</b>	1.30 p.m. $-$ 2.00 p.m. (P1/P2/P3 students will be dismissed via Side Gate 2)
	3.00 p.m. — 3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. — 5.45 p.m.

#### Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons (HMTL) - P5 to P6

Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons for P5 and P6 will commence from Thursday 9 January 2025 onwards.

#### Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons (HMTL) - P3 to P4

Higher Mother Tongue Language Lessons for P3 and P4 will commence from Monday 20 January 2025 onwards.

### Support Lessons - P3 to P5

Support lessons will commence for **identified students** from Monday 20 January 2025 onwards. The list of identified students and the support lesson schedule will be made known and Consent Forms issued to these students, by Friday 10 January 2025 via PG.

Support lessons for P1 and P2 will commence for identified students from Semester 2 and Term 2 onwards respectively. More details will be disseminated later.

#### Supplementary Lessons - P6

Supplementary lessons will begin for all P6 students from Monday 20 January 2025 onwards. The supplementary lesson schedule will be made known and Consent Forms issued to these students, by Friday 10 January 2025 via PG.

#### Co-curricular Activities (CCA)

CCA will commence from Monday, 20 January 2025 onwards. The CCA schedule can be found on page 13 and will be published on the school website under the 'Learn @ IJOLN' tab by Wednesday, 8 January 2025.

CCA teachers will inform you directly should there be a need for the CCA to commence earlier or should extra training days be required e.g. preparation for competitions.

#### Commencement of School Bus Transportation for After-School Activities

KW Bus Services Pte Ltd will resume its services for afterschool activities i.e. Support Lessons and CCAs from Monday, 20 January 2025 onwards.

If your child is currently taking the school bus and the dropoff from the school is up till 4km based on the Google Map distance, you can consider booking this service by contacting the vendor at 8498 4950 at least 3 working days in advance. Each trip will cost \$8.00.

## **Achievement**

- We are pleased to attain the Singapore Green Award (Yellow Flame). The School Green Awards (SGA) is a platform for students to develop and showcase their environmental efforts, through customised activities which will help them gain better understanding of the environment.
- Congratulations to our Netballers who achieved the following at our CHIJ Netball Fiesta: 3<sup>rd</sup> for P4 and 4<sup>th</sup> for P5 in the Shooting Challenge, 2<sup>nd</sup> for both P4 and P5 Games.
- CHIJ OLN submitted 65 entries for the Queen's Royal Commonwealth Essay Competition and we are proud to announce the following results:

Class	Name	Award
	Riti Pandey	Bronze
5 Faith	Vian Yap Yi En	Bronze
	Gong Ziyou	Bronze
	Aerin Seah Jia En	Bronze
5 Grace	Ashley Neo Jia En	Bronze
Julace	Ahamed Aashadh Aara Manha	Silver
	Dionne Ng Le Wei	Silver
5 Hope	Ma Yi En Nichele	Bronze
3 Hope	Sophie Jamie Ho	Bronze
E lov	Cherie Chee Rui Zhen	Bronze
5 Joy	Leong Reanne	Silver

5 Love	Hailey Sng Xin Tong	Silver
	Tessa Elisabeth Poh Rou Xi	Silver
5 Peace	Natasha Iman Binte Abdul	
	Rahman	Silver
5 Truth	Charlotte Lee Min En	Bronze

Class	Name	Award
	Arista Goh Yaxuan	Bronze
	Cheng Yiran Olivia	Silver
6 Faith	Emily Lim Wen Qian	Silver
ОГАПП	Katy Koh Le Ting	Silver
	Ziva Enakshi Harish	Silver
	Ainsley Chen Qi Ying	Silver
	Kohana Kumaran	Bronze
6 Grace	Nur Elfreda Binte Ruzwandy	Silver
	Chia Xin En, Kayla Grace	Silver
	Neriah Lim Jing Xuan	Bronze
6 Hope	Alyssa Ng Si Qi	Silver
	Kaylee Cheah Zhuoying	Gold
	Shinelle Hu	Bronze
6 Joy	Caitlyn Vivienne Santoso	Bronze
	Shivaani Panneer Selvam	Gold
	Lo Jing Ying, Miribelle	Bronze
6 Love	Chan Hoi Tung Sherilyn	Bronze
O LOVE	Tan Sze En Chloe	Silver
	Elizabeth Sun	Gold

	Emma Sophie Lee Jia En	Gold
	Shyanne Chan Si En	Bronze
	Yang Huiru Rhian	Bronze
6 Peace	Chia Jia En Keira Faith	Silver
	Neville Danielle Jacie	Silver
	Regina Lee Xin Jie	Gold
4 Truth	Janavi Vijayaseelan	Bronze
6 Truth	Jerusha Blessy Joseph	Bronze

