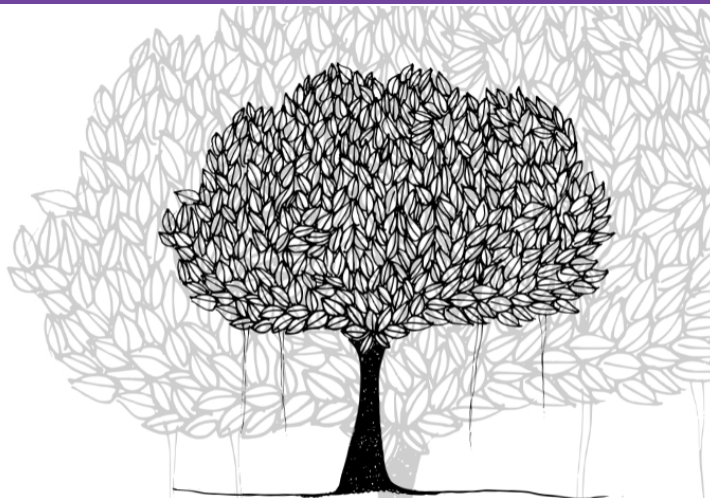


# THE BANYAN



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Zhu Hai International School weekly newsletter



## From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

It was our privilege to host the members of the **CIS Accreditation** team this week. Our guests conducted their visit of campus virtually for four days, connecting from Busan, Beijing, Kuala Lumpur, and Hong Kong. We opened our classrooms using ZOOM to live stream the teaching and learning taking place. Speaking with the team leader, Mr. Simon McCloskey who is the Head of School at the International School of Busan, he shared his commendations on the high-quality teaching that he and his team witnessed consistently across the school. He also asks me to share his thanks to the parents who joined the morning sessions and to the students who spoke so well on their school experiences.

The visiting team shared further insights based on their observations, committee meetings, and review of the evidence shared with them. They made

special mention of the caring, varied, and engaging learning that is happening across the school and that staff and students feel that their school environment is creative, safe, and trusting. They noted that students are proud of their school and feel respected and listened to. Special mention was made of the quality of school policies, that they are comprehensive and shared widely for all stakeholders in one place on the school website. Further, they noted the various informative channels that are supported connecting school with home and community. And we received a special commendation on the school's commitment to providing a wide variety of learning opportunities off campus, on our island and in our city.

Our school team should be heartily congratulated for these accomplishments, and we should be very proud of the high quality and balanced learning that is provided to our students. But we didn't invite CIS here to just give us praise. The decision to pursue this CIS adventure has always been about school improvement, and each of the recommendations that will come will help to drive our next steps forward. School development is never finished, but after these busy months we will be sure to reflect on and celebrate who we are today as a learning community.

I want to share a tremendous thank you to the Committee Chairs and the Committee Members for their months of work in getting us to this point. Thank you for bringing together the summaries and the evidence sharing the excellent things happening every day at ZIS. Parents and students, you also play a vital role in making us who we are and in moving us forward - thank you for the many ways that you add to the great things happening at our school.

We must now wait a few weeks for the full report from the Council of International Schools. In the meantime, thankfully, we have many great things happening on campus to keep us occupied!

Warmest regards,

**Andrew VanderMeulen**  
**Head of School**

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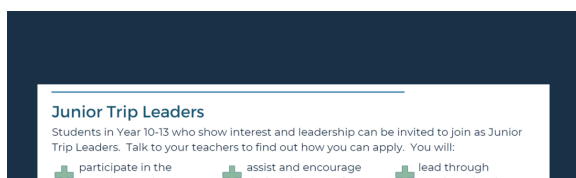
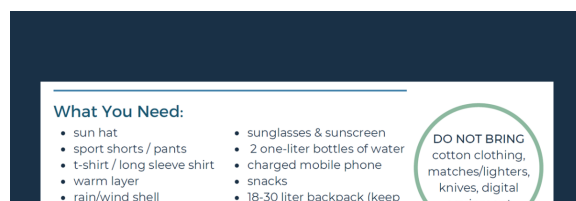
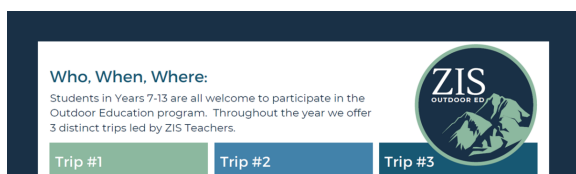
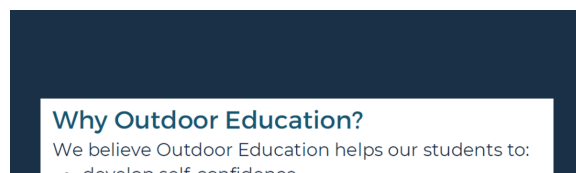
## Upcoming Events

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**October 27, 28:** Hallowe'en decorating... parents welcome!

**October 31:** Hallowe'en Celebration, 9:15 Costume Parade!

**November 16:** Parent Teacher Conferences (no classes) - postponed from November 1st.



# UOI Unit 1 NEWSLETTER

In this unit, we learned about "How we express ourselves" and it included identity, culture, value, belief, appearance, and personality, which is a part of "Who we are".

We made an Essential Agreement first. Then we studied those UOI vocabulary words and made a "belief, appearance, culture, personality" mind map. We also made some questions and researched them. While we wrote our research summary, we used the "writing process" as the checking step. Then we tried little quizzes about different countries' landmarks and traditional clothes around the world. It seems like we need to learn more about them since not so many of us got a high score! At the end of the unit, we did a rule-break, a "5-4-3-2-1" reflection and a "question & answer" reflection.

I can't wait to start a new unit, especially when it is about nature, history, and making things!

**Nicole**

**Y6b**

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## Secondary Segment

### VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Saturday, our High School Boys Volleyball team participated in the final tournament of the Pearl River Conference tournament. In a great event hosted by Dulwich Zhuhai, our team showed great team spirit and attention to detail.

In their three games, our boys showed wonderful team skills and great progress with each game. Weeks of progress paid off, especially in our serving and ball management.

The tournament was a great opportunity to forge new connections and build relationships with other schools from the region. One of the outcomes was a proposed calendar of basketball fixtures that will start next month.

Warm regards,

**Mike Piotrowski**

MYP Coordinator

Volleyball is a game that involves an immense amount of teamwork and collaboration. On Saturday, October 15, the high school girls' volleyball team from ZIS went to QSI Dongguan to participate in a regional volleyball tournament. It was a day filled with sportsmanship and competition. The ZIS girls' team went against many skilled players and still persevered though they lost sets to the end. It was a very enriching experience because the more matches were played, the better we understood each other's strengths and our team continued to improve. After almost 12 sweaty hours of sports, ZIS slowly became a small force to be reckoned with. The team finished in 6th place.

**Chloe Y12**

Student Council President

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**WHAT'S  
COOKING?**

SCHOOL  
LUNCH



Lunch Menus,  
our food safety guidelines,  
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