

## UISZ Community Summary – Week 29



### INTRO

The return to e-learning classes for students and teachers after the Spring break was super smooth this week - now that everyone is up to speed with the technical aspects of online engagement. It is indeed exciting news that Year 10 and Year 12 students will be returning very soon to the UISZ campus as outlined in the Head of School's correspondence with parents and teaching staff this week. We can't wait to see the smiles on student faces and welcome them back into the campus community.

### EARLY YEARS

Message from Early Years teacher Ms Ashley: It has been challenging and rewarding to move into an online teaching role. I miss the daily contact with my students and the classroom environment. What I have found most inspiring about teaching our students online is their parents commitment to their learning and the adaptability of our students to their new school experience. My students are the youngest students in our community but they have shown that they can adapt to online learning and are not afraid to be risk-takers when it comes to creating and posting videos about their learning. Their videos are inspiring and full of fun and creativity. For people who are so young they show such confidence in navigating online class meetings and completing tasks for our lessons. Their parents are there to support them and show such patience and diligence in doing so because with very young children learning requires almost 100 percent one-on-one support. I am so grateful and inspired by the families in our community!

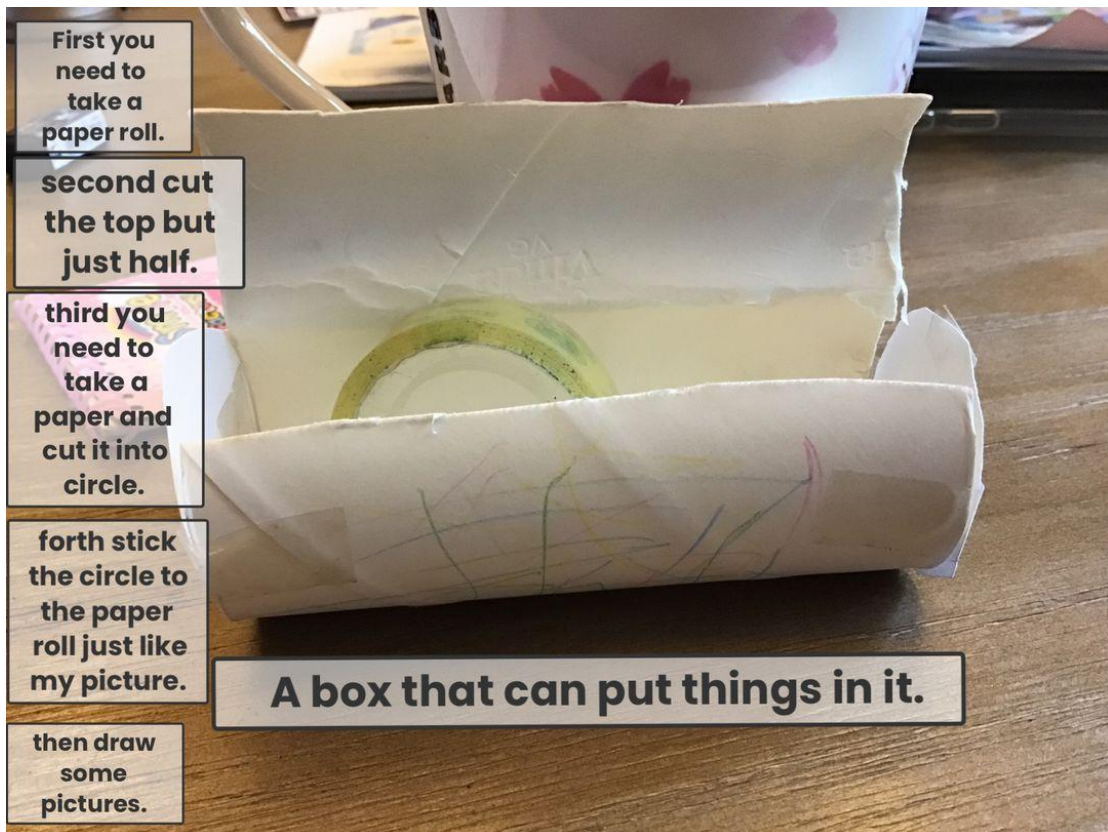


## PYP

As part of the PYP theme of ‘Sharing the Planet’, Year 1 students in Ms Rachel's class have been busy exploring different ways of re-using and recycling our precious resources. We had fun finding unwanted materials at home and using them to create new things with a new purpose. It was also great to share our creations during one of our Zoom meetings. Our online meetings have also become the source of new fun in finding ways to bring our learning goals to life. A recent shape treasure hunt was a great way of revising the 2 and 3- dimensional shapes and their properties as well as creating some excitement!

As Earth Day approaches next week on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, we are trying to think of how we can make an extra effort to take more care of our beautiful Earth. Watch out for some posters by Year 1 which will hopefully remind us all to try our best towards Sharing the Planet.





