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Weekly Newsletter
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Term 3
26th April 2024

Bukit Timah

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Welcome from the Principal

Book week was an inspiring success and the students commitment to dancing amongst the stories and welcoming our motivational guests has been wonderful to observe. Parents also deserve a great acknowledgment of course for the time,effort and skill which you put into your students costumes for our book day parades and extravaganzas. Many will know that I love reading stories to our students and the opportunity to read this week in assembly was certainly one of my highlights. I was proud to accompany Ms Mei, Ms Burke and Mr Morse to the Australian High Commission today. Look out for more photos in our social media and newsletter next week as we begin to share what this partnership means for our students. The event was attended through the power of video call by our Y5 pupils who have already started collaboration!

Whatever you do this weekend, I hope you are inspired to read with your child, share a story or two and most importantly laze amongst literature, your passion certainly is demonstrated in your children.



Nicholas Belcher

Visit from Larrakeyah Primary School

Today Ms Fathma Mauger and Natasha Guse from our recently partnered school visited our campus after a signing ceremony at the high commission attended by His Excellency Allaster Cox (photos to follow). As previously mentioned, this partnership is a great opportunity for trips, student projects and staff development. Ms Mei has already started her global dance project and Ms Robin and Mr Tiui have 'zoomed' in with new Y5 penpals in Australia this week.



Ms Fathma was excited to find out about the work going on in our school.



Y5 students attending by zoom the signing ceremony today

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care



Mr Belcher
Principal



Mr Morse
Deputy Head - Academic



Ms Shaw
Key Stage 1 Lead



Ms Lu
Key Stage 2 Lead



Dr King
Key Stage 3 Lead & Head of Science



Head of PE & Sport
Mr Zulhilmi



Art Lead
Mr Elisara



Head of Music
Ms Ngooi

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw
Year 1.1 Teacher



Ms Liu
Year 1.2 Teacher



Ms Metcalfe
Year 2.1 Teacher



Ms Joachim
Year 2.2 Teacher



Ms Lu
Year 3.1 Form
& Maths Lead



Ms Mishra
Year 3.2 Form
& English Teacher



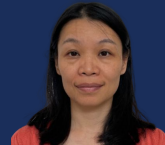
Ms Jing
Year 4.1 Form
& Chinese teacher



Ms Yu
Year 4.2 Form
& Chinese Teacher



Ms Ferraz
Year 5.1 Form &
Maths/Humanities Teacher



Ms Jollyn Lin
Chinese Teacher



Mr Elisara
Year 5.2 Form
& Art Lead



Mrs Lee
Year 6.1 Form
& Humanities/GP Teacher



Ms Ngooi
Year 6.2 Form
& Head of Music



Ms Stewart
Year 7.1 Form
& English Teacher



Mr Burke
Year 8 Form
& Maths Lead



Ms Wang
Chinese Teacher

Invictus International School Bukit Timah

Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team



Ms Yusop



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kalaihselvan



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Makose



Ms Cai (Temp)



Ms Devi

Vision and Mission

Core Values



Respect
Respect for all



Resilience
Persevering and
striving for progress



Care
Caring for others in
a safe, sustainable
environment



Collaboration
Developing the
lifelong skills of
working with others



Excellence
Challenging
ourselves to do
our best



**Joyous Lifelong
Learning**
Taking pleasure in
learning and growth

World Book Day

We had a fun filled Tuesday, kicking off World Book Day with an engaging and inspiring talk from our guest speaker- children's author Vivian Teo. Vivian spoke of the influences from her own life on her book characters, as well as some well known Singapore settings which featured her stories; including our local Bukit Timah Reserve! If you would like to purchase any of Vivian's books for your child, please complete the order form and return to your child's class teacher by Friday 26th April. There are spare order forms available on the display board in the Reception area.

A HUGE thank you to all those who entered the Extreme Readers Photo competition, we are really impressed with the bravery, agility and talent of our reading community! All entries are to receive 10 House Points. A tough decision, winning photographs go to: Sophia (1.2), Thomas (2.1), Hiroto (2.2.), Louie (3.1), Minwoo (4.1) and Abdullah (6.1). Winners will all receive 25 House Points and a certificate.

