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Weekly Newsletter
Academic Year 23/24
Term 2
22nd March 2024

Bukit Timah

FUBISIA
ESTABLISHED IN 1988

Welcome from the Principal

At the time of publication, I am currently on day 2 of my FOBISIA Heads conference in Vietnam. It is always a pleasure to talk with other international school leaders about the great learning and creativity which is on daily display at Bukit Timah. There is a lively energy as students start seeing their art work displayed in preparation for Arts Connect next week at which I am looking forward to seeing you all in the various drop ins. With term 3 ECA sign ups underway this week, the fervour for extra opportunities to learn and explore new activities is evident and I am grateful to the teachers for committing to providing another range this term, it certainly demonstrates their passion for education! It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of term 2 and before we know it, the end of the academic year will be upon us. In between this of course is an exciting term 3 ahead which will be as busy and learning enriched as ever!

I wish you all a lovely weekend.



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

Academic: Important Notices



- The booking portal for our subject PTCs will now open at our next parental communication window which is this Tuesday 26th owing to a School Cloud issue with PTC bookings. There will still be plenty of windows and time to book our subject-teachers before our online and face-to-face meetings open for the first fortnight of Term 3.
- Parents of invited pupils will be asked to confirm Enrichment attendance for Term 3 at the same time.
- As usual, there is no Enrichment, ECAs, or homework in the final week of term.

EAL

Congratulations to Miss Kay, our EAL lead who's completed her PGCE with EAL! If you're interested in our developing approach to EAL, I've asked Miss Kay to explain it further here: "Our learning pathway offers a tailored program to support our students with English as an Additional Language and considers their cultural background, current English proficiency, and educational goals. We utilize resources like The Learning Village, to accommodate learners of all language backgrounds and levels. Personalized orientation interviews help build trust and familiarity, especially for newcomers experiencing culture shock. Small-group settings encourage confidence and risk-taking in language learning, fostering a sense of safety and belonging.

The curriculum covers four major language skills: listening, reading, speaking, and writing, with a focus on functional language and vocabulary. Initial assessments align learners with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), guiding instruction from survival language to academic language. EAL support continues until students can access the curriculum independently, based on ongoing assessment and feedback."



Miss Kay
Learning Support Assistant

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.

Pastoral News



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care

Next Thursday is Invictus' first ever Pizza and Play party which is awarded to the house with the most house points.

This party is to celebrate the hard work, excellent behaviour and successes of the best house this term.

Results will be announced on Thursday 28th March.

Let the best house win!



This terms house with the most points will be invited to a pizza and play party!



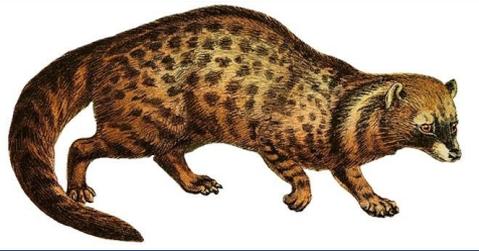
Who will be the winning house?

Winners revealed on the day!
When: Thurs 28th March
Time: 11 – 12pm
Location: Hall and Park



Hornbill? **Otter?** **Pangolin?** **Civet?**

House Updates



Civets

452



Pangolins

422



Hornbills

455



Otters

502

With the new house games competitions happening at break and lunchtime, the house points are at their highest yet. Well-done Otters smashing the 500 mark on the house points this week!!!

Art and Design in Primary

The year 3 pupils have completed their 'Mihimihi pattern' based on NZ Maori koru designs. Their patterns represent their family, places pupils have travelled and lived, favourite lakes and rivers, mountains and family. We also based our 'recycled Paiked art' on culture and the popular New Zealand movie, the Whale Rider. Pupils worked together to use foil, buttons, and paint for the whole year collaboration- well done year 3!



Art and Design in Secondary

The year 7's have begun exploring anime portraits and discussed what are the reasons they are drawn to these characters. We will continue with our pop art theme and draw the upon figures or 'popular culture' that the term 'pop art' draws upon. We have studied the art of Keith Haring with his dynamic figures and will incorporate his designs alongside Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein's influences into our portraits. As the 'Art Connects' festival draws nearer we will continue to paint, collage and construct fluorescent compositions for 25th March!



Students in key stage 2 received their term 1 **Superstar CREST awards** this week! They must complete 8 experiments and we must show evidence of their learning to get the awards that are given by the British Science Association. Well done to all the students who worked hard all term to complete the tasks. Term 2 CREST clubbers, Dr King will send off for yours as soon as term 2 is complete! This time, she will also apply for some Discovery awards for students from key stage 3, who have been working towards a the more advanced award throughout term 2!

