

SUIS Pudong offers an opportunity for students to enter a continuum of education from Primary through to the end of Secondary to prepare them to become Global's citizens for the 21st century.

Dear Parents,

This has been a very busy fortnight. Firstly, all students have finished their end-of-semester examinations. The students have impressed us with their study ethic. Our IG1 Chinese ID students are working on their final Zhongkao revision-- Keep up the good work for this final push. The IG2 and A levels exam season has come to an end too and we are looking forward to some fantastic results. This issue is jam packed of exciting recent events which we should like to share with you.

2021 SUIS Secondary Science Week

Secondary Science Week was a great success at SUIS Pudong! For the week of May 24th to May 28th, Key Stage 3 students were engaged in a variety of fun and exciting STEM activities designed to expand their learning beyond the regular written curriculum.





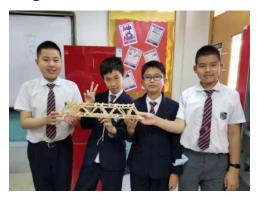






Students developed their engineering and teamwork skills in a bridge building competition. Students worked in groups of four to five students and were given the task of building a bridge that would be able to span 40 cm using only popsicle sticks and glue. The metric used to judge the winner was the highest score which was calculated as the maximum mass that could be supported by the bridge divided by the mass of the bridge itself. The best bridges were those which were not only strong but also light.

The winning bridge was designed by Beeno Yue, Carlos Wan, David Shi, and Gary Wu in grade 6 which was able to support an incredible 16 kg with a bridge mass of 115 g for a score of 139.1.





The second-place bridge was designed by Alfredo Zhang, Claudia Zhao, Steve Yan, and Andy Chen in grade 7 which was able to support 14.1 kg with a bridge mass of 112 g for a score of 125.9.

The third-place bridge was designed by Diamond Qiu, Bella Zhou, Hozin Hu, Elaine Mi, and Tina Ji in grade 6 which was able to support 12 kg with a bridge mass of 120 g for a score of 100.



We were able to see an amazing variety of designs from all the students and were very impressed with their creativity and craftsmanship.











Additionally, students went on an awe-inspiring field trip to the Shanghai Natural History Museum to support learning in both the humanities and science subject groups. Students learned about everything from the beginning of the universe until the present day, exploring and reinforcing a wide range of core topics such as variation, biodiversity, classification, conservation, geology, geography, and anthropology. Students were able to see dinosaur bones, rare and precious minerals, 3D movies, and many wonderful interactive displays.



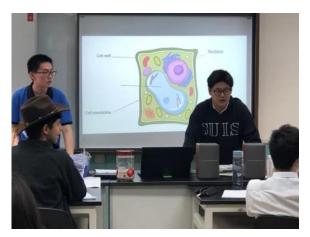






Later in the week, we were visited by SUIS Pudong Academy IG1 students who delivered presentations on various biology, chemistry, and physics topics. Melody Zhou, Valentina Zheng, and Fairy Wu gave a presentation about forces. Then, Steven Song and Allen Lu presented about plant and animal cells and the differences between them. And lastly, Aaron Zhuo and Helen Ying presented about the structure of the atom. It was clear that the Pudong Academy students put a lot of time and effort into their presentations creating a truly wonderful learning experience for our students.







The success of science week was possible because of the excellent collaboration between teachers, school leaders, and, most importantly, students. It was a tremendous pleasure seeing them have to opportunity to get more hands-on experience with science and really bring their learning to life.

Humanities-Science Field Trip to the Shanghai Natural History Museum

Last Wednesday, our Key Stage 3 students visited the Shanghai Natural History Museum as one of their Science Week activities. The Shanghai Natural History Museum exhibitions have "Nature, Humans, Harmony" as their central theme and Evolution as their guiding thread.

In groups, students embarked on a learning journey that described and uncovered the natural world. Students learnt about the dramatic origins of the universe and Earth and examined the relationship



humans have with the natural environment. The many fossils, specimens and relics helped our students to understand how evolution has taken place over time. Through interacting with the exhibits and the activity pack provided, students gained a greater understanding of how humans have clashed with nature or lived with it in harmony.





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Students left the museum with a keen awareness of Shanghai and China's natural history, with many commenting that they were previously unaware of the series of geological and environmental changes that have taken place.

We are thankful for the school leadership, staff and students who were involved in making this a great success.







Oliver Twist

hits the stage at SUIS Pudong



The IS Stream at SUIS Pudong celebrated English Literature and the life of Charles Dickens on Tuesday 25th May with a spectacular performance of Dickens' novel *Oliver Twist*. The play was brought to life by an ensemble cast of 27 students from Grades 6 to 9, under the helm of the Head of English,

Mr. Matthew Budding, and English & Humanities teacher, Mr. James Lotter.

