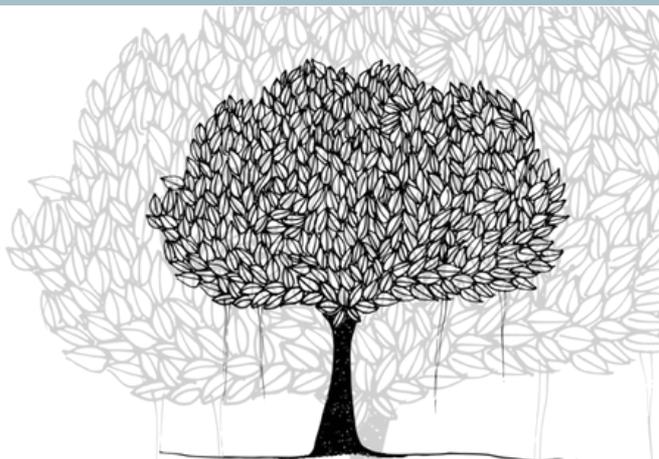


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FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our Secondary students for their impressive participation at the Model United Nations event this past weekend in Guangzhou. As you will read in their words below, they arrived to the event prepared for intense debate and returned to Zhuhai with awards and commendations. Well done team - an excellent performance.

Primary classes had an exciting opportunity to visit with a sea turtle rescued by our neighbours at the White Dolphin Reserve here on Qi'ao island. This special encounter provided a break from the many other projects happening on campus, including the Year 5 and 6 Science Fair and of course the big event this Saturday, the CNY Celebration from 10am to 2pm.

We held our first "Coffee Morning" this week, this time focusing on the transition to the MYP for parents of Years 5 and 6. It was a productive two hours involving a school tour and a Q&A session that covered topics from approaches to homework, language learning, and the pathway to the Diploma Programme (DP). Thank you parents for attending. The next information session looks at how we support our Secondary students with their university applications - we hope you can make it to campus on Monday, February 25 for this session with Ms. Mirjam, our college counsellor.

If you did not receive the NewsFlash introducing you to our incoming Head of Early Years and Primary, Dr. Alanna Staton, and our incoming Head of Secondary, Mr. Michael Cohen, please allow us to add you to our mailing list. We have been so fortunate to have benefitted from the contributions of Jordan Rose and Vanessa Leah these past six years - they and their families will be greatly missed.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and happy New Year. May the Year of the Pig bring you wealth and prosperity!

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School



School Tour
参观学校

Introduction to our
IB Programmes
介绍我们的IB项目

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ZHUHAI
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

OPEN DAY
开放时间

Feb 15, 2019 10am - 12pm
2019年2月15日 上午10-12点

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Photo Days

Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1

Photographers: Pret-a-Portrait
Individual and Class Photos
Wear summer uniform (polo shirts)
Photos will be available to purchase online
Schedule to be published in February



UPCOMING EVENTS

Chinese New Year Celebration

January 26 @ 10am-2pm

CNY Holidays

January 28-February 8

Semester 2 Begins

February 11

ZIS Open Day

February 15 @ 10am-noon

Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 25

School Photos

February 28 & March 1

(schedule to be shared in February)



ZHUHAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION



2019 JANUARY 26TH (SATURDAY)

10:00AM - 2:00PM



CREATED BY: TIFFANY PAI





珠海国际学校

春节联欢会



2019年1月26日（周六）

10:00 - 14:00

制作：Tiffany Pai



Perfectly Primary



Dear ZIS Community,

What a week it's been in the PYP and Early Years! The tent is up in the Early Years courtyard and our students have been busy putting together the final preparations for their Chinese New Year performance this Saturday. We have also had many exciting things happening inside the classroom as students have recently completed their 3rd unit of inquiry for the year. The most excitement might have been caused by our Year 5 and

