INVICTUS VICTUS INTERNATIONALS **INVICTUS** INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL Weekly Newsletter Academic Year 23/24 Term 2 23rd February 2024

Welcome from the Principal

For many of you I am sure if I mention the word Tetris, you will hear it before you envision it. It is a little like that for me this week with the Mario theme as we held our first Esports house competition in school. An exciting way to spend lunchtimes, we are looking to open up the age groups in an evening event later in the term. I have also enjoyed being able to get into classrooms this week and enjoy the excellent teaching and learning taking place. Term 2b is always a great time of the academic year as routines are embedded and relationships are established which assists progression. You will hopefully have received information regarding our leaps to standardise homework quality and provision this week. Whilst with all new introductions; small hurdles are expected, please do reach out to form and subject teachers for any assistance required. Have a great weekend ahead!

Vision and Mission

Core Values



Respect Respect for all



ResiliencePersevering and
striving for progress



Care
Caring for others in
a safe, sustainable
environment



CollaborationDeveloping the lifelong skills of working with others



Excellence Challenging ourselves to do our best



Joyous Lifelong Learning Taking pleasure in learning and growth

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mrs Burke Assistant Head - Pastoral Care



Ms Shaw Key Stage 1 Lead



Head of PE & Sport Mr Zulhilmi



Mr Belcher **Principal**



Mrs Rainalter Key Stage 2 Lead & Head of Chinese Key Stage 3 Lead & Head of Science



Mr Morse Deputy Head - Academics



Dr King



Art Lead Mr Elisara



Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw Year 1.1 Teacher



Ms Lu Year 3.1 Form & Maths Lead



Ms Ferraz
Year 5.1 Form
& Humanities Teacher



Ms Liu Year 1.2 Teacher



Ms Mishra Year 3.2 Form & English Teacher



Ms Lin Chinese Teacher



Year 5.2 Form & Art Lead



Ms Metcalfe Year 2.1 Teacher



Ms Jing
Year 4.1 Form
& Chinese teacher



Mrs Lee
Year 6.1 Form
& Humanities/GP Teacher



Ms Joachim Year 2.2 Teacher



Ms Yu Year 4.2 Form & Chinese Teacher



Ms Ngooi Year 6.2 Form & Head of Music



Ms Stewart Year 7.1 Form & English Teacher



Mr Burke Year 8 Form & Maths Lead



Ms Wang Chinese Teacher

Invictus International School Bukit Timah

Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team















Uniform reminders

Uniform- All students should be wearing their Invictus uniform

Black shoes (Not Vans/Trainers etc)

Grey Invictus Skort/shorts

Blue Invictus Polo

White socks

PE days- House colour t-shirt, Invictus PE shorts and trainers are allowed.

Every day- Invictus cap or bucket style hat for outdoor play.

Please note that as per school tradition, students are invited to wear their house shirts on a Friday regardless of curriculum activity as we are encouraging Fridays as a day for house competitions in the near future.

School Uniform



PE Uniform



We are aware that some students prefer a cotton based shirt.

Please note that Lim's are in agreeance to accommodating this by manufacturing a cotton version in the same style.

They require a minimum order of 5 but can make for example

3 in one size and 2 in a larger size.

Please process directly with Lim's;

Lim's Uniform

Address: 211 Holland Avenue, Holland Rd, #02-18 Shopping Centre, 278967

Opening Hours: Mon - Sat 10.30am to 7.15pm

Sun 10.30am to 6.15pm

In Touch with Learning

The school strives to keep parents informed about their child's learning whilst balancing our teacher's priorities. A reminder that tutor and subject-teachers are always available, and aim to respond to parent emails within 48-hours, however the following are two ways you can immediately keep up-to-date with your child's learning.

Weekly Subject content

Reminding children of learning, and pre-teaching key terms or ideas, is shown to be beneficial, so we've put together a summary of upcoming content for each class here: Parent-Shared

Term 2B Curriculum Letter

Similarly your child's curriculum and supporting material for the following half-term will be permanently collated here: Parent-Shared T2B Curriculum Letters will be here from next Friday. I apologise for the lateness of these. The workload rebranding them and moving from Microsoft to Google has been extensive.

