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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Weekly Newsletter
Academic Year 24/25
Term 1
4th October 2024

Bukit Timah

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 7th full week of school was extremely busy with parent teacher meetings. It was wonderful to see so many parents receiving valuable feedback on their child's progress throughout the first term. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you were unable to meet this week, as we will be very happy to reschedule another meeting at a mutually convenient time.

Today's Children's Day Carnival was a great success with a wide variety of activities and stalls for the students to explore. The talent show was well received, and it was great to see our staff taking the opportunity to exercise their Thespian abilities on-stage in the dining hall. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents who made today so very special and great fun for the children.

In other news, we are hoping to refurbish the underground car park area in the coming weeks to make it more suitable for play and improve the aesthetics/functionality of this area of the school. I will update you as soon as we receive final approval for the works and a timeframe.

What's Ahead

- World Teacher Day celebration on the 7th October.
- World Mental Health Day on the 10th October.
- Term 1 ends 11th October.
- School Holiday 14th - 18th October.

Wishing you all a well-deserved and restful weekend with your families.



Craig Cooper

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It will be my great pleasure to join Invictus International School Bukit Timah as the Head of Chinese Department in December. I visited the campus in September to meet Mr Cooper, the Keys Stage Leaders and the all the members of the Chinese Language Department. Our meetings were incredibly informative and we have already begun planning the delivery of the next three terms of teaching.

A little about me; I hold Masters of Arts in Chinese Studies from the National University of Singapore and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Nanyang Technological University. I have held leadership positions including Head of Department for Mother Tongue Languages, Level Head Chinese Language, Chinese Coordinator, and Senior Teacher. I have taught in both government and international schools, and I am highly experienced in teaching at primary, secondary, and high school levels.

I aim to provide quality Chinese teaching to develop our students into proficient users of the language and foster intercultural understanding. I was initially attracted to Invictus Bukit Timah because of its mission to embrace the diversified learning needs of our students through its dual-track pathway, which supports a Chinese curriculum while catering to the different learning needs of students to maximising their linguistic potential.

I am thrilled by the opportunity to join Invictus Bukit Timah and contribute to the fostering of a positive, inclusive, nurturing, and academically enriching environment for its students. I am eager to embark on this new journey with all of you and make my contribution to the continued success of the school.

I look forward to meeting you all from December and becoming part of your fantastic community.



Mindy Koh

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Mr Cooper
Principal



Mr Morse
Deputy Principal



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



Head of Arts
Mr Elisara



Head of Music
Mrs Zhang

Invictus International School Bukit Timah



Ms Shaw
Year 1A Form Teacher



Ms Liu
Year 2A Form Teacher



Ms Khyati
Year 2B Form Teacher



Ms Joachim
Year 3A Form Teacher



Ms Poh
Year 3B Form Teacher



Ms Jing
Year 4A Form
& Chinese Teacher



Mrs Zhang
Year 4B Form & Music Teacher



Ms Aastha
Year 5A Form Teacher



Ms Neo
Year 5B Form Teacher



Mr Karunakaran
Year 6A Form & Math Teacher



Mrs Ferraz
Year 6B Form Teacher



Mr Tiui
Year 7A Form & Arts Teacher



Ms Stewart
Year 8A Form
& English Teacher



Mrs Lee
Year 9A Form
Teacher



Ms Wang
Chinese Teacher



Mr Spencer
Science Teacher

Invictus International School Bukit Timah

Teaching Assistant and Learning Support team



Ms Florence



Ms Sulaiman



Ms Kalaihselvan



Ms Kamarudin



Ms Makose



Ms Cai



Ms Devi

Core Values

Invictus Values

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Resilience

Persevere through challenges and setbacks

R

Responsibility

Take ownership of your commitments and duties

E

Empathy

Understand and care for others

E

Excellence

Strive for your best

Student-Parent Handbook

Dear Parents,

The Student-Parent Handbook is an invaluable resource, providing essential details on school policies, core values, student expectations, communication procedures, and much more.

By staying informed, we can all work together to create the best possible learning environment for your child! Download the handbook today using the link below and be prepared for a great academic year ahead!

Download the Student-Parent Handbook [HERE](#)

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 & Fridays - 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



Please note a slight change to our uniform rules: Full PE uniform can now be worn on Fridays and not just the House top with school uniform as in the past.

