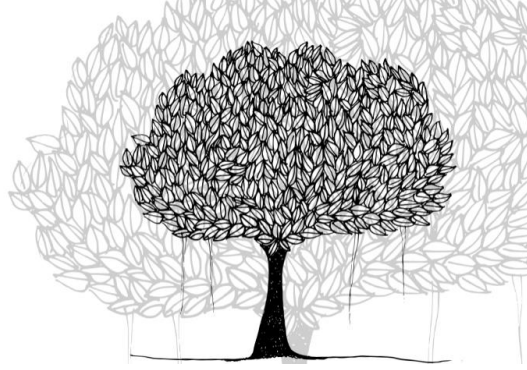


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From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

This past week was another one of action - another week full of energy and excitement!

Here's a snapshot of what has been going on:

Yoga - Saturdays

Last weekend, ZIS Parent Ms. Pieterne Senff, started a yoga class for parents while their children enjoyed Saturday Sports (9:30-11:30). This coming Saturday, and for the following two Saturdays, you are invited to join in from 10:00am. Beginners and experts welcome!

Friends of ZIS

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and students who joined the first FoZIS meeting of the year. We hope to see you all back at the next meeting, to be scheduled shortly since our Winter Carnival is just around the corner and parent support always makes this event special.

"What is the PYP?" Workshop

Wonderful turnout to this Parent Workshop led by ZIS PYP Coordinator Mr. Daniel Spears. Informative and engaging, the 90 minutes covered the nature of inquiry, how content is brought to life through the learning process, as well as how social-emotional learning is prioritized. Fantastic to see so many parents on campus, there is clearly a high level of interest in understanding the IB philosophy and best practices - stay tuned for the next Parent Workshop coming soon.

Halloween at ZIS

The week concluded with a spirited costume parade, fun activity stations, and trick or treating with EY and Primary visiting the Secondary students. The judges of the costume contest were faced with an impossible task of selecting the winners in each of the sections-

well done to the victors and to all of the students for their creative and spooky efforts.

MAP Growth Results & Parent Teacher Conferences (Nov 4)

MAP results will be shared during Parent Teacher Conferences (which please remember is not a regular school day - buses are not running and classes are not held). Each individual has their own learning journey, and this is why we add these tests to our diagnostic assessment strategies. This data also allows teachers, coordinators, and school leadership to see trends and this 2021 session shows that Years 3-10 continue to show growth beyond the global projections of students of the same year level. Keep up the great work: keep reading at home, keep practicing IXL Mathematics, keep practicing your language skills at every opportunity!

Cross Country Run - November 11

Since the start of the school year our PE team, Mr. Mike Lee and Mr. Martin Wurmlinger, have been building student fitness, motor skills, and their competitive spirit. All of this will be put to the test at our annual ZIS Cross Country event when the whole school takes to the course (of varying distances based on age) as students (and staff) target their personal best result and to further build physical stamina and mental toughness. Secondary students will venture off campus as they cover their kilometers while Primary will race inside the campus course.

Have a wonderful, and much deserved, weekend of rest and relaxation.

Warm Regards,
Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School

Health Notice: Cases of HFM Disease Reported in Zhuhai.

Hand-foot-and-mouth disease has been reported in various school across the city. HFM disease is a mild, contagious viral infection common in young children and is characterized by sores in the mouth and a rash on the hands and feet. Hand-foot-and-mouth disease is most commonly caused by a coxsackievirus.

There's no specific treatment for hand-foot-and-mouth disease. Frequent hand-washing is the top prevention strategy and close monitoring of your children will identify cases early.

If you suspect a case of HFM disease, please visit your local health clinic to seek medical advice.



Upcoming Events

November 4: Parent Teacher Conferences (no classes)

November 11 ZIS Cross Country Run

November 12: Teacher Professional Development Day (no classes)

November 22-26: Week Without Walls

Perfectly Primary

PARENT EVENTS

This week and next week has some very important events.

On Wednesday, October 27th, we had our first Primary School Parent Workshop of the Year. Led by our PYP Coordinator Daniel Spears, parents inquired and explored "What is the PYP?" This workshop outlined the main principles of what makes a PYP education and how it is applied to our ZIS Primary School. This workshop was the first of what will be many parent education events throughout the academic year.

