

# INVICTUS CONNECT

MAY 2023

Greetings everyone!

As a nascent school, one of our main concerns is safety. We need to instil and promote a culture of awareness and precaution. Although we had conducted a lockdown drill in March, we recently had another round of lockdown drill this month. We repetitively engage in this practice to ensure that everyone becomes familiar with the proper action to take in case of an emergency.

In May, we celebrated two significant occasions that reminded us of the immense contributions of mothers and teachers. Mothers are special and unique beings on earth who tirelessly devote themselves to providing unconditional care and love, attending to all our needs. They always put us before themselves, serving as not only the backbone of families but also pillars of society. They play a pivotal role in shaping who we are as individuals.

Beside mothers, teachers as the torchbearers of our path to success, help us to grow academically, emotionally and intellectually.

They unleash our potential, skilfully scaffold us in order to unleash our potential. At Invictus Horizon Hills (IHH), we recognise the remarkable contributions of mothers and teachers, we seize the opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the incredible mothers and extraordinary teachers for their immeasurable contributions.

We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who made the Family Fiesta + Open Day a huge success. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the help from all parties involved, including teachers, parents, students, staff, the Parent Support Group (PSG), and volunteers. All stakeholders of the school had a fabulous time soaking in the carnival-like atmosphere. Together, we achieved it, and we are, of course, UNCONQUERABLE!

I want to gently remind all that **Monday, 5 June 2023**, is a **public holiday** as the nation celebrates Yang di-Pertuan Agong's Birthday. We wish everyone a wonderful long weekend and we extend our heartiest birthday wishes to His Majesty Yang di-Pertuan Agong. Dirgahayu Tuanku!

A. Mannan  
Principal



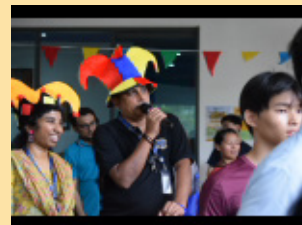
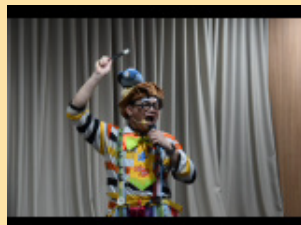
# FAMILY FIESTA + OPEN DAY

On 27 May 2023, Invictus Horizon Hills transformed itself to stage its inaugural Family Fiesta + Open Day for our students, parents, and visitors. Everyone at IHH was in full swing from 10.00am till 4.00pm to ensure that our visitors had a memorable day with us. As it was our first Family Fiesta, it was packed with many fun-filled activities for kids, young adults, and parents. The endless fun included performances by our Drama and Glee Clubs, storytelling sessions by our teachers and students, a scary haunted kitchen set up by our Year 9 students, a variety of food and drink stalls by local vendors, Uncle Fishy who entertained the kids with a magic show and puppet shows, and a scrappy robot challenge by our Fablab, along with a bouncy castle.

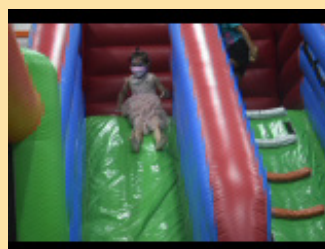
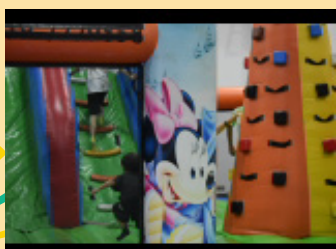
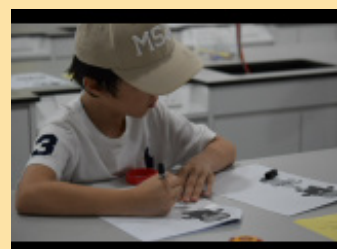
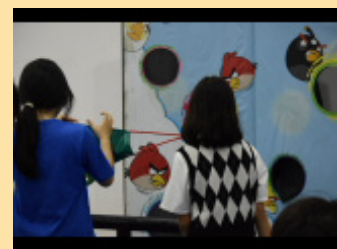
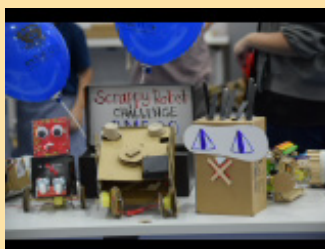
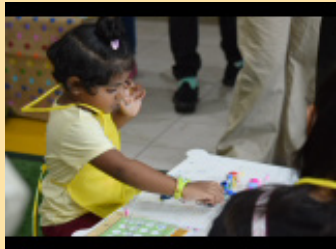
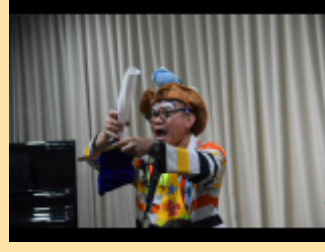
Parents who were interested in enrolling their children in the new academic year starting in August 2023 were well-informed through our Principal's talk and visits to the Early Years, Primary, and Secondary Model Classrooms. Their parents received insightful information about the Cambridge curriculum offered and the school's admission processes.

