

# UISZ Community Summary – Week 38



## INTRO

This week an incredible rainbow appeared miraculously over Zengcheng city and the UISZ campus which we take to be a positive sign of good tidings for the summer – and year ahead. Thursday saw the start of MYP and DP Summative Assessment Week - so students were busily revising to prepare for tests.



Let's take a closer look at what's been going on this week...



## PYP

This week in Ms Batkin's Year 1 class students were consolidating their learning and fluency with skip counting patterns. She explains 'after re-familiarising ourselves with a number of patterns, students then applied these to an old favourite outdoor game of 'Hopscotch'. Students wrote different number patterns in their hopscotch grids to say out loud as they played. This activity, which gets the mind and body working together, can really help to establish these patterns for the future.'







## MYP

For the last Extended House Time of 2019-2020, the pastoral team came up with a powerful activity for each House – Earth, Wind, Fire and Water –to wrap up a year full of emotions and challenges to show students’ appreciation toward the departing teachers.

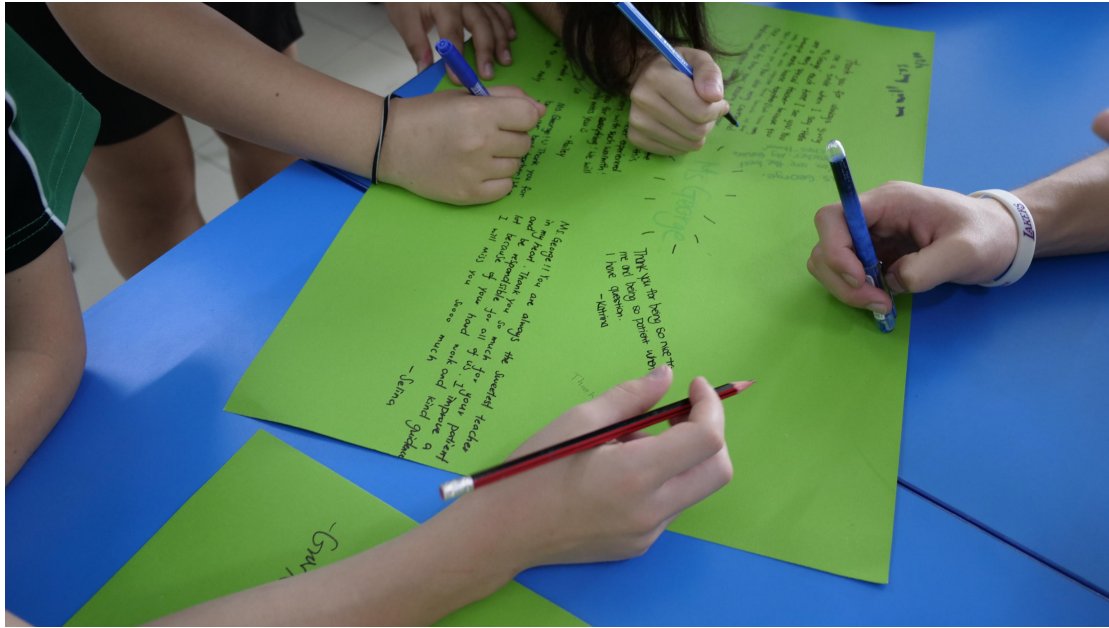
In Wind House Mr Rivera’s Students collaboratively created cards in which they expressed feelings, stories and emotions linked to such important individuals in their lives. We wish all departing teachers the best in their next adventure. Once a Cobra, always a Cobra!



