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Weekly Newsletter
Academic Year 23/24
Term 2
15th March 2024

Bukit Timah

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Welcome from the Principal

It is quite apt that our Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths week has been based on time, as this term is certainly flying by! There is an excitement around the school as students have been fervently asking questions and exploring ideas in addition to preparing for Arts Connect which is upcoming on the 25th to 28th March.

With so many exciting guest speakers visiting our school, activities and trying new skills at every turn, the students of Invictus Bukit Timah are certainly seizing every opportunity to be involved and contribute to their learning experiences.

Have a brilliant weekend ahead.



Nicholas Belcher

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



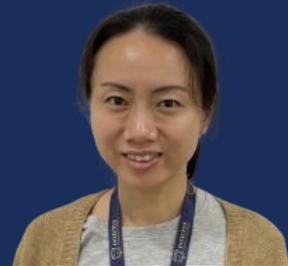
Ms Kamarudin



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

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 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

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

Academic News



Mr Morse
Deputy Head - Academics

The window for booking Parent-Teacher Conferences will open next Friday. These PTCs are a chance to receive an update from subject-teachers on progress and key next-steps. The academic year will conclude with assessments and an end of year report.

World Book Day

Please note that the UK book day occurs on the 7th March due to UK school holidays. The International World Book day is held on the 23rd April and information will follow shortly regarding the day in school. Thank you.

Pastoral News



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care

On a Tuesday 8:30 - 9:30 we run a parents walk led by a member of staff, starting from Invictus Bukit Timah.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents and explore the local area.

At 9:30 most parents then join together for coffee and cake in Beauty World.

Please come along if you are free, it is a great way to start your day!



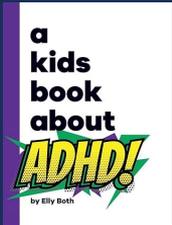
International Women's Day – Friday 8th March



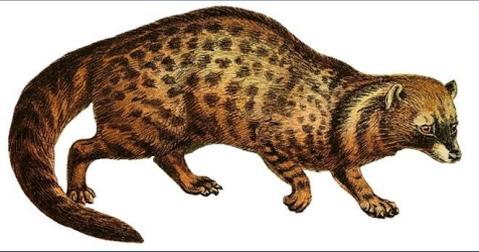
Invictus Bukit Timah inaugural International Women's Day morning tea was a vibrant affair, buzzing with laughter, camaraderie, and a palpable sense of unity. Participants were surrounded by portraits painted by our students that reflected the diversity and strength of women in our community and worldwide.

Hosted by our Girls in Leadership ECA group, our student leaders took center stage, delivering heartfelt speeches that highlighted the importance of gender equality and the need to uplift and empower women in our society. Their eloquence and passion resonated with everyone present, serving as a reminder of the pivotal role that young leaders play in shaping a more inclusive and equitable future. Our keynote speaker Elly Both, spoke about her experiences with what it means to create safe and inclusive spaces for all, framed in the context of her newly released book 'A Kids Book About ADHD'. Fun and games were also had with some art and craft, as well as trivia.

As we reflect on the significance of International Women's Day and the strides we have made towards gender equality, let us continue to advocate for a more just and equitable world. Together, we can create a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and fulfill their potential.



House Updates



Civets

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Pangolins

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Hornbills

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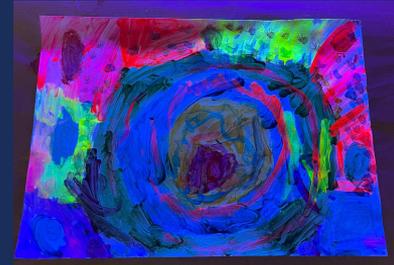
Otters

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Hornbills are in the lead this week, well-done Hornbills! Only 1 more week left until we reveal the overall house winners.

