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**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Academic Year 23/24**  
**Term 2**  
**28th March 2024**

**Bukit Timah**

**FUBISIA**  
ESTABLISHED IN 1988

# Welcome from the Principal

“Let the art speak for itself” is a quote which certainly came to mind this week. From UV paintings to excellent musical journeys, the students at Bukit Timah are certainly a creative bunch!

We hope that you have enjoyed our increasing opportunities for parent involvement over the course of the year so far to see, feel and hear from your children about their work. We continue to build on great foundations at the school and this term I have been proud of the community in how it has forged the future for further opportunities to provide excellent educational outcomes for our students. From sports days to trips, music and art performances, student bazaars, teacher appreciation muffins, International Women's day and partnerships across the water with Australia; the school is a very exciting place to be.

With the impending April holiday, I wish to thank you all for your continued support as we look to term 3. To those who are departing this term, thank you and good luck in your next adventure. To those who are joining; welcome, you have joined a wonderful community of people. Have a safe and happy break.



Nicholas Belcher

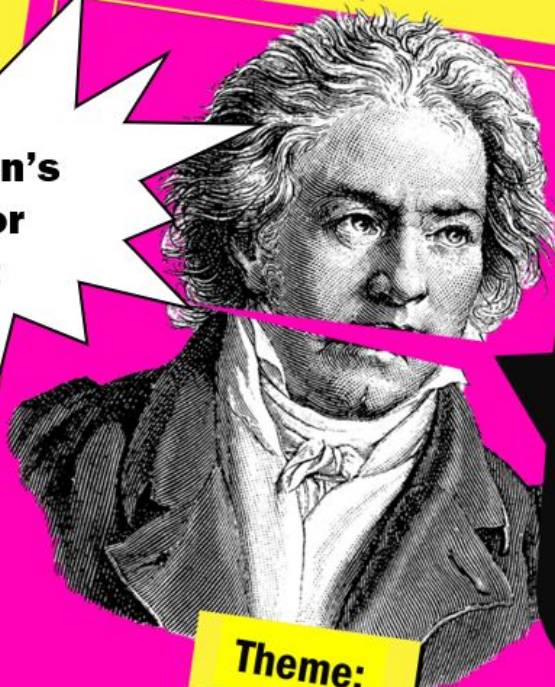
## World Book Day

As promised, we will be celebrating the beloved World Book Day on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. This year, the theme is 'Read your way' which calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading.

There are some exciting activities and competitions for pupils to get involved in, as well as a special assembly from a guest speaker Vivian Tao- who is a children's author and freelance writer based in Singapore.

- ★ **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** will be a dress up day and we encourage pupils to 'dress your way' leaving character themed costumes as optional.
- ★ Entries for our 'Extreme Reading Photo' competition should be emailed to class teachers or uploaded to the [Google Drive LINK](#) by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.
- ★ We will be launching a Reading Marathon, and pupils are encouraged to read at home as much as possible to generate house points. This competition will run throughout Term 3.

**Children's  
author  
visit**



**Theme:**

**'Read Your Way'**

**Reading  
Marathon**

**World Book Day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April  
2024**

**Extreme  
Reading  
Photo  
Competition**

**Dress up  
'your  
way'**

# Guest Speaker

**Vivian Teo is the author of middle-grade book series, My BFF Is an Alien. Published by Epigram Books, the first book of the five-book series debuted in March 2020.**

**The first book of My BFF Is an Alien has been used as a teaching material in English and English Literature lessons in secondary schools.**

**Vivian has given book talks and held creative writing sessions at primary and secondary schools, and events.**

**She also enjoys blogging on her parenting and lifestyle website and is an alumnus of University of Melbourne in Australia and Methodist Girls' School in Singapore.**

[www.VivianTeo.com](http://www.VivianTeo.com)



