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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter
Academic Year 23/24
Term 3
7th June 2024

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Bukit Timah

Welcome from the Principal

Composure, discipline and commitment. These are just three of the values spoken about by Mr Marah Ishraf this week and they certainly caused reflection as we reach this point of the year. With just 18 school days left, you would be forgiven in thinking that school starts to slow down but not here at Invictus Bukit Timah! With a number of end of year trips and some sleepovers still to occur, talent shows and performances in addition to teachers report writing and assessments to inform curriculum development and planning next year, the school is still a hive of activity and excitement. Please can I remind parents that students should be remaining in school until the 3rd July. We are aware that during the next few weeks as some students are preparing themselves for new adventures and other students look toward being one year older, term 3b can feel quite exhausting. Rest and routine is equally important to finishing the year on a high and students should be encouraged to maintain sleep patterns, engagement and finishing the year as their best selves.

I wish you all a restful and happy weekend.



Nicholas Belcher

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care



Mr Belcher
Principal



Mr Morse
Deputy Head - Academic



Ms Shaw
Key Stage 1 Lead



Ms Lu
Key Stage 2 Lead



Dr King
Key Stage 3 Lead & Head of Science



Head of PE & Sport
Mr Zulhilmi



Head of Arts
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 Ngooi
Year 6.2 Form
& Head of Music



Ms Ferraz
Year 5.1 Form &
Maths/Humanities Teacher



Ms Jollyn Lin
Chinese Teacher



Mr Elisara
Year 5.2 Form
& Head of Art



Mrs Lee
Year 6.1 Form
& Humanities/GP Teacher



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 Cai (Temp)



Ms Devi

New Staff arriving in the Academic Year 24/25

The International School community can be a transient one as staff depart for new opportunities and promotions. As we look forward to the new academic year , we welcome the staff on the following pages who I anticipate will bring lots of new ideas and further enriched learning experiences for our students building on the fantastic foundations of their predecessors led expertly by incoming Principal ,Mr Craig Cooper.



“Our shared goal is to help Invictus students to achieve the high academic standards and reach their full potential. I am confident that our combined efforts will further enrich the proud and dynamic school that is Invictus Bukit Timah. I very much look forward to meeting you all and collaborating to build on the solid foundations already established.”

New Staff arriving in the Academic Year 24/25



Ms. Shanty
Music Teacher

With an extensive background of teaching music in various international schools across diverse cultures, I bring a wealth of experience to Invictus International School. I earned a PGCE from the University of Buckingham, where I deepened my pedagogical skills and passion for education, especially in music. I am eager to contribute my expertise to create a vibrant and inclusive musical environment at Invictus Bukit Timah.

My teaching philosophy is to create an inclusive and engaging classroom where every student is encouraged to learn and think critically. I'm excited to join Invictus Bukit Timah because of its commitment to excellence and its supportive community, where I can work with passionate educators to inspire our students.



Ms. Khyathi
Key stage 1 teacher

New Staff arriving in the Academic Year 24/25

Ms Mansi
Science
(until December)

Ms Mansi has been with us long term this year, she will remain as part of IBT and the Science team into the new academic year whilst we await the arrival of Mr Jun Hien in December.

Ms. Clara
Key stage 2 Teacher

Information coming soon.

New Staff arriving in the Academic Year 24/25

Arriving in December



Ms Mindy
Chinese HOD

Greetings! I am Mindy Koh, and it is my great pleasure to join Invictus International School (Bukit Timah) as the HOD for Chinese language. Prior to joining Invictus International School, I have held leadership positions as the HOD (Mother Tongue languages), Level Head (Chinese language), Chinese Coordinator and Senior Teacher. As I join Invictus International School, I am thrilled about the opportunity to work collaboratively with our remarkable school community to foster a positive, inclusive, nurturing and academically enriching environment for our students. I am eager to embark on this new journey with all of you and to contribute to the continued success of Invictus International School. I look forward to meeting everyone soon!

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

Uniform reminders

Uniform – All students should be wearing their Invictus uniform

Black shoes (Not Vans/Trainers etc)

Grey Invictus Skort/shorts

Blue Invictus Polo

White socks

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

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

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

School Uniform



PE Uniform



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

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

They require a minimum order of 5 but can make for example
3 in one size and 2 in a larger size.