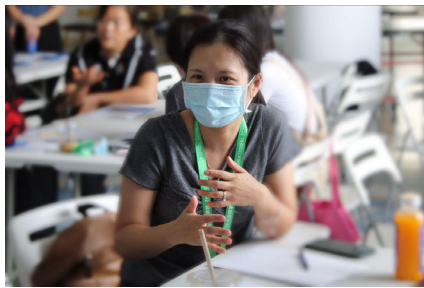
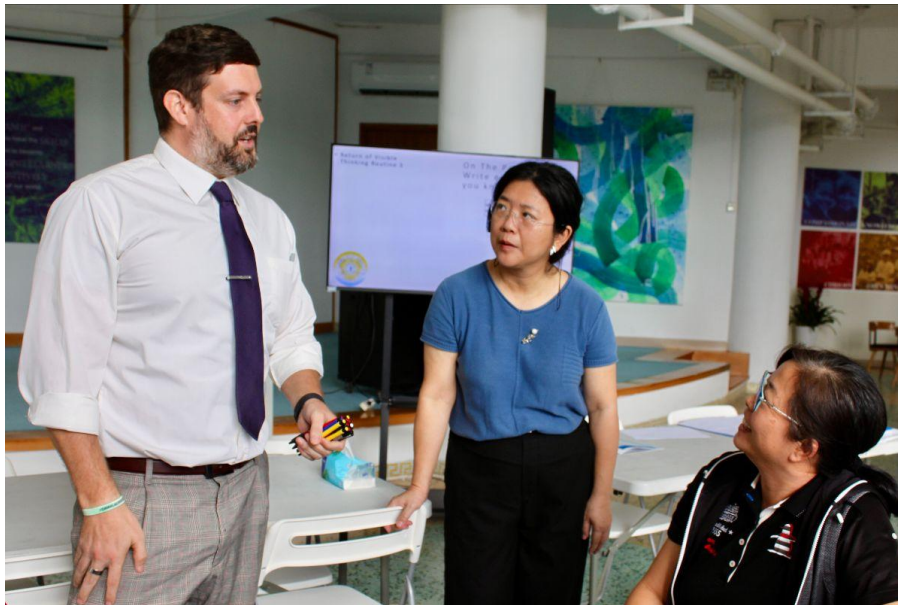
Next Thursday (November 4th), we have our second parent event. This conference is going to be our first parent conference of the academic year. The parent-teacher conference is a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to sit down to discuss how the academic year is going so far and to work together to continue having a successful year.

These parent events are crucial to building a positive culture at ZIS, and we are excited for many more events to come!

Kind Regards,

Michael Lattimore

Head of EY and Primary



A Little Halloween Fun



Secondary Segment

Dear parents and students,

"On Tuesday, in Secondary we had a guest come and give a presentation. Her name is Dina Munina who is a stage designer from Russia. With extensive experience in creating decorations for exhibitions, television shows, and concerts Dina had a lot to share with the students.

First, she headed up the Year 9 Art classroom with Mr. John and Mr. Miller to introduce them to her work and some useful software, tips, and secret methods. Students repeatedly uttered murmurs of amazement and awe at her portfolio of works, "Wow..." They peered with curiosity at her massive laptop - a headquarters of creativity and innovation, something she kept in a big black bag, which functions more like a locker of imagined stories, creative journeys, and polygons.

After the Art class, finished Dina journeyed down to the foyer where a group of secondary students awaited her speech. She also talked about wanting to do amazing things since she was a child, and her spirit of sharing won the crowd over.

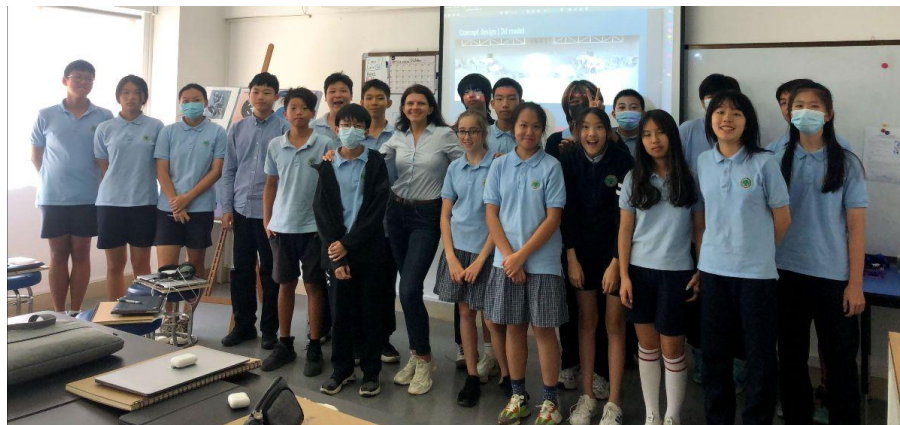
Finally, we ended the day with a fun 3D clay activity - inspiring students to get their hands moving and reminding them of the true calling of education. Self-education. All that 3D knowledge that Dina learned on her own. She learned along the way, little by little, through her own persistence. Maybe you can be like her too? Living a dream come true. So, what's your IB dream?

To see more information about Dina's work and her portfolio feel free to visit this website.

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Warm Regards,

John Wasteneys
MYP & DP Art Teacher







WEEKEND WARRIOR

Facilitated by Mr. John Emery Miller

Songwriter Camp

6 Saturdays
**October 16 -
November 20**
from 10:00-11:20
ZIS Music Room

Reserve now
Limited spaces
available!

All MYP
students
welcome!



WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL
LUNCH



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