Science News



Thank you to all of our students who participated in our home competitions for STEAM week! All entries should be on display in school by now! Great job IBT!



Last Friday, we welcomed Matthew King from the Advanced Remanufacturing and Technology Centre, a part of A*Star, into Key Stage 3 last week to talk to our students about careers in engineering and the exciting variety of work happening just in the centre where he works. Matthew literally blew a few minds when talking about the tiny tolerances they work to and fielded many excellent questions from the students, even sending a more detailed answer to one question as he travelled back to work afterwards! Thank you for your engaging visit.

<https://www.a-star.edu.sg/artc>

Primary



Our primary classes got a little hands on this week with some hair raising static experiments. We discovered that some hair types make more powerful static chargers than others! We also tested the different mediums that sound travels through to see which worked best and theorised why this is the case!



Science



Secondary

Secondary science has been investigating renewable energy and learning more about bioplastics!

The wind turbine challenge was a closely fought battle to transfer the highest amount of energy from the hairdryer through to our ammeter. Well done to Elyas for just snatching the win from Varonnika in the final moments of our competition!

Chinese Language in Primary



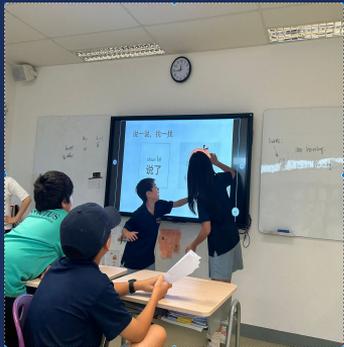
Y2 SCL students are familiarizing themselves with school facilities. After completing speaking tasks, they create houses independently by cutting out windows and doors, pasting them onto house outlines, coloring, and drawing pictures of familiar individuals.



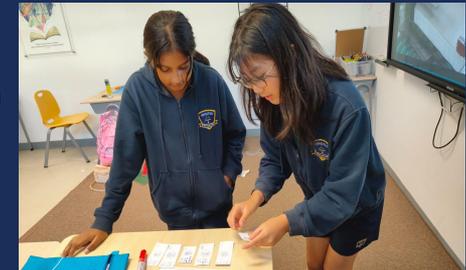
Y3 SCL students are learning how to express "我去..." (I go to...) followed by an activity or location in Mandarin. FCL students, on the other hand, are writing characters such as 痛、疼、痒、病.



Y5 FCL students are focusing on past tense verb vocabulary, such as 吃了 (ate), 喝了 (drank), 做了 (did/made), and 说了 (said). They are having a competition of words recognition. They're actively engaged in a word recognition competition, leveraging these newly linguistic skills.

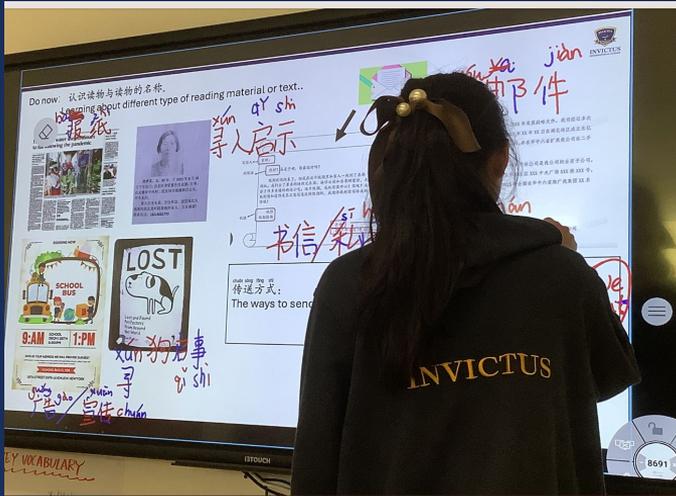


Y6 FCL students are exploring the concept of money and currency in different countries. They're practicing asking questions like "xx多少钱?" to develop conversational skills.



Chinese Language in Secondary

This week, our Y7-Y8 pupils are engaged in a variety of activities centered around Chinese language study. Y7 SCL students are learning about daily items such as our transportation card, wallet, coins and banknotes. They are also identifying different types of reading materials and text. While Y8 SCL students are learning about Tang Poems. They are practicing the reading skills and striving to comprehend the meaning and artistic conception of poem as well as exploring background of the author and other relevant contextual information. This aims to deepen their understanding of classical literature.



qiyong zhou Yesterday

高大的柳树长满了碧绿色的叶子，无数枝条犹如丝带一样垂下来。不知那细长的柳叶是谁的巧手裁剪出的，原来是二月的春风，犹如剪刀一般。

Varonnika Tan Yesterday

它像一块跟树一样高的碧玉，一条条绿色的丝绦从中垂下。不知道是谁在裁剪这些细叶，二月的春风好似一把剪刀。

Music in Primary

With the Art and Music Festival approaching the students continued working hard this week to perfect their singing, dancing, acting and music playing. It is a joy seeing all the students trying their best to put forward the best performance on stage and feeling proud of themselves. Well done students!