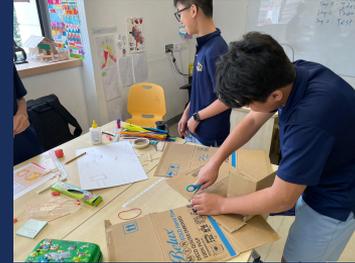
Art and Design in Primary

In Year 2, we have been busy discovering Joan Miro's paintings and sculpture. In our art lesson, we experimented with wires to make an outline of an animal. Children were excited to be working with wires and they chipped in whenever someone needed help with their outline. In our previous lessons, we explored abstract art by Wassily Kandinsky. The children took the opportunity to explore mixing colours and connecting their feelings and emotions to their very own abstract art. They used fluorescent paint to finish their abstract art and were very pleased with the outcome as they viewed it under the UV light.



Art and Design in Secondary

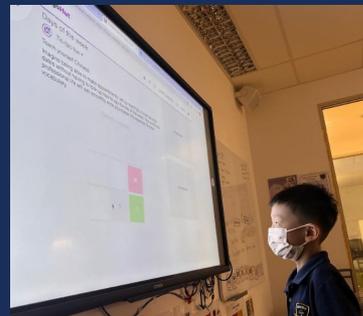
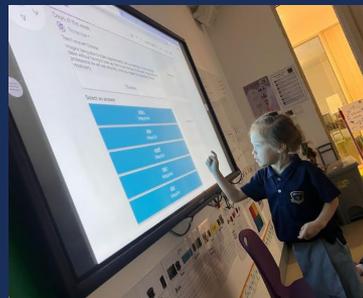
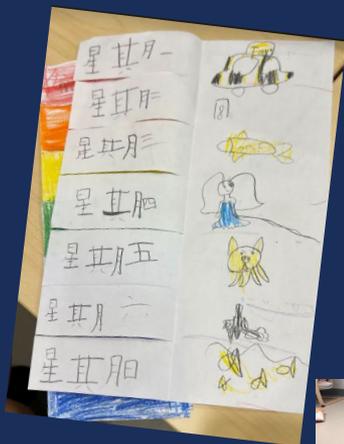
The year 6's and 8's were lucky enough to be visited by 6 NIE student teachers, under the guidance of Dr Heaton, who took us for STEAM lessons for the day. The year 6's created their own paint by measuring ingredients and creating a textured, coloured finish on paper. The year 8's created furniture designed specifically from historical figures. By following design processes to engineer, calculate and construct their chairs, pupils could stretch their imaginations. It was a wonderful collaboration and seeing pupils celebrate their art from the thoughtful lessons with NIE teachers is always great to be part of!



PHEW! What a week! What a crazy, busy, informative and challenging STEAM week we have had! Students did STEAM themed lessons across the curriculum. See the subject updates and KS news pages for more details. Pictured here some excellent activities and bilingual flip books made by year 1 students in their Chinese lessons!

STEAM WEEK

11th – 15th March 2024



Thank you for all the excellent entries for the home STEAM activities! As they come in we are putting entries up in the reception area for all students to enjoy and show Their friends what they made! Keep them coming over the weekend!



Spotted also... timed challenges in PE lessons, time themed songs in music, talk to write projects in English using stories involving time travel, mocktails in year 2 science, exciting art projects and playtime STEAM challenges!

STEAM WEEK

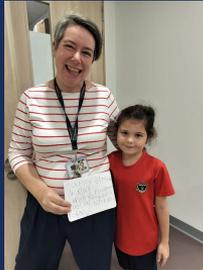
11th – 15th March 2024



"Hello, young scholars! I'm Alexander the Great, the fearless conqueror from ancient times. I have a passion for food, particularly desserts such as ice cream and honey. As I lead my armies to victory, I find myself in need of a chair fit for a commander like me that exudes power and grace.

I need a chair that is tall and wide to fit my mighty and robust frame. One that is strong enough to withstand the weight of my ambitious plans.

So, my friends, can you help me find a chair that befits the stature of a legendary ruler like myself?"



