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From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

This week we were treated to the wonderful art of our DP Visual Arts students as they exhibited their chosen pieces for staff and guests. This exhibition allowed them to celebrate their work and to share the research and reflection that influenced their technique and composition choices. Well done students!

We continued this week with daily COVID testing of students and staff. We have learned to be flexible and adaptable each day and I am so pleased to see how all members of the ZIS community dedicate themselves to supporting the wider community in this way. As we move into the Spring Holiday, please be safe and healthy and we hope our city remains healthy allowing for a happy

reunion on campus on Monday, April 11. You will have received a notice today via SchoolPal asking you to remain in Zhuhai during the Break and that if necessity requires travel that you share those details with our office using the provided survey. Thank you for your attention to this expectation placed on us by the Zhuhai Education Bureau.

Parents would have received a SchoolPal notice sharing the tuition fee policy for 2022-23 along with a survey link where I would ask you to provide us with your family's plans for the new year. If you did not receive this information, please contact me or the school office.

We are excited for the next big event on our calendar: International Day is fast approaching! We remain optimistic that we will be able to hold this event on Saturday, April 23rd as planned however we are mindful that COVID may force us to reschedule. The student committee organizing the event have been doing a wonderful job bringing all the moving pieces together and if you would like to sponsor a booth for your country, please do let us know. If this is your first International Day with us, allow the following pictures to share a little about the fun we have on this special day!

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring Break!

Warm Regards,
Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School

Upcoming Events

April 4-8: Qing Ming & Spring Break

April 12: Parent Workshop: 21st Century Literacy 1:45pm @ GUSTO

April 15: Secondary Sports Day **April 18-22:** MAP Growth Testing

April 23: International Day

...view the school calendar online at http://zischina.com/calendars/

celebrate diversity with us





Great memories of past International Days @ ZIS!



Perfectly Primary

WHO KNEW THAT WALLS COULD CREATE COMMUNITY?

Over the past few weeks, our fabulous Art teacher Ms Gabrielle has started to make our walls come alive with different displays.

These displays allow student work to be visible across the school, celebrating our student's great creativity.

Recently Ms Gabrielle, with the support of Ms Vivian, has created displays that allow students to be involved and share. There are different trees across the school, and each tree has a theme. These trees make our students reflect on why they like their best friends and how they feel every day. The trees are

blooming with more leaves added every day with words of joy for their friends and reflecting on how they feel. These interactive displays have been a TREEmendous success, and thank you to Ms Gabrielle and Ms Vivian for making it happen.

I hope you and your family have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday!

Kind Regards,

Michael Lattimore

Head of EY and Primary











Secondary Segment

Dear Parents and Students,

Every year at ZIS we give our students an opportunity to showcase their abilities as students through the form of a public Art Exhibition. This show is a great challenge because it requires students to put together a coherent body of work that matches their planned intentions. Throughout the year the students had to create many works but had to reflect upon, refine, and ultimately choose 7 to 10 final works for their own show.

This year, Y13 Jenny produced multiple works which revolved around the theme of the "Unknown". This concept was developed through the form of an inquiry question that explored a variety of 2D and 3D materials. The concept and content of the works were purposely ambiguous to allow the audience to interact, ask questions and engage with the artworks on a personal level.

Y13 Jessica created an immersive experience that revolved around her own "Spiritual World". These engaging works communicated a powerful message of acceptance which helped to guide the viewers through the gallery environment. Her highly individual process of artmaking was inspiring for all who had the chance to see her creations.

In summary, our inquiring learners applied their understanding of the Diploma Program requirements with great emphasis on process, a willingness to be reflective, and ultimately found their own style, as artists.

Best regards,

John Wasteneys

MYP & DP Visual Arts Teacher

















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