Our teachers & pupils did a fabulous job of decorating the classroom doors with book based ideas and artwork, which have made our corridors more fantastical! The winning class for the Decorate the Door Competition, as judged by Mr Belcher: YEAR 4.2! Ms Emily's class of super-readers will all receive a \$5 book voucher for Popular Bookstore @ Bukit Timah Plaza.

Guess the Teacher answers will be shared with Form Teachers to reveal to pupils on Friday.

World Book Day- Photos



**Thank you to
everyone for
making it such a fun
day- read on!**



World Book Day- Photos



Uniform reminders

Uniform - All students should be wearing their Invictus uniform

Black shoes (Not Vans/Trainers etc)

Grey Invictus Skort/shorts

Blue Invictus Polo

White socks

PE days- House colour t-shirt, Invictus PE shorts and trainers are allowed.

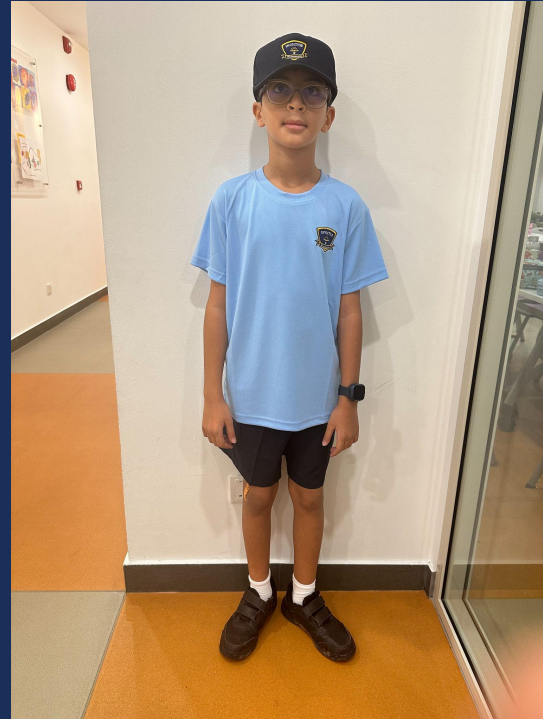
Every day- Invictus cap or bucket style hat for outdoor play.

Please note that as per school tradition, students are invited to wear their house shirts on a Friday regardless of curriculum activity as we are encouraging Fridays as a day for house competitions in the near future.

School Uniform



PE Uniform



We are aware that some students prefer a cotton based shirt.
Please note that Lim's are in agreeance to accomodating this by
manufacturing a cotton version in the same style .

They require a minimum order of 5 but can make for example
3 in one size and 2 in a larger size.

Please process directly with Lim's;

Lim's Uniform

Address: 211 Holland Avenue, Holland Rd, #02-18 Shopping Centre, 278967

Opening Hours: Mon – Sat 10.30am to 7.15pm

Sun 10.30am to 6.15pm

Academic: Important Notices



-Our PTCs have now concluded. Our teachers have worked from home and in school until the early evening to enable this opportunity for dialogue over the last fortnight. If parents have missed booked appointments due to unforeseen circumstances, they are warmly invited to contact staff to reschedule at mutual convenience. Parents are reminded that staff can be contacted at any point of the year, but it's important that the school community makes every effort to utilise these PTC windows. If you'd like to provide any feedback on the PTCs, please use this [form](#) to do so.

-A KS3 curriculum and transition evening will take place on 28th May at 3.15. Content will be aimed at Year 6, 7 and 8 parents who are interested in learning more about home support, IGCSE preparation and subject coverage. If you are interested in reserving a place, please register your interest [here](#).

Keeping In Touch with Your Child's Learning

The school strives to keep parents informed about their child's learning whilst balancing our teacher's priorities. A reminder that tutors and subject-teachers are always available, and aim to respond to parent emails within 48-hours, however the following are two ways you can immediately keep up-to-date with your child's learning.

Weekly Subject content

Reminding children of learning, and pre-teaching key terms or ideas, is shown to be beneficial, so we've put together a summary of upcoming content for each class here: [Parent-Shared](#)

Term 2B Curriculum Letter

Permanently collated here: [Parent-Shared](#). T2B Curriculum Letters.

