

UISZ Community Summary – Week 8



INTRO

It's good to see so many smiling student faces return to the UISZ campus this week after the holiday. Now the real work begins as we launch into the second half of the first term with grit and gusto to boldly go where no student has gone before!

Last Friday the UISZ teaching and administrative staff engaged in a day of professional development. The goal of this learning was for teachers to discuss best practices and to prepare for the upcoming new quarter in the first semester. To start the day off teachers acted out what best teaching practices look like in the classroom as well as what they shouldn't like. Just like students, teachers are always learning and trying to improve for the children in their classrooms.



Wednesday saw the celebration of the Year 10 eAssessment/ePortfolio diplomas for the now Year 11 students. The diplomas took a little longer than normal to arrive from the IB due to the current situation around the world, but it was still nice to celebrate the work of the new DP1 students. It is great in any year to earn 100% pass rate but especially in a time of online learning we are even more proud of our students for earning this high distinction.



Sports Awards



Service Award



Arts Award



New Coat of Arms Designs



Boarding Awards



House Merit Achiever Awards



Highest Merit Achiever Award



MYP Learner Profile Winner



DP Learner Profile Award



Star (Teacher) of the Month Award



MYP Diploma Certificates









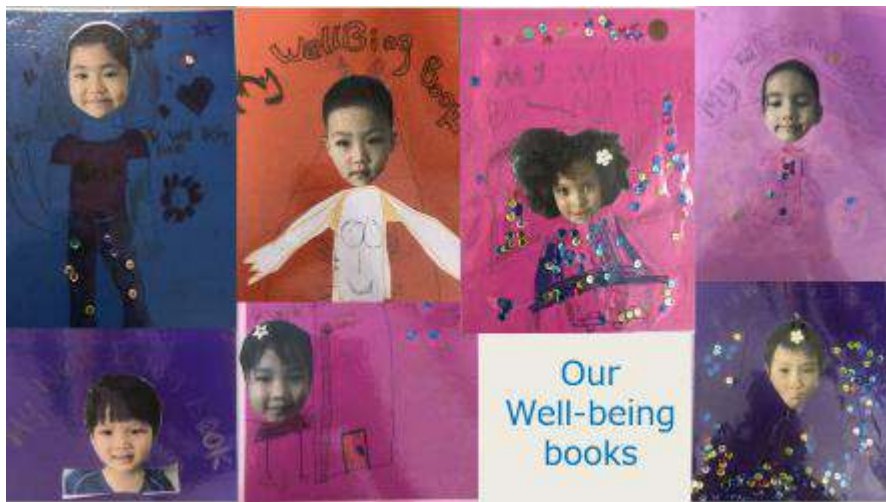
Parent-Teacher Conference

Friday saw the first Parent-Teacher Conference of the year. Parents were able to meet with their student's teachers to discuss the progress so far and what students should work on in the coming months. It is important to highlight that we are looking to highlight growth for each student. We want students to measure success based on their individual goals and based on where they started and where they currently are. If you were unable to meet with all of your student's teacher's, you can set up meetings at a later date by emailing our admissions office or the curriculum coordinators.

PYP

An inquiry into “who we are”. In Ms Ha’s K3/Year 1 Class, students were asked the question “what do we need to do to stay healthy?” During the class collaboration sessions, some great ideas were shared. The students then started to think about choices and how they can have an impact on their lifestyle. To show this the class have been busy compiling their individual Well-being books. The topics featured were, our physical health, emotional and social well-being. A Wednesday school assembly finished this off, when the students had an opportunity to share their understanding about choices with the rest of the school.





For the last 3 Thursdays before the holidays, PYP teacher Mr Steve worked with the younger boarders on a fun engineering task. For one afternoon each week they had to design and build a boat that could carry a small weight (some coins). The catch? They had only a few different items that they could use – 10 drinking straws, a small piece of cling film, a small piece of sticky tape, and a paper cup.

The first day they designed their boat, making sure it had enough buoyancy to take the weight yet strong enough to not break apart. There was some success, but no one managed to take all the weight without sinking.

The second day a few more materials were added. The number of straws was doubled and they were allowed a little more tape. The results improved but still the weight was too much.

The final day the restrictions were lifted and there were many more materials and plenty to go around. This was a really fun day as the kids imaginations were freed and some of

the designs were really impressive. Not only that but the success rates went through the roof. Great job to all the budding engineers who took part.





