



INVICTUS
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Singapore



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Weekly Newsletter
Academic Year 23/24
Term 2
19th January 2024

Bukit Timah

Welcome from the Principal



Week 2 of Term 2 already and the year just keeps getting faster.

This week has seen the start of some assemblies on our newly worded values and what it means to the students. I have enjoyed discussing with students what targets they have set themselves for the term and as a staff we have met earlier in the week to discuss the next steps in the growth of our school in terms of how we continue to review our teaching and learning and pastoral care. We have also started our deep dive into homework and how it is a communication between home and school and should highlight the excellent academia I witness in school on a daily basis. We will continue this exploration of which cohesive system works for all as the term progresses.

Today, you should receive the mid year report for your child, these reports serve a number of purposes but the main focus should be on achievement. Every educators dream is for children to look to their next individual success and work with them on achieving it. Lastly, we have had some feedback that some who prefer to read the newsletter on phones are not able to utilise the zoom/full screen access well. In light of accessibility , we have included a PDF format in today's Friday communication.

Thank you for your continued support
Nicholas Belcher
Principal

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

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Mr Teng
Deputy Head



Mr Belcher
Principal



Mr Morse
Assistant Head



Ms Shaw
Key Stage 1 Lead



Mrs Rainalter
Key Stage 2 Lead & Head of Chinese



Mrs Belcher/Mrs Burke
Interim and Key Stage 3 Lead



Head of Science
Dr King



Head of PE & Sport
Mr Zulhilmi



Art Lead
Mr Elisara



Head of Music
Ms Ngooi

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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 Wang
Year 4.1 Form
& Chinese teacher



Ms Yu
Year 4.2 Form
& Chinese Teacher



Ms Ferraz
Year 5.1 Form
& Humanities 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

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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



Special visitors



This week we were visited by Ms Elloise Mcliesh from Toowoomba grammar school.

Ms Mcliesh had heard about the wonderful maths pedagogy in our school and visited to find out how we manage such maths mastery!

Ms Liu and Mrs Shaw were excellent hosts and their classes gave our special visitor a wealth of knowledge to take back to Australia and use in her maths classes.

Farewell Mr Teng!

This week we say “See you soon!” to Mr Teng. Mr Teng is taking the post of Principal for our Invictus school in Thailand as of next week.

Today we said “thank you” as a school and wish him every success in his new role.



Congratulations to Ms Kerrie Hu

On the arrival of her baby boy, Theodore, during the winter break!

We would like to wish Ms Kerrie a peaceful and restful confinement period as she takes the time to bond with her newborn.



Student Leadership in Action

The next whole school Tier 1 student leadership meeting will be taking place next Thursday 25th January at 0830.

Students involved will be presenting their project from last term on school trip proposals and we will be discussing the new school mascot.

This term we will be introducing a Tier 2 - Middle leader programme.

Weekly Subject content

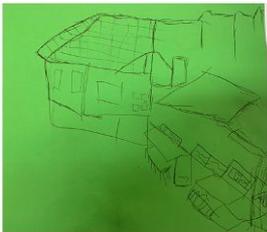
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Term 2A Curriculum Letter

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Art and Design

The year 8s are becoming familiar with the community by capturing the local buildings in different media and perspectives. Our art will continue to develop as we explore building materials, walls, textures and stenciled art in upcoming activities.



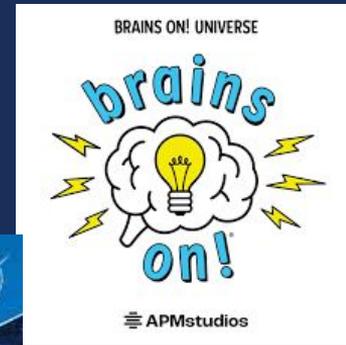
Science

Are your children always eager for more science outside of school?

One of my favourite ways to digest science and broaden my own knowledge is to listen to podcasts! Have you thought about finding a podcast for your children? There are some excellent educational podcasts available made by the BBC or other well known producers. These may not all be running currently but they have great historic episodes too!

The best of the bunch for our younger students is 'But Why?' and for older students 'Brain on'. If you have a space fanatic then 'Houston we have a podcast' is great even if it wasn't designed for kids alone.

For our oldest students, well The Infinite Monkey Cage is my favourite but this is ONLY for the teens!

