

INVICTUS CONNECT

APRIL 2023

Hello everyone!

April is an eventful month with our Invictors being offered lots of opportunities to experience an all-rounded education. Invictus Horizon Hills (IHH) conducted its first Academic Adventure Camp. This camp was designed to give our students ample time and space to level up in terms of their academic achievement and at the same time involve them in a set of mirthful outdoor activities. With the overwhelming positive feedback, we are in the process of planning for the next camp which will take place from 24 July 2023 to 9 Aug 2023.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC) are useful platforms to discuss your child's development at school. The tripartite approach of keeping the lines of communication open between our students, teachers and parents ensures continued progress in our students' educational journey here in IHH. The school's PTC on 29 Mar 2023 was a huge success. The highly generative conversations that the teachers and parents had, enabled all to get useful insights on how to enhance the students' overall learning.

Chinese Bicultural programmes are key niches IHH has been focussing on from Day 1. The celebration of International Chinese Day is indeed an apt way to reaffirm our commitment to these niche areas. Students were immersed in many Chinese-related activities that reinforced students' understanding and awareness of Chinese language and culture. Kudos to the Chinese team for planning and running the entire programme effectively.

Lastly, the school decided to combine the commemoration of Earth Day and Hari Raya Celebration. Starting off the Hari Raya celebrations with the teachers structuring several activities that involved our Invictors gaining a better understanding of the Malay customs, traditions, and values. Students took part in games associated with Malay culture and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. At the same time, the school's attempt to commemorate Earth Day resulted in students being involved in groupwork and activities that aimed to educate them the urgency and necessity to play an active role in preserving our Mother Earth. Our students also enjoyed an amazing play that the Drama Club students put up.

On behalf of all staff here in IHH, I want to wish all those who are celebrating Hari Raya Puasa a meaningful celebration. Let's continue our efforts to making our Invictors' life here in IHH a meaningful and enriching one!

With regards,
A Mannan
Principal (Invictus Horizon Hills)



Academic Adventure Camp (AAC)

During our AAC, we had exciting and engaging activities that never failed to leave a mark on the students' recollections. We incorporated fun-filled and boosted motor skills activities for our pupils because we did not want to focus just on academic pursuits.

The highlights included:

- Art & Craft
- Drone
- Python Programming
- The High Rope Adventure
- Paintball

Location: Invictus Horizon Hills, Malaysia

Art & Craft

Art can boost confidence and self-esteem in a variety of ways. For one thing, youngsters gain confidence when they express themselves via Art & Craft. Being able to channel ideas and feelings into their artwork can help them feel more confident in sharing their emotions. We had clay modelling and children had to model their favourite cartoon characters and they got kudos! They succeeded with excellent guidance! And, of course, with a lot of fun!



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Drone

Drones in STEM teaching helps pupils learn how code can be used in the real world. When students see how their coding affects a drone, they gain a better understanding of how coding can be utilised to solve issues and develop solutions. Drones are also an excellent way to pique students' interest in robotics.

Python Programming

Motivation is an essential component of effective learning. Without the right incentives, students can become bored and abandon a subject before mastering it. This is why gamification is becoming so popular in both online and in-person classes and guess what? That is what exactly our students learned during the python programming activity. Students had loads of fun while learning the Python Programming techniques

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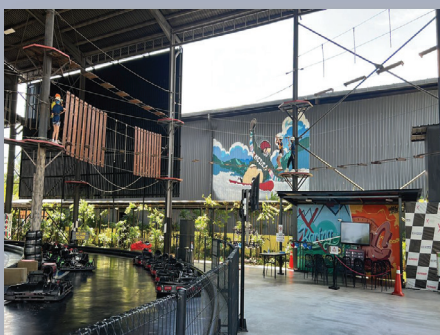
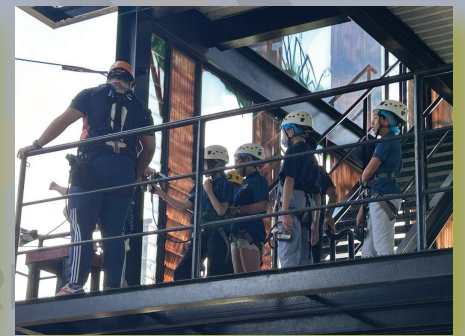
Location : X Park Iskandar Puteri

The High Rope Adventure

The High Rope activity is designed to help students improve levels of trust and co-operation amongst themselves. Essentially, it is an individual challenge course involving balancing, passing obstacles and holding their nerve, because the whole event takes place at least 12 metres (40 feet) above the ground.

