

# THE BANYAN



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## From the First Floor

Dear ZIS Community,

Spring has arrived, and it's time to share the calendar for the new academic year. Rarely do the holidays fit so well with the academic organization of the school year, so 2023-24 is looking like a gem. Here are some key dates to add to your calendar:

### **2023-24 ZIS Academic Calendar**

Aug 28 > First Day of Classes

Sept 29 > Mid Autumn Festival

Oct 2-6 > Golden Week

Dec 22 > Final Day of 2023

Jan 08 > First Day of 2024

Feb 5-16 > Spring Festival

Apr 1-5 > April Break

May 1 > Labor Day

June 10 > Dragon Boat Festival

June 21 > Final Day of Classes

You likely already follow the ZIS Official WeChat account, but did you know there are more ways to connect with school on social media? Engage with ZIS on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter by following the links below or search for "zischina" and proceed to like and share! Help spread our stories around the world!

This coming week we invite your support and voice as we mark International Women's Day on March 8. This year the United Nations observance of IWD explores the theme "[DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality](#)" By marking International Women's Day, we can recognize and celebrate the women and girls who are championing the advancement of transformative technology and digital education. The observance will explore the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities, and it will also spotlight the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence.

[un.org](http://un.org)

There are many events on the calendar arriving soon - please stay current with the list below and be sure to join in where you are able! Welcome to campus!

Warm regards,

**Andrew VanderMeulen**  
**Head of School**



## Upcoming Events

**March 8:** International Women's Day

**March 9:** Friends of ZIS Meeting @ 10am in Parent Lounge

**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

## **BUILDING CURIOSITY THROUGH A MUSEUM TRIP**

Many people feel instinctively that there is value to a museum field trip but struggle to articulate exactly what it is. It's good for kids to get out of the classroom a couple of times a year. It's good for them to see knowledge at work in the real world.

Year 2 class went to the Zhuhai Museum last Wednesday for the UOI – *Where we are in place and time*, and this provided the students with the opportunity to understand the history of Zhuhai. Year twos had to learn about the rules in a museum beforehand and how to take care of the art/display by showing respect while visiting a museum. They became inquirers and more knowledgeable by asking questions about what was displayed inside of the Zhuhai Museum and answering questions provided by the teachers. Students had to find the answers within the museum and reflected on their answers in class after the field trip.

Field trips to museums have enormous benefits and for curious students to explore an ancient world they have never seen before. Museums also provide students with experiences connecting them to their cultural heritage, to beauty, and to thought-provoking works of art is one clear way museums provide value to society.

**Lorene Tung**  
**Year 2 Teacher**





# Secondary Segment

Dear parents and students,

Once again, ZIS is working in conjunction with The Education University of Hong Kong's (EdUHK) Master of Arts in Teaching Chinese as an International Language (MATCIL) program to provide field experience for university students who are training to become teachers. The six-week program allows the student interns to observe and work alongside a mentor teacher in an international setting.

We are excited to welcome:

Zhuang Junting

Chen Wanyi

Guo Yangqianqian

These future educators are eager to learn and ready to develop into world class educators dedicated to promoting the IB philosophy.

Warm Regards,

**Danielle Tucker**

**Head of Secondary**




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



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