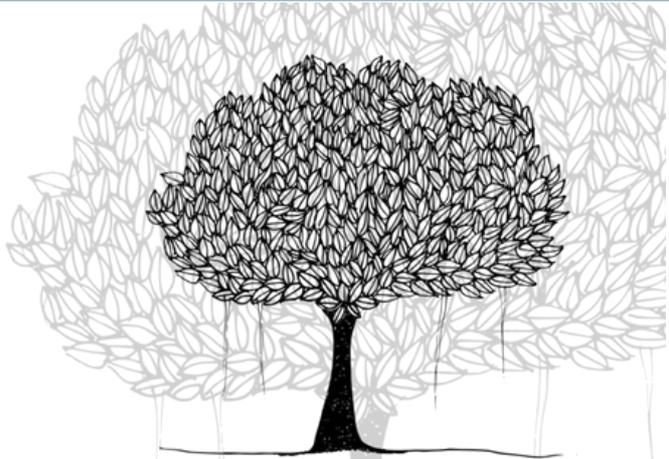


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FROM THE FIRST FLOOR

Dear ZIS Community

The weather cooperated with Early Years and Primary yesterday allowing them to race, jump and throw all morning during their Sports Day. Thank you to the teachers, the volunteer Secondary students, and of course to Mr. Mike for making the day a success. Parents led the cheerleading section, urging students to do their very best - it was wonderful to have your support throughout the event.

We now begin our Spring Break and return to classes on Monday, April 29. I wish you all a restful week, ready for the high energy of our annual International Day on Saturday, May 4. Donations for the raffle draw continue to come in - thank you everyone for your generosity. And thank you to the Friends of ZIS for the many hours they are investing in organizing the event and to all of the parents and staff who are preparing the international booths.

This week I am pleased to introduce you to the Learning Services teachers joining us in August:

Andri Cronje is certified as a school counsellor, as a Mathematics teacher, and in Special Education. Originally from South Africa she has taught internationally in Taiwan and Oman. As you will discover, she is excited about the outdoor and sporting opportunities available here in Zhuhai.

Jennifer Habel joins the Learning Services team from nearby Guangzhou where she has taught since moving from her previous overseas school in Bangladesh. Before embarking on her international career, Ms. Habel taught in her native USA. Certified in Special Education and with PYP experience, she looks forward to working with the students of ZIS.

Jarred Vargus has taught in California and Germany, specializing in supporting PYP learners. Over the course of his career Mr. Vargus has in addition to his MBA added the Japanese language to his toolkit - be sure to ask him about this in August.

Teachers appointed to the Secondary School will be introduced in the next newsletter.

When we return after the break we look forward to a day holiday on May 1st and return to classes on the 2nd and 3rd, beginning the countdown to International Day. Two major presentations of student work will be featured in our first week back: The PYP Exhibition shared by the students of Year 6 on Friday, May 3, and the MYP Personal Project Exhibition prepared by the Year 11 students will be on display during International Day.

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen

Head of School

UPCOMING EVENTS

April Holiday

April 19-April 28

May 1 Holiday

May 1

PYP Exhibition

May 3

International Day

May 4

Secondary Production

June 5 - UIC



Perfectly Primary



Dear ZIS Community,

What a fun-filled week it was in the PYP and Early Years. In our Years 1-4 classes the students were busy experimenting, observing and finding ways to model different natural disasters. In Year 5 our students went on an excellent field trip to a local art gallery as part of their current inquiry, while both of our Early Years classes were busy gardening and observing the life cycle of the natural world.

Meanwhile our Year 6 students have been working non-stop to prepare for their PYP Exhibition presentations. The presentations will be ready to share with the entire ZIS community on Friday, May 3rd, and again during International Day on May 4th. We hope you get the chance to come and see all the learning and hard work these talented students have put into their inquiries.

As usual the week ended with a bang. The rain held off this Thursday, as our students enjoyed another exciting PYP Sports Day. Thanks to all the parents who came to take part, and to Mr. Mike for organizing a fun and successful day.

Thanks for reading and have a wonderful week's holiday,

Best regards,

Jordan Rose

Head of Primary & Early Years







JUST VISITING

When visitors arrive to campus, their comments tend to always involve our setting - green, lush, lively, warm and welcoming. Visiting on Sports Day is certainly a bonus as the field was full of children enjoying the events, encouraging each other and spending time together building community.

A visiting parent made a point to comment on the positive vibe. Her son was able to participate with the Year 1 class who made him feel at home.

There is something so special about a smaller community school. Knowing all the children by name, watching them progress from year to year and seeing friendships grow is such a privilege. Seeing your school through a new comer's eyes allows you to appreciate the things you have started to take for granted.

Warm Regard

Mirjam Berghuis
Head of Learning Services

Wednesday, June 5
UIC Theatre

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ZHUHAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

International Day



MAY 4, 2019 - 10am until 3pm

ZIS CAMPUS - Qi'ao Island

**Let's celebrate our
international community!**





ZHUHAI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

International Day

珠海国际学校
— 淇澳岛



一起来庆祝我们的
国际日吧！

2019年5月4日星期六 — 上午10点至下午3点

国际日




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