

INVICTUS CONNECT

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Greetings everyone!

We are delighted to share our first *Invictus Connect* with all of you! This issue showcases key events that students have participated and enjoyed tremendously.

It is with great pride that I draft this message as the Principal of Invictus Horizons Hills (IHH).

I am thrilled at how the first month has turned out. Even more gratifying is the fact that despite being a few weeks old, the camaraderie and warmth that emanates from both staff and students is remarkable. IHH is anything but dull. We had many successful programmes and events that were carefully curated by the staff to enthuse and energise the students in January. These include the energy-packed Orientation, fun-filled Chinese New Year Carnival, effectively run fire-drill and the first two weeks of Extra Curricular Activity (ECA) programmes.

While going through a rigorous curriculum, learning for our students definitely goes beyond the confines of classrooms. As my staff and I work hard to create the best possible environment for effective teaching and learning, I look forward to the continued support and partnership with our parents.

I would urge all Invictors to seize all available learning opportunities to grow and achieve all their goals. With the “unconquerable” mindset, I am confident all our students will strive towards excellence and succeed.

Concluding in William Ernest Henley’s words, I want every student to remember,

I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

With regards,
A Mannan
Principal (Invictus Horizon Hills)

ORIENTATION WEEK



“Call me Charlie’s Angels...”

Through the ECA experience, the students were given the opportunity to try various ECAs. It encouraged students to participate in a wide variety of activities, regardless of their skill level or previous experience. Golf and swimming training sessions were held at HHGCC, Muay Thai Boran and Taekwondo took place at the school Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH), and Archery was practised at the school field. Other activities included the skit competition, treasure hunt, creative sports and games.

Invictus Horizon Hills (IHH) is geared towards equipping our students with the knowledge, skills, values and dispositions that are essential for the 21st Century. We want our students to experience many opportunities to reach their full potential, develop their talents, and excel in their academic pursuits.

A fun-filled four day Orientation Programme was designed to provide our students with a memorable start to the new academic year, bond as an Invictus family and build a strong school spirit. Activities carried out by the Early Years and Year 1 and 2 included songs and cheers, climbing the highest tower challenge, and participating in Arts and Craft activities and the popular “Superhero Training” fun activity. Year 3 to Year 12 students had a day of Extra Curricular Activities (ECAs) experience at Horizon Hills Golf and Country Club (HHGCC) and also on the school premises.



“Look! Who is cuter?”

“I am waiting for the Superhero Training!!”





The programme was well received by our students, parents and other stakeholders.

At IHH, we will always pride ourselves in providing our students with a wholesome, productive and rewarding environment.



“Hey! Wait for me....!”

First Week of Classes

New Beginning

Our name - Invictus - means 'Unconquerable!', and that was precisely the spirit our wonderful students had on the very first day of formal classes. Everyone arrived on time, well dressed, and with high expectations. The teachers and other staff had equally high expectations, both of the students and of themselves. No one was disappointed.

It has been a hugely successful week, with the months of careful, detailed planning paying-off. Each day we have been growing and growing - carefully and sustainably - with new hardware and software facilities continuously arriving on campus and online. We are proud to affirm that for a brand-new facility, with a completely new set of staff and students, with no prior knowledge of each other, we have definitely made a remarkable achievement so far. All credit goes to each and every stakeholder involved in this flagship project. Invictus!



We are looking forward to more exciting activities once the children get more established into the daily routines.

Thank you from
Early Years

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Early Years classes have been settling in well with their routines and enjoying a wide variety of activities.

For the Orientation Week, our wonderful pupils made handprints, decorated outlines of their names, learned about class rules, went on a tour of the school and danced to lots of lively music with their classmates.

This week EY1 (Dolphin Class) did a variety of activities relating to our local environment and culture, and students of EY2 (Penguin Class) talked about their family lives and their favourite hobbies. There was enough time as well to incorporate fun hand crafts into each lesson. All pupils also reviewed the alphabets and did some phonic activities and a comprehensive review of number recognition.