House Updates









Civet	Hornbills	Otters
180	120	132

Congratulations to Civets who are winning at the moment, these house points come from a combination of areas, including good school work, showing kindness and excellent ping pong skills in the dinner hall!



Overall Winner! Connor Ocks 6.1

Mario Kart E-Sports House Competition



Points scoring									
1st	2nd	3rd	4th						
5	4	3	2						

Overall House points collected									
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30	16	17	27						

WINNING HOUSE!

This week has been a frenzy of excitement in Years 6,7 and 8 as Mr Belcher led the first E-Sports House competition. A week long competition taking place on lunchtimes, a lot of fun was had by all including Mr Burke who made it to the semi finals!

Well done to all who participated, we look forward to more competitions like this in the Primary and Secondary key stages.

Art and Design in Primary

The Birds of Bukit Timah ECA has made the jump from researching to sketching and finally drafting murals. We have decided as enthused bird watchers, to beautify walls with the colours and contours of the local specimens. Our initial sketches have allowed us to capture the fragility of feathers and prepped us for the final painting of coloured wings, claws and beaks! More will be posted as we learn more about their nature, habitats and tendencies!











Art and Design in Secondary

The year 7 are exploring illustrated bodies in art and asking the question why we are drawn to them and how they influence us. As their pop art compositions develop we keep layering the image. We begin with the bright colours of Andy Warhol and also the Ben Day Dots of Roy Lichtenstein to incorporate the 'pop' in popular art. The end result will be displayed in the 'Art Connects' festival end of March!



Science News!

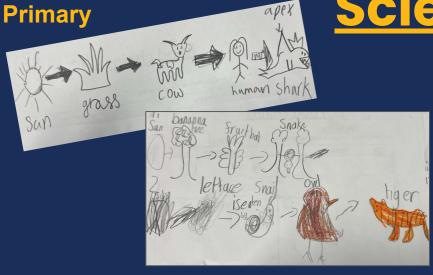
Math and Science week just got MUCH bigger! We had so much fun last year, we feel EVERYONE in our school should celebrate all that is great in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math in one exciting and educational week! In March, we will share our own passions with themed lessons across the key stages and the curricula with STEAM homework, workshops and competitions! The theme and timing will still tie in with British Science week - this year it is **TIME** to commemorate this year being the 30th British Science Week!

We will invite artists, scientists and engineers from all over the world to share their ideas and passion with our students too!

Do you work in STEAM? Could you record a short clip of you at work or explaining your job and sharing your STEAM experiences with our students! Would you like to visit us? If so please contact Dr King immediately (dee.king@invictus.edu.sg) so we can weave your contribution into our week!



<u>Science</u>



Primary science this week has seen the continuation of our interesting Animals topics for years 3 and 5. Following the exciting owl pellet dissection, year 3 have been thinking about food chains and who eats what! Using their extensive knowledge of different animals, they have even created their own! Year 5 have been thinking about physical and behavioural adaptations and what makes animals successful in their habitats!

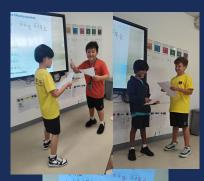




In our secondary years it has been skills, skills, skills this week with students conducting simple chemical reactions in year 7 and conducting research, presenting their findings and planning an investigation with electromagnets in year 8!

Chinese Language in Primary

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to Ms Li Jing, our new Chinese Language teacher, who joins us with a wealth of knowledge and passion for Mandarin education. Ms Li Jing comes to us with a deep commitment to fostering a love for the Chinese language and culture. Her presence will continue to enhance the teaching and learning of Chinese Language at our school.



This week's Chinese lessons are engaging and creative, placing a strong emphasis on conversational skills to enhance student's speaking proficiency. Pupils actively participated in role-playing activities, where they acted out various stories and engaged in dialogues which they've learned. This allows them to practice pronunciation, fluency and real-life communication scenarios. It is wonderful to see our pupils progressing by the weeks in their reading fluency and pronunciation, as well as applying their knowledge in practical conversations.









