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# From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

Books and sunshine - what a beautiful combination for a wonderful week of learning here on Qi'ao. It was **Book Week 2022** for the entire school - well done to the students who read their way through thousands and thousands of pages and to their teachers who hosted daily activities to encourage a love for reading in their classrooms. Thank you to the parents (and students) who read to the classes in French, Korean, Chinese, Polish, Afrikaans. A love for stories unites every one of us, no matter what language we use to share. Well done to Ms. Charlotte and Ms. Yan, the ZIS Library Team, for an outstanding week.

I hope you will join us for a **Parent Workshop** on Tuesday, March 22 at

Gusto Italian Restaurant in the Huafa Mall at 1:45pm. The topic is Multiliteracy - a vital part of literacy practices for today and tomorrow's students. Not sure what Multiliteracy is? Don't worry - we will explain everything. Scan the QR code on the poster below to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there! Gusto is open for lunch if you wish to dine before joining the session.

Topic: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy: Multiliteracy When: Tuesday, March 22 @ 1:45pm Where: 珠海大道8号华发商都B馆B1018 Gusto意大利餐厅 / Gusto Italian restaurant, Huafa mall NO.1018,B zone 1F Xiangzhou

This Friday the winners of **The Banyan Award** contest were celebrated. Thank you to all of the participants for their wonderfully creative and thoughtful works on this year's theme: "Strength in the Year of the Tiger". Congratulations to Candy (Y1), Abby (Y4), and Maureen (Y6) for their winning submissions. Every one of the submissions conveyed hope and determination for the challenges that we will face in this world. Our young people have big plans and brave hearts for the years ahead!

Friends of ZIS met this week on Thursday and the main topic was the planning for ZIS International Day on April 23. This year a group of Year 9 students have initiated the planning and they shared their progress with the meeting. International Day is one of the grandest school events on the calendar and everyone's involvement makes the day memorable, so you can expect a request from the organizers soon for your support. In addition to this event, the meeting discussed the growing opportunities for Primary students to become involved in sporting events and allowed parents to share their recommendations for future school workshops. This meetings are also an ideal time to raise issues or ask questions of me as I attend every session. The more families represented at our FoZIS meetings, the greater the impact on the school, and I so I encourage you to join our next meeting on Tuesday, March 29 at 10am in the ZIS Parent Lounge.

Have a wonderful week ahead. I look forward to seeing you during Conferences on Tuesday, March 15. Please note that on conference days classes are not held. In EY and Primary students are leading the conferences for their parents and in Secondary parents are encouraged to have their child accompany to join the discussions.

Warm Regards, Andrew VanderMeulen Head of School



### Upcoming Events

March 15: Parent Teacher Conferences March 18: Primary Sports Day March 22: Parent Workshop: 21st Century Literacy 1:45pm @ GUSTO March 25: Secondary Sports Day April 4-8: Qing Ming & Spring Break April 18-22: MAP Growth Testing April 23: International Day

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



#### 21St GENTURY LITERAGY Why Multiliteracy Matters

Tuesday, March 22, 1:45 pm @ Gusto Italian Restaurant







## Perfectly Primary

#### **Book Month!**

This week was book week! We had so many great activities related to reading. We had our book show and tell on Monday, where teachers and students were encouraged to bring in their favourite book. On Tuesday, we had Big reading to Small. MYP students read books to the PYP students, and Years 5 and 6 read books to our EY. On Wednesday, we had our battle of books where students contested over their book knowledge. We culminated our book month with our Book Character Day and Book Month Assembly. We found out which house read the most books and which student was our star reader this month!

One of the greatest highlights of this week was the amount of parent involvement! We appreciate all the parents who came into school this week and read to our students. This showed our ZIS community spirit, and the students loved hearing stories from so many people. We also had book readings in different languages (Korean, French, Polish, Afrikaans), which celebrated our diversity at the ZIS Primary School. Thank you, everyone, for making this month such an amazing month! Just Read!

Kind Regards, Michael Lattimore Head of EY and Primary











### Secondary Segment

Dear parents and students,

For my year 11 personal project, I have organized a few musical concerts to raise funds to support the Special Education School in Zhuhai. As of now, we have raised 4000 RMB!

The motive behind organizing this event is to help disabled children, to increase awareness, and to let people show solicitude for these children.

During the planning of these concerts, I have learned and grown so much, especially with my communication skills, I've communicated with a lot of people during the process with items like asking for ideas, planning the stage, printing out posters, asking permission, etc. This was really an unforgettable experience for me to organize and for all performers and audiences.

This is the first time that we had an event like the charity concert in school; I am hoping that these events can extend through future school years. We're excited for the next concert on March 17th!

You are welcome to send an email to rubys2024@student.zischina.com for a fundraising update or to inquire about donating.

Warm Regards,

Y11 Ruby Class of 2024



## **Charity Concert**

March 8th March 17th At Foyer 1:15-1:40

All funds will be donated to the Special Education School in Zhuhai







Lunch Menus, our food safety guidelines, and past editions of "The Banyan" Newsletter are available at <u>zischina.com</u>

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