STEAM WEEK

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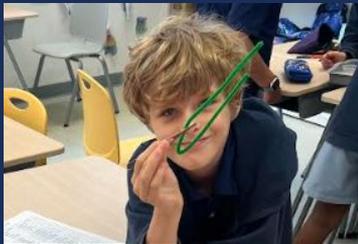


Primary

Our primary students have really enjoyed thinking about our STEAM topic of TIME. Year 2 made a disgusting discovery about how quickly microbes can grow on bread! Year 1 invented some amazing inventions to help make our lives easier!



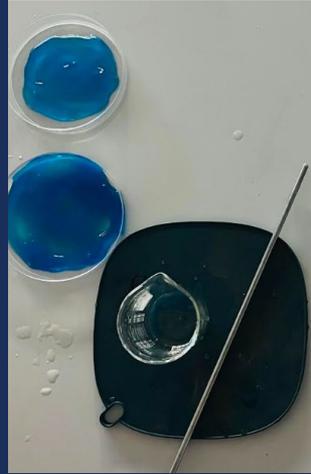
Years 3 and 4 thought about how animals have evolved over time, using different tools to simulate Darwin's finches and try to eat different 'foods'. Years 5 and 6 have learned about the history of electricity and investigated static electricity and had a race to move empty drink cans using 'the force'! What a jam packed week of learning for all!



Science

Secondary

KS3 have thoroughly enjoyed STEAM week. In class, students have been exploring the roles of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Math in inventing, using and recycling plastics in their Fantastic Plastic project! This has included thinking about the use of bioplastics and making our own using potato starch. We cannot wait to see how they dry out and what kind of plastic we have formed. Will it be strong or brittle?



Your child has been set STEAM week home projects or a different home STEAM activity as a homework task! Please encourage them to try one of these tasks and share their work!

Chinese Language in Primary

In Year 3, students are practicing the sentence structure of “你怎么了？我脚疼” through acting out the scenario using the sentence structure.



In Year 4, foreign Chinese students are practicing the sentence structure of “你在哪？我在这儿” through the game of Marco Polo whereby one student will be blindfolded and search for the rest of the students who answered where they are. Meanwhile the standard Chinese students are learning to use handwriting function in Ipads to write and record their reading, using the explain everything application. They have to use the handwriting function to write characters following high stroke order with high accuracy. Adding on, a tic tac toe game was played while they learnt to write characters.



Year 5 students are learning the sentence structure of “我的书包里有什么” through getting the students to reenact the scene of asking the questions and getting the rest of the class to answer using the sentence structure “我的书包里有...”



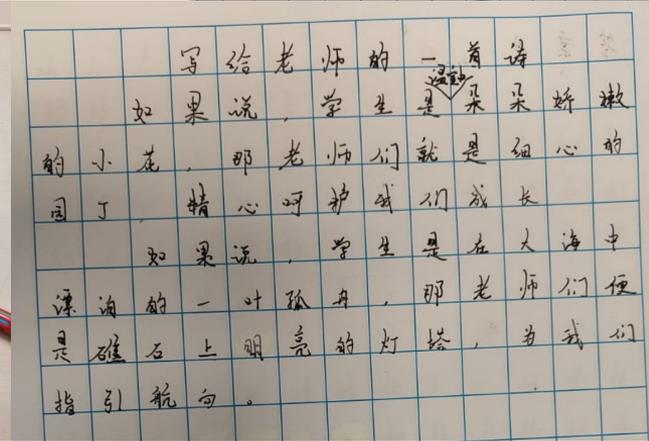
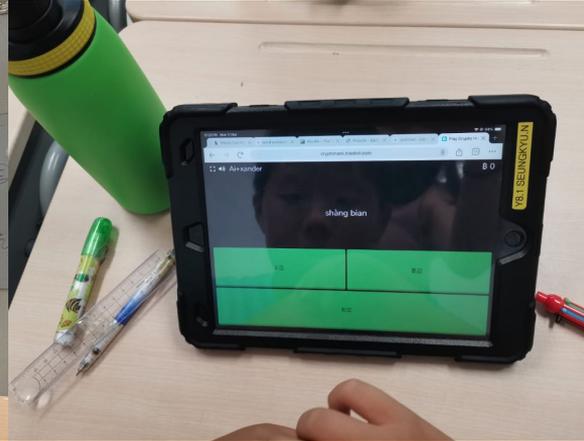
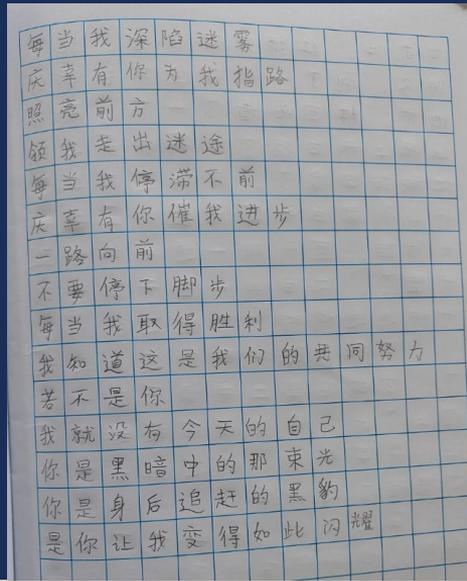
In Year 6, foreign Chinese students are practicing the sentence structure of “我会煮面” through cooking and practice saying it to their classmates.



