

UISZ Community Summary – Week 14

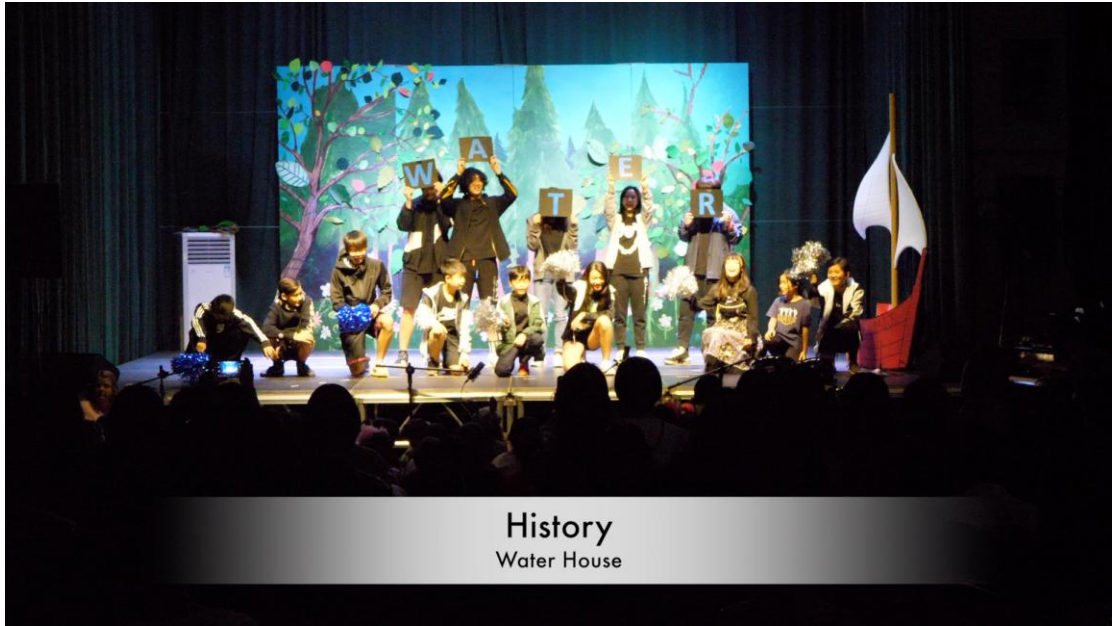


INTRO

The Winter Concert musical showcase which took place last Friday morning was a great success according to staff and students - despite a later-than-planned start and some technical issues throughout. Students prepared well for this over the last few weeks and months in lessons, lunchtimes and CCAs, and their hard work paid off in a variety of performing styles; from solo classical violin to African dance and drumming. Highlights also included a glow stick dance performance, a staff *a capella* body percussion performance and the Gruffalo production by Y1-2. Congratulations to all performers and staff involved in the concert, and thank you to friends and families who visited to support the event!







History
Water House



The Night to Tell
William Chen Year 10





The Place Where the Lost Things Go
Bella Voci



Rhythm of the Rain/Ho Hey
Soul Salad







Light Dance
 Fire House



Jealous
 Sean - Year 10



Djole
 Year 5 & 6



Bills
 Wind House



White Winter Hymnal
Zentatonix



What About US
Bella Voci & Utahloy Chang

ARTS FESTIVAL

Following on immediately from the Winter Concert last Friday morning was the Festival of the Arts which was the first major event for the new teacher's in the Art Department here at UISZ and it was a wonderful success! Much hard work and planning went into an ambitious and full schedule visual arts hands-on activities for primary students and collaborative murals in the secondary building. Together with school staff, students, and visiting CNH youth. We provided a fun, creative and engaging event for the entire school community! We look forward to meeting with leadership, student council and our Arts Captain to discuss the event and begin planning next year's! We thank you for your attendance, participation and support!















PYP

Let's take a look now at what's been happening in the classroom this week... In Mr Avdoo's Year 4 class students began their new unit of inquiry, 'Digital Media Connections'. Students were surprised to find out that in 200,000 BC, rock cravings were used as an early form of media. This led students to collaboratively construct a timeline showing the evolution of media throughout history. Each group was responsible for one period in history. In the end, we combined the timelines to see what media used to be, what it is now, and what it may look like in the future...







MYP

In Miss Estelle's Year 7-8 French Language Acquisition class, students this week have been exploring how to describe the world around them using new vocabulary and sentence structures. They have learned how to adapt them to match their audience and context for example how to use a formal register or change an adjective to describe different things. Finally, they have experienced different methods of learning including interactive applications and role-plays. Let's hope these activities will have a positive impact on their performance in the summative assessments coming up.







DP

Meanwhile in the Year 12 DP Film class students have been busy completing their Portfolio III projects. This has involved finishing off the editing and sound design for their collaborative 3 minute film - along with writing reflective journal entries to explain the production issues they faced and how they have resolved them. In addition they are also busy writing evaluations of their production roles and of the finished film to consider whether or not they succeeded in meeting their original intentions.



BOARDING

‘When there are a hundred dragons in the sky ... we blot out the sun, we blacken the clouds, we churn the sea like foam. It is a magnificent, terrifying sight.’ — H. Leighton Dickson, Dragon of Ash & Stars

While INSPIREd entered its third week for the second cycle and our primary and junior secondary boarders continue to engage enthusiastically with its challenges, the focus, particularly for secondary students, has moved to study, assessments and summative week. Many of our boarders were actively involved in the Music & Arts Festival on this last Friday and acquitted themselves well. The 7-day boarders did sally forth this last Saturday as usual,



armed with a balance of resilience, inquisitiveness and uncertainty, this time to Erlongshan, Two Dragon Mountain, to promenade over the glass bottomed bridge which was, sadly, out of commission. But the walk was picturesque and mildly distracting.





Sunday the same group visited Darenfa for a dumpling lunch special. Apart from this, the usual secondary activities continue unabated and unencumbered. Competitive chess has taken hold and spike-ball and pickle-ball are enjoying popularity at present. For our primary boarders, the many and varied programs continue to inspire, particularly our the reading program continues to be central with a momentum all of its own. Till next time, a luta continua. (The Dragon House Community).



So there we have it - another fun packed week for all our students at UISZ. We wish them every success in the run up to Summative Assessment week. While also encouraging them to relax over the weekend and do some healthy outdoor activities to maintain a healthy mind-body balance. From all of us at UISZ we wish you a glorious weekend!

Warmest wishes,
UISZ School & Boarding Community