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 and Pastoral



Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs)

Thank you parents for booking in your slots and turning up for PTCs to receive updates on your child's progress. For those who have booked in for the last week of the term, please be reminded that: Monday/Wednesday/Friday = Online PTC, while Tuesday/Thursday = Face-to-face PTC in the MPH.

Please do also drop by on Tuesday, 8th of October, to meet the specialists from other departments; Chinese, P.E., Art, Music and Science at the Dining Hall from 3.15 - 5.30pm. Enjoy a cup of coffee/tea and some snacks whilst chatting with them for updates or just to even say hi and to put a face to your child's teacher.

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.

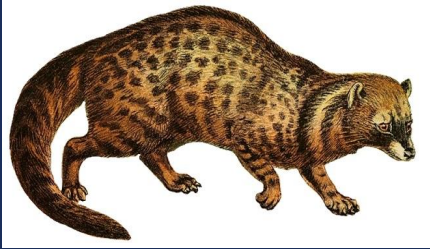
Weekly Subject content

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

Term 1 Curriculum Letter

Curriculum letters outline the topics that will be covered by each year group in each subject during term 1. These will be available on this link from Tuesday afternoon: [Parent-Shared.T1 Curriculum Letters](#).

House Updates



Civets
2981



Pangolins
3672



Hornbills
2815



Otters
2753

What a brilliant House Day event today! Well done for each and every house point that you added in week 8!

Key Stage News - Y3 English

Tokage



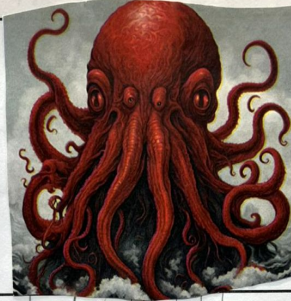
Arctic and snow colour belly like flat, round pup. Tokage is egg sized with protruding belly. With tiny hands and feet, Tokage has a large mouth and is shy to all. Don't shout at Tokage because he might run away in fear as he is so gentle, kind and caring.

Catline



Dark peacock blue hair as thin as dental floss. She is short in size with skinny arms with pale ginger freckles and syrup blown shiny eyes. Catline is adorable and fun if you see Catline run because Catline will bring you to a lemonade pink, beautiful candy "cave" house BUT IT IS ALL A TRAP!

Staring Tellopter



Rose red and scarlet tentacles with stretchy suction cups like super glue. Mammeth in size with sparkling eyes. Wound a round red mouth has fangs in. The blue mean, the Staring Tellopter is a teenage deadly creature to all. Don't be fooled thinking he is kind and friendly because he can pierce through your bones with his dagger-like tentacles.

Saitama



Black with gold strands of fur as dark as the night sky with marvelous glimmering stars. Saitama the cat is short in size. With red horrendous fangs as sharp as a needle and minuscule claws that can pierce through your skin on it's colossal black paws! Don't think Saitama is cute just because of her look, as she can pounce on you any time!

Astrolien



Green and violet antennae like earthworms crawling on the ground. Astrolien is short in size with a round and peanut-shaped body. With one large eye and a crescent moonsmile, Astrolien is the most undiscoverable creature to all. Don't be tricked by his adorable face because he has fangs that can pierce through your bones!

This term, the Y3 students have been reading the picture book 'Emily Brown and The Thing'. From the book, one of the teaching focuses involved learning how to describe a character with detail. Here are some examples of the students' character descriptions, including their AI generated character pictures that were made based on the details they wrote.

Key Stage News - Y3 English



Domink Rade Torrito is toned, he is medium sized like four bags, he has fast reflexes. He is bald, has big blue eyes, a pointy nose as sharp as a thorn, a crisis mouth, strong arms like a boulder, and legs as long as the Eiffel tower. Dom wears a black vest with Nike sneakers. He likes to drive sports cars like nobody else. Benroyt. VronM.



My character color is dark red. He has a rabbit head and a golden sword. He has purple armour. His name is Ironade. He is as tall as a 20 year old. He is very brave and caring. He is always ready to fight.

He wears a blue belt with sparkles through the air. He runs on his feet where ever he runs you'll see lightning. He often jumps in sand. Whenever you see him he'll be ready to fight with a grin.