# EXTREME READING PHOTO COMPETITION

In an unusual space



OR

In an unusual way



# Vision and Mission

## Core Values



### **Respect**

Respect for all



### **Resilience**

Persevering and striving for progress



### **Care**

Caring for others in a safe, sustainable environment



### **Collaboration**

Developing 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



Mr Belcher  
Principal



Mr Morse  
Deputy Head - Academics



Ms Shaw  
Key Stage 1 Lead



Mrs Lu  
Key Stage 2 Lead



Dr King  
Key Stage 3 Lead & Head of Science



Head of PE & Sport  
Mr Zulhilmi



Art Lead  
Mr Elisara



Head of Music  
Ms Ngooi



# Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw  
Year 1.1 Teacher



Ms Liu  
Year 1.2 Teacher



Ms Metcalfe  
Year 2.1 Teacher



Ms Joachim  
Year 2.2 Teacher



Ms Lu  
Year 3.1 Form  
& Maths Lead



Ms Mishra  
Year 3.2 Form  
& English Teacher



Ms Jing  
Year 4.1 Form  
& Chinese teacher



Ms Yu  
Year 4.2 Form  
& Chinese Teacher



Ms Ferraz  
Year 5.1 Form &  
Maths/Humanities Teacher



Ms Jollyn Lin  
Chinese Teacher



Mr Elisara  
Year 5.2 Form  
& Art Lead



Mrs Lee  
Year 6.1 Form  
& Humanities/GP 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



Ms Yusop



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kalaihselvan



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Makose



Ms Hu



Ms Cai (Temp)

# 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 accomodating 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

# Academic: Important Notices



I am already looking forward to our first week back in Term 3. With PTCs and Checkpoint exams the school will be more full of assessment and feedback than at any other time of the year.

Good luck to our Year 6 Checkpoint exam takers. Your best will be good enough for your teachers and parents.

The window for PTC booking will expire next Friday. Please use School Cloud to book your slots according to the instructions you'll find there.

Some parents will also see an option to confirm your child's attendance in our Enrichment Groups for Term 3. The groups are by invitation only with pupils identified by teacher Assessments.

If you have any problems with your School Cloud login, please follow the instructions on the platform or email Student Admissions at [studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg).

# Keeping In Touch with Your Child's Learning

The school strives to keep parents informed about their child's learning whilst balancing our teacher's priorities. A reminder that tutors 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.

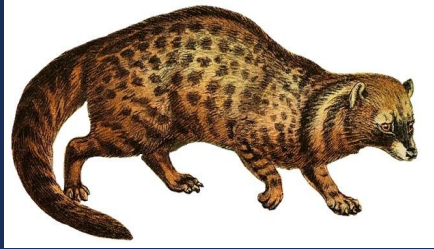
## Weekly Subject content

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

Permanently collated here: [Parent-Shared](#). T2B Curriculum Letters.

# House Updates



Civets

2791



Pangolins

2862



Hornbills

2880



Otters

2970

Huge congratulations to Otters!!!! This terms champion house. This was achieved from a combination of hard work, excellent behaviour and enthusiasm. But well-done to everyone in the school this term for the huge number of house points accumulated, you should be very proud.



# Pastoral News



Mrs Burke  
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care

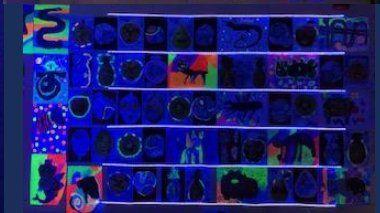
Pupils from Otter house had a fantastic time celebrating today with pizza and play. It was lovely to see children across all year groups playing together and celebrating their success.

Well-done Otters!



# Art Connects review

A big thanks to the NIE student teachers Yuxin Zhang for her Chinese watercolour lesson, and Hannie Rauzan & Alyah Norazman for their Batik lessons with pupils. Thank you to Bonnie Smart for her watercolour markers and Fan Hang for exemplifying our art fest with an 'Aha!' art lesson. It has been a joyful experience to watch our school transform our school art gallery as a space to celebrate performing arts and a market bazaar! The 'Art Connects' festival has achieved its goal of bringing community together to share, create and acknowledge each other. Lastly I would like to uplift our wonderfully humble and gifted pupils of Invictus for courageously shining bright with their art!



# Arts Connect review

This week the Year One corridor was transformed into a lively art walk as we celebrated Arts Connect. Students, parents, and teachers were transported to the world of Friedensreich Hundertwasser as they immersed themselves in the rich colours and bold designs so typical of his style. At the charity bazaar, students shopped to their hearts' delight and had the opportunity to purchase beautiful artwork created by our very talented members of staff. Can you guess who our talented artists are? A huge thank you to everyone who attended this week's Arts Connect event and all those who supported us in one way or another. We couldn't have done it without you.