Chinese Language in Secondary

This week, we are delighted to shine a spotlight on the accomplishments of a few of our secondary students in their composition skills. They have demonstrated a good level of mastery of language, displaying creativity, critical

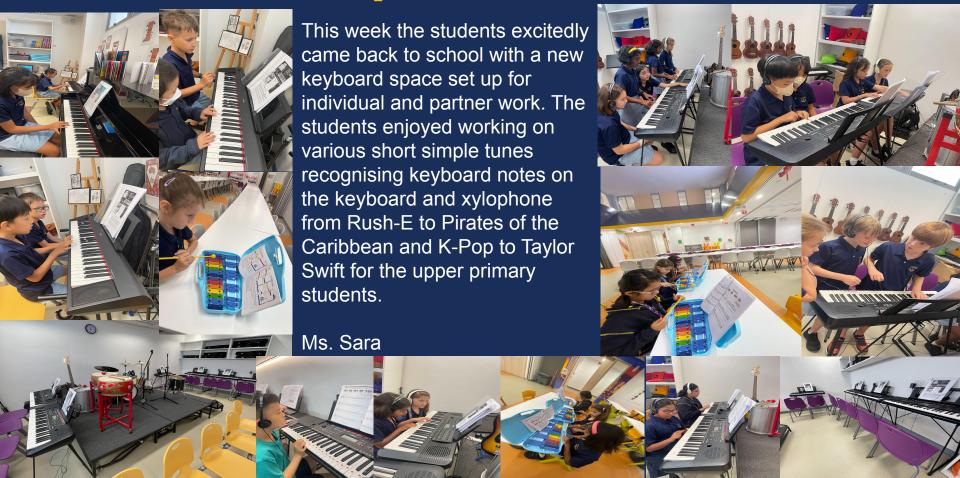
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Music in Primary



Music in Secondary



ONLINE RESULTS!

All of the ONLINE entries were reviewed by a panel, and we are pleased to announce the top 6 bands only, sorted into Bronze, Silver and Gold categories.

KS3 WINNERS!

AMNUAY SILPA SCHOOL -AREA 24

KS3 Results

GOLD WINNERS

Amnuay Silpa School -

Area 24 SHR Bangkok -

Rock Band

The British School in Colombo
I Wish

SILUER WINNERS

Jerudong International School -

Marry You

Taipei European School -

Broken Limbs

British School Manila

Four Squared

BRONZE WINNERS

British School New Delhi -Good Times

Invictus International School Bukit
Timah -

Morse Codes

KS4/5 WINNERS!

BRITISH SCHOOL IN COLOMBO -LOVE ON TOP!

KS4/5 Results

GOLD WINNERS

SHR Bangkok - A&M -

Welcome to Paradise

British School in Colombo -

Love on Top

SILVER WINNERS

POWIIS - Snickles
Enter Sandman

British School New Delhi -

Dream On

BRONZE WINNERS

HELP International School, KL -

British School New Delhi - Danbam -

The much awaited results of the Battle of The Bands 2024 is on Morse Codes have won the Baward! The competition ran from last year to February and the shave truly some a long way significant.

The much awaited results of the FOBISIA Battle of The Bands 2024 is out and The Morse Codes have won the Bronze award! The competition ran from October last year to February and the students have truly come a long way since the start. Congratulations Josh, Shayne, Paulina and Roger on your remarkable performance putting our school on FOBISIA's list.

Ms. Sara

Meet the Judges

DONNE RAY RADFORD

Lead singer and tenor for The Platters from 1986-1995, one of the most successful groups of the rock r roll era. A removed artiste from La. Vegas, USA, Donne has led the show "The Sound of the Platters" to this present day, in 1990, The Platters were inducted into the Rock and Ro. Hall of Fame. Donne also tours with the American Black Gold All Star



STEVE BORGOVINI



Multi-platinum selling drummer fro New York, gaining international fam with 'The Fun Lovin' Criminals' one: the top selling international bands of the 90s. The band topped the charts in the UK, the US and many other countries for both albums and single Steve is now an active jazz drummer and educator in KI.

DEREK 'JINGLES' JHINGOREE

Internationally renowned Musician Singer, Bassist Musical Director and Music Producer from London, Jingles has performed worldwide writing & performing with huge international artists such as Gabrielle, BBMsk, The Brand New Heavies, Mark Morrison, Zamaera, Geoffrey Williams (written for Michael Jackson), Wang Leebon, A-Mel, David Too & many others.