Pastoral News



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care

There is an exciting event being organised at the end of May for parents to help understand and manage their child's meltdowns. Please find information about this event and how you can sign up to be part of the hands on session with our play therapist - Grace.

TAKEAWAYS:

- Understand the neuroscience behind your child's meltdown
- Gain insight into the causes of meltdowns and what your child is trying to communicate
- Equip yourself with strategies to help yourself and your child calm down.

Parenting Workshop

UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING MY CHILD'S....

Meltdowns

SYNOPSIS:

Knowing what to do when meltdowns happen does not always come naturally to parents. It can feel quite isolating and very upsetting.

What causes meltdowns? Is your child doing it on purpose to get his way? Is how you are responding helping or making it worse?

Come and have your questions answered at this interactive hands-on workshop designed to support parents reach better outcomes with their child.

Pastoral News



GRACE LIM

Play Therapist
PGDIPT, PGCertPTS, Cert Autism, Dip-ECCE

Mobile: 97877896
Email: playtherapyenquiry@gmail.com

“ Play therapy has helped Damien to use other techniques to control his temper. ”
Ms L. Lee, mum of Damien, 13 y.o.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE:
29 May 2024
Wednesday

TIME:
9:00am - 11:00am

VENUE:
Invictus School
Bukit Timah Campus
Multipurpose Hall

FEE:
S\$10 per pax

REGISTRATION

Limited seats available.
Sign up now!



Mrs Burke
Assistant Head - Pastoral Care

House Updates



Civets
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Pangolins
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Hornbills
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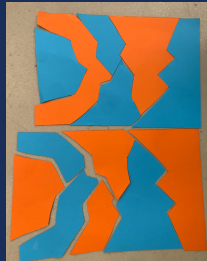
Otters
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The winners for this week are Civets, super start for the blue house. Lots of house points were awarded this week, especially for world book day. Well-done to everyone who took part.

Art & Design

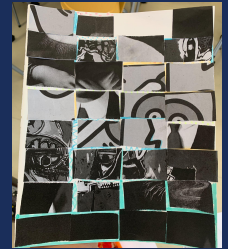
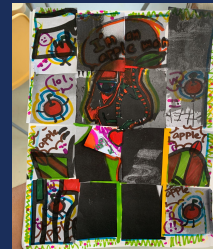
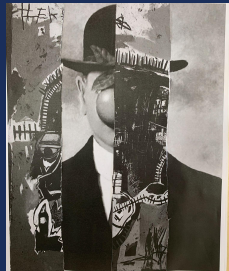
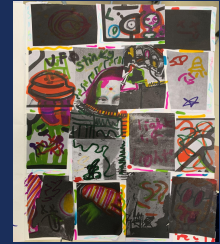
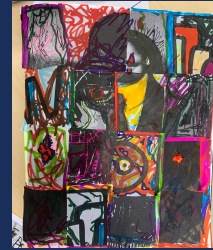
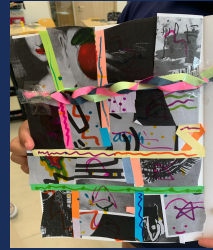
Primary

Our year 3's are exploring complementary colours, jagged lines and jigsaw piece art to re-enact the dangerous terrain of the Antarctica. Pupils learnt to work together to piece their work together and cut shapes to match the adventure!



Secondary

The year 7s are exploring types of cubism spearheaded by the artist Pablo Picasso. The aim of our unit is based on the theme of 'Are we alone out here?' and we created art on the famous signal transmitted into the cosmos called 'Arecibo Code'. Our code is called the 'Invictus code' based on cubist art from the pupils perspective!

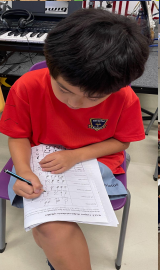
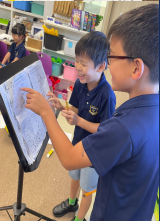




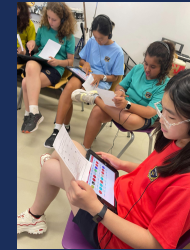
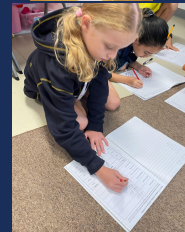
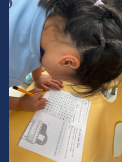
The Year 2 students worked on short melodic compositions utilizing the CDEFG notes. They enjoyed playing their musical lines proudly to a friend on the keyboard and xylophone.