Please process directly with Lim's;

Lim's Uniform

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

Opening Hours: Mon – Sat 10.30am to 7.15pm

Sun 10.30am to 6.15pm

Academic: Important Notices



Year 6 Checkpoint results will be available to the school from June 20th when Cambridge Assessments release them and during the Year 6 residential. Parents and pupils will receive the grades on Tuesday 25th.

All pupils have now completed their assessments for the year, but learning carries on until the last day of term. In some cases, lessons will continue to introduce new content, perhaps pre-teaching content in preparation for the following year, and in others, revising and synthesising content already covered. Attendance therefore continues to be vital and the school recommends that holidays are reserved for the July break.

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 3B Curriculum Letter

Permanently collated here: [Parent-Shared](#). T3B Curriculum Letters.

Pastoral News



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care

As we draw towards the end of the year, I would like to inform you of our upcoming plans for the end-of-year celebrations.

On the 3rd of July, we will be hosting an end-of-year celebration assembly. During this assembly, we will be presenting awards to pupils and celebrating the achievements of the year. Please note that this event will not be live-streamed however a video recording of the assembly will be sent out to all parents to watch after the event.

Additionally, on the 3rd of July, form classes will be having form parties. These parties will be planned by the respective form classes. Your child's form tutor will be in touch closer to the date with details about any food or games your child can bring for the event.

Finally, please be aware that pupils will be dismissed at 12 pm on the 3rd of July. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to celebrating with your children and acknowledging their hard work and achievements.

House Updates



Civets
180



Pangolins
178



Hornbills
98



Otters
111

This weeks winners are Civets with 180 house points. Only 2 more weeks of house point collections until the overall term winner will be announced. The winning house will take part in a doughnut party on the last week of term.

Music

This week, the Music Department has been bustling with IBT talent auditions, which have shown a wealth of ability among students. Congratulations to all performers who thrived the auditions and showcased their talent on stage.



Primary

Music



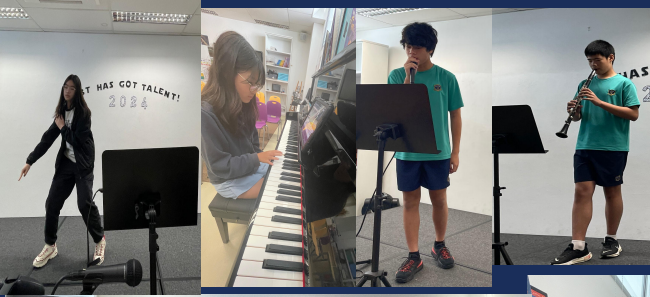
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Invictus Bukit Timah has got talent 2024!



THE STAGE
*Is waiting
for you*

This is an exciting opportunity for you to showcase your hidden talents and wow the audience with your skills. We encourage all pupils to participate and showcase their unique talents. Whether it's singing, dancing, storytelling, ball dribbling, magic tricks or any other extraordinary skill, we want to see what you've got!

Audition: During Music Lesson (3rd June - 7th June 2024) (Year 7 - Wednesday and Year 8 - Thursday)

*If you need a change of costume please bring them to school on your Music lesson day

Performance duration

Years 1 , 2 and 3	1min - 1.5min
Years 4 and 5	1.5min - 2min
Years 6 , 7 and 8	2min – 3min

Finals: Invictus Bukit Timah Has Got Talent Assembly 8.30am-9am (Dining Hall)

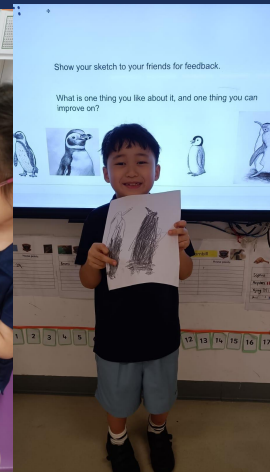
Years 1 , 2 and 3	11 th June
Years 4 and 5	12 th June
Years 6 , 7 and 8	13 th June

All participants	10 house points
Finalists (3 acts from each class)	25 house points
Winner from each Year	50 house points and a golden opportunity to perform for the entire school during the End of Year Celebration

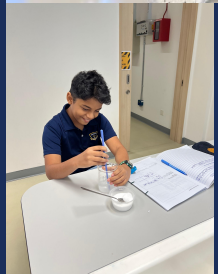
Art & Design

Performance Art is an integral part of the Arts world, and this term some of our Y6,5 and 4 students are demonstrating their skills and talent in a show stopping Bollywood dance performance! They are working tirelessly to bring to you an energetic yet elegant performance infused with Bollywood flavours with a modern twist. Not only will they be sharing this enchanting dance with us, they're also partnering with their counterparts in Larrakeyah Primary school in Australia, to make this a truly collaborative experience.

