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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

*Singapore*



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**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Academic Year 23/24**  
**Term 2**  
**9th March 2024**

**Bukit Timah**

**FUBISIA**  
ESTABLISHED IN 1988

# Welcome from the Principal

“Behind every man is a great woman” is likely my most hated phrase and notably at this time of year. I have always been fortunate to work alongside or led by not only strong women but creative, inspirational and dedicated females who I have been blessed to learn from and be guided by. It is essential that opportunities to ensure that my unique experiences in the workplace are not stand alone but common place and ensure that our current, past and future generations of women are listened to, workplaces are encouraged for change and solution focused to ensuring a breadth of perspective and excellent leadership and advantages in future roles- possibilities for all. Today’s International Women’s day event was a testament to the importance of how this sentiment must be introduced at the earliest opportunity. Of course, the abundance of savoury and sweet treats on offer help the reflection. The cake parade continued with our monthly “Tea with Mr B” celebrating with our new Peer Mentors. I am extremely proud of our future and current leaders and cannot wait to see their growth and development of events and opportunities.

I wish you all a wonderful 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

# In Touch with 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

Similarly your child's curriculum and supporting material for the following half-term will be permanently collated here: [Parent-Shared](#). T2B Curriculum Letters will be here from next Friday. I apologise for the lateness of these. The workload rebranding them and moving from Microsoft to Google has been extensive.

# Academic News



Mr Morse  
Deputy Head - Academics

## Homework reminder

We hope that you are beginning to enjoy Google classroom as we work as a school to embed as part of the daily routine.

We just wanted to clarify the following for some;

If a pupil is absent from school for two days or more, form tutors will send learning/ revision tasks to parents if requested.

Please note that it is not compulsory for pupils to attempt schoolwork during the period of absence if the pupil is unwell.

If your child is absent from school due to personal matters such as family bereavement, prolonged family holiday. No homework will be given. However, form tutors will send learning/ revision tasks to parents if requested. Please note that it is not compulsory for pupils to attempt schoolwork during the period of absence.

## 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

Our Year 6 friendship champions met with their Year 1 and 2 mentees this week, where they had the opportunity to get to know each other play some games. It was lovely to see our older children role modelling and supporting our young pupils and I cannot wait to see the positive impact this will have on both the mentors and the mentees. Throughout the year different groups of children will be picked to be both mentors and mentees, to give everyone an opportunity.



# International Women's Day – Friday 8th March





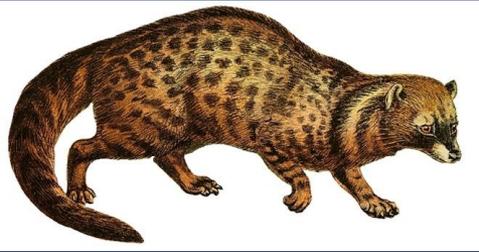
We were excited to be joined by author  
Elly Both  
at our  
International Women's day  
coffee morning.

The book forms part of an inclusive series of  
authors and is featured on the following for  
further information and to purchase.

[Publishers Website](#)

[Purchase on Amazon](#)

# House Updates



Civets

301



Pangolins

297



Hornbills

288



Otters

289

Extremely close this week! Civets, just beating Pangolins by only 4 house points!

# Art and Design in Primary



This week in Key Stage One Art, students embraced the upcoming 'International Women's Day' to create portraits of on some inspirational women in their lives. Students learned that art can be as a way to reflect and share some important messages about inclusion and care.



# Art and Design in Secondary

The year 6's are exploring the subconscious art of surrealism. We randomly chose animals and plants to create a 'creature of chance'. The backgrounds are inspired by Joan Miro's dreamlike lines and shapes. In keeping with the art festival theme end of March we utilized fluoro paints to acknowledge the 'spark of inspiration' we receive when creating art!





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# STEAM WEEK STARTS HERE!

Next week is STEAM week here at Invictus Bukit Timah!

Students will have a whole week immersed in science, technology, engineering, the arts and math with form time activities, house activities and themed lessons across the curricula in Science, Math, PE, Art, Music, English and Humanities subjects! Plus some extra house activities and visitors!

On Wednesday we are delighted to host Dr Rebecca Heaton and students of Art Pedagogy from the National Institute of Education in school to run art workshops with our students based on our STEAM week theme. We also have 'ask the...' sessions planned for other students to let them ask our wonderful parent volunteers questions about their careers and their passions!