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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;



Art and Music Festival 2024

Save the dates!



Parents Bambajam Workshop

Date: 27/3/24 (Wednesday)

Time: 2.45pm-3.30pm

Venue: Invictus Bukit Timah (MPH)

Workshop Lead: Mr. Duncan McKee



Join the creator of Bambajam for this multi-award-winning interactive concert where YOU become the musicians. No musical knowledge required, no formal training needed, just bring yourself and some rhythm and be a part of this fun, collaborative performance.

How it works: Each audience member is given a single-tuned bamboo instrument (hence the name "bambajam") and each colour represents a different note on the screen. When all participants follow their note and play at the right time, the music comes to life. As simple as that. The reward of performing music together is identical to that which a professional musician in an orchestra, rock band or any other group feels. The difference is that you won't need years of practice!"

Scan QR code below to register;



Art and Music Festival 2024

The teachers has been working hard coming into school early to work on their Masterpiece for Charity! Lookout for our artwork on sale at the Charity Bazaar!



Art and Music Festival 2024



What does MINDS do?

Training and Development Centres

MINDS helps its students to study and train so they can participate as fully as possible in society.



Learning through Music and Movement

MINDS learners find immense joy in learning how to self-express themselves through music.

As part of this year's Art and Music Community Project, there will be a charity bazaar after every year group's Art and Music Festival Parents Pop in. The proceeds from the sales will go to MINDS. Supporting the event, our Year 6 Humanities students will be having their Market Day sales with the profits going to their selected charities which they will present at their booth during the Charity Bazaar. If you are not attending the Parents Pop-in, kindly provide your child with some money for the Charity Bazaar. We suggest no more than SGD10 per child.

Ms. Sara



Physical Education in Primary

Dive into our exciting week of swimming! Our primary students delved deeper into the art of breaststroke, catering to each individual's abilities. Some mastered the art of staying afloat on their backs, while others kicked off their journey by practicing backward kicks. Every stroke counts towards progress!



Physical Education in Secondary

A fantastic week of progress in PE! Our Year 7 and 8 students honed their throwing and batting skills in Cricket, pushing their accuracy to new heights. Not only did they increase the distance between the Bowler and the Stump, but they also showcased their dedication and improvement. Keep shining, team!



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.

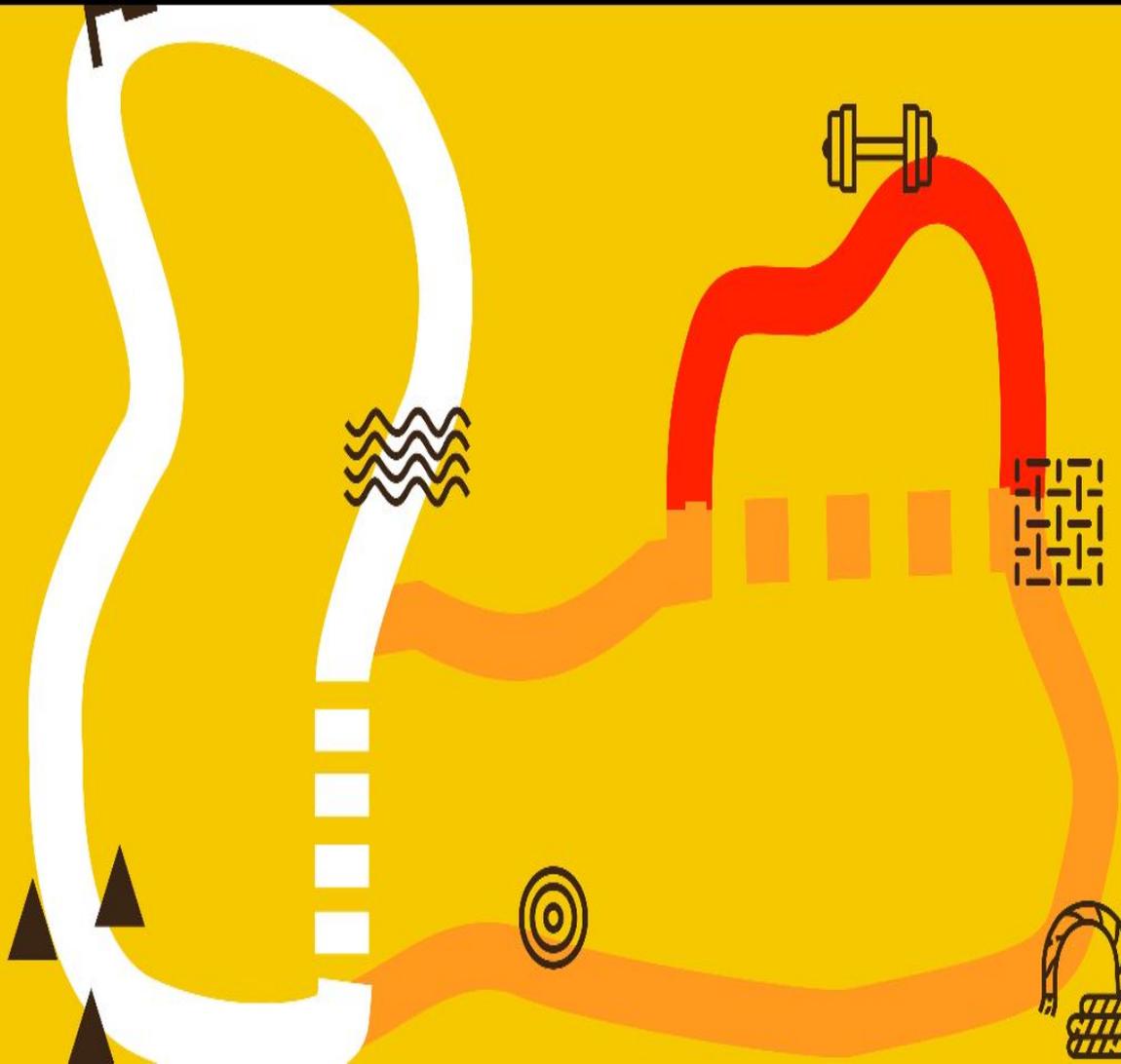
Sign up for the race is here;