The Year 4 students continued to expand their rhythmic rap composition by exploring various backing tracks and beats on the keyboard to go with their raps.

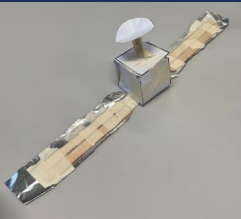


The Year 7 students had good fun exploring a Sound Effects Soundboard selecting suitable sounds to suit selected icons and participated in discussions on their choice of sound for each icon.



Primary

Year 3 have been thinking about mining and its impacts on our planet. This included mining for chocolate chips in cookies to illustrate the impact of mining on an environment!



Year 5 completed their satellite build and thought about what it would be like to live and work in space!



Year 4 have focused on staying healthy this week and this has included a workout and thinking about the importance of exercise!

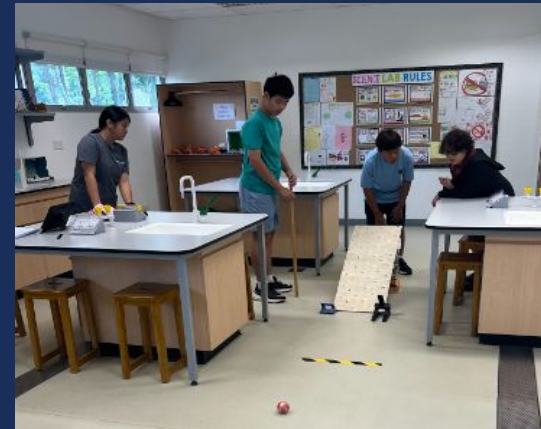


Year 6 have been working on ecosystems and thinking about food webs this week. They were also learning about Rachel Carson, and her impact on environmentalism and the way we interact with our planet!

Science

Secondary

Year 7 focused their learning on solar and lunar eclipses this week while Year 8 have continued their work on forces. They used their skills in a practical task this week to measure the time it took for a ball to travel 1m. They had to think and work scientifically to run the investigation and then use their data to calculate the speed of the ball.



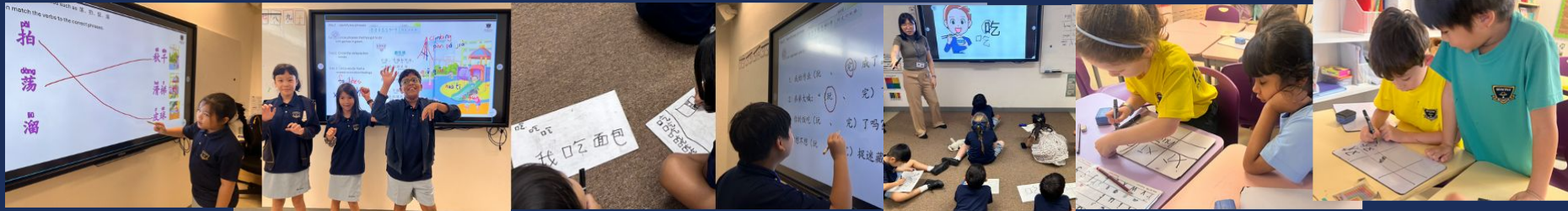
Chinese Language in Primary

Year 1 started their new topic of describing the food that they like for example “cake, rice, apple, milk, noodles, fruits” . Our pupils learn to answer and reply to “你喜歡吃什麼？” (What do you like to eat?) and also started building up learning about radicals writing character the made up of more than one radical “吃”(eat).

Year 2 Foreign Language class are learning about various fast food, learning to say phrases such as “chocolate, hamburger, French fries, candy, bread, fruit juice, sandwich, ice-cream, hotdog” through various games and table activities. We are also reinforcing and recapping on “I like” sentences, some of them are learning to write the character 喜欢(like) and practicing it through the game of nodes and crosses.