Oliver Twist is a classic story of bravery, resilience, honesty, and kind heartedness, whereby, Oliver, a young orphan, tries to find his identity through various adventures in Victorian London.

After a grueling month of rehearsals, including long hours on Sundays, the students and the dedicated teachers were finally ready to deliver a truly memorable spectacle in front of the school community. The background sets, lighting and actors came together seamlessly for a truly magical transportation to London of the early nineteenth century. Each and

every character, be it Oliver, performed by Alfredo Zhang (G7 SM), Fagin (Kota, G6 RO) or the sinister Bill Sykes (AJ Font, G8 JL) and sympathetic Nancy (Yifei, G8 JL), to mention just a few of the budding actors, brought the novel to life on stage.



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The play was performed in front of an audience of almost 150 people, consisting of ISS KS3 and KS4 student as well as teachers and school leaders.

During the show, the students brought to light universal issues of poverty and the lives of street children in London in the 1800s. It was eye opening for many in the audience to see how much more privileged today's children are, as compared to children in the Victorian Era.

The play provided a unique opportunity for IS students to express themselves, to increase their abilities to think creatively, to make friendships across grades and to open new horizons by realizing their talents beyond the four walls of the classroom.



The Key Stage Three Star of the Month Award

'The Key Stage Three Star of the Month Award has been awarded to Momo Xu in 6DN! Here are some of the comments made about Momo by the staff who nominated her:

- 'An excellent student'
- 'Consistently produces good work and participates in class activities enthusiastically'
- 'Outstanding grades and attitude across disciplines'
- 'Shows kindness and empathy for their peers and teachers'

- 'Can be counted on to be supportive'
- 'Polite and always greets people with a smile'
- 'A positive role model'
- 'Assists classmates in need'
- 'Full of compassion and diligence'



Congratulations to Hailey Hung

A big congratulations to Hailey Hung in 6SS who last week competed in the 2021 Shanghai Amateur Games Jingyue Cup and won the U12 Womens Epee medal in fencing. Hailey is also competing in the China Fencing League this weekend in Jingjiang, and SUIS Pudong wishes her all the best!



SUIS Speech Competition Finals

In April 2021, Ms Ali and the International Secondary Student Council launched a speech writing competition. The competition was designed in order to strengthen the writing and speaking ability of our students, as clear and effective communication is an essential skill that they would need to utilise throughout their lives.

To enter the competition, the students had to submit a two-minute video on the topic "Dear Future me...". After the closing date, we had a range of fantastic entries from students across the Secondary School and some Grade 5 students who will be joining us next year.



Kota Liu: 6RO



Angela Zhang: G5 Panda



Ivonne Tian: G5 Panda



Michelle Liu: G6DN

From the submissions, five students were selected for the Semi-Finals which was held on Wednesday 12th May. The semi-finalists were:

Angela Zhang: G5 Panda

Ivonne Tian: G5 Panda

Kota Liu: 6RO

Michelle Liu: 6DN

Alfredo Zhang: 7SM

Prior to the semi-finals, Ms. Ali met with all the students to discuss the second stage. This involved them writing a new speech based on one of the topics provided to them. The topics included themes based world events, climate change and psychology amongst others. This time the speech would need to be 5 minutes long and they had the option to use visuals if they wished to. The judging criteria was also introduced to them and was also sent to their parents.

Content

- Knowledge: Understanding of the topic/research
- Originality: Is there an interesting angle? Does the speech reflect the work of the student?
- Organisation: Is there an introduction/development of ideas/conclusion?
- Utilisation of time: Was the speech an appropriate length? Did it contain right amount of information for the given time period?
- Visuals: Were visuals used appropriately/effectively?

Style

- Voice: Did the participant speak clearly and not 'read'?
- Fluency: Smooth delivery? Good pace?
- Body Language: Did the participant maintain good posture and eye contact? Did the participant use facial and hand gestures?
- Eloquence: Did the participant show interest and enthusiasm for the topic?

