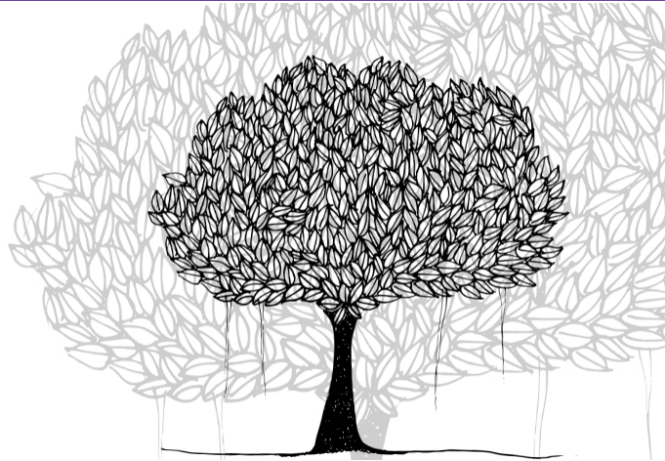


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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

As last week concluded we received the excellent news of our success with the recent IB Evaluation. Preparing for this external review by the IB is a process of reflection, planning, and refining - all with the purpose of delivering the very best programmes to our students. Congratulations to our teaching teams who act on our commitment to excellence every day, to our committees and their chairs for preparing the evaluation reports, and to our students and parents who joined the meetings in May with the IB representatives.

I am delighted to share some of the commendations from the IB Evaluation:

- The concepts of community, inclusion and compassion permeate and frame the work of all members in the school community.
- Caring, respectful and effective communication among and between staff, students, and parents demonstrates the commitment of the school

community members to the IB learner profile.

- The school has a safe, healthy, nurturing environment that reflects the school's purpose for learning and is characterized by respect for diversity, fairness and trust.
- Teachers use a variety of relevant assessments that inform, and are informed by, the development of students' content knowledge and approaches to learning skills.
- The pedagogical leadership team uses processes for ongoing critical reflection and revision, thus being responsive to the changing circumstances and emerging needs of the school community and programmes.

Congratulations to ZIS! With this fantastic news, we are authorized as an IB World School in the PYP, MYP, and DP for the next five years - and now we continue to work toward the next evaluation in 2027!

In the last newsletter we introduced the new teachers appointed to ZIS Primary. This week, allow me to share brief bios for our new Secondary teachers arriving for August 2022:

Mr. Aaron Patterson is a UK trained teacher who holds a Bachelor of Science in Biomedicine and CELTA teacher certification from Cambridge University. Mr. Aaron has been teaching internationally since 2012 and joins ZIS as the Secondary SEN lead teacher with some English teaching responsibilities. Over the past decade he has developed a strong portfolio in IELTS and TOEFL instruction while supporting students with learning exceptionalities along the way. He is excited to be stepping into an IB school and joining our community.

Mr. Bob Meng is a Canadian teacher, trained in the UK, and holds a MA in Biochemistry. He has taught Physics and Chemistry following the British curriculum since 2010 and most recently added Biology to his portfolio while teaching in Zhuhai at Yinghua Cambridge International School. Prior to his teaching career he worked as an Engineer in Canada. Now with over a decade of teaching experience, Mr. Bob is excited to join the Math and Science Department at ZIS.

Ms. Inela Kovacevic holds a MA in Art History awarded by the University of Belgrade and since graduation she has taught Art and Art History in her home country of Serbia and now in China. Ms. Inela has taught Visual Arts for over a decade to students of all ages, and presently teaches Art at Yingli here in Zhuhai. Her art expertise includes a wide range of mediums and we are excited

for her to bring her photography, drawing, fashion, sculpting, jewelry, and painting talents to our students.

Ms. Camellia Qin brings her Art and Design teaching talents to ZIS this August. Ms. Camellia was awarded her MA in Fine Arts by the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia, USA where she also studied Digital Design. After her first teaching internship in 2014 she arrives to Zhuhai with teaching roles in Georgia and Shenzhen previously. At present, Ms. Camellia teaches IGCSE and A-Level Art at Yinghua Cambridge International School in Zhuhai.

If you weren't able to join our Secondary Graduation and Awards ceremony this week, take heart - two more ceremonies are planned for our final week as we celebrate ZIS Primary students and their achievements and the Reception and Year 6 students who graduate! Congratulations to the Class of 2022 - we wish our DP graduates all the best as they travel on to their chosen universities in the Fall.

