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FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community,

Today was a fantastic finish to 2018 as the students celebrated a festive Christmas full of crafts, singing, and games.

Thank you to staff and parents for decorating the school and supporting the activities planned for the morning. We are so fortunate to have the generosity of the Friends of ZIS who work behind the scenes to set the stage for the festivities. We are also so fortunate to have a staff that puts their full energy into making these events meaningful for the students.

Our 2019-20 school calendar is now online for those of you making travel plans for the coming year. You can find it at <http://zischina.com/calendars>

Events will be added when we return to campus in January.

I wish everyone a safe and restful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back when we start up again in 2019 on Monday, January 7.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School



UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes Resume

January 7

Chinese New Year Celebration

January 26

CNY Holidays

January 28-February 8

School Photos

February 28 & March 1



Perfectly Primary



Hello ZIS Community! Have a look at the excitement caused by our very special guest this morning in the ZIS foyer.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone and see you in 2019!

Regards,

Jordan Rose

Head of Primary & Early Years



Secondary Segment



Middle Years Programme

Diploma Programme

Dear Parents and Students,

On Wednesday night I had the privilege of attending the school's 4th Community Christmas Dinner. This year, Uenchi and Ana from Year 12 organised the even as their CAS project.

I was exceptionally proud of their efforts and believe this to be the best one yet. I won't spoil too much because I have asked Uenchi and Ana to write their own piece, but I will

say thank you very much to all the students who provided musical items (you were excellent), Mr Paul for helping with the Carol singers and to Year 10 for providing service as the greeters and servers. As usual, you all have really done ZIS proud.

A wish everyone a safe and wonderful Winter break and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Warmest Regards

Vanessa Leah

Head of Secondary



LS Space



REFLECTIONS FROM AN INTERN

Over the past couple of months, we were fortunate to have an intern on campus supporting work in our Year 1, Year 5 and PYP Music classes. Demi joined us from Beijing Normal University. As a part of her Intern Appraisal, Demi was asked to submit a reflection on her time here. This is what she shared with us.

"I have also deepened my understanding of education here. By communicating with different students and teachers, I not only learned specific educational techniques and methods, but also gained a deeper understanding of the education of the IB system.

Specifically, I saw a teaching model in ZIS that was completely different from what I had learned before. ZIS always encourages children to explore and learn; they hope to educate children to develop into compassionate life-long learners who will contribute positively to the future of the world.

[...] There are many activities in the schedule of school. In activities, children can learn while playing. For example, they can exercise in the activities of international cultural exchange. It is also possible to help children better understand the culture of accepting other countries and become a good citizen and life-long learner.

The most challenging part is that you need to jump out of your comfort zone to communicate with different teachers, and express your thoughts and questions to better help in daily teaching. In addition, you need to learn how to deal with a group of children to understand some of their naive thoughts and behaviours. At the same time, it is essential to give them sense of freedom and security, and let them become principled and polite."

If this doesn't lift your spirits, nothing will. What a lovely summary of the excellent work going on here.

We wish Demi all the best as she travels to Italy to work on an educational project. Hopefully she will be able to join us at ZIS in the future.

Mirjam Berghuis

Head of Learning Services



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