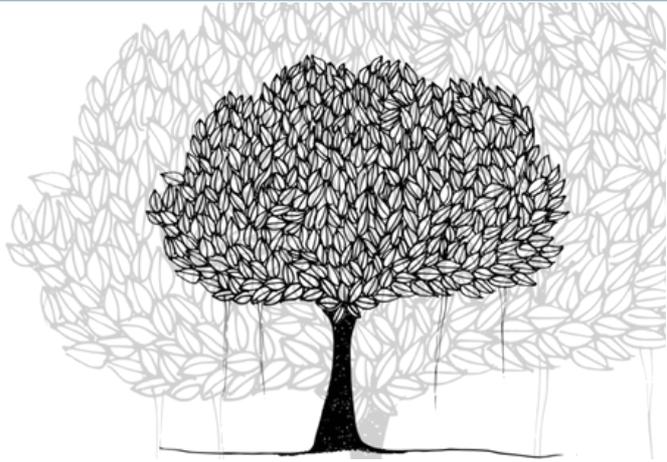


THE BANYAN



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Zhuhai International School: weekly newsletter

FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear Parents,

Our annual Week Without Walls adventures have nearly reached their conclusion for everyone. Groups from Thailand and the Philippines return over the weekend and the Yunnan and Xiamen trips have just arrived home safely. The Zhuhai weather was a perfect compliment to the many local excursions planned for the Primary students up to Year 4, and this edition of The Banyan features their stories as well as the Year 5 and 6 trip to Xiamen. With two of the three Secondary trips still returning, all of their adventures will be ready to share in the next newsletter.

A great story was shared with me this week. As a part of their Week Without Walls excursions some of our younger classes ventured out to explore the Gree Coast Community Park. They made quite the impression on a young family who, after seeing our students and staff together, took it upon themselves to seek out our school address and set out immediately to inquire about admissions. What wonderful ambassadors we have!

There are many splendid stories coming home from the week. Thank you to our wonderful ZIS staff for all of the planning that is invested in every experience and for dedicating their week to making the trips unforgettable for the students. This week's edition of The Banyan is focused on WWW, sharing some of the first stories available to share. More stories and photos are to come in future newsletters, and check our WeChat account for even more.

Thank you parents for your support of these very special learning experiences. While there is so much that can be accomplished within the walls of a classroom - the power of the imagination, our creativity, and our sense of wonder break down those walls every day - there is no rival to true adventure and authentic immersion into living culture and physical challenges.

Welcome back everyone - we look forward to hearing your stories from the week!

Warm regards,
Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School

UPCOMING

EVENTS

Week Without Walls

Concludes

November 17

Come Together Charity

Music Festival

November 17 - 3pm-

11pm

U19 Basketball @

Guangzhou

November 24

UNICEF Charity Run @

Hong Kong

November 25



Week Without Walls

Community and Friendships

In Nursery, we wrapped up our inquiry into Community with many activities that helped us grow our friendships and build social skills.

On Monday, we enjoyed many new activities outside. We mostly enjoyed making towers, “castle roads”, and delivering “kuai di”. On Tuesday, we went to Gree Coast and did many things, such as fly kites, paint, and climb on the playground. Wednesday we visited a bee farm and observed a different kind of community.

We practiced making noodles on Thursday at the XiBei Restaurant. And Friday went out to the Agriculture Paradise Park. It was a great week of making memories, building friendships, and seeing various places in our community!



Learning through Playing and Having Fun!

This has been a wonderful Week Without Walls for the Year 1 and 2 classes! The students and teachers spent the week inquiring into How We Organize Ourselves. They investigated different rules and how communities need them to help members work together.

The week started with a trip to the Gree Coast Community where the students explored different places, such as the cinema, book shop and supermarket. They interviewed the people who work there to find out what rules they have at the different places. The students demonstrated enthusiasm and confidence when interviewing people. Their research greatly contributed to their learning about the importance of different rules in the communities. On Wednesday the students visited the Eight Sisters bakery and investigated what makes food healthy. The students were great thinkers during their refectation time after the trip when they agreed that there should be rules when making food. For example, food dyes should not be used to make food colorful because it is bad for the brain. Then, finally on Friday, the students got to practice the different rules that they have inquired into at Gree Coast Seaside Park. They followed various playground safety rules, such as not standing in front of swings or throwing sand, and showed their great cooperation skills.

Overall, this was a fun and excited, yet informative, week! Just listen to what our children have to say about it:

“It was fun to play in the park”, said Johnny from Year 1.

“I liked this week because of the field trip. They were interesting. They were fun!” said Leon from Year 2.

“I like reading books in the bookshop. We need to be quite in the bookshop,” said Vienna from Year 1.

“I liked playing in the big park because it was fun!” said Mia from Year 2.



A Week to Remember For Year 3 and 4

This has been a very special Week Without Walls for our Year 3 and 4 classes. The students have taken part in a full week full of outdoor learning experiences and special activities, all of which connected to their ongoing unit of inquiry about making choices that lead to a healthy lifestyle. The week began with a hike along the Changnanjing Old Path on Fenghuang Mountain. Students estimated and measured how far they had travelled on the hike, and reflected on the different aspects of physical fitness they needed to be strong hikers.