Warm Regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School

Upcoming Events

June 17-19: ASDAN Business Simulation

June 20-24: Art Exhibition on 4th Floor: "Meditation"

June 22: Reception Graduation & Y1-2 Awards

June 23: Year 6 Graduation & Y3-6 Awards

June 23: Secondary "Spring" Dance

June 24: Last Day of School (12:45 dismissal)

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

Perfectly Primary

STEP UP DAYS

This week saw two step-up days. We saw our Reception students going up to Year One and our Year Six students going to experience their first day of MYP.

The step-up days are great for students to experience what the next year will look like and meet their new teachers.

For reception students, they went to their new classroom and saw how the room was set up and where they would do their learning. The reception students met their new teachers and had many activities to get to know each other better.

For Year 6, they had a full day experience in MYP. They had a meeting with the Head of Secondary, Ms Tucker. They explored what the Secondary School looks like and what to expect.

Next week we will have our Graduation Ceremonies.

On Wednesday 22nd, we will have our Reception Graduation, and Thursday 23rd, our Year 6 Graduation ceremonies. Parents of students in these classes are cordially invited to come and celebrate the graduation. The graduation ceremonies will take place from 09:00-10:00 in the Foyer.

Kind Regards,

Michael Lattimore

Head of EY and Primary





Secondary Segment

SECONDARY AWARDS AND GRADUATION

On Thursday, June 16, our Year 11 and Year 13 students took to the stage and received their Year 11 and Year 13 certificates, culminating the Middle Years and Diploma Programmes.

Additionally, students were recognized for their academic excellence, their hard work in the subjects, and their participation in the many clubs and activities that make secondary school such a rich experience.

Congratulations to all award recipients and best of luck to the Class of 2022!

Warm regards,

Danielle Tucker
Head of Secondary





From the Library: Summer Reading

The library team wanted to share once again that a student who reads for 20 minutes a day will have read nearly 1800 000 words at the end of a school year – Let's be Knowledgeable!

These are the reading practice opportunities we are offering during the summer break!

1. Summer Reading Program provided by Obido.
2. Raz Kids; which is an award-winning K-5 online reading resource kids use to practice reading and improve their literacy skills, anytime, anywhere. Please take advantage of the students library of interactive eBooks offered at 29 different levels of reading difficulty.
3. Below are some selections / recommendations for various reading levels for students. (Battle of the Book Titles for 2023)

Kind Regards

Charlotte Aucamp

Senior Teacher Librarian

TITLE	AUTHOR
EARLY YEARS	
Eddie Red Undercover – Book 1 Mystery on Museum Mile by	Marcia Wells
Greta's Story: Sutherland Schoolgirl Who went on Strike to Save the Planet	Valentina Camerini and Morena Giovannoni
Maizy Chen's Last Chance	Lisa Yee
Ninja Kid – Book 1: From Nerd to Ninja	Any Do
Save me a Seat	Sarah Weeks
Starfish	Lisa Fipps
Wings of Fire – Book 1: The Dragonet Prophecy	Tui Sutherland
The Legend of Auntie Po	Shing Yin Khor
When You Trap a Tiger	Take Keller
Zita the Spacegirl	Ben Hatke
MIDDLE SCHOOL	
13 Treasures	Michelle Harrison
A Wish in the Dark	Christian Soontornvat
All 13: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys Soccer Team	Christian Soontornvat
Book Scavenger	Jennifer Chambliss Bertman
Booked	Kramer Alexander
Girl Giant and the Money King	Van Hoang
Soul Lanterns	Shaw Kuzki
The Blackbird Girls	Anne Blankman
Tsunami Girl	Julian Sedgwick
HIGH SCHOOL	
Educated	Tara Westover
Firekeeper's Daughter	Angeline Boulley
Like Spilled Water	Jennie Liu
Never Let Me Go	Kazuo Ishiguro
The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea	Axis Oh
The Walled City	Ryan Graudin
The Both Die at the End	Adam Silvera
They Called Us Enemy	George Takei

SUMMER READING

3 READING OPPORTUNITIES

- **READ ON
RAZ-KIDS**
- **OBIDO
SUMMER READING CLUB**
- **BOB READING
LIST**



Art Exhibit: "Meditations" - 4th Floor



Louisa
Guest Artist
4th floor
June 17th -24th
"Meditation"

WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL
LUNCH



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