This term, our Year One students are learning about the fascinating world of penguins, and what better way to capture these adorable creatures than to make pencil sketches! The students learnt how to use pencils to draw and shade effectively, creating different shades and tones to reflect a three dimensional likeness. They persevered in their art, and kept making drafts until they were satisfied that they had accomplished their very best. We're extremely proud of their artistic achievements!



Primary



Year 6 spent their week doing a practical transition task, to see how their skills will grow as they move into senior science. The tasks are very accessible but the write up is a lot more demanding than they are used to. There is a lot to learn!

Year 4 did some more practical work using circuits to sort materials into conductors and insulators.

Other year groups started their practical skills topics and practiced taking different types of readings and measurements with different equipment.

Science

Secondary

End of year assessments have taken most of our class time this week. However, students in KS3 made some time for some practical science. They critiqued a demonstration by their teacher to show how they can think and work scientifically. They needed to be analytical about the best way to conduct an experiment. They also learned about and monitored an exothermic oxidation reaction, again displaying their scientific skills for their teacher to assess.

Y8 Exothermic reactions	
Research Question	Can I measure an exothermic reaction?
Hypothesis	Instant heat packs work using an exothermic chemical reaction. By starting a reaction, we can observe the heat given off as it starts to react. This reaction is Iron (III) oxide
Apparatus List and Diagram	1 x heat pack 1 x heatproof mat 1 x thermometer



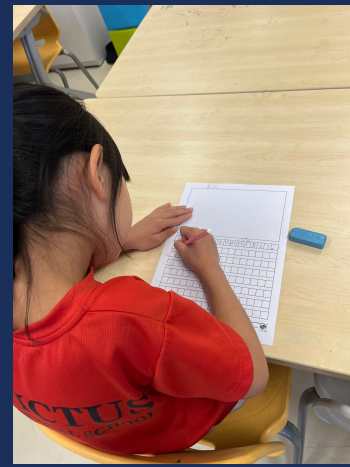
Chinese Language in Primary

Year 1 continue to revise and practice sentences taught this them extend their sentences, they are also starting to add key phrases such as 早上(morning), 中午(afternoon), 晚上(night) to express certain time of the day, for example 早上8点(morning 8 o'clock). They will continue to concrete skills their skills of telling time by the hour and while learning to extend sentences through readers and games.

Year 2 Foreign Chinese (FCL) are learning more about the festival of dragon boat festival through doing the dragon boat festival artwork activity, at the same time learning about words related like “粽子”、“香囊”、“龙舟”and colors in chinese.

Year 3 Standard Chinese Language(SCL) language class are learning to review the article of 我长大了.

Year 4 Foreign Language (FCL) are practicing vocabulary related to languages. Writing sentences using “我会说.....”。



Chinese Language in Secondary

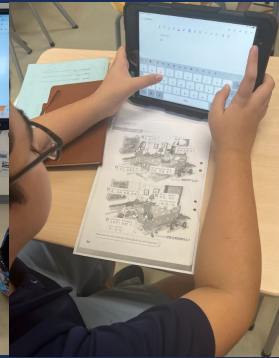
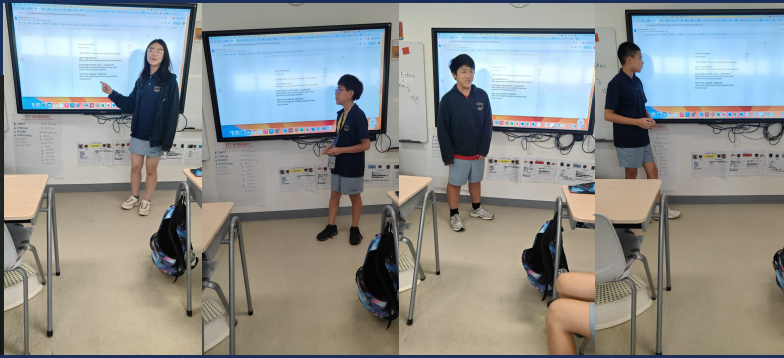
This week, secondary students are delving into the origins and customs of the Dragon Boat Festival (端午节, Duānwǔ Jié) through engaging activities such as storytelling, Q&A sessions, and arts and crafts.

