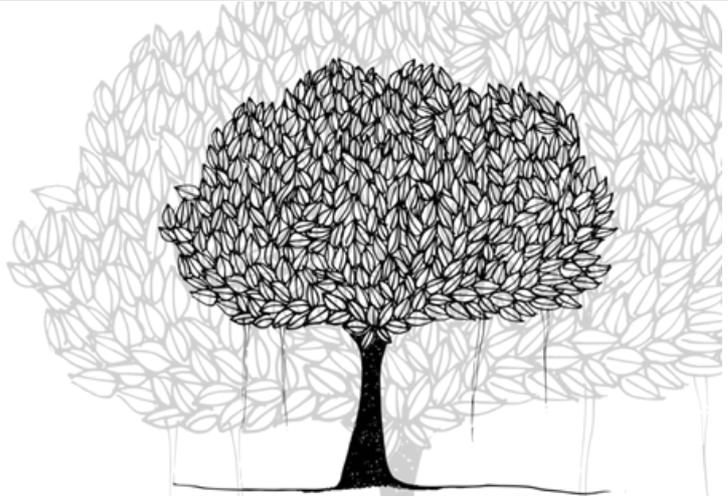


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FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who shared the culminating project of their Primary studies today. With the visiting classes and the online participants the students revealed their thinking and creativity on a variety of crucial topics for our time. Well done to the students, their mentors, and their teachers - there's no doubt that they are well prepared for the learning challenges ahead. On that topic the Year 6 students are scheduled the next two days experiencing life in the Secondary school. They will explore the range of subjects, meet their MYP teachers, and boost their confidence for the big step ahead.

Registration for Summer Camp has closed and we have been delighted with the response from the community. Over thirty students each week will join the teachers and junior counsellors for days packed with meaningful learning and engaging experiences. We look forward to all of the stories that will come from the fantastic activities planned for these two weeks.

The final Friends of ZIS meeting was held this past week and topics ranged from reflections on the distance learning program to questions on the intricacies of the Diploma Programme. This meeting was held off campus and joined by parents using ZOOM and by parents who came and shared a cup of coffee in person. The next meeting will be scheduled once the new school year begins. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and I encourage more and more of you to join these discussions as they are a great benefit to school life.

The final week of classes is packed with excitement. We expect the yearbooks to arrive in time to share them together. All of Primary will be "stepping up" to experience a day in the next year level, equipping them for the year ahead. Wednesday sees two awards

assemblies in Secondary, including the Year 13 Graduation, and Thursday sees two more ceremonies and awards ceremonies for the Primary students. These final events of the year are by invitation only to parents of Reception, Year 6, and Year 13. Parents are asked to wear a mask on campus and to show their green health code at the security gate. These restrictions are set in order to limit the size of the gatherings. Thank you for your understanding of this necessity and we assure you that many photos of the events will be shared to commemorate the events.

Please note too that the final day of classes involves an early dismissal with students departing at 12:45pm after enjoying a special pizza lunch together.

One additional end of year newsletter will be shared with you all in order to help us prepare for the coming school year when we resume campus life on Monday, August 24.

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School

Coming Events:

June 15 and 16

Year 6 visit ZIS Secondary

Wednesday, June 17

Secondary Awards and Year 13 Graduation

10am - Years 7, 8, and 9

2pm - Years 10, 11, 12 and 13

ZOOM broadcast link to be shared on the 16th.

Wednesday, June 17

First day to check out summer reading from Library

Thursday, June 18*

Primary Awards

9am - Reception Graduation

2:50pm - Year 6 Graduation

ZOOM broadcast link the be shared on the 15th.