PRIMARY

The Primary school has been spending the week getting down to the business of learning in earnest this week, completing a full suite of lessons and activities.



SECONDARY

Our new Secondary school students have been doing a great job this week, and really got into the full flow of their timetables with great enthusiasm. The teachers have worked really hard on their planning and have been delivering stimulating and engaging lessons across all subjects.





FIRE DRILL

Adhering to the rules and regulations of the Malaysian Ministry of Education, (MOE), Invictus Horizon Hills (IHH) conducted its first Fire Drill Emergency Exercise on 18 Jan 2023 at 10.15am. The objectives of this fire drill were to enhance students' knowledge and execution in emergency responses and also to build their resilience and coordination in such situations.

With the sound of the fire alarm and followed by the announcement to evacuate, all students and staff started moving out of the school building to the Assembly Point using the designated staircases and planned routes. The Fire Marshals ensured that all occupants evacuated the building safely and quickly and conducted a thorough search of the building before joining the rest of the staff and students.

Although it was the first trial, the school achieved its target time. The time includes evacuation as well as the headcount to ensure that all students and staff members were present and safe at the Assembly Point. The second fire drill will take place on 15 Feb 2023.



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This Chinese New Year (CNY) is our very first festival celebration since the establishment of the school. As a bicultural school with Singapore DNA, the schools aims to create a multicultural environment in which cultural education and academic teaching go hand in hand.

CNY, also known as the Chinese Spring Festival, can be considered the most significant traditional festival of the Chinese. In order to deepen students' understanding of traditional Chinese culture and experience the rich cultural atmosphere, the school organised the "CNY Carnival" on 20 Jan 2023 to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit!



The Carnival is composed of two main parts: Booth touring and Lion Dance. For booth touring, students were divided into three groups: Early Years (EY) group, Primary and Secondary groups. The EY group took part in a variety of CNY-themed activities prepared by our Chinese Language team in their own classrooms, such as handicrafts, colouring, singing New Year songs, etc. For Primary and Secondary groups, we prepared a series of interesting activities, including Dumpling- Making, Calligraphy, Blind Gong, Musical Chairs etc. We were so pleased to see our Invictors having enjoyed themselves thoroughly. In fact, not only the students, but all the parents and staff also had a lot of fun in celebrating the festive season together.



The Carnival came to a climax with the Lion Dance show and the God of Fortune distributing red packets. The students danced with excitement, and the parents watched with great interest, holding up their mobile phones to record the memorable show.



In order to make the event successful, the Chinese Language team worked very hard under the circumstances of insufficient time and manpower. They reviewed the programme again and again, purchased materials, contacted the Lion Dance team, decorated the campus, coordinated the responsible personnel, and set up the Carnival venue. In order not to affect teaching, the teachers took the initiative to work overtime until late at night every day.



Classrooms, Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH), and cafeterias were decorated with bright red paper couplets, "Fu" characters, and lanterns. The whole school was brimming with a festive atmosphere!



Teachers distributing CNY goodies to students.

In Chinese classes, the teachers taught the students about CNY customs and guided them to do Chinese traditional handicrafts. The classrooms were decorated with "Fu" characters and handicrafts made by students themselves.



Calligraphy Art: Our students are used to hard pens such as pencils and ballpoint pens, therefore it was a challenge for them to hold the brush correctly, and the teacher guided them hand in hand.





During this event, our foreign students not only experienced the traditional CNY atmosphere, but also developed interest and curiosity in Chinese culture. Our local Chinese students felt the charm of traditional culture as well, and thus enhanced their cultural self-confidence, which will stimulate them to pass on Chinese culture from generation to generation. All the efforts we made for the CNY Carnival have interpreted the philosophy we have always been upholding:

Our students are the centre of our focus and we promise to do our utmost best to structure a conducive learning environment that will enable them not only to grow in knowledge but also to become 21st Century talents with international perspective. We feel truly honoured to partner with you in educating your children and hope this new beginning leads to a long fulfilling partnership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Highlight	Date
Fire Drill	15 Feb
Book Week	27 Feb - 3 Mar
World Book Day	2 Mar