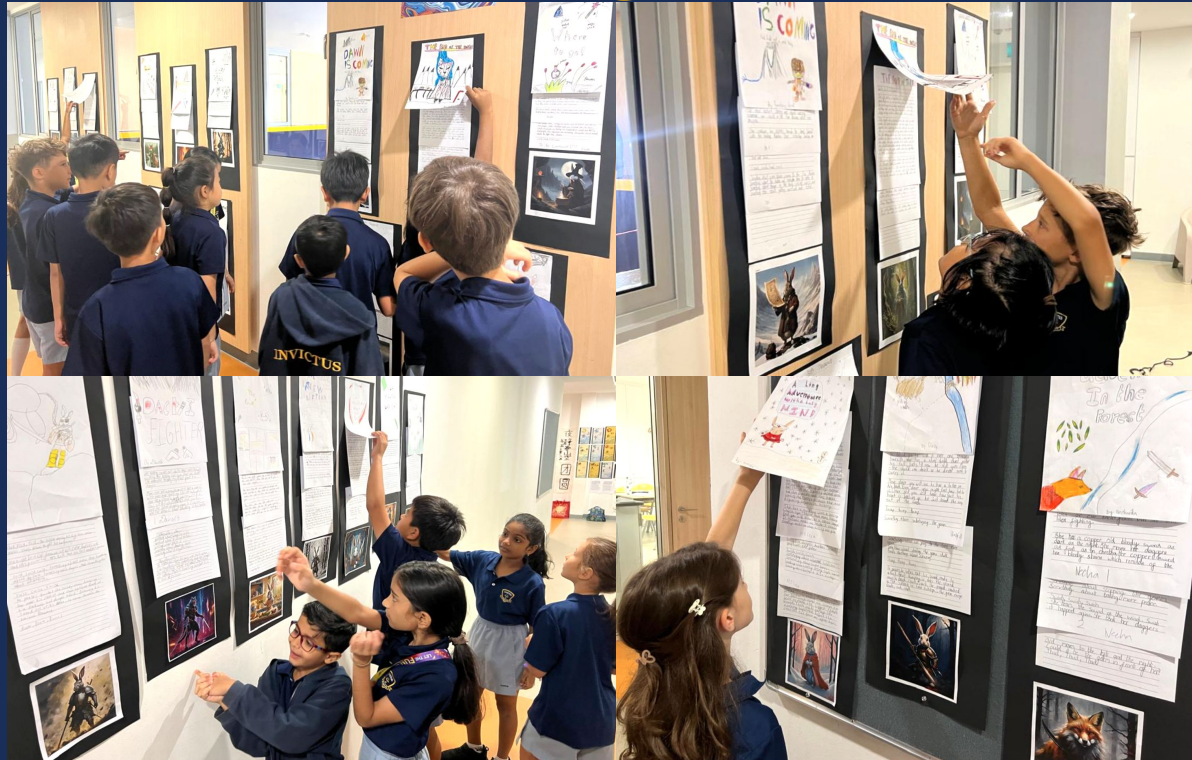


Yellow spined, blazing legend! Free De la Foga. He is normal as any random man except he's a blazing legend. His hair is Vanish Frightful, Foga has a dark blue outfit made of rubber. Free has yellow & red hair. He has a very long glove on his left arm & grey eyes. He loves meditating. He's only serious when blazing & when he's satisfied, he goes "Hm". His veins sometimes bulge when he's really serious. He's as gummy as a clown.



My character color is bright and bubbly color blue. She is big in a class she is tall she walks fast as a cheetah. She has a super power that she is very fast. She is very kind and always smiling. She like to eat seaweed. She has purple color she can run fast as a cheetah. She writes she has to practice but she doesn't give up. She makes a sound like splash. She is fast as a cheetah and she doesn't get tired because she like to run!