- We are also proud to announce that the Malay Language department achieved a total of 6 Gold and 1 Silver awards:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place (Gold): Natasha Iman Binte Abdul Rahman (5 Peace)
  - Consolation (Gold): Nuha Sufiyya Binte Sufiyan (3 Joy)
  - Consolation (Gold): Nufah Surfina Binte Sufiyan (4 Joy)
  - Consolation (Gold): Lana Sofieya Binte Muhammad Eeqmal (4 Truth)
  - Consolation (Gold): Nur Khayrin Syafaa'atin Binte Khairul Zaman (4 Faith)
  - o Consolation (Gold): Dewi Myori Binte Fadzli (4 Love)
  - Consolation (Silver): Kshaa V Naidu (5 Truth)

# **Upcoming School Events**

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
16 Nov - 31 Dec (Sat - Sun)	Term 4 School Holidays	School reopens on Thursday, 2 January 2025 for P1 and Friday, 3 January 2025 for P2 to P6.
18 - 20 Dec (Wed - Fri)	Release of PSLE Posting Results (Tentative)	For P6 students only. The actual date will be announced via a press release from Ministry of Education in due time.
24 Dec (Tue)	Christmas Eve	General Office will be operating till 1.00pm only.
25 Dec (Wed)	Christmas Day Public Holiday	School will be closed.
31 Dec (Tue)	New Year Eve	General Office will be operating till 1.00pm only.
1 Jan 2025 (Wed)	New Year Day Public Holiday	School will be closed.
2 Jan 2025 (Thu)	School reopens for 2025 P1 students	
3 Jan 2025 (Fri)	School reopens for 2025 P2 - P6 students	
2 - 7 Jan 2025 (Fri - Tue)	Back to School Programme	Classes for P2 to P6 will begin on 3 Jan.
9 Jan 2025 (Thu)	Commencement of P5 & P6 HMTL classes	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
20 Jan 2025 (Mon)	Commencement of Support Lessons, Supplementary Lessons and CCAs	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.
20 Jan 2025 (Mon)	Commencement of P3 and P4 HMTL lessons	Please refer to this issue of OLN Connect.

## **Upcoming School Events**

Date	Activity/Programme	Remarks
24 Jan 2025 (Fri)	P2 and P4 Networking	More details will be given later.
28 Jan 2025 (Tue)	Eve of Chinese New Year	School will be dismissed at 10.30am. General Office will operate till 1.00pm. More details will be given later.
29 - 30 Jan 2025 (Wed - Thu)	Chinese New Year Public Holidays	School will be closed. All students are to report on Friday, 31 January 2025.

We seek your understanding that there may be changes to the schedule of activities shared in this newsletter due to unforeseen circumstances. Please refer to Parents Gateway and our school website for copies of letters issued by the school.

#### **CCA SCHEDULE 2025**

CCA	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
P3 Netball	3.15 pm – 5.15 pm		
P4 - P6 Netball		3.15 pm – 5.15 pm	3.15 pm – 5.15
School Team		3.13 piii – 3.13 piii	pm
P4 - P6 Netball	2 15 nm		
Developmental Team	3.15 pm – 5.15 pm		
P3 Floorball		3.15 pm – 5.15 pm	
P4 Floorball			3.15 pm – 5.15
			pm
P5 & P6 Floorball		3.15 pm – 5.15 pm	3.15 pm – 5.15
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P3 & P6 Table Tennis			3.15 pm – 5.15
			pm
P4 & P5 Table Tennis		3.15 pm – 5.15 pm	
P3 – P6 Bowling	3.15 pm – 5.00 pm		
P3 – P6 Brownies			3.15 pm – 4.45
			pm

CCA	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
P3 & P4 Creative Crew			3.15 pm – 4.45
			pm
P5 & P6 Creative Crew		3.15 pm – 4.45 pm	
Brass Band	2 15 nm _ 5 15 nm		3.15 pm – 5.15
Main: P4 – P6	3.15 pm – 5.15 pm		pm
Brass Band			3.15 pm – 5.15
Main & Junior(P3)			pm
P3 – P6 Choir		3.15 pm – 5.15 pm	
Dance Inc 1			
(International)			
Dance Inc 2			
(International)	2 15 nm = 5 15 nm		
Dance Inc 3 (Chinese	3.15 pm – 5.15 pm		
Dance)			
Dance Inc 4 (Malay			
Dance)			
Infocomm Media Club		3.15 pm – 5.15 pm	