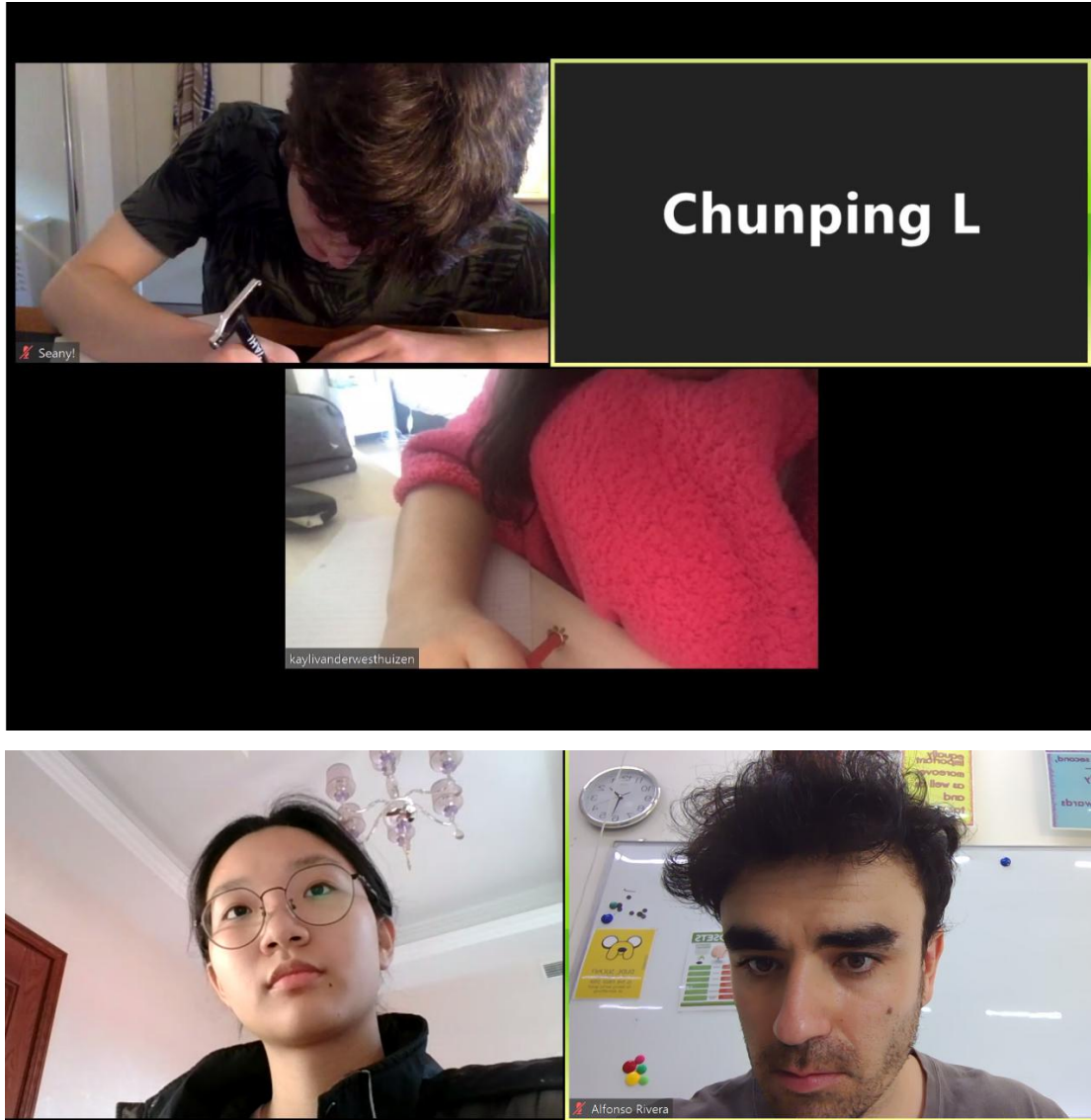




## MYP

Ms Chunging's Y10 students worked hard in Language B assessments this week for the MYP e-portfolio. Students who choose English B/Chinese B/French B for their e-portfolio subjects need to finish four assessments by this week. These four assessments evaluate students' ability to reading, listen, speak and writing. The assessments went smoothly with subject teachers' online watching as well as parents' invigilation at home - in accordance with IB's recommendations.