Mr Alison has been busy this week encouraging PYP students to get into shape and have fun through various sports activities.







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In Ms Valentine's 7&8 class students made cute posters in French for the Moon Festival just before the holidays.



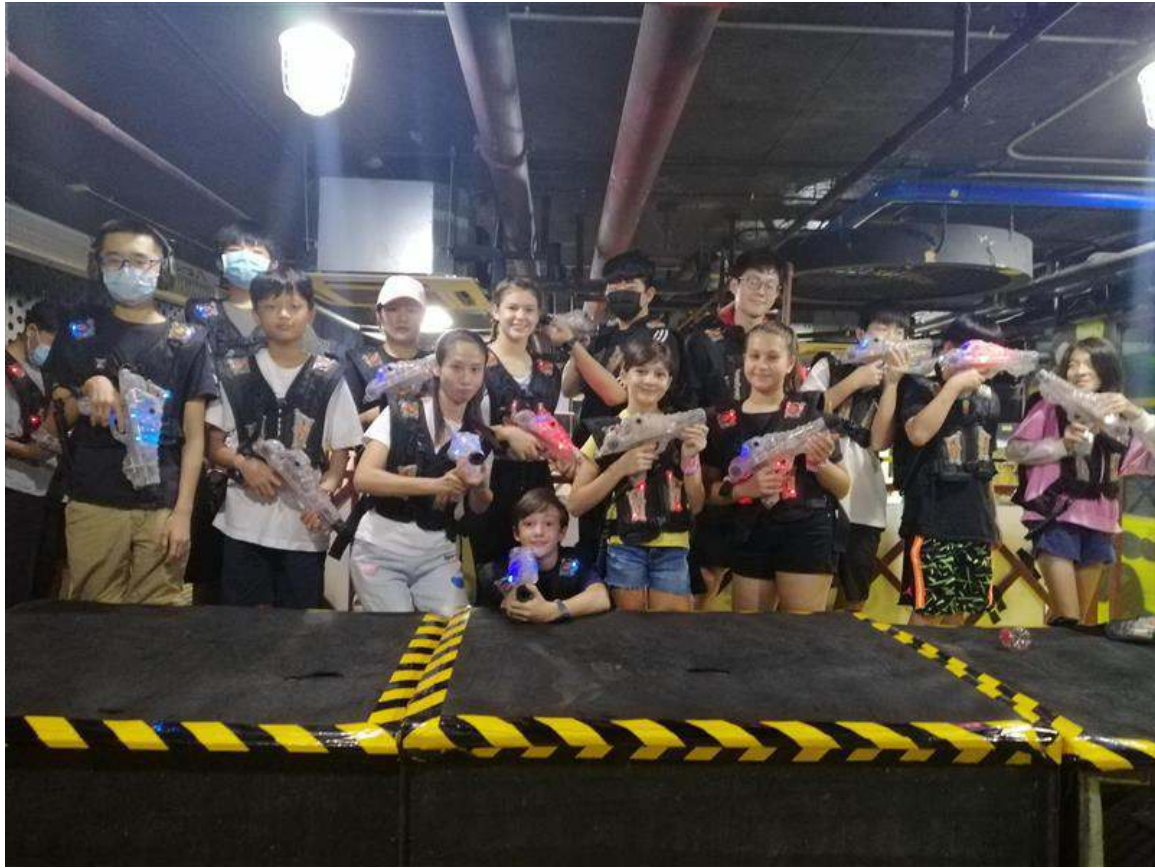


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BOARDING

Message from Ms Moony:

On 26th September, the weekend boarders and some staff children went on an exciting laser tag game in Guangzhou! Thirteen students, Miss Moony and Miss Vivian were all wearing cool laser tag jackets like real fighters! In the dark battleground, we were divided into two teams and had had two rounds of blood-and-thunder fights! Each team won it once with remarkable scores! Well done the shooters!



The evening boarding schedule has been updated after the National Holiday. Boarders are having sufficient time to enjoy various activities and do quality study. The boarding council has been expanded with some new girls members and a Junior member joining. They will take on the responsibility of deciding the weekend trips and organizing festival celebrations in the boarding house!





Boarders are enjoying a variety of evening activities in the boarding house.

OUTRO

Students have been getting back into their learning groove this week and we look forward to seeing students working hard and playing hard over the coming weeks. have a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes,
UISZ School & Boarding Community