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From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

This week the learning adventures continued with excursions into the city. The Year 4 students made their way to the White Dolphin Conservation Centre down the road here on Qi'ao Island and enjoyed the updated and interactive facilities and presentations. The lessons on sustainability and bio-diversity will last long in their memories!. Later in the week the Year 2 students journeyed to the Zhuhai Museum to take a deep dive into the city's story of development and transformation while also exploring this location before it became an urban centre..

We were delighted to welcome Mr. Bruce Voncannon to campus this week. Mr. Voncannon toured campus with ZIS Board Chair, Mr. Tim Guo, sharing memories and insights on the topic of international education, drawing on his involvement with international schools in Taiwan and Hong Kong as well as his own studies at Princeton University. Visiting the Primary and the Secondary sections of campus, we were treated to language lessons in the Year 3 class and in the Library we joined the Year 8 class as they discussed the top strategies when reading a story with a younger audience in preparation for

Book Week: Mr. Voncannon is the former CEO of Rothschild Private Bank and an avid historian. We hope to welcome him back to campus soon to learn more about his experiences with UBS, American Express Bank, Rothschild Bank, and other top international financial institutions. No doubt our students will be eager to learn from his experiences in Hong Kong and abroad.

Friends of ZIS met this morning in the Parent Lounge - it's always a pleasure to gather together. Much of the session was dedicated to initial planning for International Day 2023. We look to build on the great success of last year's event and at the same time celebrate the 15 year anniversary of the school. The next FoZIS meeting is scheduled for 10am on Thursday, March 9, and will be held in the ZIS Parent Lounge. Thank you as always to our parents for supporting our school programmes and events. We hope to see you at the next meeting, welcome!

Warm regards,

Andrew VanderMeulen
Head of School



Mr. Bruce Voncannon's visit - an honored guest for ZIS!

Upcoming Events

February 25: Qi'ao Running League @ ZIS - Run #1

March 18: Qi'ao Running League @ ZIS - Run #2

March 24: Open Day for Prospective Families

March 31: ZIS Sports Day (Primary & Secondary)

April 3-7: Spring Break Holiday

April 10-14: Spring MAP Growth Testing (Years 3-10)

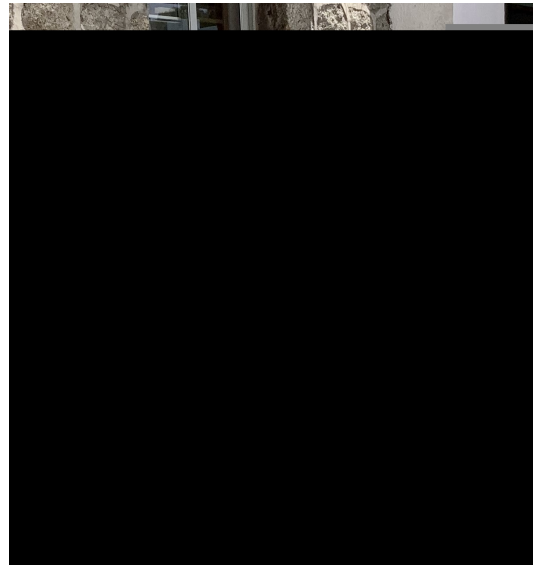
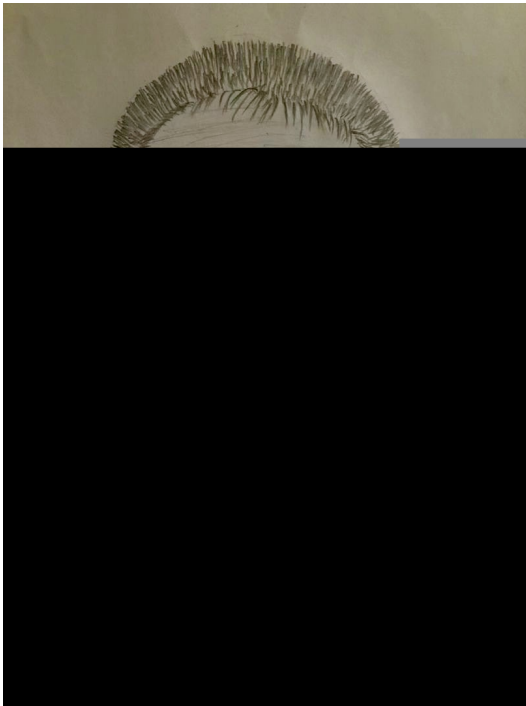
April 12: TEDx Youth @ ZIS - BOLD