Chinese Language in Secondary

After speaking practices and doing some role playing activities, our Year 7 Foreign language students continue to work on creating dialogues at a canteen such as “What do you wish to eat?” (你想吃什么?). Year 8 work on discussing about weather as well as using Blooket.com to help memorize key phrases.

Year 8 Standard Chinese learner continue to build on their writing skills and using different poetic language and styles in their poetry writing. While Year 7 Standard Chinese pupil work on expanding an essay adding vivid description of the characters' facial expression, actions as well as dialogue. Check out some of their beautiful works.



Music in Primary



The students are excitedly preparing for their Art and Music Festival presentation end of this term where we will be celebrating a week-long of Arts, Music, Dance, Drama , Poetry and Speech. The students worked on their voice projection and stage presence techniques in the midst of their preparation. Well done students!



Music in Secondary

In Secondary Music, the students continue to develop their ensemble skills as well as performing skills as they prepare for their Art and Music Festival presentation end of this term. The students had the opportunity to record their performances and review them as audience, discussing ways to improve their music and stage presence.

Ms. Sara



Art and Music Festival 2024

Save the dates!



● Art and Music Festival 2024 'Parents Pop In'

We would like to invite all families to 'pop in' and experience our Invictus Bukit Timah Art gallery showcasing Art works of our talented students.

Together we will celebrate our students' learning through a potpourri of art works, music, dance, drama, speech and poetry presentations. There will also be a souvenir making activity and a charity bazaar.

Tuesday (8.30am-9.50am) 26 th March 2024	Year 1.1 & Year 1.2 Year 2.1 & Year 2.2
Tuesday (2.00pm-3.20pm) 26 th March 2024	Year 3.1 & Year 3.2
Wednesday (8.30am-9.50am) 27 th March 2024	Year 4.1 & Year 4.2 Year 5.1 & Year 5.2
Thursday (8.30am-9.50am) 28 th March 2024	Year 6.1 & Year 6.2 Year 7.1 & Year 8.1

Art and Music Festival 2024

Save the dates!



Little Artists Workshop (2-4 Years Old)

Date: 25/3/24

Time: 8.15am-9am

Venue: Invictus Bukit Timah (MPH)

Workshop Lead: Ms. Liu

Note: This workshop is for siblings of existing students.

All participants must be accompanied by an adult.



Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky's paintings use colour to show emotions rather than painting an object to look real. This concept is particularly intriguing to young children as they generally strive to make all their drawings look as real as possible. Introducing young children to Kandinsky's abstract artwork encourages them to see that art is created many ways.