Friday, June 19th

Report Cards Published

12:45pm dismissal

Monday, July 6th

DP results published

Monday, August 3rd

Anticipated publishing date of MYP results



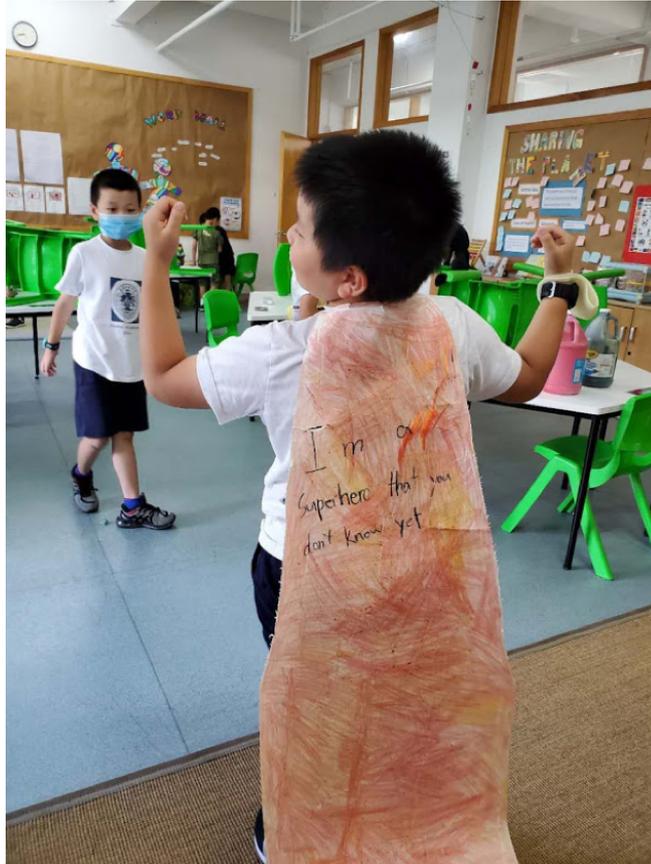
Perfectly Primary



Dear school community,

This week we celebrated school spirit all week with different themes each day. Wednesday our “superhero” theme was very popular, as we saw students and teachers showcasing

their favorite superhero costumes and attire. One student in year 3 made quite the statement with his powerful cape. It reads, "I'm a superhero that you don't know yet."



It reminded me of a book, *Mindset*, by Carol Dweck in which she coined the term "the power of yet." Grow Kids Minds, a parent blog, explains the power of this word a bit more:

"Using 'yet' brings hope. It ignites a 'can-do' attitude! It creates an encouraging environment. But it isn't all roses...you have to be willing to learn from your mistakes...to persevere!! It requires patience and it requires belief in yourself. We're all on a learning journey and there's no room to give up! Teaching your children how powerful this tiny little word can be will go a long way to moulding the superheroes you want to send out into the world."

Perhaps we are all superheroes others don't know yet. Our children have all shown us a bit of that power this year.

This week concluded with a celebration of our year 6 students during their PYP Exhibition. PYP Exhibition is an independent student-led project. Using this year's theme, *Where we are in Place and Time*, students researched topics that are of global concern. They explored gender inequality, animal rights, human rights, clean water, or the environment. They have all worked so hard this term to go through the process of exhibition. If you know a year 6 student, be sure to congratulate them on their work.

Warmly,

Dr. Lana Staton
Head of Primary



Dear students and parents,

This week teachers as well as students had a lot of fun with Spirit Week. For the Twins Day Mr Eric and Mr Chris did a fantastic job in their Captain America outfits, and there were amazing Tennis Twins, Men in Black Twins, Christmas Twins, and Hawaiian Twins. This was a whole lot of fun.

The DP results are published on 6 June for our graduating Y13 students. This means that we will be available to help you access the results and assist with their interpretation. We will be only be an email away so reach out to us in the middle of the summer break if you have a question with your Y13 young adult.

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the support that you have given us at ZIS in the online education of your child. We are enjoying getting to know these young people and learning more about them. All of us at ZIS are grateful to you also for all you do to prepare your daughters and sons for meaningful lives at and beyond our high school. Your efforts will mean more to your children / our students and to the world than any of us can fully know right now.

Your commitment to ZIS certainly matters: without capable, good-hearted students ready for the challenges and opportunities we offer, we could not fulfil our mission as an IB high school situated in southern Guangdong. We serve our host state, our hosted nations and the world through the the talent, creativity, and passion of every one our students and also you.

Thank you.

Micheal Coffey
Head of Secondary



SUMMER READING

LIBRARY LENDING BEGINS
WEDNESDAY JUNE 17

Stock up for the summer!

- Who? Students and Staff
What? Summer Book Borrowing
When? Beginning on Wednesday, June 17th
Where? The Library!
How? Be enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year
No overdue books
Pay 100rmb deposit
Why - Because everyone loves to read good books over the summer of course!

Return all books the first week of school beginning Aug 24



Alan Barbee
Teacher-Librarian

FOOTBALL CAMP

Zhuhai International School

August 10-23, 2020

12 sessions

5:30-6:30 - Ages 6, 7, 8

6:30-7:30 - Ages 9, 10, 11

Boys & Girls
Training with
ZIS Coaches



12 sessions
1500 RMB

Trainers, shin guards, sports wear
and a water bottle required!

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