

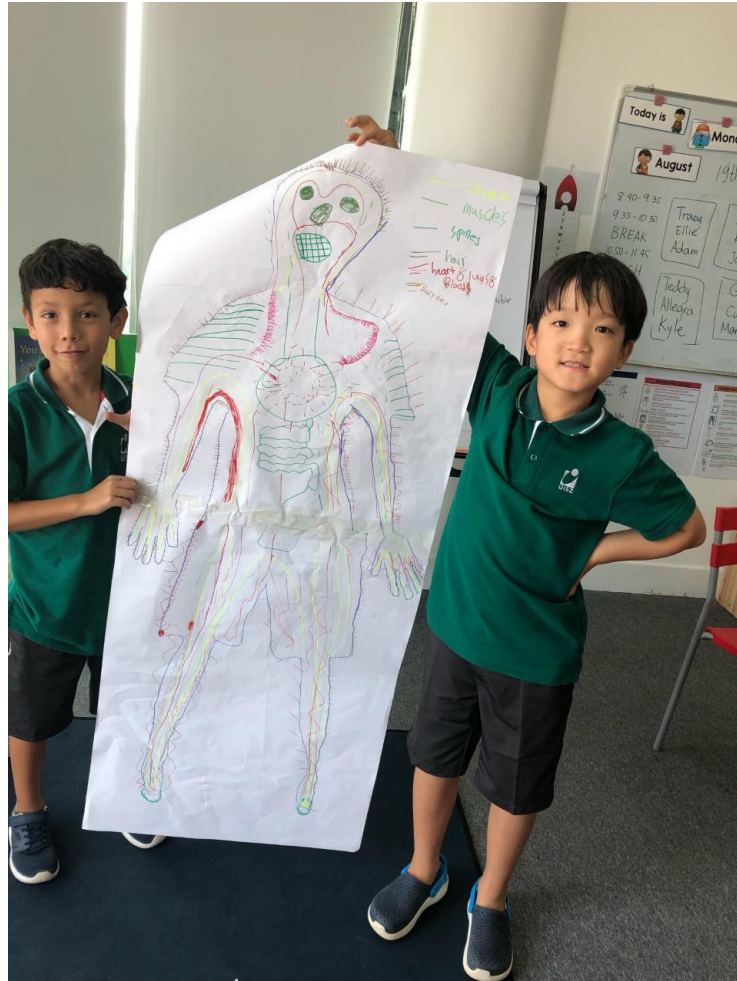
UISZ Community Summary – Week 3



Now that classes are back in full swing and running smoothly like a well oiled machine - this week feels like it has just steamed by so quickly. There is a really positive atmosphere on campus as teachers and students greet each other warmly each morning ready to begin another exciting day of stimulating learning.

In Primary this past week Miss Jo Ann introduced a really engaging provocation activity to develop an understanding of the human UOI (Human Body System.) Working in groups – students traced each other’s bodies on large sheets of paper to consider the question she posed: “What’s inside our body?” They then drew inside the body what they thought was the human body system.





On Tuesday the secondary school held the first monthly praise assembly of the new academic year. These assemblies recognise students who have performed well over the month of August. Awards included the merit winners for each House and the Learner Profile of the month, which was Inquirer. Merit winners for August were: Jeff (Wind), Antonia (Earth), Kari, (water), Ivan (Fire).





Congratulations to Ivan, who was the overall winner for the highest number of merits in Secondary.

Our Learner profile winners for August (Inquiry) were: Pei Ying Cheong (MYP) and Nick Wen (DP). Positive referrals were given to Rosie for her gracious work with the new Korean students. Well done to all!





In Miss Ivy's year 7/8 SEI Science class, students learned about working safely in the laboratory and how to use specific equipment. They developed skills in making scientific observations and measurements. Particular emphasis was placed on equipment used for heating. Students then applied these skills to a scientific inquiry task investigating how copper sulfate makes a blue solution when dissolved in water. Students heated the solution to separate the water from the copper sulfate by evaporation. All students had to follow safety instructions carefully.



Diploma classes have started to reach their full stride this week as students continue to complete their Internal Assessments (IAs) as required by the IB. In Mr. Peebles' Year 12 Economics class students have been working hard to complete their second of three internal assessment in the subject. Students are required to put their economic knowledge into practice in the real-world. They are asked to find an economic problem in the real world and evaluate potential solutions to that problem. This gives the students a real-life application to a somewhat abstract course.





BOARDING

'A lion feels like a lamb when measuring itself against a dragon.' --- Richelle Goodrich

Shakespeare noted in Troilus and Cressida that 'Things won are done, soul's joy lies in the doing.' What I think he meant was that it is the process rather than the outcome that brings happiness and fulfilment. And so it goes in Dragon House as we continue to grapple with challenges fit for dragons.

The 7-day boarders embarked on a trip Saturday last to the Lost City of G for the carting experience. Christian H was once again crowned Carting King.





INSPIREd entered its fourth week and continues to (dare I say it?) enthrall, building on a program of which we can all be proud. Last week also saw our first dabble with Dance as Ms Anni took the borders through the rudiments of Hip-Hop.



Our secondary pastoral group meetings on a Monday are also gaining some traction as they offer age and group specific conversations to take place.





Primary boarders continue to engage in a wide range of educational games and activities to improve on their personal, social and communication and academic skills.



Well what a varied and exciting week it's been for all of us. Students are finally finding their stride and getting into the groove of exploring, adapting and impacting as they contribute positively to our UISZ learning community. Things can only get better! Have a glorious weekend – see you next week.

Warmest wishes,
UISZ School & Boarding Community