# Arts Connect review

We are very thankful to have Dr Bonnie and Ms. Dharshini, our parent volunteers who led some inspirational workshops as well as performing for our students during our week long Art and Music Festival. The students had an amazing time during the workshops learning to express themselves through Music and Dance. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Bonnie and Ms. Dharshini for your time and support towards the Art and Music Department.



**Bonnie Smart**

Bonnie Smart is an Australian cellist who has played in orchestras and as a concerto soloist. She received her PhD in musicology from the University of Melbourne, where she also taught music history and cello. Bonnie has tutored at a number of schools in Melbourne and has been a guest tutor for Melbourne Youth Music. She has attended the International Holland Music Sessions and taken lessons with Boris Baraz in France. Bonnie is also a skilled educator. She has taught at various levels, from university-level music tutorials to cello sections of youth orchestras.



**Dharshini Pattabiraman**

Dharshini commenced her journey as Indian classical dancer (Bharatanatyam) at the age of ten. She had her dance graduation, marked by a debut solo performance, by the time she turned 18.

She is experienced in mentoring dance students of varying levels, from juniors to seniors. She has showcased her talent in over 100 dance recitals and has played key roles in multiple productions of her dance school.

# Arts Connect review

Thank you very much parent volunteers, Year 6 students and parents as well as our Invictus Bukit Timah Community for making this year's Art and Music Festival Charity Bazaar a great success! We managed to raise SGD656.55 for MINDS. I would like to specially thank **Joy In Scribbles** for the donation of stationery for sale in our Charity Bazaar. Ms. Sara



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# Arts Connect review



*The Year 6 students are having a blast with their Humanities project, Market Day! This exciting event not only brings joy and fun but also hones their GP skills such as collaboration and communication. They're a team of young entrepreneurs strategizing and problem-solving together. It's a delightful mix of creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork.*



*They've chosen to give back their hard-earned profits (SGD 886) to their selected charities including UN Crisis Relief, Animals Lover League, The Skin Cancer Foundation and other organisations. How incredible is that? Not only are they learning about the entrepreneurship, but they're also developing empathy and a sense of social responsibility.*

*Market Day is a celebration of their creativity, determination, and the incredible potential they hold. With each step they take, they're growing into remarkable individuals, ready to conquer any challenge that comes their way.*

# Arts Connect review

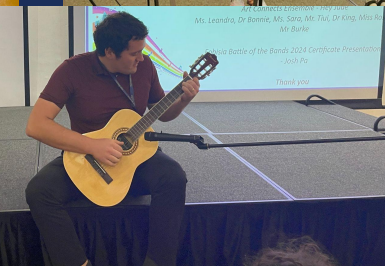


Thank you very much Ms. Jayanthi for conducting the Actor's Toolbox workshop and Ms. Mei for the very fun Little Artists Kandinsky Art Workshop



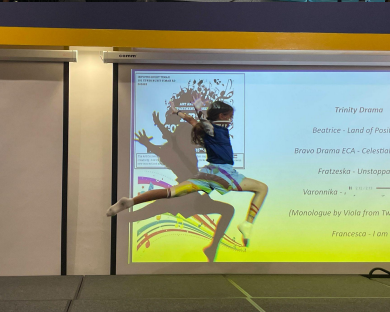
# Arts Connect review

It was a proud teacher moment for me to witness all the students shining on stage, feeling really proud of themselves. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the English Department for preparing the students for the Invictus Voice items. Well done students!





# Arts Connect review



# Primary

# Science

# Secondary

**Clue for Digit 1**  
Three people are lined up and listening to the same sound from different distances. Which person will hear the quietest sound?

**Clue for Digit 2**  
Here is a xylophone. Which of the bars on the xylophone will make the loudest pitched note?

**Clue for Digit 3**  
Tim made a cardboard guitar using elastic bands for the strings. As he tightens one of the elastic bands, it stretches. How many of the following effects will happen as he tightens and stretches the elastic band?

