

UISZ Community Summary – Week 5



After a much needed long weekend - students returned refreshed and re-energised to tackle week # five with vim and vigour. On Wednesday morning the Student Council Captain Elections were held with each candidate presenting a short promo video followed by a speech. For Service Captain the candidate was Nicholas (Y11) from Wind House.



For Sports Captain the two candidates were Garwen (Y11) from Earth House and Jack (Y10) from Fire House.





For Arts Captain the candidates were Pachatana (Y11) from Wind House and Brad (Y11) from Wind House.

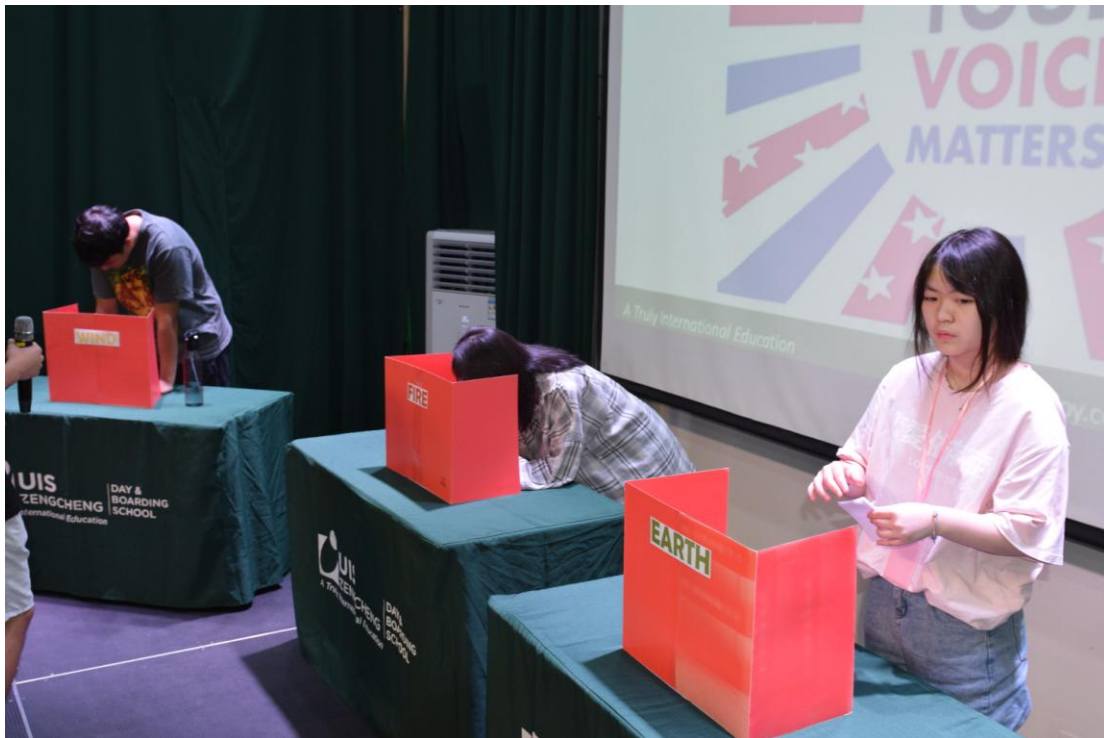


And for the role of School Captain the candidates were Helen ((Y11) from Fire House, Hailey (Y11) from Water House and Danny (Y11) from Earth House.





Immediately after the speeches all MYP and DP students cast their ballots. (Teaching staff cast their ballots at the end of the day.)



As Year 1 round up their unit of inquiry about Health and Well-being, PYP Teacher Ms Rachel Batkin explains that students have been exploring the amount of sugar we might find in our food and drink. This week, we used a number of popular soft drinks and experimented using egg shells as similar material to our teeth, to see what might happen if our teeth are exposed to too much sugar. The children enjoyed predicting what they thought might happen and enjoyed checking on the effect on the egg shell throughout the week.



Students from Years 7-10 collaborated this week in a song performance project teacher Ms Jane Furness, which aims to debut in November's Winter Concert. 'There are a variety of musical talents in the group, from guitarists to pianists, but mostly there are singers! The students continue to make great progress in all the sessions, especially those playing outside their experience and comfort zones - well done everyone so far!



At DP level this week Art Teacher Mr Gabriel Deerman explained that students in his class were learning new techniques – and though these are challenging they are also very exciting especially when hard work pays off with excellent results! This monotype print by Hosung (Y11) is truly remarkable- every leaf is a fingerprint! What a creative and talented artist!





‘I am the dragon and I will set the world aflame.’ – Sydney Hughes

Head of Boarding Mr Jeremy Holt tells us that the long weekend was a quiet one for 7-day boarders apart from a trip to Dongguan and Zengcheng. The boarding community this week was fully engaged in a range of activities, including karaoke, dance, boxing, music, fitness, swimming and the many sports programs on offer such as badminton, soccer and volleyball. INSPIREd entered its sixth week for the first cycle and continues to challenge and engage.

To celebrate the end of term 1, Dragon House hosted its first Honour Ceremony and special dinner for the academic year on Wednesday. The theme of the celebration was ‘Co-Pilots’. A number of awards were presented. Apart from the July, August and September birthday acknowledgements, the following awards were made: Boarders of the Month were Liz and Crystal (Primary), Hosung, Kayli, Kari, Kim (Secondary); the Active Award (Kind Heart, Strong Mind, Healthy Body) went to Jenny, Jim, Dan and Laurence and the Boarding Captain’s Award to Lucy. Lastly, the Heart-of-a-Dragon Award – presented to a non-boarding staff member who has gone above and beyond in their support of boarding – was given to Ms Huang Ying, who runs the Dragon Shop. The Boarding Community salutes you all!







So there we have it, evidence - if ever it was needed - that the school is unstoppable come rain or shine, come hectic week or long, leisurely weekend in its mission to turn out confident, talented, articulate students capable of taking on new challenges large and small to make an IMPACT!

From all of us at UISZ we wish you a charming and delightful weekend!

Warmest wishes,

UISZ School & Boarding Community