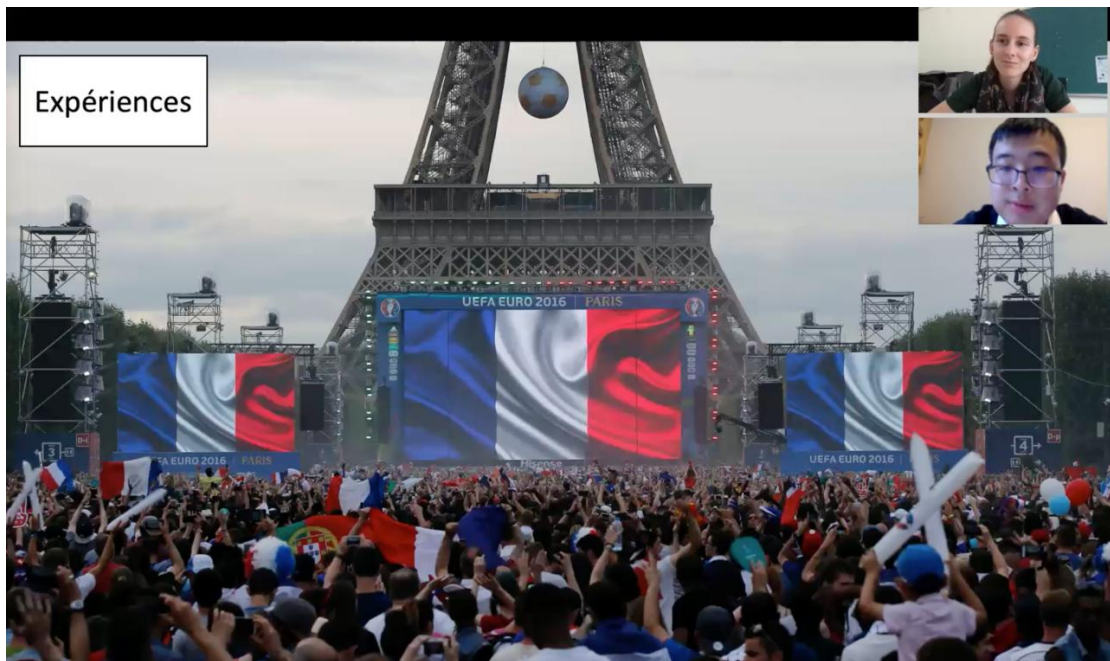




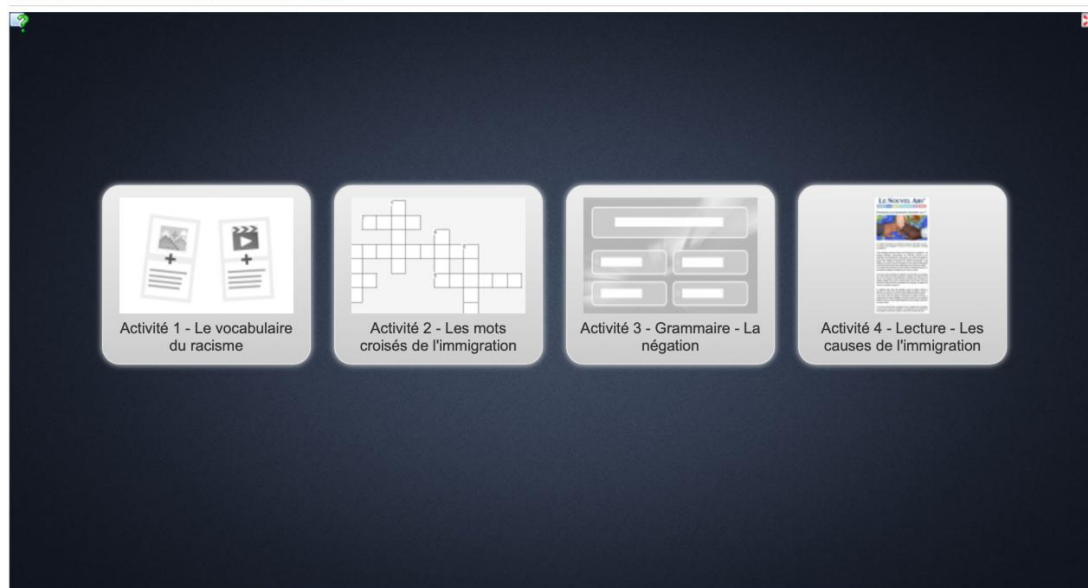
## DP

The week before Spring break, in Ms. Douville's Year 12 French Ab initio class, the most important event of the year occurred: students took part in their Individual Oral, which, amid the cancellation of the other examinations by the IB, became the most important assessment of the subject. Despite the situation, the students proved to be very courageous, becoming the first cohort to complete their orals online, using Zoom video conferencing. Facing the stress of the assessment and the possibility of technological issues, they engaged in a 10 minutes conversation in French: a remarkable achievement for these students who only started learning the language at the beginning of Year 11. This week, without resting on their laurels, they keep on learning by investigating migrations in the French speaking world and their possible

consequences, including racism and inequality. In order to make learning fun, they took part in a variety of online activities.







## OUTRO

And so another successful week of mediated online learning comes to a close at UISZ. The deadline for the final upload of DP and MYP work to IBIS is fast approaching - and those students who have yet to submit their completed work need to do so as a matter of great urgency in order to give sufficient time for teachers to assess. We wish all students and parents a relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes,

UISZ School & Boarding Community