Scan QR code below to register;



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

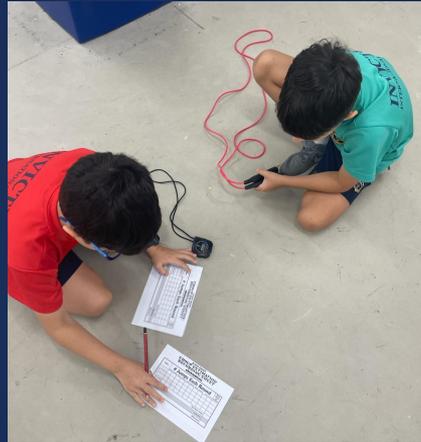
<https://www.playhouseworkshop.com/our-founder-director>

jayanthi@live.com



Physical Education in Primary

It's STEAM Week! This time around, we're diving into the theme of TIME! Our awesome Year 3s & Year 4s are gearing up to see how many jumps they can conquer with their jump ropes! Let's jump into some serious fun!



Physical Education in Secondary

Our Year 7 girls brought their A-game to the field during PE class, mastering the art of batting in a thrilling round of T-ball practice. With determination etched on their faces, they seized every opportunity to perfect their swings, unleashing powerful hits that soared through the air. Under the watchful eye of our amazing PE Specialist, Miss Cheryl, they fine-tuned their techniques with precision and grace. With Miss Cheryl's expert guidance, they learned the proper posture for batting the ball. Amidst the cheers and encouragement, these young athletes showcased not only their skills but also their camaraderie and resilience.



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

Sport in the community

Workout for Spartan Race in SG 22nd of June!



Spartan Race is coming back with a new and improved course for kids! A few of the year 5-8 students are going to be signing up and wanted to see if there is more interest. ACE Certified Strength Trainer, Priscilla Segwick @mana.within is going to run weekly sessions (cost TBD) on Tuesdays afterschool 3:45-4:45 after holiday April 16th-June 18. (10 sessions)

Please email robin.ferraz@invictus.edu.sg for interest/questions.

Sign up for the race is here;