## How can you support STEAM week at home?

1. Ask your children about their STEAM week fun over dinner.
2. Encourage your child to enter the home competitions; the poster competition and the bake off competition (#bakeoffisback). Last year ALL year groups were involved, so we are excited to see what you share with us this year!
3. Please look out for our exciting home activities pack containing ideas for STEAM activities and places to visit to encourage your children to get involved in the week both inside and outside of school! Pick an activity or be inspired to get out and get involved!



8-17 March 2024  
britishscienceassociation.org  
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# Chinese Language in Primary

In Year 3, students are learning to ask "你怎么了?" (What's wrong with you?) and reply with which parts of the body is painful. The Standard Chinese learners further explore animals, understanding their habitats and learning about conservation methods to protect them.



In Year 4, students are learning Chinese phrases related to actions they have previously learned, such as "做作业" (do homework), "看书/看电影" (read books/watch movies), and "玩游戏" (play games).



Year 5 students continue to learn expressions like "最喜欢" (most favorite) and "也喜欢" (also like) to express their food preferences. The standard Chinese learners are focusing on character recognition and vocabulary usage, summarizing their key learning from "我的好伙伴" (My Good Friend).



In Year 6, foreign Chinese students are writing phrases or short sentences using action words like "做" (do) and identifying food items in Chinese. Meanwhile, the standard learners are reading《Huan Le Huo Ban》6A-石缝里的小花 (Happy Partners 6A - Little Flower in the Crevice) and learning key vocabulary words.

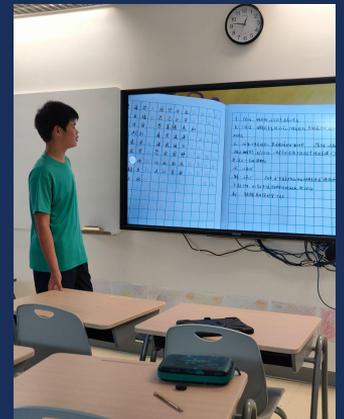


# Chinese Language in Secondary

Throughout this week, our middle school students actively participated in diverse activities. These activities included engaging games, presentations, and more, all aimed at honing the Chinese expression and presentation skills of our students.

Incorporating the expression "eat a few more..." into their language repertoire was the focus for Year 7 students. This week, our learning emphasis extends to phrases like 'I'm hungry, I feel like eating...', 'There are dumplings, would you like some?', 'I love dumplings the most,' 'Have a few more,' 'Here you go,' and 'I'm full, I won't eat anymore.'

The Year 8 students dedicated their time to exploring the significance of Teacher's Day. They used iPads to search for information about Teacher's Day in different countries and created representations, fostering a deeper sense of respect and appreciation for their educators among the students.



# Music in Primary

In Music this week, the Year 1 students explored note values and names such as the crotchet, minim and semibreve notes. They put their note reading skills to fun practice through the exploration of various percussion instruments in class. Well done Year 1. Ms. Sara



# Music in Secondary

In Music the Year 8 students explored various musical styles and its characteristics such as Classical, Blues, Rock, Pop and Reggae. They had the opportunity to put their ukulele tabs reading skills into practice working hard to master “The Uke Blues” song on the Ukulele.

Well done Year 8.

Ms. Sara



C blues scale

C Eb F Gb G Bb

The Uke Blues

MUSIC WITH MR. GRAY

# 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](http://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](mailto:duncan@mckeemusic.com.sg) and he will be happy to help answer any of your questions.*



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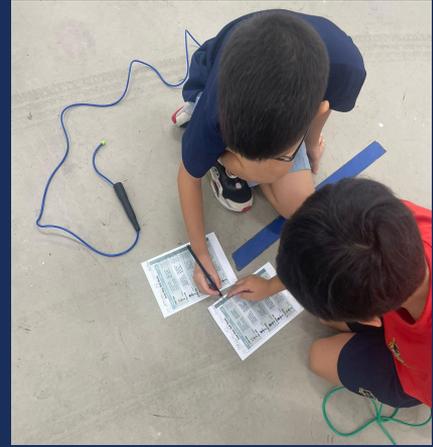
<https://www.playhouseworkshop.com/our-founder-director>