Year 3 are learning about school life telling which year groups they are in. Revising characters such as 中(middle), 小(small), 大(big), 上(up) whilst learning the character 学 with 大学(university), 小学(primary school), 中学(secondary school), 上学(attending school), 学生(student), 学校(school). They are also learning to explain which year group they and their friends following the topic of “你上幾年級？”(Which year group are you in?).

Year 4 Standard Chinese are learning about the facilities that they can find in a playground. They learn to say “climbing frame, slide, swing” as well as using various verbs such as “slide on a slide, swing the swing, climb the climbing frame” through drama learning techniques. They are also differentiating same sound characters through analyzing the structure and radicals of each characters.

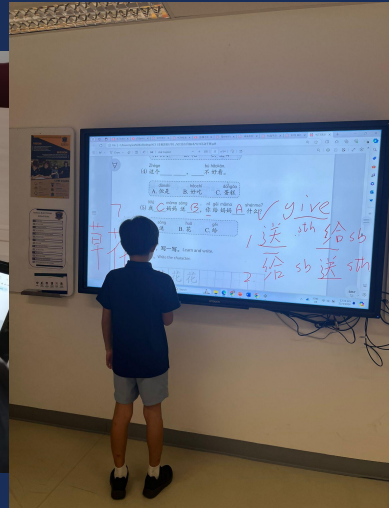
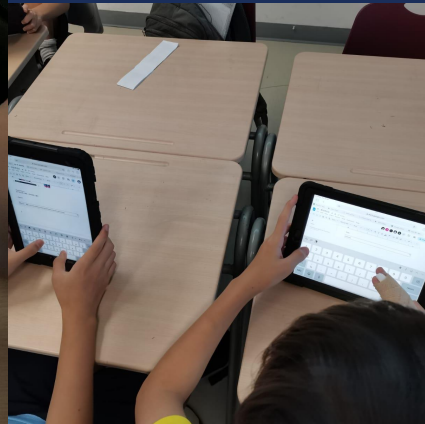
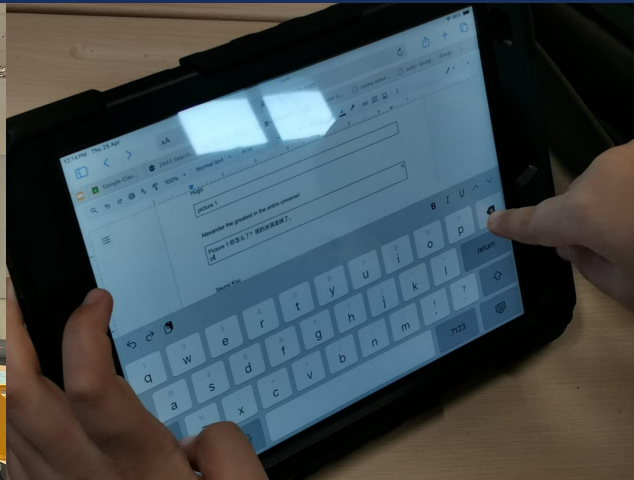
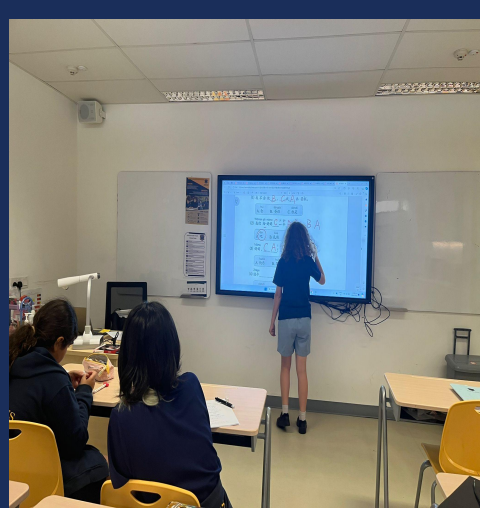


Chinese Language in Secondary

Year 7 Foundation Chinese are practicing the sentence structure “我给.....送什么” through doing role playing and having conversation on what present to give someone.