CHARLIE BAKER



Oxford University Music Graduate, Charles manages many awardwinning function bands in the UK and Malaysia. He has produced and written for top artists such as Jaclyn Victor, and is also an acclaimed performer himself - having crafted his act over decades and electrifying audiences all over the world.

Instrumental Music Programme

Our in-house Instrumental Music Programme registration is still open. If you would like to enroll your child to learn to play a musical instrument at school please complete the registration form by following this link:

www.mckeemusic.com.sq

The IMP runs weekly during school hours and lessons are 30 minutes one-to-one on piano, violin, guitar, ukulele, drums, and singing. You can also request other instruments and the McKee Music team will be happy to help arrange them, depending on the teacher's availability. Lessons are \$55 per 30 minutes, billed termly.

You can also email our IMP coordinator, Duncan McKee, directly at <u>duncan@mckeemusic.com.sq</u> and he will be happy to help answer any of your questions.





Solo Trinity College London Performance Arts Grade Qualification Programme

Every child possesses unique talents waiting to be discovered. Whether your child craves the spot-light or is shy with a hidden talent, our Performance Arts Programme will help them grow into expressive and self-assured individuals, ready to conquer any stage life brings their way. 3rd year running at the campus, we pride ourselves in nurturing confidence and bringing out the best in every student. Singing, dancing, juggling, or simply expressing themselves, we'll help every child illuminate the stage as we celebrate their unique gift.

Our 30 minute lessons will be rotated weekly and carefully scheduled during class time rotate lesson times so the same classroom lessons are not missed consecutively. Fees range from \$50 for lower grades (Initial, Grade 1 & 2) and \$55 and above for higher grades (Grade 3 upwards). Graduating with flying colours, your child will earn a level appropriate Trinity College London Grade Certificate, a badge of their achievement with our tried and tested programme! Our 2022/23 cohort achieved a 100% Distinction rate.

We create Exposure & Experience for our students as they develop Expression & Creativity while building Confidence & Resilience and their Portfolio. GROWTH

- *To register your interest click https://forms.gle/FzcVDtN6jsm6ozM36
- *To make an enquiry email us on hello@playhouseworkshop.com
- *Or to find out more visit <u>www.playhouseworkshop.com</u>
- *Get to know the specialist teacher Jayanthi Lecolley

https://www.playhouseworkshop.com/our-founder-director

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Physical Education in Primary

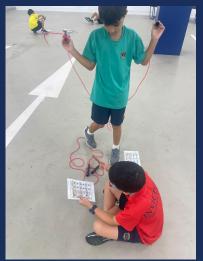
PE lessons this week were buzzing with energy as our Year 3 students tackled jumping rope activities.

They paired up for peer assessment, offering insightful feedback and helping each other refine their techniques. Together, they are proving that practice makes perfect, and that supporting one another leads to personal success. Keep up the the fantastic teamwork, Year 3!











Physical Education in Secondary

Our Year 8 delved into the world of striking and fielding with the introduction of T-Ball. T-ball is a modified version of baseball designed for younger children or beginners.

They focused on honing their throwing and catching skills, gearing up for a thrilling mini T-ball match complete with bases for the last 10 minutes of PE lesson. The objective? A Home Run of course.









Physical Education

PE -Field Schedule for Year 1 to 4 Term 2 2024										
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4							
9/1/2024	10/1/2024	2	11/1/2024							
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PE -Field Schedule for Year 5 to 8 Term 2 2024									
Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8						
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Key Stage 1 - Years One and Two

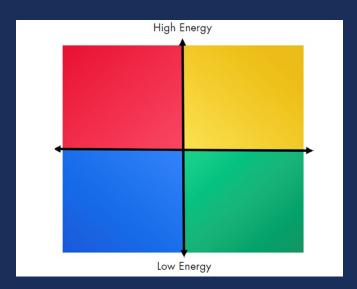
To get ready to learn this term, our Key Stage One students re-engaged with 'The Zones of Regulation'.



We all need to self-regulate our feelings, emotions, and reactions all day, every day in a huge variety of situations. Feelings come in different sizes, intensity, and levels of energy. To help us talk and think about this, we can categorize them into four coloured categories. We encourage you to use these zones when talking to your children about their emotions and how they are feeling. If you would like more information about The Zones of Regulation, please don't hesitate to contact KS1 Leader, Dani Shaw (dani.shaw@invictus.edu.sg)

The Red Zone is used to describe extremely high energy and intense feelings. A person may be feeling elated, anger, rage, devastation, out of control, or terrified when in the Red Zone.