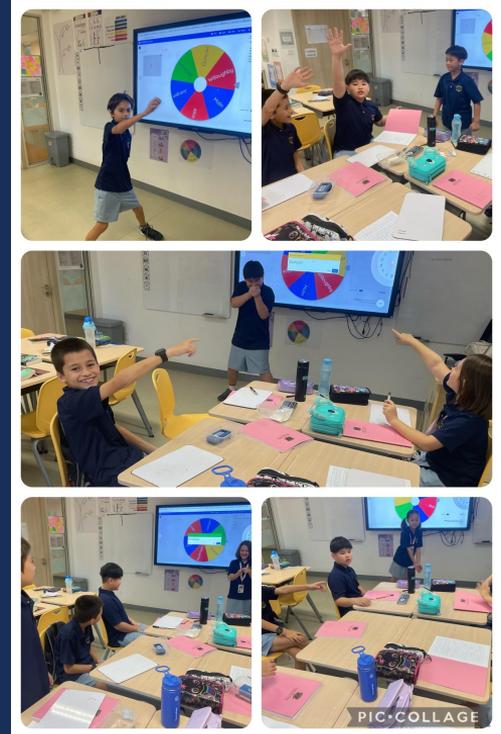
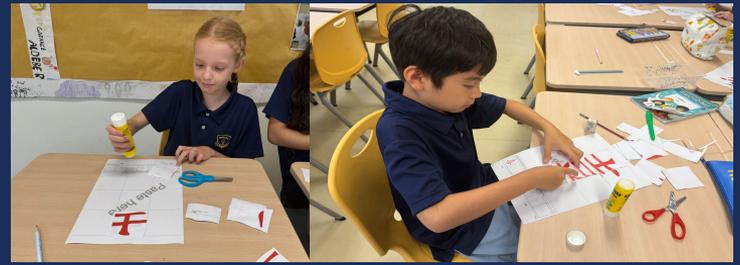


Chinese Language

Welcome to a new term of exciting and fun Chinese language learning! The classrooms buzzed with excitement as students eagerly embraced new interactive learning experiences. Year 5 SCL students were tasked with immersive scenarios where they had to enact and guess various occupations.

Year 4 FCL students enjoyed their characters recognition activity, where parts of the characters were purposefully jumbled. This playful twist not only added an element of challenge but also enhanced the students' ability to decipher and understand the intricate structure of the characters they are learning.

As we prepare for Chinese New Year celebration, we would like for families to bring in used/ new red packets which will be used for crafts. Please leave them in the box placed at the reception, starting next Monday.





Music



In music this week, the year 3 students enjoyed composing a rap song using milkshake(titi) and tea(ta) rhythms. They enjoyed exploring the keyboard and rap along with various drum beats in the keyboard sound bank. In the various year groups, the students continue to hone their ensembleship skills through the many opportunities to make music in a group setting in class. There were also many opportunities for the students to practice performing for their peers in class. At Invigorating Instrumentals, we enjoyed some lovely singing from Neeharika, Julie and Naomi from Year 3 as well as the clarinet from Nolan from Year 8. Well done to all of the students! Ms. Sara.



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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.sg

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 duncan@mckeemusic.com.sg and he will be happy to help answer any of your questions.



MCKEE MUSIC
MUSIC EDUCATION SERVICES



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 www.playhouseworkshop.com

*Get to know the specialist teacher – Jayanthi Lecolley

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

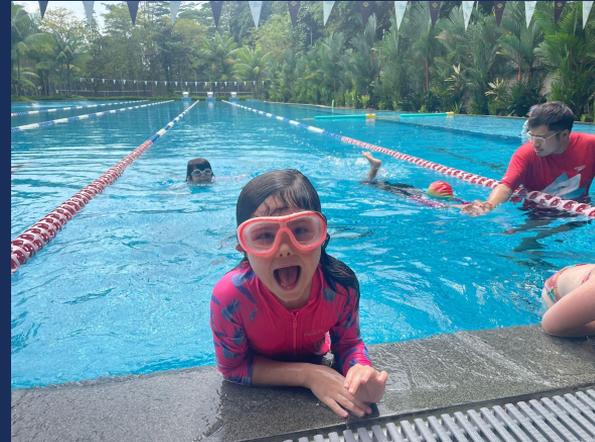
jayanthi@live.com



Physical Education

This week marks an exciting phase for our Year 1 to 4 students as they embark on their swimming assessments with our dedicated swim coaches. The students will have the opportunity to showcase their swimming abilities, and based on these assessments, they will be grouped and assigned individual swim coaches tailored to their skill levels.

