

UISZ Community Summary – Week 6



INTRO

It's been another busy week on campus. Peace Day occurred last Friday afternoon which began with a poignant speech in the theatre by Nicholas Y12 about the dangers posed by the 1962 Cuban missile crisis - which was narrowly averted by brave efforts.

Afterwards students participated in a number of arts, drama and sports activities to mark the day - including painting, candle making, drama and sports. Here are some photos documenting the activities...





Drama activity in the theatre.





Cups performance activity in the design room.





Sports activity on the football pitch and in the gym.





Candle making activity in Primary.





Tattoo activity in Primary.





Origami activity in Primary





Painting activity in Dragon House





On Wednesday candidates for student captains gave their speeches in the morning during house time. Teachers later voted on their choice for candidates in the afternoon during the staff meeting. The winners will be announced on Friday and we will publish the winners names in next week's Community Summary. We wish all the candidates good luck in their campaigns!

Rosie Lee - Service Captain Candidate



Selina Fan - Service Captain Candidate



Leo Wang - Sports Captain Candidate



Laurence Chung - Sports Captain Candidate



Jenny Ji - Arts Captain Candidate



Max Wang - Arts Captain Candidate



Jack Kim - School Captain Candidate



William Chen - School Captain Candidate



As we approach the end of the first quarter of the year it is a good time to reflect back on what has happened in the first part of the academic year. Students have hit the ground running with face to face learning. It has been great to see the students back in the class and interacting dynamically with their fellow classmates as well as teachers.

We know that online learning can't replace the community building that happens when everyone is back to school and in secondary we have a strong community, that is continuing to grow. We have welcomed many new students this semester. With our

secondary school continuing to grow it is great to see new students learn what it means to be a Cobra.

Finally, with the upcoming reports and parent-teacher conferences, it is important to reflect on the progress we have made. Please be reminded that the reports are more than a number it is a benchmark for where growth can happen. This is just the first of four reports, treat this as a starting point. Try to avoid measuring yourself against your classmates and instead ask yourself "can I do better". Please know that the teachers and coordinators are here to support you in achieving your goals, all you need to do is ask.

We look forward to seeing all parents and students on campus for Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 16th.

PYP

In Ms Lydia's Year 2 class students organized an exercise circuit for other primary students to complete in our Wednesday House game time. We all had great fun! In our current unit of inquiry on personal choices and health, students investigate their own health and promote healthy living.





MYP

In Ms Lyudmila's Y6 Arts / Music class students are learning about traditional music from Indonesia – Gamelan, as part of their unit "Rhythms of the World". To understand it better, after learning about Indonesian culture, music instruments and characteristics, students are practicing performing Gamelan composition on the music class instruments.



DP

The Year 12s English B students are preparing their coming summative assessment, and for the first time this Friday, they will have a mock Oral internal assessment. In order to get ready, we listened to a previously recorded exam, and sensibly assessed the students' performance, following the course criteria. This has been proven to be a fruitful exercise since students had the chance to exchange different points of view and they will feel more confident about the upcoming exam happening before the October break



BOARDING

On, Sunday September 20th, the Grant family household was extended by four, with the 7-Day boarders were joining us for a full English breakfast. We started off watching Match of the Day (English Premier League Football Highlights), and then sat down all together to enjoy a menu of:

- Fried Eggs (Sunny side up)
- Baked Beans (Heinz only thank you)
- Traditional British Pork Sausages
- Fried Mushrooms
- Bacon (Back only)
- Toast and of course, a good old cup of Tetley tea.

After eating ourselves into a food coma, the boys settled and began to help my son with some Lego building and my daughter with her DIY Dolls House Furniture Project. It was a great morning and an opportunity for the boarders to get to know my family, experience a home cooked English Breakfast and to continue to establish positive relationships with staff that they may not normally speak with. I do hope that many more of these experiences will be afforded to the boarders cross the year.





OUTRO

Phew - we've been rushed off our feet this week. But that's how we like things around here. There's never a dull moment UISZ! As we approach the mid-term formative assessment period - we wish all students good luck with their assessments. Work hard. Play hard. And don't forget to have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest wishes,
UISZ School & Boarding Community