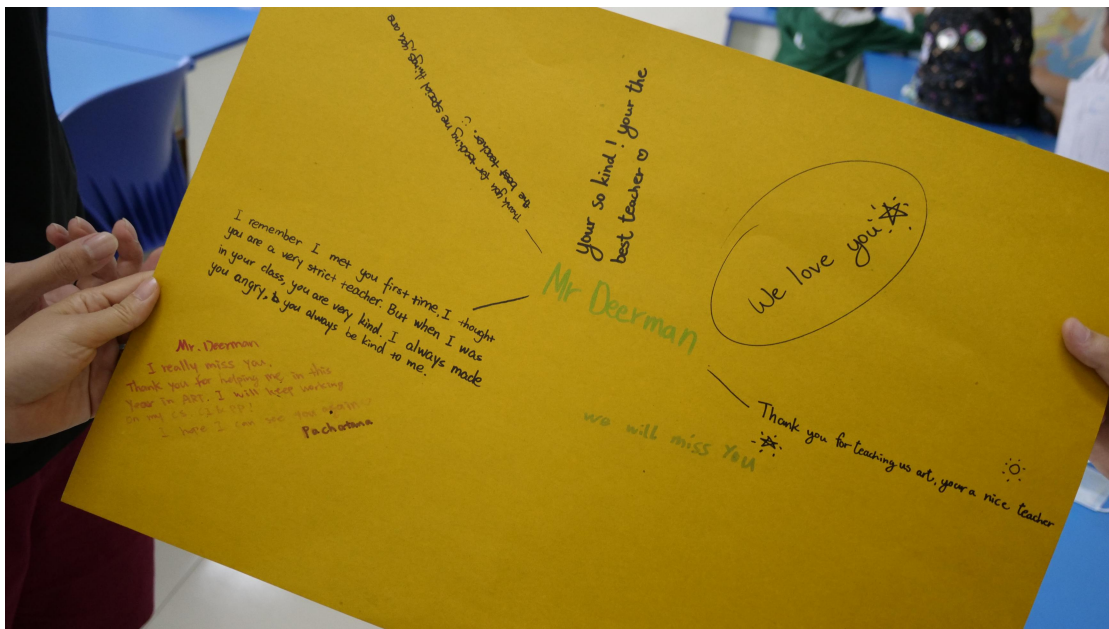
In Earth House Ms George's students also wrote beautiful messages to teachers who will be leaving. One of the students Antonia explains 'we are bringing old memories back to celebrate our time with them. Since this is our last house time, we shared not only our favorite memories but some of our house mates' talents. For example, Danny Jo shared his amazing artwork with us that he has created in the last month. We are speechless at how he just started making these amazing pieces of art a month ago. We did not even know he had these talents until now. We are also having fun talking about the possibility of reuniting in the future to catch up and to see how far we have come. In Earth House, we will always treasure our fun memories and special moments that formed our one-of-a-kind, #morethanahouse slogan.'







In Water House Ms Lai's students wrote their best wishes to the leaving staff, she tells us 'we really appreciate their caring, patience, support and contribution in the last few years. We hope that their next adventure goes well.'



In Fire House Mr Powers students also spent their final House time activity before Summative Assessments by writing personalised messages to departing staff. A lot of memories and emotional reflections were shared. It was a nice touch for students to recognise the impact staff had made for the school community.





As the end of term arrives, MYP French students in Ms Douville's Y8 class have been working really hard to review the content covered this year and complete summative assessments evaluating their writing, listening and reading skills. Some students showed incredible progress this year and are moving up to the next phase as a result. This progression will ensure that they are challenged appropriately next school year. Please join me in congratulating Antônia, Leon, Cheng Cheng, Pei Ying and Cowen for this achievement.





In Mr Zahid's Y10 Maths class which was a blended learning online, interactive format, students explored amplitude, midline, range, and period of sinusoids. In particular, they looked for connections between the equations and their graphs. They will compare their findings with other students in order to create some discussions which in turn develop a deeper understanding of concepts.





## BOARDING

Message from Mr Holt...

*'The ultimate dragon is within you. It is your ego clamping you down.'* – Joseph Campbell, *The Power of Myth*

Week 6 of Post-Covid has come and gone with repeating fractals of beginnings and endings. The Dragonites continue to rise and fall to the challenges of communal living more so as the summative assessments beckon this week and the next.

Before the typhoon arrived, our intrepid 7-day boarders with entourage braved humidity, rain, heat and sun to ascend the mountaintop to breathe in the rarefied air of ancient enlightenment and take to the waters at the Xi Tou Village located in Cong Hua. 'Xi Tou' translates as 'river source'. All who journeyed to the mountain had the opportunity to traverse the river and adjacent bamboo forest, as well as enjoy the local cuisines – soybean tofu and a bamboo lunch – with rice and pork... and more bamboo.







After a busy week in school, an outing to such an inspiring place was indeed essential, relaxing, enjoyable and rejuvenating.

*'We must be willing to let go of the life we planned so as to have the life that is waiting for us.'* – Joseph Campbell



## OUTRO

Well the tempo of school activities has not slowed in the run up to the last week of school. The drum beats on. There is still very much a buzz on campus as students soak up knowledge and prepare for their Summatives. We wish all our students good luck in their tests, and a relaxing weekend.

Warmest wishes,  
UISZ School & Boarding Community