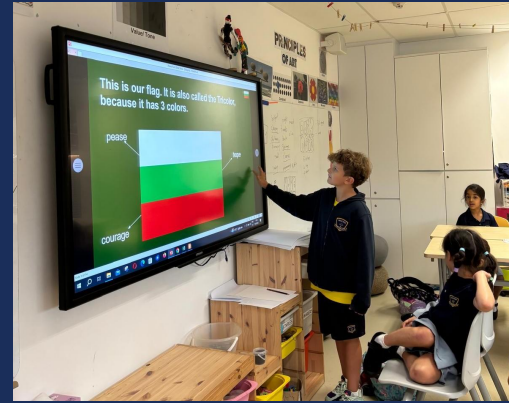
Year 8 Foundation Chinese are learning to type sentences using the sentence structure “你怎么了？我.....了。” to describe the scenarios given. They also learnt how to connect the words that they learnt previously into a sentence or story.

Year 8 Standard Chinese are learning to write book reviews based on the book that they read, sharing the summary of the book as well as choosing their favourite character from the book and explaining the reason.



International Day workshops with The Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah

With our first International Day looming on the **15th June (save the date!)** our enthusiastic parents have been running voluntary workshops to enable students to explore culture and geography of the nationalities in our community. A big thank you to all involved. Please see the following for their write up and photographs of the fun they have been having!



International Day workshops with The Friends of Invictus Bukit Timah

We had so much fun on our first two International Day Workshops! The first one was about Bulgaria and Romania where Bilyana was answering questions like “What is Balkan Peninsula?”, “Why Bulgarian yoghurt is the best?” or “Is Count Dracula still living in the Bran Castle in Romania?” The kids created their own style traditional “Kukeri” masks and national costumes of both countries.



This Tuesday we had Lauren and Jen presenting the UK and Isle of Man. The kids were so enthusiastic and loved doing art work around the flags, learning about the Isle of Man and making shields for St George`s Day.

Next destination is Indonesia **on the 30th of April** with Puti. Looking forward to meeting our next group of explorers! If you haven`t sign up but would like your child to attend, please contact us on: friendsofibt@invictus.edu.sg

Physical Education in Primary

Exciting news from our Year 5 students! This term, they're diving into the world of striking and fielding in our PE classes. This week's class focused on honing their batting techniques and perfecting the skill of catching the ball after hitting it off the batting tee!



Physical Education in Secondary

Exciting updates from our Year 7 PE sessions! This term, they're tackling dodgeball head-on. In this week's session, we introduced a smaller foam ball to amp up the challenge. By targeting moving objectives, we're honing their throwing accuracy and strategic thinking in the game. It's fantastic to see their skills evolve and their enthusiasm for taking on new challenges!



Physical Education

PE - Basketball Schedule for Year 1 to Year 4 term 3 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
16/4/2024	17/4/2024		
23/4/2024	24/4/2024		
30/4/2024			
07/05/2024	08/05/2024		
14/5/2024	15/5/2024		

PE - Field Schedule for Year 1 to Year 4 term 3 2024

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
28/05/2024	29/05/2024	15/4/2024	18/4/2024
4/6/2024	5/6/2024	22/4/2024	25/4/2024
11/6/2024	12/6/2024	29/4/2024	02/05/2024
18/6/2024	19/6/2024	6/5/2024	9/5/2024
25/6/2024	26/6/2024	13/5/2024	16/5/2024
2/7/2024	3/7/2024	27/5/2024	30/5/2024
		3/6/2024	6/6/2024
		10/6/2024	13/6/2024
			20/6/2024
		24/6/2024	27/6/2024
		1/7/2024	

PE - Badminton Courts Schedule for Year 5 to Year 8 term 3 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
27/5/2024	30/5/2024	19/04/2024	16/04/2024
3/6/2024	6/6/2024	26/04/2024	23/04/2024
10/6/2024	13/6/2024	03/05/2024	30/4/2024
	20/6/2024	10/5/2024	7/5/2024
24/6/2024	27/6/2024	17/5/2024	14/5/2024
1/7/2024			

PE - Basketball Courts Schedule for Year 5 to Year 8 term 3 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
			28/5/2024
			4/6/2024
			11/6/2024
			18/6/2024
			25/6/2024
			2/7/2024

