

UISZ Community Summary – Week 37



INTRO

On Sunday night dark clouds massed over Zengcheng, the heavens then opened and we experienced a biblical downpour of rain all through Monday. Unfortunately Noah's ark was unavailable - so we were forced to close the school buildings.



On the upside - we were immediately able to switch gears into online learning - SEESAW, Microsoft Teams, ManageBac and Zoom - to deliver classes to students both in the Dragon House common rooms, and to day students who remained at home. Hey we're getting pretty proficient at this now!



Last week saw the release of the electronic version of the Yearbook 2019-20 which was very well received by parents, teachers and students alike. A big thanks goes out to our Media Director for his three months of hard work to produce it. We have a sumptuous full colour hardback edition being printed soon for those who ordered a copy. We can't wait!



Let's take a look now at what's been happening on campus this week...

PYP

Welcome Back to all our Early Years students from Ms Kristie. It was so much fun to see our students return to campus last week. They have eagerly jumped back into the classroom routines with the help of Ms. Ha, Ms. Rebecca, and Ms. Kelly. The children receive two special Zoom calls a day from Ms. Ashley and Ms. Kristie to check in and lead some learning. The students have especially excited to play with their friends again. We are so glad they get to be together again to finish off the school year.





This week in Year 1 and Year 2 students were learning how to draw lotus flowers and frogs at Ms Jane's art/culture class. Lotus is one of the representative flowers in summer, and lotus seeds can be edible and have great medicinal value. We learned to draw lotus flowers, lotus leaves, lotus seeds and some fishes swimming nearby. Students showed great interest in drawing it and were so creative to design their own ones.





Year 4 will be spending these last few weeks revising math topics that were covered earlier in the year. This week we were looking at fractions and decimals explains Mr Avdoo. The flood day on Monday allowed students to work with their families to make playdough fractions. Students followed instructions that incorporated fractions (e.g., add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup and salt and $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of warm water) as well as created and visualized equivalent fractions with the playdough, such as $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$.







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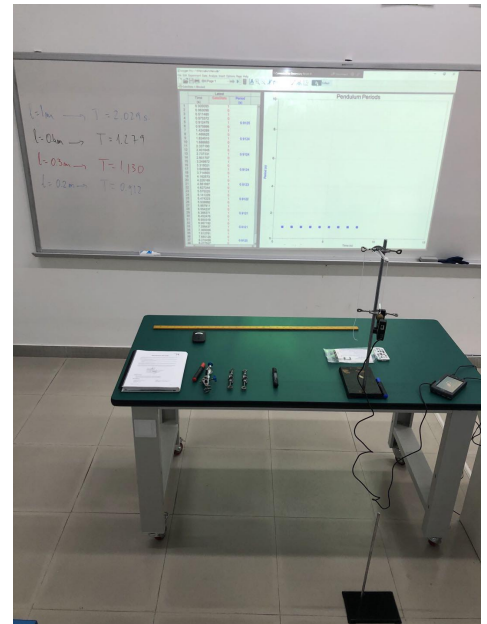
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MYP

The MYP Science class students have been working on discovering experimentally the connections between gravity and the motion of a simple pendulum explains Mr Rezart. They developed two experiments to measure the period of a pendulum and its relationship with the length of the pendulum and its mass. In the end we checked our

results using a Vernier Photogate and the associated software on a computer. It was interesting to see that the student's results were very close to those obtained by the advanced technology, which implies a correct application of the experiment procedures and measurements by the students during their lab class.



BOARDING

Message from Mr Jeremy:

‘The dragon’s cave you fear to enter holds the treasure that you seek.’ – Joseph Campbell

Week 5 of Post-Covid has come and gone, the widening Mandelbrot pattern of beginnings and endings repeating itself in a new, unpredictable but all-too-familiar, circular fashion. The Dragonites continue to rise and fall to the repeating challenges of boarding’s diverse program, more so as the end of school year draws near, now preparing for the looming agony of exams before the ecstasy of the R&R of summer holidays.

Nothing’s changed. Life is predictably unpredictable and that’s always been the case, under the sun. That’s life. That’s Dragon House life.

There is nothing new under the sun. -- Ecclesiastes





OUTRO

So to round up - it has truly been wet, wet, wet on campus this week with the persistent rain - but that has not dampened our spirits one bit (if you'll excuse the pun). Students have swum with the strong tide of classroom tasks and have dived into the sea of knowledge at every opportunity to challenge themselves. They have even battled the storms with umbrellas to get their drinks and snacks during break time at Cobra Cafe! True warriors of knowledge! Next week we hope will be a drier one - so let's all keep our fingers crossed and chant the mantra 'this too will pass.' Until next week we bid you adieu and trust you have a peaceful weekend.

Warmest wishes,

UISZ School & Boarding Community