S7 Foreign Chinese Learners (FCL) Students are exploring opposite words and phrases like 笑 (laugh) and 哭 (cry), 丢了 (lost) and 找到了 (found). They are incorporating these new vocabulary words into conversations, practicing typing the characters, and translating sentences to demonstrate their comprehension.

S7 Standard Chinese Learners (SCL) Learners are discussing the concept of time (时间) and timelines (时间轴). They are exploring the purpose of timelines and creating their own to better understand chronological sequences.

S8 Foreign Chinese Learners (FCL) Students are learning to use the words 把 and 给 in sentences. For example, "我把水果给妈妈" (I give the fruit to mom).

S8 Standard Chinese Learners (SCL) Students are engaging in the activity "美食小侦探" (Gourmet Detective), where they explore various culinary topics.



Physical Education in Primary

Our Year 2 students are currently engaging in a Team Building module during their PE lessons. They are working together to complete various tasks that emphasize cooperation and teamwork.

One of the tasks involves balancing a drumstick using just one finger and moving around as a team. This fun and challenging activity helps them develop coordination, communication, and trust in each other. It's wonderful to see their teamwork and enthusiasm in action!



Physical Education in Secondary

Tchoukball was created in the 1970s by Swiss biologist Dr. Hermann Brandt, who aimed to design a non-contact sport that minimized injuries. Combining elements of handball and volleyball, the game features rebound frames and emphasizes teamwork and strategy. Tchoukball has since spread globally, promoting fair play and cooperation.

Our Year 7 students are currently being introduced to tchoukball during their PE lessons. They're learning the fundamental rules and techniques of this exciting, non-contact sport, focusing on teamwork, strategy, and fair play.



Physical Education

PE -Basketball Schedule for Year 1 to 4 Term 3 2024					PE -Badminton Courts Schedule for Year 5 to 8 Term 3 2024			
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4		Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
16/4/2024	17/4/2024					30/5/2024	19/4/2024	16/4/2024
23/4/2024	24/4/2024					6/6/2024	26/4/2024	23/04/2024
30/4/2024						13/6/2024	3/5/2024	30/4/2024
7/5/2024	8/5/2024					20/6/2024	10/5/2024	7/5/2024
14/4/2024	15/5/2024					27/6/2024	17/5/2024	14/5/2024
28/5/2024	29/05/2024							
4/6/2024	5/6/2024				PE -Basketball Courts Schedule for Year 5 to 8 Term 3 2024			
11/6/2024	12/6/2024				Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
18/6/2024	19/6/2024						31/5/2024	28/5/2024
25/6/2024	26/6/2024						7/6/2024	4/6/2024
2/7/2024	3/7/2024						14/6/2024	11/6/2024
PE -Field Schedule for Year 1 to 4 Term 3 2024							21/6/2024	18/6/2024
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4				28/6/2024	25/6/2024
		15/4/2024	18/4/2024					2/7/2024
		22/4/2024	25/4/2024		PE -Field Schedule for Year 5 to 8 Term 3 2024			
		29/4/2024	2/5/2024		Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
		6/5/2024	9/5/2024		15/4/2024	18/4/2024		
		13/5/2024	16/5/2024		22/4/2024	25/4/2024		
		27/5/2024	20/5/2024		29/4/2024	2/5/2024		
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		24/6/2024	27/6/2024		3/6/2024			
		1/7/2024			10/6/2024			
					24/6/2024			
					1/7/2024			

Key Stage 1 – Years One and Two

Our young scientists in KS1 have been on exciting scientific journeys this term! From unraveling the mysteries of magnetic forces (Year Two) to delving into the captivating world of the water cycle and understanding the fundamentals of solids, liquids, and gases (Year One), our students have been busy applying their scientific skills in hands-on experiments and exploration.