Key Stage News – Y4 English

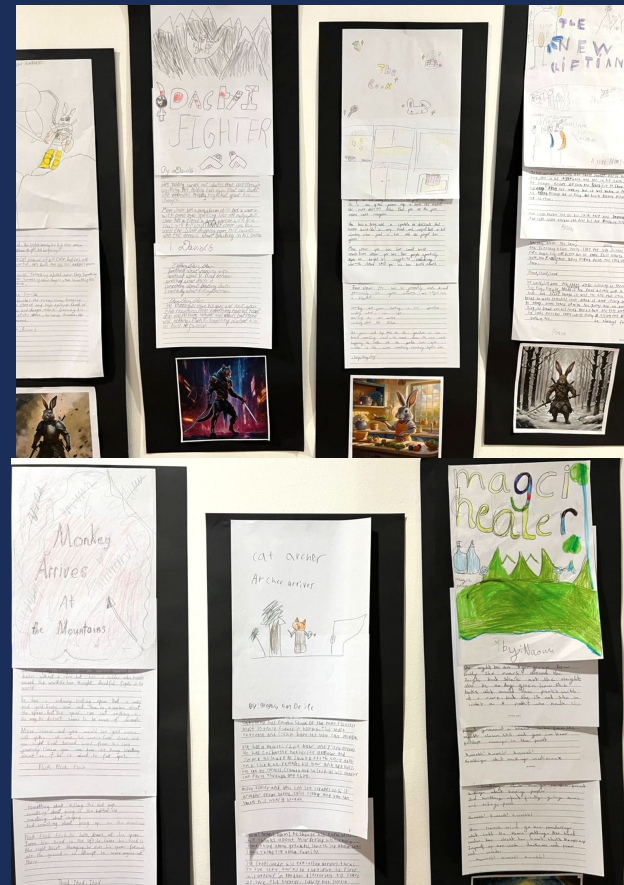


Here are some pictures of the students' AI generated characters based on their written character descriptions in their story.



Throughout the term, the Y4 students have been reading the novel 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear.' Adapting from the novel's story structure, students have created their own adventure story, featuring their created character. Here are the Y4 students enjoying each other's work.

Key Stage News - Y4 English



Start, start, start
 A warrior walking on frozen ice on high mountains, were creatures like and beasts through the years, a night cape, long claws. He has a sword not one not two but three. There are legendary swords, those are swords long as time, since he has a bloody-frightening grin that will send shivers up your spine.

He might be a gassle despite his mountain climbing skill, but he's not. He might be a human despite his technology, but he's not. Look he's a pure fighting in the mountains.

He's holding curved out dachis that slice through anything. Plus holding two axes that can barf like volcanoes. His holding ring that grant him strength.

Move closer he's a pony, closer still he's a warrior with pierce eyes speaking like red rubys. Still closer he's a fierce a warrior warrior with grin that will kill you. FINALLY closer you can smell the blood dripping from his hands and the dervic blood splashing in his boots.

Dawn Is Coming
 Thump, thump, thump, thump.

She is wearing a brown, frayed, worn jacket as old as time itself and a enchanted bone necklace that makes her immune to rubies. Last, she wanders through the Claw Mountain, hiking up snowy flats and damp caves and damp caves, Where might she be going?

She might be a crazy, drunk and unfasted Tyrannosaurus, given how she roams around the world, careless. But she's not. She might also be a nasty, lurching prey given how she changes direction every 6 seconds, determined and danger-aware. But she's not. She is a rabbit. A surgery-doing rabbit. She does not like seeing blood. She does not like even being close to rabbits, except herself. But she's a healer and has healed some of the most deadly diseases around the world, the most nastiest, strong and blood-wasting sicknesses you could, or the five realms could ever imagine.

Thuck, Thuck, Thuck
 He was wearing a green poncho covered with dirt and big, soft eyes twinkling with curiosity and cleverness. He walks slowly getting his arrows then walks with a determined look in his eyes. Where he might he be going?

He might be a porcupine given how pointed and sharp his arrows are. But his not. He might be a cheetah given how fast he shoots his arrow into a branch, but he's not. He's a wolf. A fast, brutal hunting wolf. He hates rabbits. He's a hunter and works for the king. He has killed wild, savage, strong animals in the five realms for the king.