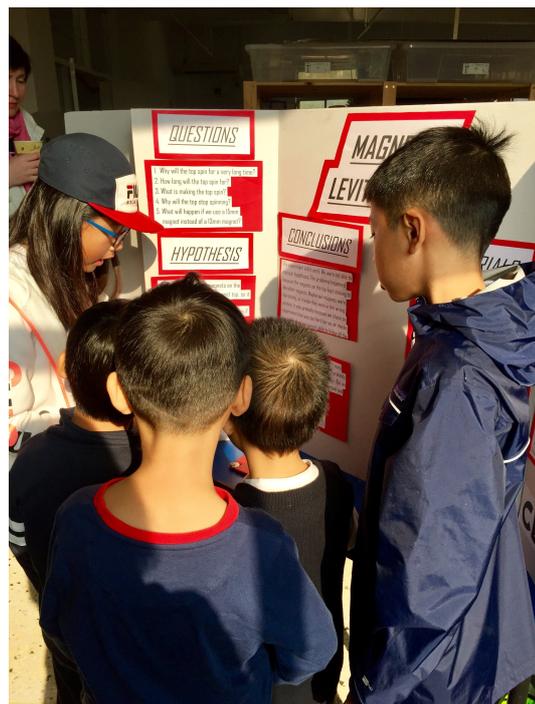
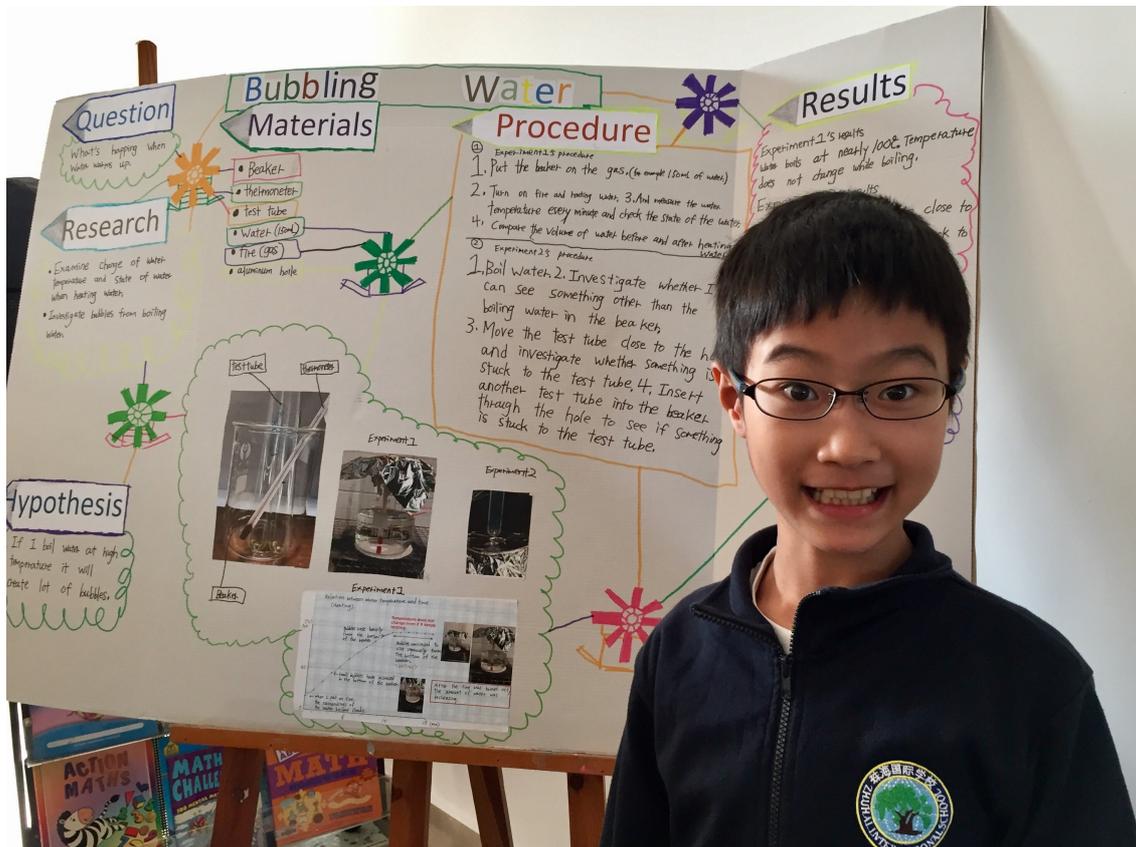
6 Science Fair. Our students in these classes completed a science investigation as part of their inquiry into 'How The World Works'. This Thursday morning they presented their investigations to students, teachers and parents. It was a great display of learning by all Year 5 and 6 students. Well done everyone!