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



During this week's KS2 assembly, we had the privilege of welcoming Marah Ishraf, the former captain of Singapore Rugby. Marah shared his inspiring sports journey, emphasizing key values that have shaped his success. He highlighted the importance of:

1. **Commitment:** Dedication to continuous improvement and perseverance, even in the face of challenges.
2. **Composure:** Maintaining calm and focused under pressure, which is crucial in both sports and life.
3. **Discipline:** Consistently adhering to training and ethical standards, which builds a strong foundation for success.
4. **Resilience:** Bouncing back from setbacks and learning from failures to become stronger.
5. **Team Spirit:** Valuing and supporting each team member, recognizing that every role is essential.
6. **Teamwork:** Collaborating effectively with others to achieve common goals, understanding that unity leads to greater accomplishments.

Marah's journey is a testament to how these values can lead to personal and team success, inspiring our students to embody these principles in their own lives. At the end of the assembly, he left the pupils with a quote to ponder on: **"Life is not about how many times you fall down, it's about how many times you get up."**

Key Stage 3 – Years Seven and Eight

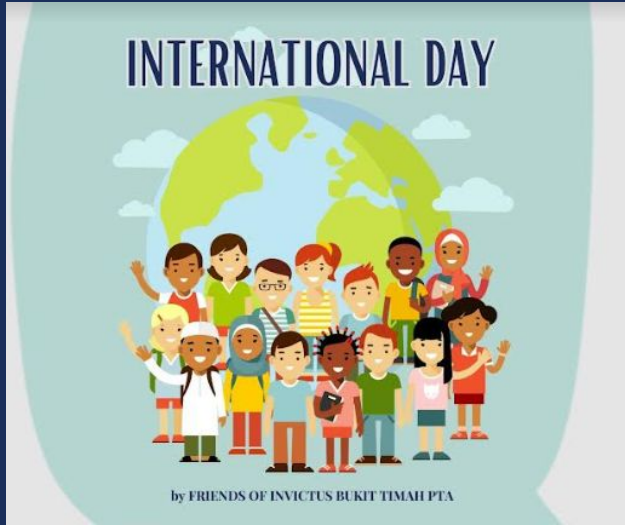
Firstly, a huge congratulations to our students who participated in the recent Titans Ruck n Rumble Tournament, part of the HSBC SVNS this year. Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship have made us incredibly proud.

Secondly, KS3 really enjoyed the assembly this week with Marah Ishraf, teaching valuable lessons to our pupils. As you can see from the photos, they had a fantastic time.



Lastly, well done to all our pupils in Year 7 and 8 for their assessments this week. I received feedback from teachers about how sensible children were when completing the assessments, following instructions and giving it their best go. They are a constant role model of high work effort and the school value: joyous love for learning.

International Day Event with The Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah

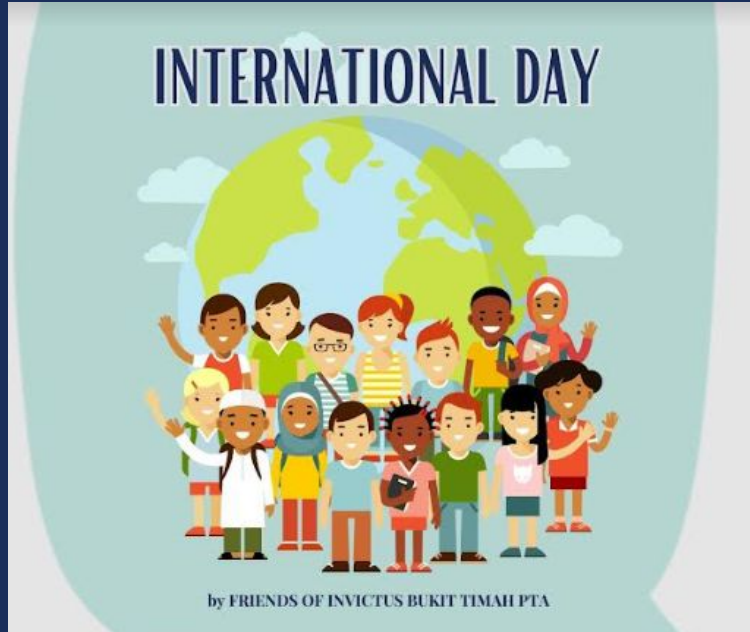


SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 15th June

On Saturday the 15th of June, we will be hosting 'International Day' at our campus. Come along to this with your family to explore games, food and music from countries represented at our school! Sign up for session one (9am-10:30am) or session 2 (11am-12:30pm) via School Cloud.