Paintball

Paintball is definitely an intensive game, considering the fact that you are armed with a mask, ammunition and a paintball marker, but then again, paintball is actually a fun, interactive way to build teamwork and to get some exercise. Students are never tired of this game, and of course, the paintball gun is loaded with gelatine shells packed with a sort of paint that identifies a person or item when hit, so it was a colourful event!



Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC)

Invictus Horizon Hills believes that the PTC provides a platform fostering strong partnership between teachers and parents to support students' learning. The meeting allows teachers to give advice and support to parents, and conversely, for parents to seek clarification and make suggestions about how the school can better support their children's development.

The school organised its first PTC on 29 Mar 2023, giving parents the opportunity to meet the Homeroom Teacher (HRT) of their children as well as some of the subject teachers. During the session, parents obtained a clear insight of their child's academic performance, behaviour and areas for improvement. In the past term, we have had many new students and parents joining our school community, and this conference has given our teachers a chance to meet parents in person. We have received some very positive feedback about the overall organisation of the conference as well as constructive comments on areas that we can work on.

The school will continue to improve on its PTC processes to establish this connection more deeply in future.



The UN Chinese Language Day

The UN Chinese Language Day is a commemorative event initiated by the United Nations (UN) and held on 20 Apr every year. As the only widely used hieroglyphs in the world, the Chinese language is not only the treasure of Chinese civilisation but also the common wealth of all mankind. Chinese is one of the six official languages of the UN and the most spoken language in the world, especially as the first language.

The UN Chinese Language Day is selected on 20 Apr to commemorate Cangjie (仓颉) the mythical figure who is said to have created Chinese characters 5,000 years ago. In order to reward Cangjie for his great contribution, the Yellow Emperor (黄帝) "rained millet in the sky", which is the origin of Grain Rain (谷雨) in the twenty-four solar terms (二十四节气).

In order to allow our Invictors to get a taste of the charm of Chinese characters and Chinese culture, the school decided to positively respond to the "Call for Video Submissions: International Chinese Day". The Chinese team launched a series of colorful activities on 20 Apr 2023, covering special lectures on "Grain Rain (谷雨)" and "Cangjie Inventing Characters" in class, "Co-writing 'Chinese Day'", "Co-cutting Chinese Zodiac Rabbit", etc. We snapped the wonderful moments of these activities and will clip an event video full of Chinese flavour to submit for the contest.

Regardless if we will win the award, these activities have exposed our students to the intense atmosphere of Chinese culture, as well as aroused their curiosity and enthusiasm for Chinese.



EARTH DAY & HARI RAYA CELEBRATION

Earth Day is an annual global event happening on 22 Apr 2023 to raise public awareness and concerns for the environment. It is widely recognised as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behaviour and create global, national and local policy changes. The theme for Earth Day 2023 is “Invest in Our Planet”.

Hari Raya Aidilfitri is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide to mark the end of Ramadan. Many people return to their hometown to celebrate with their families and seek forgiveness from parents and elders. As Hari Raya also falls on 22 April this year, the school celebrated the two events together on 28 April 2023. Activities include using recycled clothes to make *Batu Seremban*, a traditional game played in Malaysia, painting of pebbles to beautify the school garden and writing of their pledge for Earth Day.



STAFF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to our Apr Babies!

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Events	Date
Labour Day	1 May
Vesak Day	4 May
Lockdown Drill	17 May
Malaysia Teachers' Day	16 May
Invictus Family Fiesta + Open Day	27 May