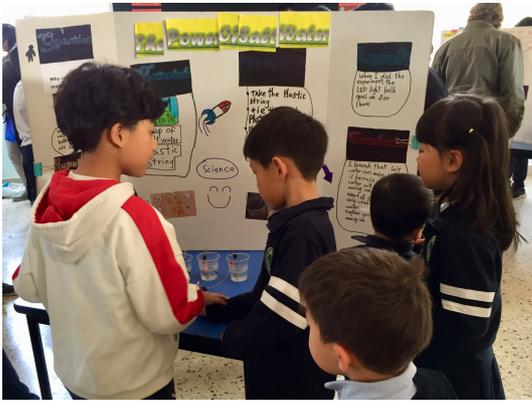
Thanks for reading! See you Saturday!

Regards,

Jordan Rose

Head of Primary & Early Years





Secondary Segment



Model United Nations

Student Supervisors – CAS Project – Zak Barer and Diya Forster

In a world of war, hunger, and poverty, we need leaders now more than ever. This is why Model United Nations (MUN) is a crucial part of childhood development. Because of this, we were inspired to have our CAS project centred in the utilization of problem solving skills.

We have been apart of MUN for many years now and we wanted to challenge ourselves to take our abilities to the next level. With our knowledge from personal experiences, we applied this workshops so the students would get a deeper understanding of the formalities of MUN. We both believed that public speaking is a vital skill to posses when having fruitful debates so we enforced this throughout the many sessions. We came up with the concept of “Quick Debates” which is when students were given a random topic and only had 2 minutes to prepare a speech. After a speech was given, all students were required to ask a meaningful question to practice their critical thinking skills. However, the most important aspect of our sessions was that the students had fun.

Some advice for incoming CAS students would be to pick a project that you truly believe in and would vehemently pursue. In doing this, it makes the CAS project a profoundly enjoyable experience.

Dija and Zak

Supervising Teachers: Mr Alan Barbee and Ms Lisa Gao

I was very happy to have the opportunity to take our 11 students to attempt U2NESCO 2019 in Utahloy International School Zengcheng together with more than 200 students from other international schools. From the 1st day to the 3rd day, our students were experiencing different ideas and perspectives. We saw the change of our students' expectations: form wanting to get rewards to simply enjoying the game and to wishing to make changes for this planet. They made big progress in making the Approval Panel, in defending their sides. Through this intensive 3 days of debating, they became more confident, more socialized and more caring. Their hard work was not only rewarded by: 3 best delegates, 1 outstanding delegate and 1 honourable mention delegate, out of the total of 27 rewards, but also respected and honoured by the other participants and highly evaluated by the organizer Mr. Gregory Peebles.

- Lisa Gao

This weekend 11 students from ZIS participated in U2NESCO 2019 Model United Nations (MUN) at Utahloy International School Zengcheng with 10 other schools and over 200 students in attendance. ZIS was represented in six of the nine committees present preparing and debating a variety of issues over the course of the weekend. Free time was non-existent and it was all work all the time. By Sunday afternoon, everyone was bleary eyed on the bus ride home, but not without a feeling of accomplishment. ZIS students wrote, debated, defended, and work with other students to pass and defeat multiple resolutions presented during the conference. As I observed a variety of debates over the event, I was impressed by the confidence and abilities of our students. The MUN Director was impressed as well with our students and asked us to encourage several to apply for committee chairs for next years event. ZIS students walked away with five awards: Best Delegate awards: Elena, Ethan, and Jaccie, Outstanding Delegate Jude, and Honorable Mention when to Leo. Overall, it was a great weekend for our students at MUN. A “hats off” to Luke, Zack, and Dija for all their effort in preparing students for the event.