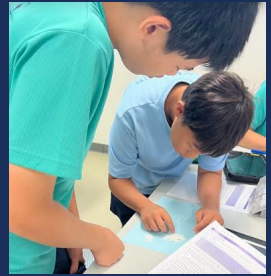
The number of effects that will happen will give you the fifth digit on the key.

The pitch of the note gets lower as the band stretches.  
The elastic band being is tighter.  
The volume gets louder.  
The elastic band gets longer.  
The volume gets quieter.  
The pitch gets higher as the band stretches.  
The elastic band gets thicker.

YOU ARE A BLOB. YOU WILL SLOWLY EVOLVE. LETS SEE IF YOU SURVIVE

**WALT:** Draw light ray diagrams to show how light behaves when it hits a plane mirror.  
Can you work out the reflections and show the path of the laser light to the detector?

- Use light ray diagrams to show the direction of the laser light
- Write down the angles of incidence and reflection.
- Hint\* not all the mirrors are used



In primary science this week, students have finished off their current topics with a few quizzes, challenges (and even an escape room) to review the learning from their half term. Games like this seem like easy fun lessons to the students but actually cement prior learning and allow our students to display their knowledge with pride.

In secondary science this week, students have completed tasks specifically designed to display their ability to think and work scientifically. This is core element of the Cambridge curriculum. Year 7 made models of the solar system and year 8 discovered how to estimate large numbers like the number of grains of sand on a beach using gravel, a mass balance and their patience!

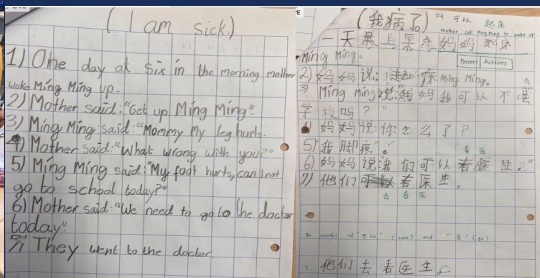
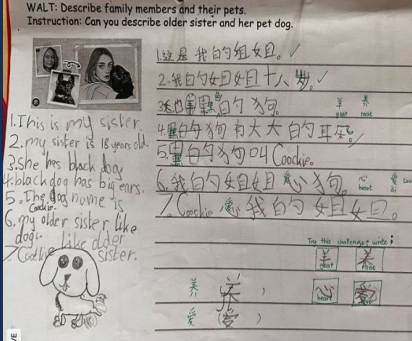
# Chinese Language in Primary

Year 1 are learning about time such as days of the week, saying it in order in English as well as Chinese, ordering numbers while learning about months. They are also learning to telling time by the hour through the games of "What is the time, Mr. Wolf." . Some of the year 1s are also challenging themselves to identify more characters such as dog(狗),cat(猫),horses(马),go(去),sun(日)and moon(月).

Year 2 Foreign Language Chinese class played table "Rob the Nest" learning to say animals names, some challenged themselves to extend their sentences through picture talking and writing; introducing "Elder sister and her pet dog", applying their knowledge learnt this year.

Year 3 are revising money. They learn the concept of 块(dollars)、毛(cents ) and 分(smallest unit for cents) . They are also working on speaking and writing skills, creating dialogues and a variety of sentences to describe a picture based on the topic "你怎么了?" (What happened to you?).

Year 4 Standard Chinese are learning how to apply punctuation appropriately, understanding that Chinese full stops look different. They have also planned a performance based on a rhyme, learning to say Full stops, Question marks and Comma in Chinese. At the same time, they are learning to name places around the neighborhood such as police post, community centre, hawk centre, MRT station, etc through Pictionary games and presentations.



# Chinese Language in Primary

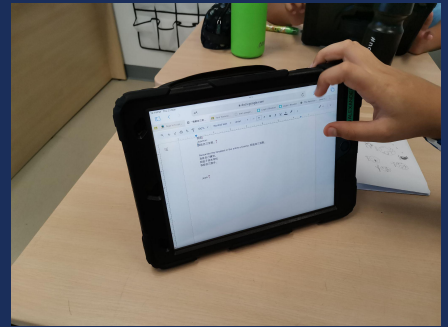
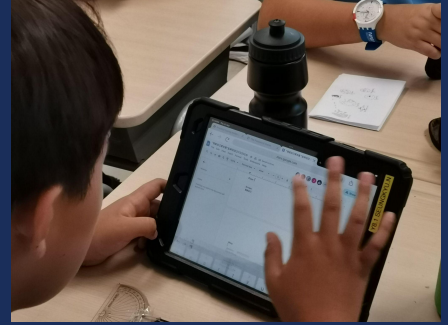


Year 5 had a Chinese Birthday Party in class today! A creative way to celebrate using language and cultural practice to further their learning. Thank you parents and families for organizing the food and drinks.

