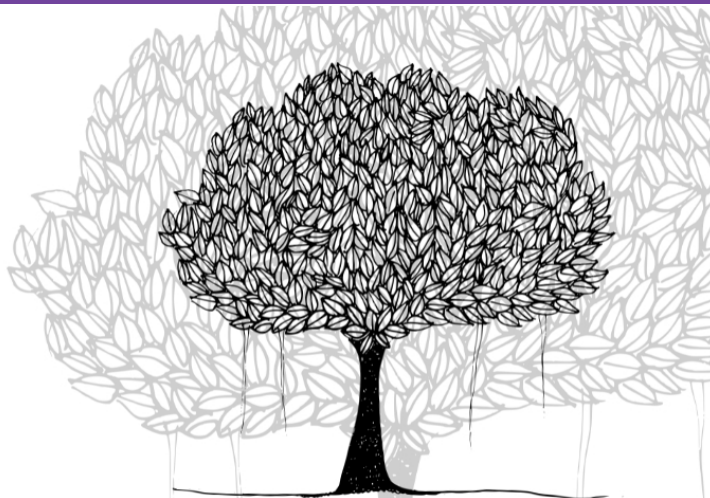


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From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

Thank you to the parents of **Friends of ZIS** who have been planning, preparing, and decorating for Monday's Hallowe'en festivities. Campus is bustling with activity and the students are bursting with anticipation, looking ahead to the fun in store for us all on the 31st. Teachers and students are lending a hand and thanks to the collective efforts, every corner of the campus is looking suitably ghoulish. Parents are welcome to share in the morning fun this Monday with the costume parade beginning shortly after 9am. Please show your green code at the gate, have your temperature checked, and wear your parent badge as a part of your costume!

The results from the recent **MAP Growth** reports have been produced and will be going home next week. Please keep an eye out for these if your child is in Years 3-10. Congratulations to the students for their determination during the

tests. We have already started working with the data provided by the system to target areas of need and opportunities for enrichment. Parents will have the opportunity to discuss results during the Parent Teacher Conferences, but are welcome to book a time to meet in advance as well.

Thank you for your understanding regarding the updated **calendar** and the changes to the holidays. The announcement of the change shared via NewsFlash outlined the thoughts behind the adjustment, and thank you to all for giving it your consideration. The updated calendar is shared on our website [here](#) for your reference.

The new grey hooded **sweatshirts** are proving popular with the students. A few families have noted that under high heat in the dryer there is some shrinking occurring. If you have found this happening and wish to exchange your purchase for a new size, please bring come by the office for assistance.

Lastly, I am very pleased to share some of the verbal feedback received a week ago as the **CIS Accreditation** visit concluded. Alongside the recommendations for development, the CIS team shared their thanks and their commendations, including:

- Congratulations to the school for pursuing the most rigorous and comprehensive accreditation option by selecting CIS
- There is clear evidence that the school values well-being, learning, global citizenship, organized classrooms, all led by teachers active in their teaching
- School provides open, fair, trusting and mutually respectful learning environments
- Well established engagement with the community, using local resources as learning partners, exposing students to new perspectives and the world beyond the classroom
- Effective channels for communication are in place to connect home and school
- Across the school, the curriculum is well-planned, engaging, and challenging, inviting student participation, questioning, and a inspiring a sense of wonder

Thank you again to everyone, staff, students, and parents, who have brought us to this stage of the accreditation process. Our school remains focused on improvement and growth thanks to this collective effort!

Warmest regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School

Upcoming Events

October 31: Halloween Celebration, 9:15 Costume Parade!

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

November 22: Outdoor Ed: Banzhang Mountain

December 14: Outdoor Ed: Phoenix Mountain

December 23: Final day of classes in 2022

Who, When, Where:

Students in Years 7-13 are all welcome to participate in the Outdoor Education program. Throughout the year we offer 3 distinct trips led by ZIS Teachers.



Trip #1

Banzhang Mountain

This is the Entry Level for beginners. A 2-3 hour hike with moderate elevation. Trailhead: 45 minutes from ZIS.

November 22, 2022

Trip #2

Phoenix Mountain

This is an Intermediate Level with sustained climbing. This 3-4 hour hike climbs to 400m. Trailhead: 25 minutes from ZIS.

December 14, 2023

Trip #3

Huangyangshan

To reach Zhuhai's highest point, students will hike for 6-7 hours and reach 550m. Trailhead: 1 hour 20 minutes from ZIS.

February 16, 2023

What You Need:

- sun hat
- sport shorts / pants
- t-shirt / long sleeve shirt
- warm layer
- rain/wind shell
- hiking socks
- hiking shoes
- sunglasses & sunscreen
- 2 one-liter bottles of water
- charged mobile phone
- snacks
- 18-30 liter backpack (keep space for lunch)

DO NOT BRING
cotton clothing,
matches/lighters,
knives, digital
equipment

Optional items if preferred: gloves, trekking poles. A pre-trip meeting will give students time to prepare and purchase any additional items if needed.

Junior Trip Leaders

Students in Year 10-13 who show interest and leadership can be invited to join as Junior Trip Leaders. Talk to your teachers to find out how you can apply. You will:

- + participate in the pre-trip meeting
- + assist and encourage during the excursion
- + lead through words and actions

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Questions?