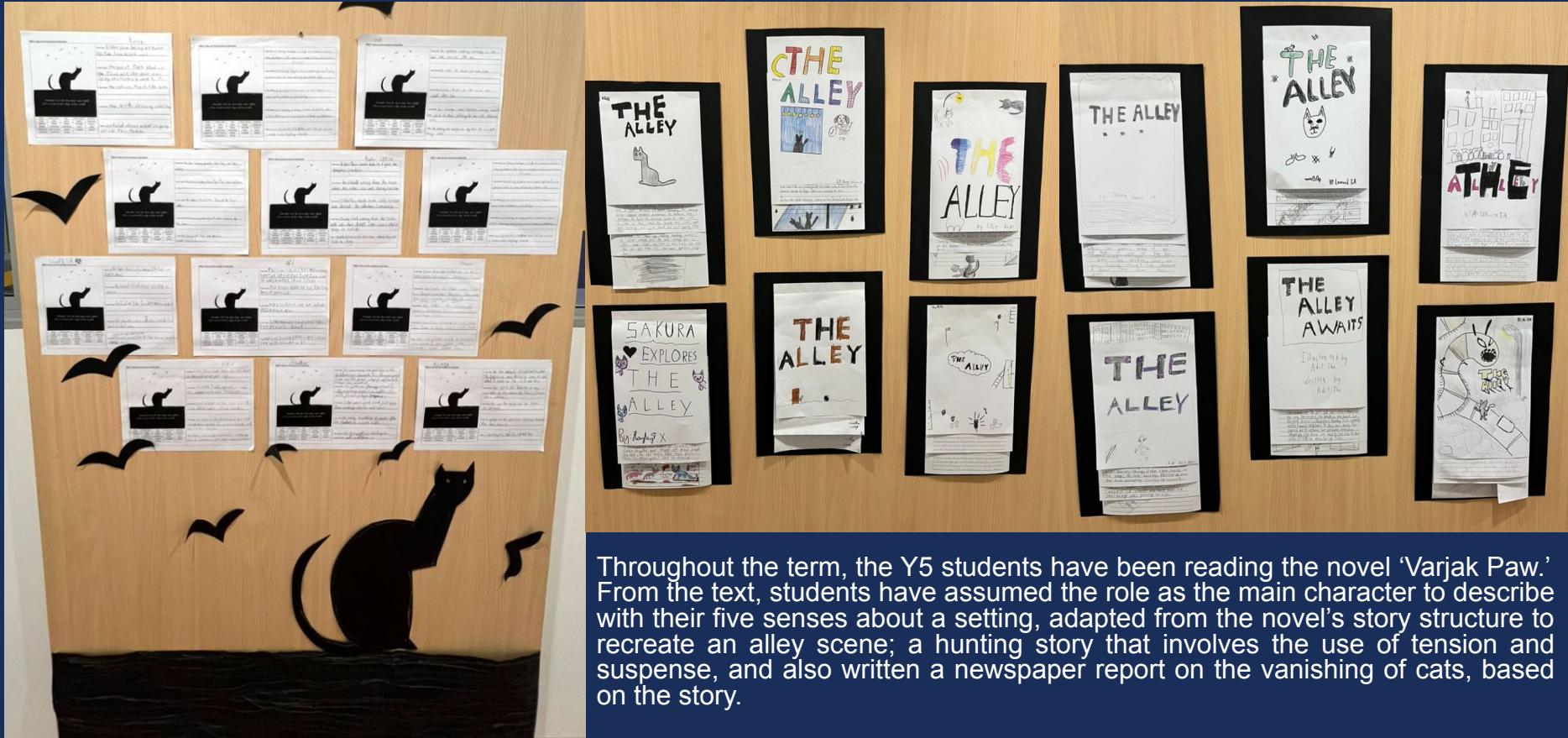
He has a traditional bow and many sharp, rusty, tall arrows. He has short, thick, thin arrow's too. He is very carefull what arrow he use for hunting animals because some animals can survive. When you see his bow having

Some examples of student work from both 4A and 4B. Be sure to ask your child to bring their writing home for you to read!

The Potion Healer
 Swash, swash, swash.

She is wearing a long, adorable and over-sized hood that keeps her warm in the cold and snowy night. She also wears a gorgeous maid dress that shows that she is talented. Joyfully, she skates along the sky river that is frozen solid, sprinking like she is in a marathon where was she wandering off to?