During the semi-finals, the Pastoral Team panel judged each speech using the above criteria. The students involved delivered excellent speeches on the topics that they selected and it was evident that they all spent time researching the topic, organised the information in a logical manner and incorporated different angles within their descriptions and statements. This made it exceptionally hard for the judges to select the finalists and the difference between those that made it into the final and those that did not was very small. After a long discussion, the judges decided that the students progressing into the finals would be;

Alfredo Zhang 7SM: What characteristics make an ideal hero

Michelle Liu 6DN: What is my biggest concern for the future

Ivonne Tian G5 Panda: Laughter is the best medicine

The final involved all three students presenting their speeches during the International Secondary Assembly. All finalists delivered excellent speeches and were exceptionally confident, brave and professional in their delivery. We would also like give a special consideration to Ivonne Tian in Grade 5 who showed amazing courage to present to an audience comprising of secondary students.



Semi-Final Judging Panel: Mr. Ogden, Ms. Ali and Mr. Goulder









The Student Council Team Judged the competition and after deliberation they decided the winner of the 2021 Speech Competition was.... **Alfredo Zhang: 7SM**

Alfredo's speech stood out to most due to his enthusiastic and charismatic delivery as well as his use of audience participation.



Alfredo Zhang receiving the winner's trophy and medal



Michelle Liu and Ivonne Tian receiving runner up medals



Semi-Finalists, Finalists, Student Council Judges and parent guests

We look forward to running the competition again in the next academic year.

Shanghai wide art and writing competition

Shanghai wide art and writing competition is open to all KS3/4/5 students. Scan the QR



Children can draw a piece of art (A3 size) or create a model or sculpture (no size requirements). Participants will range from 3 to 18 years old. Competition will be divided into: 3 to 10 years old, and 11 to 18 years old.

Online submission:

Scan the QR code below to submit your artwork:

Participants can introduce their local cultures and cuisines, or ponder what their hometown means to them. Written pieces should be emailed in either English or Chinese to editor@ shfamily.com. Please mention your name, age, school and contact information in your e-mail.

Competition is divided into two age groups, children between the ages 6 to 10 will be required to submit an essay of 250-350 words. For children 11 to 16, essays are required to be 500-600 words.

Why Participate?

Last year, we had participants from 81 international schools, bilingual schools, kindergartens, and public schools in Shanghai, Jointly hosted by HuMaNiuWa, Shanghai Family, and Parents and Kids this is our 18th year of the competition. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the contestants and the support of their parents and schools to make this competition a success!



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All submissions are due by 15th August 2021. For registration and more information, you may call us at (021) 5838 1961. Please follow our WeChat accounts to stay up to date on competition details.







School Uniform

We are writing to inform you that in the new academic year 2021-2022, all International Secondary School Students on the Pudong Campus will be expected to wear formal school uniform every day, with the exception of PE and CCA days. This will involve wearing the *formal school blazer* instead of the hooded jumper and *black school shoes* instead of trainers, see the picture below for guidance.

If your child does not already have this, please make sure that you purchase these before the start of the new school year. You will need to purchase this directly from our uniform supplier: http://www.graceuniform.com.cn/

Please note the following:

- Only plain navy blue, white, black and grey socks/tights are permitted. No designs particularly white/coloured stripes
- Students should not wear leggings instead of socks or tights
- Boys should wear the long ties and girls should wear the short ties DID WE SAY THEY
 CAN CHOOSE?
- On PE days students will only be permitted to wear black trainers

Please note, we expect all students to look smart and presentable at all times. All uniform items should be of a suitable length and size.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.





School Calendar

Please find attached our school calendar for Semester 1 of 2021-2022 school year.

Parent's please note: Our new school calendar will follow the Shanghai Government Guidance. For the period 23rd December - 31st December, our G6 to G9 students will have a planned 'Chinese Culture Week'. G9 Chinese ID students will participate several pieces of Zhongkao next year, the school will do intensive revision for them. Thus you are not encouraged to ask leave for you son/daughter during the Chinese Culture Week.

We understand that this takes place over the Christmas holiday. For this period, we will authorise all leave requests. Please request the leave to your form tutor as early as you can.

Admission

To assist us in Admissions for next semester we would like to ask that if you intend on having your child(ren) leave our school at the end of this semester, please inform us by emailing to Ms. Ye at:ciciy.pd@suis.com.cn before 18 June 2021.

Key Dates

Please note below the upcoming dates:

- Monday June 14- The Dragon Boat Festival-School closed
- Thursday June 17- G6 to IG1 Music Concert (13:30-15:00)
- Friday June 18 IG2/A2 Graduation Ceremony (15:15-18:30)
- Tuesday June 22 -KS3/IG1 Reward Evening (16:15-18:30)
- Wednesday June 23- Exam Results Issued
- Friday June 25- Last Day of 2nd Semester-School ends at 12pm

Kind regards,

Ms. Kim Sahi

Ms. Bonnie Cai

Co-Principal

Assistant Principal and Head of Secondary