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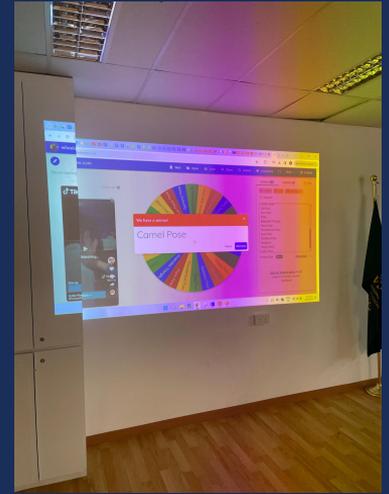
# Physical Education in Primary

During our PE lesson, the Year 3 students embarked on an exciting journey of exploring new jumping techniques with the skipping rope. From mastering the Skier Jump to conquering the Bell Jump, Jogging Step, and 1 Foot Hop, they delved into a world of agility and coordination. With each practice, they're inching closer to perfection. Keep up the great work, Year 3! Practice truly does make perfect.



# Physical Education in Secondary

Our PE class is taking yoga to the next level with Yoga Bingo! What better way to learn and remember yoga poses than in bingo style? Fun and engaging way to promote flexibility and mindfulness. It's also a creative twist to learn and remember yoga poses while having fun. Let's stretch, breathe, and strike a pose! Let the games begin!



# 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](mailto:robin.ferraz@invictus.edu.sg) for interest/questions.

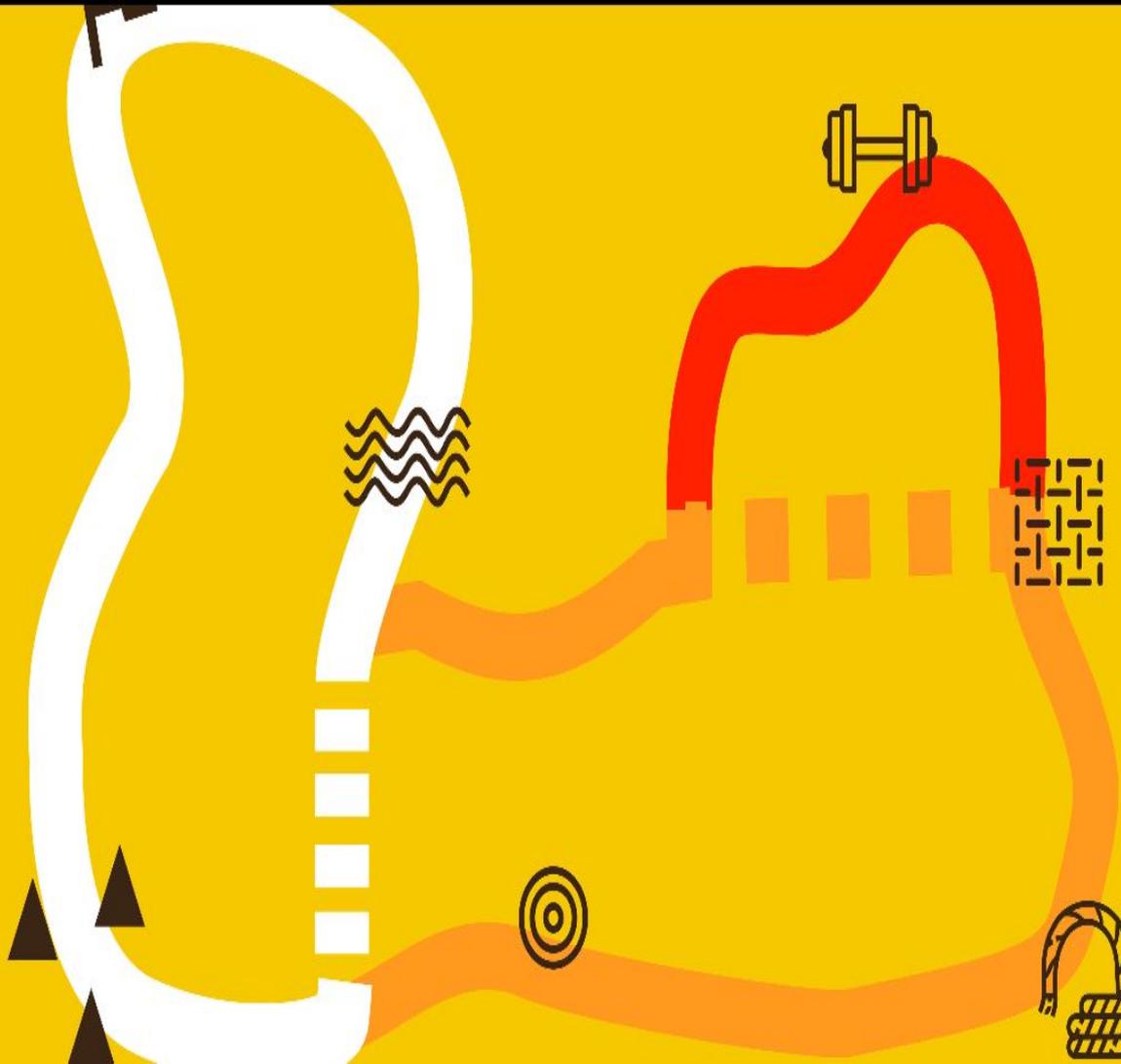
Sign up for the race is here;