Key Stage News - Y5 English

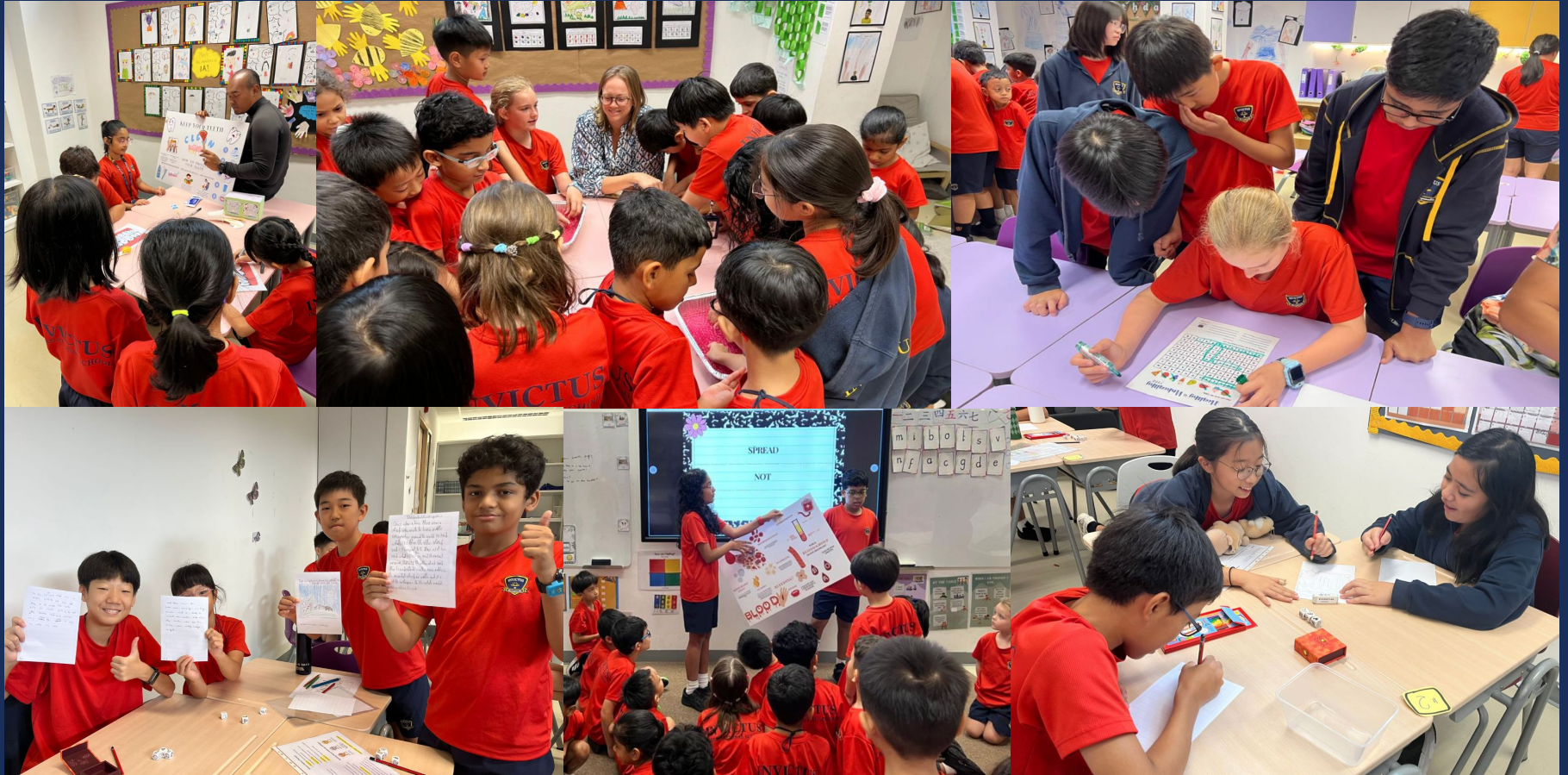


Throughout the term, the Y5 students have been reading the novel 'Varjak Paw.' From the text, students have assumed the role as the main character to describe with their five senses about a setting, adapted from the novel's story structure to recreate an alley scene; a hunting story that involves the use of tension and suspense, and also written a newspaper report on the vanishing of cats, based on the story.