- Alan Barbee

Student Chair for Chinese Committee – Jason Yu

This year is the first year and the last year for me to chair a committee. I have acquired three things: Great experience, indelible memories, and precious friendship. It is a such honor that I could join in the MUN in U2NESCO in the past three years with a best delegate award and a chance to chair a committee, it is a complete full stop on my MUN

journey. During these three years, I had so many memories, included happiness, nervousness and the sense of self achievement. But most importantly, my friendship, the people I know from other schools, some of them are my delegates, co-chairs and chairs from other committees. Especially this year, after the closing ceremony, we took a lot of pictures and hugged each other to say goodbye, it feels like we already knew other for so many years, even though for most of them, we just met each other less than 24 hours. Finally, I want say, my priceless MUN journey is now at an end.

Some thoughts from our delegates

Jude – Year 11

MUN for me this year was a chance for me to improve my public speaking. I realised in the process of doing this that I perform better when it comes to making things off the top of my head and I do worse when reading directly off a script. I believe that I did improve my public speaking skills but I think that next time I could focus more on having more facts to back up what I am saying.

Elena – Year 11

MUN for me was an amazing experience, this was my first time but I enjoyed it so much. Debating with the delegates in my committee was really fun, especially during resolutions, when we had to make small speeches to defend our points. I ended up receiving the best delegate award for my committee, next year I would love to challenge myself by going into a different committee.

Nico – Year 11

MUN was quite an experience. Never have I done anything similar to this event although I was working for the whole weekend waking up at 6 and going to bed at 12. It was very enjoyable and I suggest that everyone should try it at least once. I would definitely prefer this if you like to debate about topics such as global health and promoting science. All this plus a super fancy hotel and you've got quite the weekend to look forward too. If you don't like to talk as much and prove your thoughts then still try but know that it might not be the event for everyone. Our school usually gets rewards almost every time but, it doesn't come from not speaking or proving your ideas but instead, being open minded and communicate to the maximum. All in all it was a unique experience and its definitely worth going.

Ana - Year 12

Going to MUN was a great experience, I was in the human rights committee, that is a theme that I like, but as it was my first time in MUN I found some problems about the methods and I tried to participate as much as I could. The first day I did my opening speeches and I did better than I thought even though I could have done it better, at the time to choose a team to do the resolution, I was with delegates that were in MUN before so that they knew how to do a resolution, I wasn't really familiar with it so they took over the resolution and I gave some ideas and wrote some solutions in both topics, I tried to ask points of information as much as I could, so for being the first time, it was a good experience.

Katherine - Year 12

三天的模拟联合国虽然不是很长，但却让我学到很多知识，也认识很多不同的同学。因为是第一次参加，所以刚开始的时候很紧张。但是逐渐适应之后，发现是十分有趣的。作为越南代表，我必须站在越南人民的角度上思考问题。这让我有与原来立场不同的想法和意见。同时我也从其他代表的发言和他辩论中，汲取了他们的想法和见解。尽管这三天很忙也很累，但是因为能学到新知识、了解到自己的不足以及认识到新的朋友，这份旅程对我而言是非常值得和珍贵的。

Jason - Year 13

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Uen Chi - Year 12

This was my first time joining MUN, I truly appreciate the experience MUN's provided me. Throughout the event, I got to meet new people from other schools and have better understanding of the world issues.

Most importantly, it had not just expanded my point of views, it also helped with my public speaking and critical thinking skills.

Jaccie - Year 12

It was my second time to join MUN. I was the delegate of the United Kingdom.

In MUN 2019 I set a purpose which was to get the best delegate award to myself. I tried to show more critical thinking - finding and sharing more loopholes and writing more and better quality resolutions and amendments.

I am sure that MUN is not something really easy and relaxing for everyone. The process of writing a resolution is challenging. The time you on the stage when you wrote something to share but it has so many mistake feels embarrassed. But however, I can find what I am good at and my weakness. I can meet a lot of different people. You feel a strong achievability when your resolution passed.

Although I didn't achieved my goal in the end, but I will like to find my problem and be a better delegate next year!

Warmest Regards

Vanessa Leah

Head of Secondary





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