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HOUSE CHALLENGE and HALLOWEEN

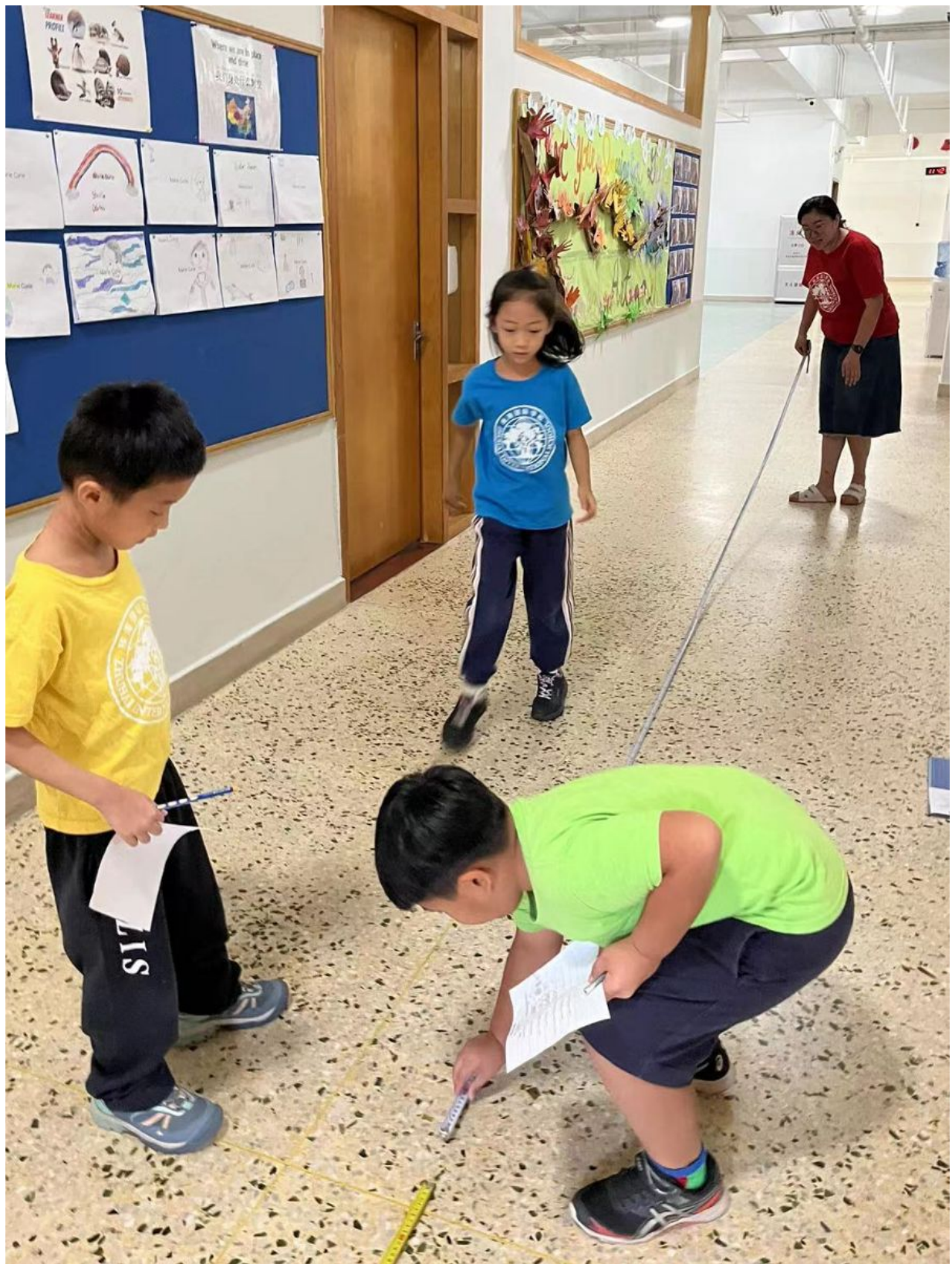
This Friday, we had our second house challenge of the year. House challenges are a great way to promote community within our school. Students from different year groups play together, strengthening the bond between the different classes. Students participated in a giant game of Capture the Flag for this house challenge. Students need to work together, strategise, and work on offence/defence to win the game. It was a great activity with lots of learning and fun.

On Monday, we will have our Halloween celebration. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed up in their costumes. Students are also encouraged to bring snacks and treats. This is looking like an amazing Halloween! A big thank you to our Friends of ZIS parents, who have already started to work on making an amazing haunted house in the foyer.

Kind Regards

Michael Lattimore

Head of EY and Primary



Hands on! PYP students investigating measurements around the school...

Secondary Segment

AWARDING MYP CERTIFICATES

Each year, our Year 11 students take the externally assessed MYP on-screen exams and submit their ePortfolios in order to achieve the MYP Certificate. According to IBO, "the MYP certificate and the IB MYP bilingual certificate are available to students who complete the IB's broad and balanced course of study for middle level learners".

Candidates for the internationally-recognized IB MYP certificate must complete eight eAssessments.

There are on-screen examinations in:

- Language and literature
- Language acquisition
- Individuals and societies
- Sciences
- Mathematics
- Interdisciplinary learning

and ePortfolios (coursework) in:

- Language acquisition
- Physical and Health Education, Arts or Design
- MYP personal project

"Candidates also must meet school requirements for participation in Service as Action."

On Thursday, September 29, the Year 12 cohort received their official MYP certificates from the IB after sitting their exams in May 2022. Congratulations!

Warm regards,

Danielle Tucker

Head of Secondary





WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL
LUNCH



Lunch Menus,
our food safety guidelines,
and past editions of
"The Banyan" Newsletter
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