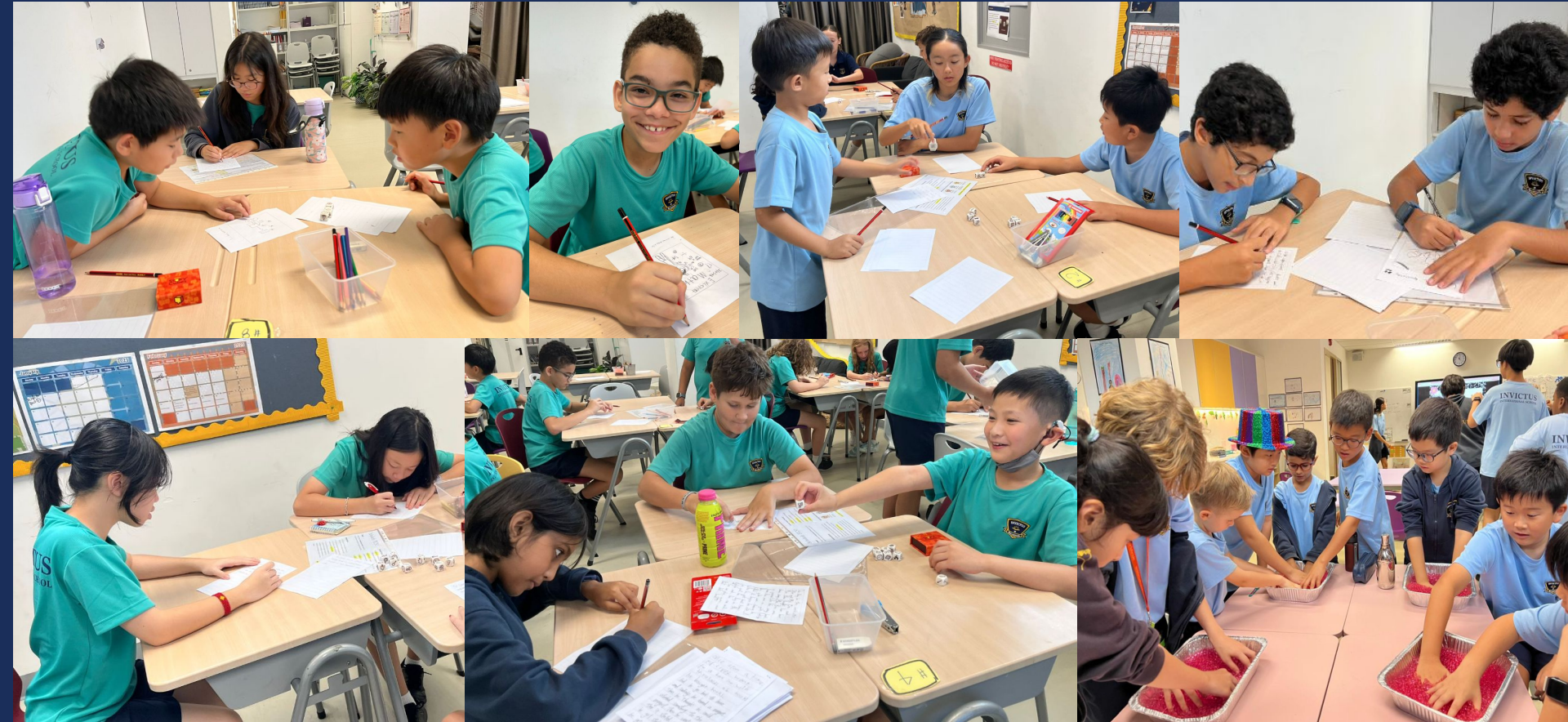
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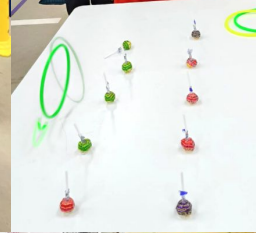
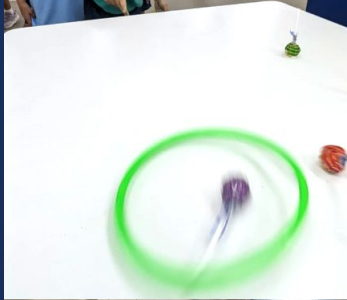
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Events

INVICTUS INVITES:

DR CHELSEA CHEW, BONFIRE PEDIATRICS

UNLOCKING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN, FOR PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN WITH AUTISM, ADHD, OR LEARNING CHALLENGES. GAIN TOOLS TO CREATE A SUPPORTIVE HOME, UNDERSTAND TRIGGERS, AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION.