对于我们的三年级和四年级的学生来说，这学期的无墙周非常特别。学生们参加了为期整整一周的教室外学习体验和特殊活动，所有这些活动内容都与他们正在进行的关于做出选择以促进健康生活方式的调查单元相关。本周开始在凤凰山的长南京老路上徒步旅行。学生们估计并测量了他们在徒步旅行中走了多远，并反映了他们需要成为强壮徒步旅行者的身体健康的不同方面。

On Tuesday the students came to school with their travel bags instead of their regular school backpacks. This is because they would be sleeping at school for the evening. In the morning, the students observed our Design Teacher, Mr. Shackelton, as he built us three new raised garden beds. The students measured the boxes and calculated the area and perimeter of the rectangles. Afterwards it was time to put the new boxes in place and prepare the soil for planting. The students worked hard to remove all the weeds and stones, and create beds of fresh black soil that would be ready for growing.

After lunch the students helped prepare their evening meal. Students spent time chopping vegetables, creating a delicious marinade, and preparing the food for the evening's barbecue. The meal turned out great, and once they had cleaned up after themselves the students joined together outside with Mr. Paul for a sing along of all their favourite songs from Music class and marshmallow roasting. As night fell it was time to move inside to the third floor classrooms where they would spend the night in, before enjoying an evening movie, complete with popcorn.

After their sleepover at school the students woke early and ate breakfast together, before getting back to work in the gardens. Both Year 3 and 4 classes worked together to plant seeds and seedlings in the gardens, and some new fruit trees and flowers to make our outdoor space more beautiful. In the afternoon their final activity for the day was the Year 3 and 4 mini-Olympics. It was a great event, as students needed to work together in their house teams and compete in fun athletic challenges.

In the end there were a lot of tired and happy students who had gained many amazing new learning experiences in a short time. The students now get the chance to reflect on what they have done and connect it to all of their learning. What a Week Without Walls it was!



Xiamen Adventures!

Week Without Walls saw the Year 5 and 6 students set off on an epic adventure to Xiamen, Fujian Province. Tying in very nicely with their current unit of inquiry on home and host countries, the students learned quite a lot of cool facts about the local culture and way of life there. They were accompanied by Ms. Louise, Mr. Daniel, Ms. Olivia, Mr. Michael and Ms. Kiment. Also, our amazing Keystone Adventure guides; Ryder, Dane, Leon and Nick.

Straight off the bat, the students tapped into their sense of adventure, with a trip to Gulangyu island. Here they worked on their cooperation skills, as they worked in small groups to complete a scavenger hunt, while taking in the beautiful surroundings. That evening they cooked their own yummy BBQ food and learned how to make cinnamon sugar breadsticks, which they wrapped around bamboo and baked over the hot coals.

They continued being risk-takers, when they climbed the heights of the via-ferrata, and ziplined between the valleys. They showed great bravery and skill throughout the course, even though it was the first time for many of them. Later that night, they set up camp at the Changtai team-building centre. Roasting marshmallows by the campfire was a sticky affair, but super delicious.

After checking into their local tulou style guesthouse in Yunshuiyao village, the students embarked on a lovely hike up the mountains to pick tea. They later learned how it's processed through the animated storytelling of our host, Ade. They thoroughly enjoyed tasting the different types of tea and were very eager to purchase some tea to take home and share with their parents as a gift. Our hosts, Ade and Ali, were absolutely amazing.

The Year 5 and 6 students also did an amazing job at giving back to a local community, when they helped to repair an old tulou. In these areas, the local population is very small and elderly, so the students really enjoyed helping them out, and had fun getting a little muddy in the process.

An afternoon of making and eating traditional dumplings and songgao, was followed by their final night's destination, the Kedu Hotsprings. After a lot of hard work hiking and repairing tulous, the students enjoyed soaking their muscles in the fragrant waters and felt very relaxed. The teachers were pretty chuffed too!

An epic end, to an epic adventure!





COME TOGETHER

This year's Come Together Community Charity Music Festival is expected to be the grandest yet. More than a thousand visitors are anticipated to take in the excellent musical line up and to enjoy the food and games available. Be sure to spend some time with our student volunteers who will be running four activities in the Game Zone to help support the worthy causes of the CTC. Doors open at 3pm and close at 11pm - make sure you find your way to the LETS Cultural District on Saturday, November 17, you don't want to miss out!

COME TOGETHER COMMUNITY PRESENTS

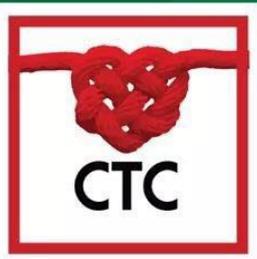
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11月17日 | 下午3点 - 11点
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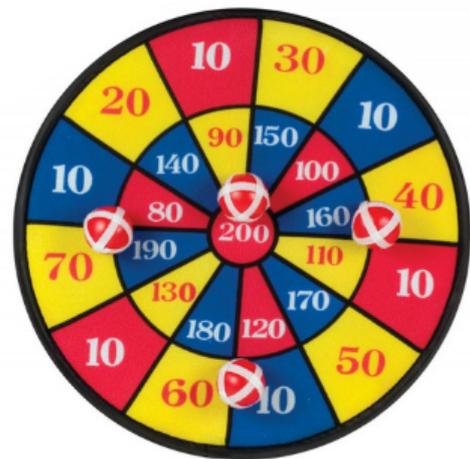


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 Come Together



How to DANCE



Did You Know?

On November 25th our Year 13 student Ethan Fowler will participate in the annual UNICEF Charity Run in Hong Kong. While most charity projects are limited to a one-off money donation, this one enables students to start a running program and raise funds for the most vulnerable kids in Africa.

If you are willing to join the race or contribute to this worthy charity, feel free to visit the official run website <http://run.unicef.org.hk/> or contact Mr Mike Piotrowski, the project supervisor at mikep@zischina.com



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