PE - Field Schedule for Year 5 to Year 8 term 3 2024

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
15/4/2024	18/4/2024	31/5/2024	
22/4/2024	25/4/2024	7/6/2024	
29/4/2024	2/5/2024	14/6/2024	
6/5/2024	9/5/2024	21/6/2024	
13/5/2024	16/5/2024	28/6/2024	

Key Stage 1 – Years One and Two

The corridor was abuzz on Tuesday morning with wonderful book characters entering school. The students were dressed up in everything from wings, wigs to wonderful homemade costumes to represent a book character special to them. KS1 students were treated to a very impressive reading of “There’s a Bear in my Chair” read by (or some may say performed by), Mr Belcher.

Enjoying books and stories in all their shapes and forms enhances language skills, expands vocabulary, and lays the foundation for effective communication. Through the enchanting tales of picture books or the rhythm of poems and rhyming stories, children not only absorb language but also cultivate a deeper understanding of narrative structure and sequencing.

Yet, the benefits extend far beyond linguistics. Many stories cultivate empathy and fosters social and emotional understanding. As young readers immerse themselves in diverse characters and narratives, they develop a broader perspective of the world and their place within it.

We thank all our wonderful families for their support in the development of a love of Literacy in all our students.



Key Stage 2 – Years Three, Four, Five and Six



On Tuesday, during a special KS2 assembly, we welcomed Ms. Vivian Teo, the Singaporean author behind the 'My BFF is an Alien' book series to launch 'World Book Day'. During her visit, she shared of her journey and sources of inspiration in writing the books, attributing it mainly to her extensive reading habits. She emphasized that reading not only enhances writing skills but also leads readers on transformative journeys of self-discovery. Questions posed by the students included, "What made you want to become an author?", "How do you become an author?", and "How long does it take to write a book?".

On Wednesday, during KS2 assembly, we had the honour of hosting Mr. Luigi Castelli, a Guinness World Record holder for completing the longest triathlon globally. He recounted his remarkable journey, sharing several pivotal lessons. Firstly, he emphasized the importance of daring to dream, noting that what initially appears impossible can be achieved with determination. Secondly, he stressed the significance of thorough planning, preparation, and focused execution, urging perseverance without excuses despite challenges. Thirdly, he advocated for a conquering mindset, highlighting that while motivation initiates action, discipline ensures successful outcomes. Many students definitely walked away feeling inspired!



Key Stage 3 – Years Seven and Eight



Inspired by our visitor on Wednesday, Mr. Liugi Castelli, a Guinness World Record holder for completing the longest triathlon globally, our KS3 students were encouraged by Ms Rosie to have a go at some actual Guinness World Records themselves! Students were shown how to find records and were given some time to try out their skills! Hopefully some will be inspired to practice and we will see their names in the book one day!

Records attempted included: sorting M&M's into their colours using chopsticks, number of ball passes in 1 minute, number of balloon headers between two people in 1 minute, number of bottle tosses in 1 minute and time taken to assemble a Jenga tower by two people.

Discount card for our families

We are very excited to offer an Invictus Bukit Timah discount card for our community of families with a variety of local businesses and restaurants in and around the Bukit Timah area.

Please show your support by showing this newsletter page to these restaurants to receive your discount. We will be creating unique QR codes to use soon! Please click on the logos below to find out more information about our partners.



LET'S TOAST
COFFEE . TOAST . BEER . SNACK

10% off!



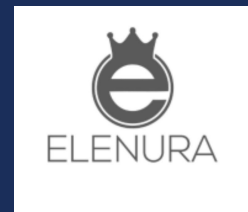
10% off!



10% off!



10% off!



*30% off your 1st facial!
15% off your 1st lash or nail
treatment!
10% thereafter!*

Key Contacts

Safeguarding: safeguarding.bt@invictus.edu.sg (Please call 999 for any urgent safeguard matter)

For subject teacher and curriculum matters, please email the form tutor directly, the keystage lead or subject teacher.

Please contact admin2theprincipal@invictus.edu.sg for any urgent appointments required or call the school at Tel: 6971 8210.

Please use the following contacts for any of these areas:

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School nurse: schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg

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