- Ms. Lin, Ms. JY and Ms. Li.

# Chinese Language in Secondary

This week, our Y7-Y8 pupils are engaged in a variety of activities centered around Chinese language study. Y7 SCL are learning to rearrange the sentences about the sentence structure of “最喜欢, 也喜欢” and “再吃几个, 太饱了” while the Y8 SCL students are learning to translate the meaning of Tang poems and sharing to their classmates, at the same time practicing their reading and comprehension skills. On a deeper level they are getting to experience the life and culture of the olden days through the language of the author. This helps to deepen their understanding of their background of events in the past. On the other hand, the Y8FCL students are revising on the sentence structure of 我能自己, by doing typewriting activities and writing sentences using the structure given to describe the given pictures.



# Physical Education in Primary

Exciting times in PE this week as our primary students battled it out in their house competition! They took on the challenge of frisbee golf, putting their throwing accuracy and perseverance to the test with every shot. Cheers to teamwork, skill-building, and fun-filled PE sessions!

# Physical Education in Secondary

Get ready to be blown away! This week, the incredible Year 7 and 8 students are lighting up the dance floor during their PE lessons! From funky beats to mesmerizing moves, they're giving it their all and dancing their hearts out!



# Physical Education

## PE - Basketball Schedule for Year 1 to Year 4 term 3 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
16/4/2024	17/4/2024		
23/4/2024	24/4/2024		
30/4/2024			
07/05/2024	08/05/2024		
14/5/2024	15/5/2024		

## PE - Field Schedule for Year 1 to Year 4 term 3 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
28/05/2024	29/05/2024	15/4/2024	18/4/2024
4/6/2024	5/6/2024	22/4/2024	25/4/2024
11/6/2024	12/6/2024	29/4/2024	02/05/2024
18/6/2024	19/6/2024	6/5/2024	9/5/2024
25/6/2024	26/6/2024	13/5/2024	16/5/2024
2/7/2024	3/7/2024	27/5/2024	30/5/2024
		3/6/2024	6/6/2024
		10/6/2024	13/6/2024
			20/6/2024
		24/6/2024	27/6/2024
		1/7/2024	

## PE - Badminton Courts Schedule for Year 5 to Year 8 term 3 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
27/5/2024	30/5/2024	19/04/2024	16/04/2024
3/6/2024	6/6/2024	26/04/2024	23/04/2024
10/6/2024	13/6/2024	03/05/2024	30/4/2024
	20/6/2024	10/5/2024	7/5/2024
24/6/2024	27/6/2024	17/5/2024	14/5/2024
1/7/2024			

## PE - Basketball Courts Schedule for Year 5 to Year 8 term 3 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
			28/5/2024
			4/6/2024
			11/6/2024
			18/6/2024
			25/6/2024
			2/7/2024

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Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
15/4/2024	18/4/2024	31/5/2024	
22/4/2024	25/4/2024	7/6/2024	
29/4/2024	2/5/2024	14/6/2024	
6/5/2024	9/5/2024	21/6/2024	
13/5/2024	16/5/2024	28/6/2024	



# Spartan Race and Training

Impromptu Training with Coach Priscilla and Coach Jen this week. Both coaches took a group of students across the road to the Bukit Timah Reserve Park for an hours worth of training and fun.

Free trainings will be on Tuesdays afterschool 3:45-4:45 pick up at school , every week leading up to the race June 22nd!

Wear PE gear and have a water bottle and a snack.

