

UISZ Community Summary – Week 2



Another very busy week with lots of exploration in our learning and some visible signs of impact, particularly in the activities and Cobra sports teams. Last Friday the UPAZ Welcome Evening was very well attended -enabling parents to chat with staff - old and new - in a convivial setting whilst enjoying refreshments.





Our Head of School Mr Evans highlighted the excellent IB results for the past academic year which were well above average, indicating clearly that the high level of commitment to excellence in teaching and learning that he advocates is starting to pay off handsomely for graduates who are now seeking to enter top international universities.





The Heads of Primary (Mr David Coats), Secondary (Mr Cameron Forbes) and Boarding (Mr Jeremy Holt) introduced the talented line up of teaching staff who hail from countries from around the world and who are dedicated to enriching and inspiring the UISZ community of day and boarding students.

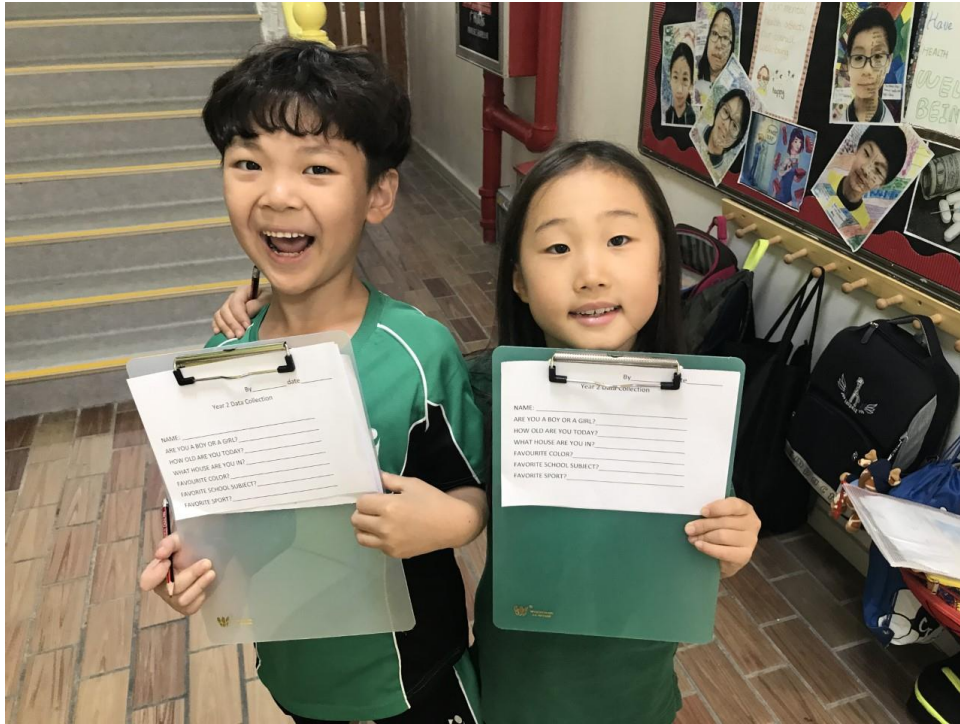




This week the Early Years students were very excited to begin swimming in PE classes with Mr. France. The schools' new swimming pools are perfect for getting our youngest students comfortable in the water and to begin teaching them swimming skills. They love to have the opportunity to splash around in the water which is very refreshing on a hot day.



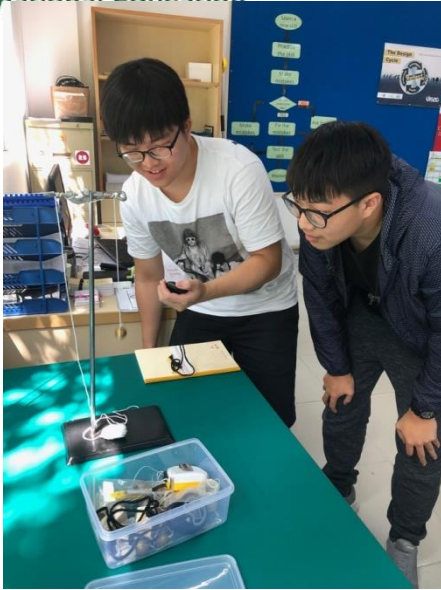
A Truly In Year 2 it was a very busy, fun and insightful week according to Ms. Maria who said she learned a lot about the children she teaches and they in turn learnt a lot about her. Especially about becoming a community; phrasing things in positive and caring ways; how to manage their time; where to learn and think; what their personal strengths are, and also how making mistakes can really be a positive thing to help them learn! They also learned how to balance many activities and to learn all together at one time.



A Truly In Mr. Sheraz Math 'in action' class, students used math skills such as ratios, measure, quantities, units and temperature to make pancakes and crepes! The exercise also helped them make friends, work on communication skills and build confidence. Who ever said numbers couldn't be delicious to learn about!



In the DP Physics year 11 class Mr Rezart made inspiring connections between the physical world and the invisible reality that exists around us. During practical activities students tried to use a simple pendulum to find the value of the acceleration due to gravity. Students were really engaged in conducting measurements, identifying and evaluating measurements errors, making connections, and drawing conclusions.



‘How could anyone have a normal everyday life with a dragon?’ --- Melody Lee

It’s been another big week in boarding (which week isn’t?). Apart from the humdrum of the daily grind and chores, and the challenges of sport, recreation, tutorials and Inspired activities, the 7-day boarders embarked, Saturday last, on a food-gathering mission to the Lost City of G’s Grand Mall, the final frontier, to test Latin fare as part of the ongoing voyages of Dragonhouse. Its continuing mission: to explore strange new restaurants, to seek out new gourmet foods and culinary delights, to boldly go where no one has eaten before... Sadly, no Romulans. Or Andorians. Nor hints of Ferengi. One Vulcan. A few Cling-ons – mainly in Starbucks at the restaurant at end of the universe.

INSPIREd has completed its first two week cycle (sic transit gloria mundi) and continues to develop and challenge our boarders. Our year 2-8 boarders have embraced the program positively and appear to be enjoying the experiences offered, building confidence, English and Maths skills, and teamwork simultaneously.



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We are always here to listen to parents' questions or concerns - so please get in touch if there's anything you want to talk about. From all of us at UISZ we wish you a wonderful weekend, and look forward to updating you on another exciting week— next Friday!

Warmest wishes,

UISZ School & Boarding Community