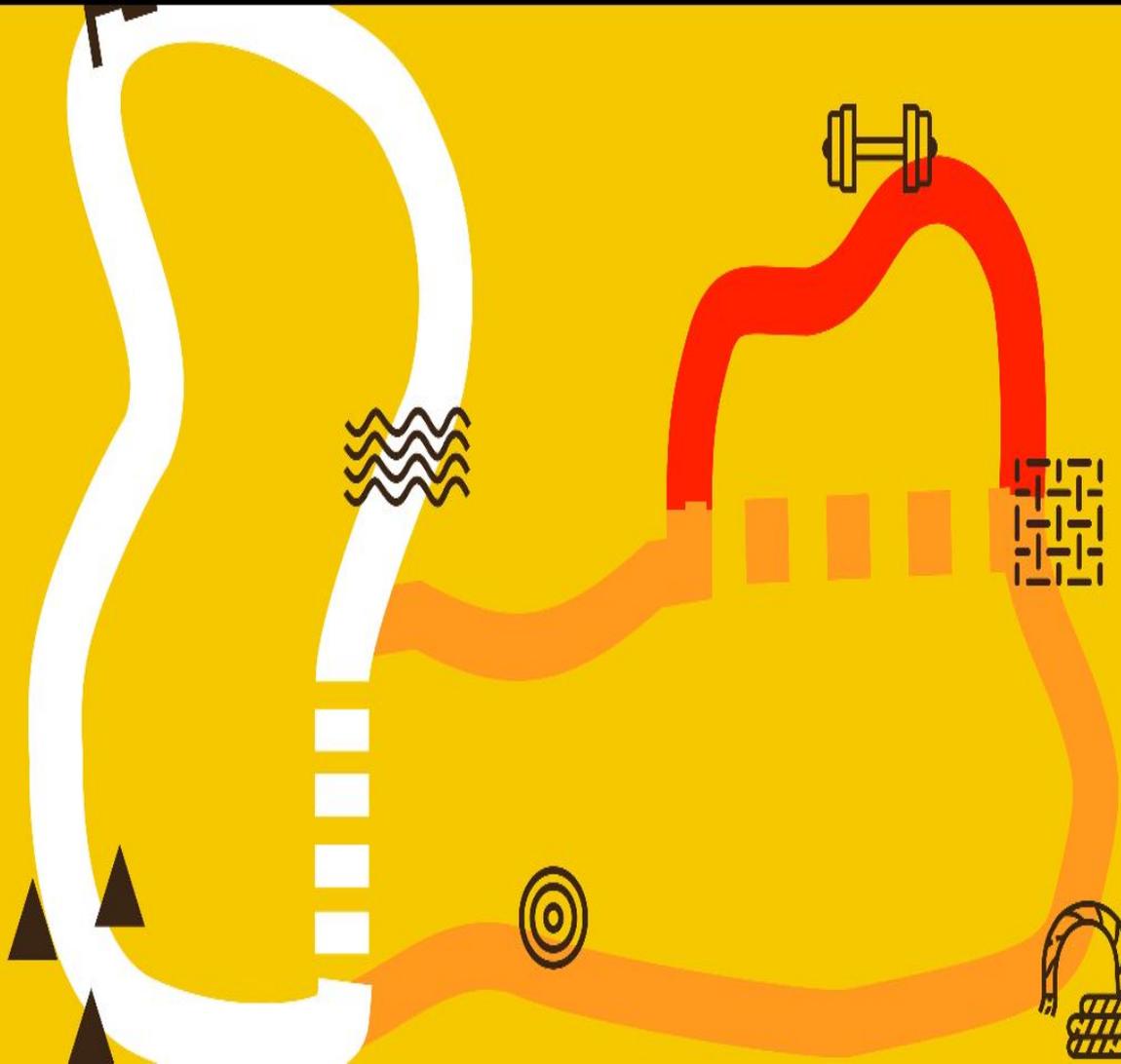
[Singapore Spartan Race Overview](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvMZDKjcpno>





AGES 4-6
800M
5-10 OBSTACLES



AGES 10-14
3.2KM
15-20 OBSTACLES

AGES 7-9
1.6KM
10-15 OBSTACLES

Key Stage 1 – Years One and Two

Left: a phone that can teleport you to another country in seconds.
Right: A bus that drives you to your favourite memories.

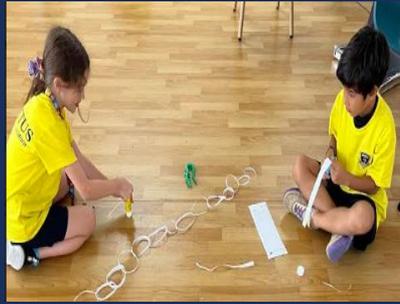
KS1 have thoroughly enjoyed STEAM week. In class, students have been exploring the roles of Science, Maths and the Arts in helping people around the world.

Class 1.1 shared their interesting inventions at KS1 assembly. As TIME was the theme of STEAM week, many of the students designed something to do with time, including a snow machine to help you have winter when every you want, a phone that helps you change the day of the week, and devices that help you travel forwards or backwards through time.

Year twos have also been investigating science, time and hygiene. Students used bread, and covered it with varying levels of 'germs'. Some bread was touched with freshly washed hand, others with unwashed hands, some rubbed on door knobs. Check out this weeks Primary Science page of the newsletter for the results!



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



KS2 have been completely immersed in STEAM this week! House STEAM challenges at breaktime have been a highlight, with students completing simple tasks using a single sheet of A4 paper!



Year 3 were delighted to meet Dr Tammy Doran in our 'Ask the Doctor' session on Wednesday morning! Dr Tammy answered some interesting questions posed by the inquisitive year group all about the human body! Fantastic questions Year 3!