The school would like to thank the Parent Support Group (PSG) members who not only volunteered for the event but also donated generously to the Lucky Draw.

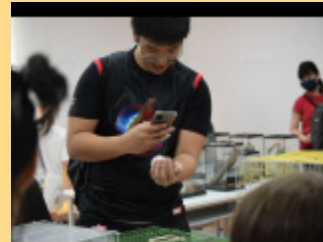
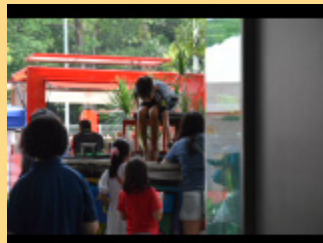
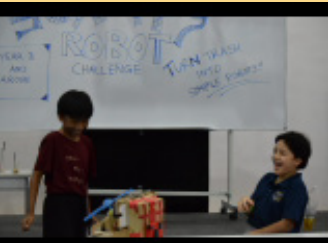
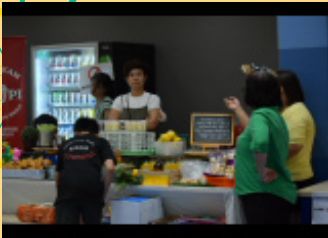
Our school's Admissions and Marketing Team received heartfelt compliments and positive feedback about the event from everyone. IHH will continue to grow stronger with the support of our parents and the Horizon Hills community. Thank you!



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# MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Year 1 students wanted to do something really special for the most special person in their lives. So, we decided to cook healthy cookies for our mothers.

First of all, we washed our hands very well. After this, we were ready to start... 3,2,1 hands-on-work!

We mashed bananas, we added some quick oats and, finally, we added our favorite ingredient: chocolate chips!

The fork was not good enough to mix everything, so we rolled up our sleeves and got our hands on it! After that, every Cheetah (Year 1) molded their cookies in their own personal style, 1 minute in the microwave, and done! All ready to surprise our mommies!

Happy Mother's Day!



# TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION



Teachers' Day is a special occasion to honour and appreciate the remarkable educators who have dedicated their lives to shaping minds and inspiring futures. There was a special lunch and souvenirs for all teachers.

At 1.20pm, we gathered at the MPH to celebrate Teachers' Day. The students put on fantastic performances, including a cute little dance by the Early Years students and heartfelt poems by Year 1. Several Secondary students sang a beautiful song titled "You Raise Me Up." Kido from Year 3, one of our talented scholar violinists, performed a lovely melody at the same time. I would also like to give credit to Ms. Joyce, our Music teacher, who played a beautiful piece on the keyboard. After the performance, there was a Tug-of-War played between classes, teachers, and students.

It was a joyful celebration that reminded us of the incredible impact our teachers have on us. Happy Teachers' Day!

Lakshanyaa Palamuthan  
Vice President of the Student Council



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## Early Years



Here is a snapshot of some of the activities we have been doing in the Early Years over the past month.

For Understanding the World, the Penguin class (EY2) has been talking about weather and seasons. In Literacy, our focus was the letter V, and we made volcanoes using baking soda, vinegar, glitter, and food colouring. The children loved this activity, and we were happy to do it as a group with the Dolphin class.

The Dolphin class (EY1) has been exploring letter recognition through various activities, including crafts, drawing with sticks in the sand, molding letters with playdough and air dry clay, and practising handwriting skills. In Understanding the World, the Dolphin class has looked at different fairy tales and helped children understand the characters, settings, and events in these stories. They have also completed various related activities.