We extend our heartfelt thanks for the valuable feedback and suggestions received from parents. Your input is invaluable, and we are committed to doing our best to ensure a positive and enriching swimming experience for all our students.



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		11/1/2024

PE -Swimming Schedule for Year 1 to 4 Term 2 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
16/1/2024	17/1/2024	15/1/2024	18/1/2024
23/1/2024	24/1/2024	22/1/2024	25/1/2024
30/1/2024	31/1/2024	29/1/2024	1/2/2024
6/2/2024	7/2/2024	5/2/2024	8/2/2024
20/2/2024	21/2/2024	19/2/2024	22/2/2024
27/2/2024	28/2/2024	26/2/2024	29/2/2024
5/3/2024	6/3/2024	4/3/2024	7/3/2024
12/3/2024	13/3/2024	11/3/2024	14/3/2024
19/3/2024	20/3/2024	18/3/2024	21/3/2024
26/3/2024	27/3/2024	25/3/2024	28/3/2024

PE -Field Schedule for Year 5 to 8 Term 2 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
15/1/2024	11/1/2024	12/1/2024	9/1/2024
22/1/2024	18/1/2024	19/1/2024	16/1/2024
29/1/2024	25/1/2024	26/1/2024	23/1/2024
5/2/2024	1/2/2024	2/2/2024	30/1/2024
19/2/2024	8/2/2024	9/2/2024	6/2/2024
26/2/2024	22/2/2024	23/2/2024	20/2/2024
4/3/2024	29/2/2024	30/2/2024	27/2/2024
11/3/2024	7/3/2024	8/3/2024	5/3/2024
18/3/2024	14/3/2024	15/3/2024	12/3/2024
25/3/2024	21/3/2024	22/3/2024	19/3/2024
	28/3/2024		26/3/2024

Key Stage 1 – Years One and Two



Care
Caring for others in a safe, sustainable environment



Collaboration
Developing the lifelong skills of working with others



Resilience
Persevering and striving for progress



This week we learned about a new values.
We quickly realised that we demonstrate them every day!



Excellence
Challenging ourselves to do our best



Respect
Respect for all



Joyous Lifelong Learning
Taking pleasure in learning and growth

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

With a central focus on our core values of Care and Respect, our first assembly back to school provided an opportunity for meaningful discussions about the impact of language on our interactions. A significant part of the assembly revolved around around the powerful concept of “*We are what we say*” and “*Great minds discuss ideas*”. Students were prompted to reflect on the idea that the language we choose reflects not only our thoughts but our character. It was heartening to witness students’ openness and awareness to address the practical aspects of appropriate language use in collaborative settings.



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Key Stage 3– Years Seven and Eight

This week in assembly we looked at an overview of all our core values. We then focused on care and respect, specifically our use of language towards each other. Two powerful quotes that we used were “we are what we speak” and “great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.”

As my last week as keystone lead before Mrs Burke returns I'd like to thank you all for your support. Keystone 3 have been wonderful to guide over the last few months and I know the excitement of looking at Unifrog again this week will continue to allow them to grow wonderful portfolios and to get them where they would like to be picking their GCSE's or further ahead thinking of University. They have been an absolute pleasure to work with!



Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah

Wine & Cheese

Friday 2nd

February 2024

19:00-21:30

Invictus Hall (BT Campus)

Hosted by the

Parents Association

Order your tickets by

Friday 26th January

Free Flow- \$75

Non-Alcoholic-\$45

Purchase tickets in the atrium
during Drop-off /Pickup; Cash only

A designated parent representative will be available in the atrium for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up to facilitate ticket purchases.

Parents whose children do not partake in drop-off and pick-up can reach out to their child's form teacher via email. They should notify the teacher about their child having an envelope and will subsequently receive the requisite number of tickets to bring home. Please note that this is an adults-only event, and childcare services will not be available.

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:

Admissions: admissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg

General Queries: questions.bt@invictus.edu.sg

School nurse: schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg

Student Services: studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg

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