7TH OCTOBER 2024

5PM, DEMPSEY HILL CAMPUS,
SINGAPORE, 248843

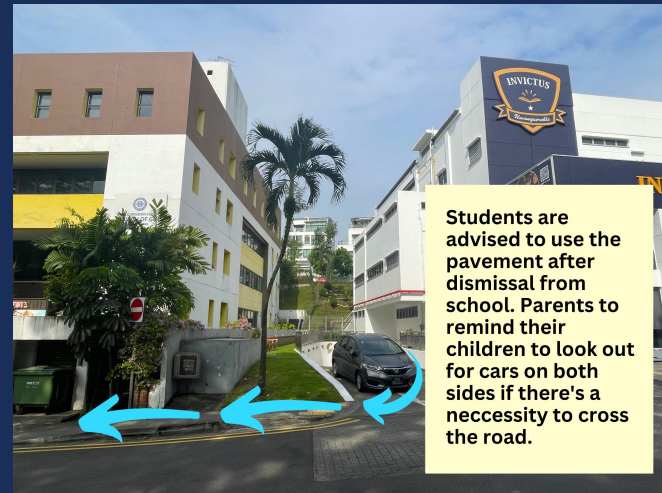
SCAN TO REGISTER



Road Safety

The school is situated on a quiet one-way road, but it's important that children are aware of our expectations regarding safe departure and arrival. To this end, pupils will receive their annual reminder regarding road safety next week from their tutors. The school has previously contacted the local authority regarding traffic calming options, but has been unsuccessful. We encourage parents to appeal should they wish to see signage or similar installed.

Parents are similarly encouraged to ensure pupils cross safely from the dismissal ramp, and walk only along the pavements. Younger children seeing safe use of roads is important for building their independence.





Invictus BT amazing parents 🥰
WhatsApp group



Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp
camera to join this group

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

We are thrilled to welcome you to another exciting school year! Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we look forward to partnering with you in creating a vibrant and supportive environment for our children.

Become a Part of the Friends of Invictus BT Parents Community!

We welcome all parents to join the Friends of Invictus BT. Whether you're available for occasional support or would like to become a permanent member of the PTA, your involvement is valued and flexible to suit your schedule. To express your interest, simply email us at friendsofibt@invictus.edu.sg. A member of our team will reach out to you shortly to discuss any further details. We look forward to having you with us!

Please use the QR code to join our fantastic community!

Together, we can achieve great things and make this year memorable.

Warm regards,
The FOIBT Team

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you and your child have been enjoying your time at Invictus Bukit Timah! Your feedback is invaluable to us and helps other families make the right choice for their child's education.

If you have had a positive experience with us, we would love to hear about it! Please take a moment to leave a Google review and share what you love about our school. Your kind words can make a big difference!

[Click Here to Leave a Google Review](#)

Thank you for being part of our wonderful community!



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Google™

Medical Matters

Health Reminders:

- Ensure your **child's immunizations** are all up - to - date.
- Advocate **good hygiene habits** to prevent the spread of illness and infections.
- Establish a **bedtime and wake up time** to ensure adequate and consistent sleep.
- Eat **breakfast** each day at home or at school.
- Assist in making **appropriate clothing choices** daily.
- Develop a **routine for homework** and after school activities.
- Keep an **open line of communication** with your child to ensure that he / she remains safe at school. If a concern arises, do not hesitate to contact the appropriate school officials immediately.
- If your child has a **health concern**, make it known to the school and school nurse.

Do not hesitate to contact the school nurse if you have any clarifications and concerns via email, schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg

Kindly take note of the following school protocols and important medical information via this links:

[School Protocol and Information](#)

[Nut Free Policy Letter](#)



Road to Healthier Teeth!

We are pleased to inform you that Pure NZ Dental will be conducting a complimentary (free) dental screening for students at our school. This screening is designed to help identify any potential dental issues early and promote good oral health habits.

Details of the Dental Screening:

Date: *8th October 2024, Tuesday*

Time: *9am onwards*

Kindly fill up this [consent form](#) to indicate that you have consented your child / ward to attend the dental screening and submit your consent form by the 11th of September 2024, Monday. More information about the dental screening can also be found on this form.

Do not hesitate to contact the school nurse if you have any clarifications and concerns via email, schoolnurse.bt@invictus.edu.sg



Thank you for helping us grow!

REFER A STUDENT AND GET REWARDED*!

**Terms & Conditions apply*

SGD 500
for every student

as of January 2024



<https://www.invictus.edu.sg/about-us/invictus-referral-programme>

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 key stage 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:

Admissions: admissions.bt@invictus.edu.sg

General Queries: receptionist.bt@invictus.edu.sg

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

Student Services: studentservices.bt@invictus.edu.sg

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