The Blue Zone is used to describe low levels of energy and down feelings, such as when a person feels sad, tired, sick,or bored.



The Yellow Zone is used to describe when our energy is higher and emotions get a little bigger; however, a person has more control when in the Yellow Zone. A person may be experiencing stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness,the wiggles, or nervousness when in the Yellow Zone.

The Green Zone is used to describe when we feel calm and incontrol. A person may be described as happy, focused, content, or ready to learn when in the Green Zone. This is the Zone where optimal learning occurs.

Key Stage 2- Years Three, Four, Five and Six

We are thrilled to introduce Ms Angela Lu as our new Key Stage 2 Lead. With a passion for curriculum and pastoral development, Ms Lu brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to her role. We look forward to the positive impact she will undoubtedly make in continuing to guide and develop the key stage. Your first point of contact should be the form teacher but should you need to reach out to Ms Lu, her email address is angela.lu@invictus.edu.sg.

This week, Mrs Burke led a special assembly related to Valentine's day, where she emphasised the importance of positive friendships and relationships within our school community. Mrs Burke encouraged the pupils to express care and consideration to one another, fostering a culture of empathy and support in our daily interactions.





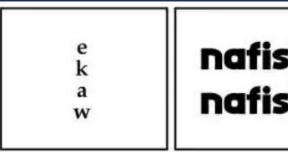


Key Stage 3- Years Seven and Eight

This week we would like to introduce our new Keystage 3 Lead - Dr Dee King. With a wealth of experience in the pastoral field Dr King is looking forward to taking on the role and continuing to guide and develop the Key Stage. Your first point of contact should be the form tutor but should you need Dr King her email address is dee.king@invictus.edu.sg

This week Mrs Burke delivered assembly related to Valentines day and why positive relationships and friendships are so important. Mrs Burke reminded us of the value of these friendships and what we can do to keep the friendships positive.

In some of the form time sessions this week we have been doing rebus Challenges challenging cognitive ability. Can you manage to answer any?



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Help needed!

In a few weeks time I will be travelling to Cambodia with the Valkyries (a girls rugby team made up of players from different teams across Singapore)!

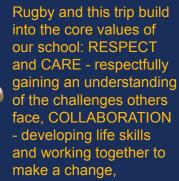
We travel to play rugby and take donations to support a charity there called the Balopp Initiative. This charity supports underprivileged and disabled children to engage in sports including rugby helping to promote social inclusion and education. This year we are collecting donations of used sports kits for the children to use. We will spend one day playing with disabled and homeless children and another day playing games against teams run by the charity! I went last year and it was great fun and I made some brilliant new friends who love the same sport as me!! It is really important to me that I help children who are having a tough time, because I am so lucky to have my life!

Hi! My name is Kitty, I am in year 7 and I am in Otter house! I play rugby with my team the Titans RFC and train every week just 10 minutes from our school on Dover Road. I play contact rugby on a mixed team and also on a girls only team, in league games and in tournaments.









If you would like to help us, please leave any used sports kit donations with reception. Money can be donated in a sealed envelope labeled 'Donation for the Balopp Initiative'. We will use money to purchase mouthguards to take. Please also leave your name if you donate. We need donations by 4th March please!

Discount card for our families





We are very excited to announce an Invictus Bukit Timah discount card for our community of families with a variety of local businesses and restaurants in and around the Bukit Timah area.

We will be issuing families with parent ID cards within the next few weeks. Once these cards are issued you will be able to use these by taking them into our sponsors shops/restaurants. Watch this space for more partners and chances to win prizes! Watch this space for more information!



10% off!







30% off your 1st facial!
15% off your 1st lash or nail treatment!
10% thereafter!

Key Contacts

Safeguarding: safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg (Please call 999 for any urgent safeguard matter)

For subject teacher and curriculum matters, please email the form tutor directly, the keystage lead or subject teacher.

Please contact admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg for any urgent appointments required

or call the school at Tel: 6971 8210.

Please use the following contacts for any of these areas:

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