Since the weather has been very hot, we have been keeping our activities indoor and making use of our sand dry play and rice area, as well as using air clay and playdough. Each morning starts with some exercise and dancing to get us started for the day. Our focus has been on dreams and what we want to be when we grow up.

Thank you again, parents, for all your support!

# Primary

The Cheetahs (Year 1) have been performing excellently, diligently studying the latest course material in preparation for our final exams. During a drama class, we enthusiastically embraced our mask-characters, venturing throughout the school to proudly display our creative creations and unique personas. Inspired by our masks, we collectively crafted a captivating short story to perform, aiming to showcase our talent to everyone.



# Secondary

This term in History, the Year 7 classes have been studying continuity and change throughout the Middle Ages. As part of this unit, they have studied the developments of castles during this period. The students have been examining strategies used for attacking castles and identifying the defensive features that castles developed to try and guard against these attacks.

To help them recall these features and their uses/definitions, they took part in a custom card game where the students played at attacking and defending each other's castles, putting their knowledge into action and using trebuchets, siege towers, and archers to try and destroy their opponents' heavily fortified barbican, curtain walls, and battlements.





# ASSEMBLY

## PRIMARY: Year 6

Year 6 students performed a musical drama about tobacco. They drew and coloured a beautiful poster depicting the world before and after tobacco. The screenplay of the story also aligned with the concept of the world before and after tobacco. Half of the children acted in the world before tobacco, while the other half portrayed the world after. We concluded the performance with the message that "Tobacco is not only injurious to physical health, but it can also be detrimental to mental health".



# Year 4

## Litter & Hygiene

Year 4 put up a short skit to assist Year 1-3 learn about how to care for our planet and ourselves.

First, Year 4 showed how we should be responsible even if litter left around is not ours.

### The Storyline:

Students arrived at their favourite picnic place by car only to find the grass was full of litter. "Oh no, what a mess!" said Mehaa, feeling sad at the sight of so much rubbish on the grass. However, they were thoughtful students and decided to clean it up. Luckily, the picnic area had wash basins, and they washed their hands immediately afterward.

Part II was the arrival of children in the cafeteria. They ran in and went straight to their tables to eat. Thankfully, Leo was there... "STOP! Wash your hands!" he said loudly. They washed their hands and then sat down. BUT as they ate, they threw wrappers and plastic cutlery onto the floor. Leo pounced on them and said, "STOP! Pick up your litter!" And so they did.

Finally, the students gathered together and battled it out to determine who was right and who was wrong: the 'Litter Louts' (Red) or the 'I Love my Planet' (Green) team. Leo went into the audience to find out. 'Green' included all of the children in Year 1-3, and some added why they agreed Green was great, not Red!

Later, our children discussed in greater detail in their classrooms the importance of cleanliness and hygiene.

We must remember to take litter home, bring our own cutlery made of steel (not plastic), and remind everyone to 'Care' and 'Be kind'!





## Invictus poem by William Henley

Year 4 performed the poem, "Invictus". Reading poetry is part of the Cambridge Global English curriculum.

The poem was given relevance by learning how Nelson Mandela found that by reading this poem, (which he read daily) gave him the strength through adversity and resilience as he faced life in prison for fighting for his beliefs. He was against apartheid! He was released after 27 years and later became the President of South Africa. He was a much admired man around the world.

# LOCKDOWN DRILL

We are heartened that our lockdown drill was a success! Conducting effective drills is an important part of ensuring the safety and preparedness of students, teachers, and staff.

During a lockdown drill, it is important to create a realistic and serious atmosphere to ensure that participants take the exercise seriously and respond appropriately. So this time, we simulated an intruder is to help participants practise their response procedures in a controlled and safe manner.



## STAFF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



*A special session for our beloved Principal who missed the group celebration!*

*Happy Birthday to our May babies!*

## UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Event	Date
King's Birthday	5 Jun
EOY Exams	8 - 14 Jun
Learning Journey	19 Jun
Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC)	23 Jun
Graduation & Transition Day	26 Jun
EOY Assembly & International Day of Friendship	27 Jun
Games Day & Last Day of School	28 Jun