[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

This week, we focused on our school value of respect. Children felt that one way of being respectful is also through kindness.

Through our discussion on kindness, students have been detectives in identifying different ways to show kindness to their peers and themselves. They were eager to share examples on how they showed kindness as well as spotting their friends who showed kindness to others, throughout their week in school. This included inviting their peers in play, saying a kind word to bring a smile to someone's face and treating others the way you want to be treated.

In assembly, Year 2.2 did a play on Mother Teresa, as we felt she played a vital role in contributing to society by showing great kindness and compassion to people she helped. A takeaway from assembly is linked to International Women's Day where women are 'history makers, movers and shakers!'



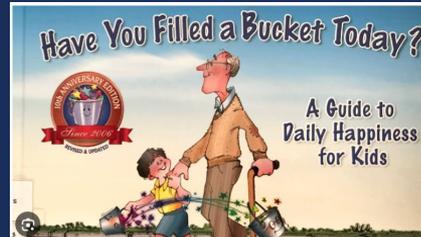
"Spread love everywhere you go.  
Let no one ever come to you without  
leaving happier.

Mother Teresa



"Be a rainbow in someone else's  
cloud."

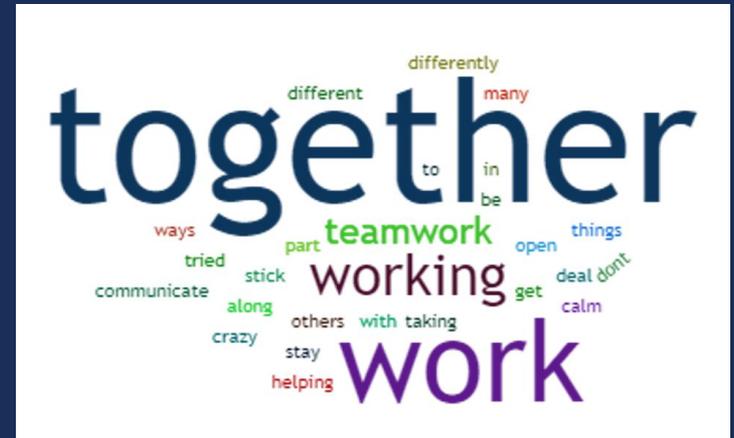
Maya Angelou



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



This week during KS2 assembly, the students focussed on unpacking 'Cooperation'. Firstly, they were grouped off into House Groups. They each wrote their name on a post-it note and then the notes were scrambled around. Without using verbal communication, they had to work cooperatively to retrieve the post-it note that had their name on it. Afterwards, a discussion was made as to 'what works well when we work together with everyone's differences in mind'? Students then created this Word Cloud - the bigger words are the words that most students identified as important towards 'Cooperation'.



# Key Stage 3 – Years Seven and Eight

Food for mindful consideration for the week: How can we be more cooperative over the next week. Students were led and contributed to a discussion around what makes cooperation hard, easy, and useful. They created this word wall about important aspects of how to cooperate in a group.



# 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.

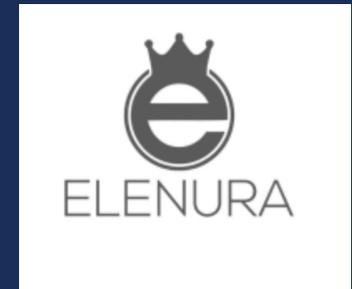
We will be issuing families with parent ID cards within the next few weeks. Once these cards are issued you will be able to use these by taking them into our sponsors shops/restaurants. Watch this space for more partners and chances to win prizes! Watch this space for more information!



*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](mailto:safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg) (Please call 999 for any urgent safeguard matter)

For subject teacher and curriculum matters, please email the form tutor directly, the keystage lead or subject teacher.

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

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