April 15: Math Kangaroo Competition (Primary and Secondary)

April 22: ZIS International Day (TBC)

May 1: Labor Day Holiday

Perfectly Primary



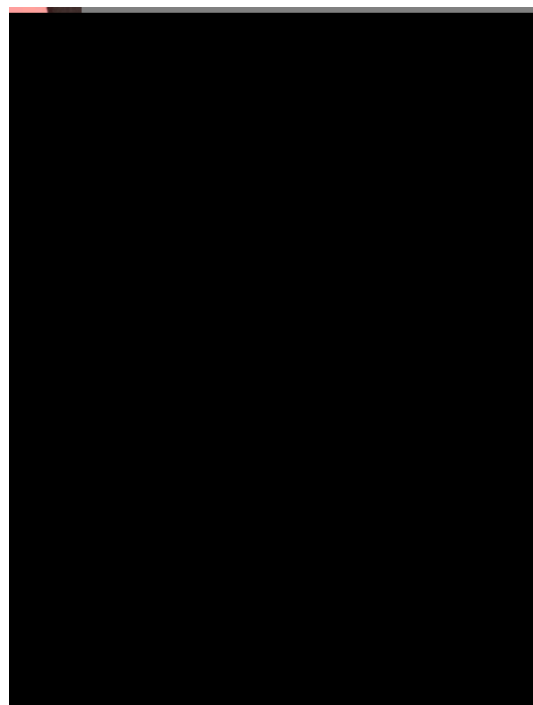
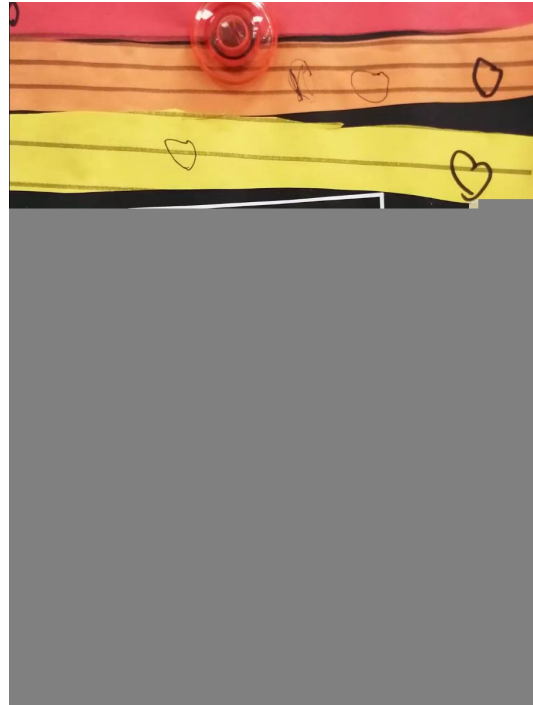
EXPRESSION CAN TAKE MANY FORMS

In the Artist Zone, these past few months, we have explored Visual and Performance Arts. Students have created self-portraits, using all sorts of materials, from paper to plastic to Line designs! We have explored techniques such as, paper mâché, mosaics, transferring, designing, and clay sculpture. In this unit, students are learning about textiles, through weaving beads, making coasters, and making their own paper. Art does not have to be drawn or painted; it can also be performed, as the Year 4, 5, and 6 had shown us in our creation of, "Saving the Banyan Tree."

Students had worked on this play since the previous year. They had created the story to script. They envisioned the stage and designed the scenery. They had learned how to make props and built a few. They touched upon costuming and chose their own with some alterations and fine tuning. Finally, they were able to practice and become the characters that made up this memorable expression of art.

When you think of Art in the future, remember Art is all around you.
How do you express yourself?

Gabrielle Miller
PYP Art Teacher



AMC 8 IMPRESSIONS

In January, I took the AMC 8 test. AMC 8's full name is the American Mathematics Competition. This is a competition that needs a lot of experience with mathematics questions. It only gives us 40 minutes to do, and there are 25 difficult multiple-choice questions. I used more than fifty hours and ten days for practising the AMC past papers. I gave myself a timer of 40 minutes and completed what I could. Afterwards, I checked how many were correct and how many were incorrect. Then, I always asked my dad to help me solve all the problems that were incorrect. I used this cycle every day until the test date. After I received the score, I thought that if I did not practise the papers and have classes, I would not have 16 answers correct.

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- excellence in teaching and learning
- advancing global citizenship
- commitment to student well-being

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