[Singapore Spartan Race Overview](#)

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



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

Key Stage One have been practising their teamwork skills during some lunchtime House competitions. The students have shown so many of our school values during these times; trying new games, encouraging one another, persisting when things are not going to plan, communicating positively with team members and so much more! We would also like to thank our Year 5 and Year 6 leaders, who have been great role models supporting the KS1 students.



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

This Term 2b, Year 3 and 4s have been exploring poetry writing in English. The Year 3s have been learning about whether plastic is beneficial or harmful to them and the environment, and have written a poem on their understanding of it. The Year 4s have been learning about rivers of the world and its different features, and have crafted a poem that reflects their perception of the different personalities/ identities that a river can have. Scan the QR codes below to read some of the students' creative work! Well done to them!

(Poems missing are either due to your child being absent or not having finished their work in a timely manner)



3.1 Poems



3.2 Poems



4.1 Poems



4.2 Poems

Key Stage 3 – Years Seven and Eight



Key stage 3 got together for a series of paper STEAM challenges this week! The challenges included making the longest paper chain with a single sheet of A4 and climbing through an index card! Winners earned points for their houses and it was great to see the whole key stage working together towards a common goal! Some were more successful than others, but hey we had a good time trying!



FRIEND OF INVICTUS BUKIT TIMAH

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day

On Monday, we had Appreciation Day for our lovely teachers and staff in Invictus Bukit Timah. It has been a challenging year for all of you and we would like to let you know that you are very much appreciated. Thank you for caring, thank you for being always there, thank you for all you do!

From All Parents in Invictus Bukit Timah



FRIEND OF INVICTUS BUKIT TIMAH



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

**VOTE FOR YOUR MOVIE SELECTION
HERE**

INVICTUS BUKIT TIMAH CAMPUS

FOR MORE INFO: FRIENDSOFIBT@INVICTUS.EDU.SG

Save the date! Movie afternoon is coming back for second time to mark the new school term right before the kids immerse themselves in term 3 after school activities. This time, they get to choose which movie they want to watch!

We kindly seek your help to fill in this [Google Form](#) until 16th of April with your children movie choice. Most voted movie for every KS will be screened!

For any requests, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on friendsofibt@invictus.edu.sg



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.

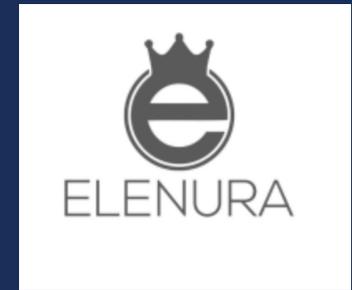
We will be issuing families with parent ID cards within the next few weeks. Once these cards are issued you will be able to use these by taking them into our sponsors shops/restaurants. Watch this space for more partners and chances to win prizes! Watch this space for more information!



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 keystone lead or subject teacher.

Please contact admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg for any urgent appointments required or call the school at Tel: 6971 8210.

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

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