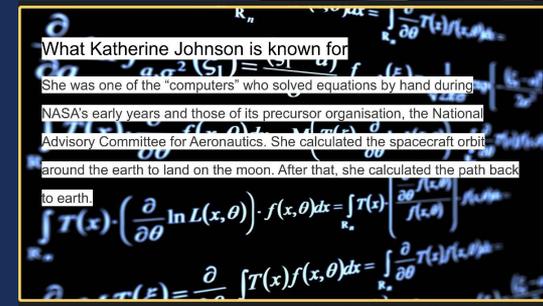
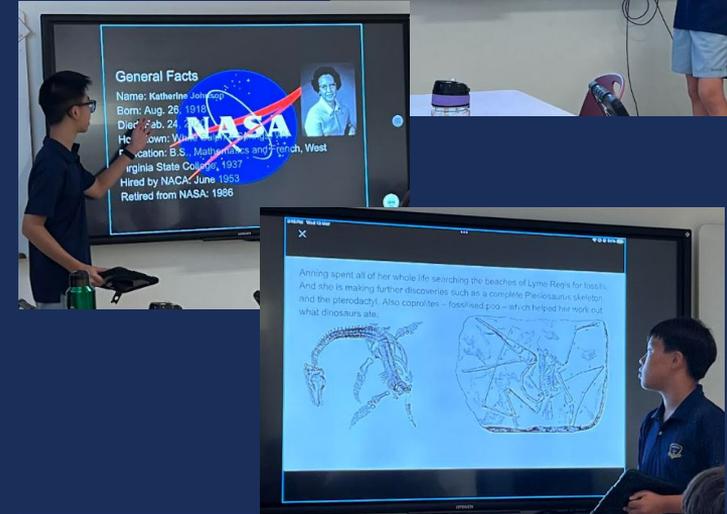
Year 3 assembly was also based on STEAM week and on the theme of TIME. Again, excellent questions from the students as we discussed the passing of time and the changes it makes to the human body!

Key Stage 3 – Years Seven and Eight

KS3 assembly was based on on STEAM week and on the theme of TIME. Excellent questions from the students too as we discussed the passing of time, the movement of the Earth and the changes time makes to the human body!

Students from year 8 also presented their Women in Science presentations during form times this week. Sharing research they began as part of International Women's Day last week!

KS3 were joined by a guest on Friday as part of the STEAM week festivities. Matthew King from the Agency for Science, Technology and Research joined us for a 'Meet the Engineer' session. He told us about his role in research at the agency as part of the Advanced Remanufacturing Technology Centre (ARTC) and talked about how and why he became an engineer.





Charity rugby tour update!

Last weekend, Daphne (Y6) and myself travelled to Cambodia with the Valkyries girls rugby team. We had a brilliant time, getting to know people outside of our school who like the same things as we do. I play for Titans and Daphne plays for the Centaurs. The other girls on the trip play rugby at different clubs across Singapore.

We had morning training with some local players on Saturday and then on Sunday we played in a big tournament with teams made up of Cambodian students who are learning to play rugby with the charity The Ballop Initiative. Thank you to those from our community who sent donations, it was easy to see the good that our contributions do for the charity!

FRIEND OF INVICTUS BUKIT TIMAH

We are blessed to have such a
strong and dedicated parent
community



Big shoutout to all these lovely ladies who showed up at our volunteer gatherings this week. Two meetings were held this week in preparation of our upcoming big event - International Day which is happening on the 15th of June. Thank you all for joining!

So far we have parents representatives from: Japan, Korea, India, New Zealand, France, Thailand, the Philippines, USA, Australia, the UK, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, Portugal, Italy, Ukraine, Saudi Arabia, China, Costa Rica, Taiwan, Indonesia. If you are willing to enforce your country team or just want to get involved, please fill in the [sign up form](#). We will be happy to “team you up” with other parents from your country. Stay tuned for more INTERNATIONAL news coming soon. 🌍

To find out more about the event, please visit this link: [INTERNATIONAL DAY](#)

CLICK BELOW TO FOLLOW US, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT YOUR CHILDREN GET UP TO AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND THE CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!

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 (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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