Email: [robin.ferraz@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:robin.ferraz@invictus.edu.sg)

Sign Up for the race here:

<https://sg.spartan.com/en/race/kids>

Team Name: Invictus Bukit Timah



# Key Stage 1 – Years One and Two

To end the term, Key Stage One students have been enjoying a some learning outside of school. The Year Twos enjoyed a wonderful excursion to the '78 Story Treehouse.' Some highlights of the play were meeting the cast, where our students had the opportunity to ask questions and were complimented on their excellent interviewing skills, as well as exploring the Kepple Center for some hand-on Art and Science activities.

The year ones enjoyed there end of term celebration at Hoover park, along with an easter egg hunt with home made easter eggs!



# Key Stage 2 – Years Three, Four, Five and Six

MATILDA



“Somewhere inside all of us is the **power** to change the world.”



On March 23rd, the Year 4 students (accompanied by some Year 3s) embarked on a weekend excursion to attend the Matilda musical at Marina Bay Sands Theatre. Brimming with comedy and drama, the experience offered a captivating opportunity for the students to witness literature in action. Following the performance, they engaged in an insightful Q&A session with two cast members and two crew members, eagerly posing questions about the production. It was undoubtedly an afternoon filled with joy, emphasizing the powerful message: “**Even if you’re little, you can do a lot.**” Size means nothing: everyone, no matter how big or small, is capable of making a big difference.

# Key Stage 3 – Years Seven and Eight



Key Stage 3 enjoyed their Art Connects week this week. This morning we watched their performances and enjoyed seeing their artwork on display. It has been wonderful to see the key stage 3 students stepping up this week to support the younger students in a multitude of ways. Year 7 helped year 6 to run their market place event by providing support as cashiers or promoting items.



Key Stage 3 also had an excellent Bambajam workshop on Wednesday afternoon with Mr Duncan McKee. The session was full of smiles, and some singing too, as they used the bamboo instruments to play some popular tunes like 'Happier' and 'Never gonna give you up'. Thank you so much to Mr Duncan and the parents who joined our art connects workshop!



# FRIEND OF INVICTUS BUKIT TIMAH **Movie Afternoon – registration is now open!**



FRIENDS OF INVICTUS BUKIT TIMAH  
PRESENTS

## MOVIE AFTERNOON

**TICKET: \$4**  
POP CORN AND  
JUICE WILL BE  
PROVIDED

FRI 19 APRIL 24 3:45-5:30 PM

Y 1,2,3: Finding Nemo  
Y 6,7,8: Jurassic Park  
Y 4,5: Harry Potter and the philosopher's stone

FOR MORE INFO: FRIENDSOFIBT@INVICTUS.EDU.SG

The poster features a yellow background with a red and white striped popcorn bucket and a red juice cup with a straw, both with faces and arms. Above them is a red-bordered sign with white text. Below the sign is a yellow oval containing the ticket information. At the bottom, a red banner lists the movies for different year groups.

Thank you everyone who voted for your child's preferable movie! We kindly ask parents now to register their children for the event:

To register for Years 1 to 3, please click [here](#).

To register for Years 4 to 5, please click [here](#).

To register for Years 6 to 8, please click [here](#).

**NOTES:** *For students taking the school bus, please **coordinate with the bus driver** so they know there will be a no-pick-up that day.*

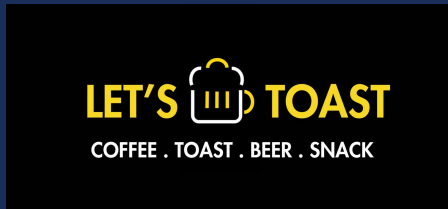
*Please pack an **extra snack** if a pack of popcorn is insufficient for your child/children.*



# 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.

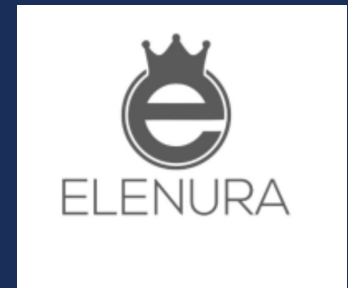
We will be issuing families with parent ID cards within the next few weeks. Once these cards are issued you will be able to use these by taking them into our sponsors shops/restaurants. Watch this space for more partners and chances to win prizes! Watch this space for more information!



*10% off!*



*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](mailto: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](mailto: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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General Queries: [questions.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:questions.bt@invictus.edu.sg)

School nurse: [schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg)

Student Services: [studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg](mailto:studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg)

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