Parents, if some you still want to set up a stall and represent your country on International Day (15th of June) or add to your team of your nationality, it is not too late to join. Just email us on friendsofibt@invictus.edu.sg and we will guide you through the organisation.

Volunteers Needed for International Day on 15th June



We are looking for volunteers for the below to help make the International Day event a success.

- *Photo Booth:* Someone to take photos during the event.
- *UK Stall:* A volunteer to help manage the UK stall.
- *General Help:* Two people to assist with various tasks throughout the day.

If you are available and willing to contribute some of your time, Saturday, 15th June, till 12.30, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please contact us on friendsofibt@invictus.edu.sg or the school office to sign up or for more information.

International Day Workshops by Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah

A huge shout out to Louie, Mira, and Iris for their wonderful presentations on New Zealand, Australia, and Portugal during our International Day workshop on Tuesday. A big thank you to their parents for organizing such engaging activities, including DIY face masks, postcards, mazes, and word searches, and ending with a delightful story Reading.

One more workshop to go (India and Italy)! We can't wait to meet you all at our International Day Festival next Saturday!



Community News



Every Tuesday our parent walk leaves school at 8:30pm for an hour stroll round the local area. It is a brilliant way to meet other parents, and build our school community.

Any parent is welcome to join the walk, and if you have a younger child please do bring them along too, there are lots of pram friendly walks and occasionally a coffee or ice cream at the end is found!

Just turn up and join before they leave!

Invictus Bukit Timah Summer Camp

July 8th - 12th, Ages 8 - 12

Guardians of Synthesia Camp

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

- Explore artificial intelligence and solve cosmic challenges.
- Build robots and experiment with solar creations
- Foster environmental consciousness for a sustainable future.
- Develop critical thinking and communication skills.

Regular Price: \$525.00 Early Bird & Invictus Student Discount: \$446.25

SCAN ME



TO ENROL!

Double the Fun, Double the Savings with Both Camps

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

- Save BIG by enrolling your child in both camps at once! Enjoy a special bundle price of \$820.
- **Invictus Student Bonus!** Combine the Early Bird and Invictus Student discounts INVICTUSBT10 for an additional 15% off, bringing the total cost down to just \$697.00!

That's a total savings of \$203.00!

Kidz Economy's Financial Literacy Camp!

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

- Master real-world scenarios through role-playing.
- Pitch ideas and build product prototypes!
- Become a budgeting pro with hands-on exercises.
- Explore how businesses get funded.
- Collaborate, solve problems, and present projects!

Regular Price: \$375.00 Early Bird & Invictus Student Discount: \$318.75

Invictus Student Discount Code:
INVICTUSBT10

Save 15% with
the Early Bird
Discount
Register before
June 10th

REIMAGINE OUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES AS VIBRANT SPACES.

Create a visual masterpiece that showcases your ideas for transforming a public transport node of your choice into an engaging environment. The artwork should reflect the elements you would like to include to make such spaces more enjoyable and inviting.

Competition Details

Date: 1 June 2024 to 15 September 2024

Theme: "Reimagine our Public Transport Nodes as Vibrant Spaces"

Age: 7 to 12 years old

Prize: Top 3 winners will each win an iPad. Selected art pieces will also be featured at various public transport nodes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Artwork must be physically executed on an A4-sized paper.

Artwork must be two-dimensional, i.e. drawings, paintings, comic art etc.

Artwork must be accompanied by an artist statement, (no longer than 100 words.)

Artwork must be scanned in 300dpi or higher and saved in PNG/ JPG/ PDF Submission online via FormSG (www.go.gov.sg/smg-artcompetition-2024) by **15 September 2024**



Discount card for our families

We are very excited to offer 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.

Please show your support by showing this newsletter page to these restaurants to receive your discount. We will be creating unique QR codes to use soon! Please click on the logos below to find out more information about our partners.



10% off!



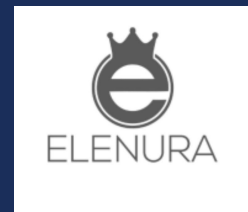
10% off!



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

Thank you for helping us grow!

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**Terms & Conditions apply*

**SGD 500
for every student**

as of January 2024



<https://www.invictus.edu.sg/about-us/invictus-referral-programme>

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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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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