IMPORTANT DATES:
October – mid-November 2015
28 Oct  PSG meeting
30 Oct.  Halloween Trick & Treat, Disco
2 – 6 Nov.  Mid Semester Assessments (M&H)
6 Nov.  End of CCA (Season 1)
9 Nov.  CCA Open House
9 Nov.  Deepavali Activities
9 – 13 Nov.  N/K1/G1/G2 UOI Exhibition
10 Nov.  Public Holiday – Deepavali
13 Nov.  Unit 2 UOI Assembly
16 Nov.  CCA (Season 2 begins)
16 Nov.  PYP Unit 3 begins
16 – 20 Nov.  Math & Science Week (P)
16 – 20 Nov.  Parent Teacher Meetings (M&H)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
The first quarter of the school year could not have ended with a more dynamic week at HWA. Film crews, book characters, and international day preparations and performances shared the stage with the arrival of our newest residents, the turtles and the fish.

As we considered and evaluated the international-mindedness of the school, I was most impressed with the interaction between our senior and our junior students. In just a few weeks, Hillside World Academy has become a vibrant and engaging Kindergarten to Grade 12 school campus. Age and size make no difference when students share a queue at the canteen, or re-count the fish in the pond. The benefits are unlimited.

Being proud of our bilingual classrooms is fair, but the real strength of the HWA community is in the natural language and cultural exchanges, which occur daily. The school culture is one of generous sharing, and the winners will be all of our students, as they build their second and third language skills; the middle and high Chinese students need English immersion and the young ones are seeking to refine their Chinese language.

With thirty countries represented at Hillside Drive, this only tells part of our language story, which will be shared through the year.

Stephen Keegan
Principal

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:
Message from the Principal, PSG Halloween and Meeting invitation, International Day, Book Week, Mid-Autumn Festival, PYP Exhibitions, CAS activities and field trips, University events, Assessment news from Middle School, and Filming at HWA.
PSG - Halloween and monthly PSG meeting
The PSG is meeting on 28 October at Hillside World Academy at 19.00. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be taken and distributed afterwards.

The PSG is hosting a Halloween party on 30 October. The dress code is 'spooky'. There will be trick or treating from 19.00 to 19.30, followed by a Disco. Parents are invited to park and dress up their cars in Halloween theme. Parents are also encouraged to bring a snack to share at the disco.

For further information about Halloween or the monthly PSG meeting, please contact Ellen at ellen@novusasia.com

International Day celebrations
On 16 October, Hillside World Academy celebrated International Day. The day consisted of performances, songs, dances, and a fashion show, as well as a trip around the world. Students from G4 to G12 took part in the International Day competition. Each class was assigned a country and turned its homeroom into an interactive display of the country's culture, traditions, history and world contribution. It was the first time primary classes took part in the competition. Congratulations to all participating classes and G12 (Ireland) for winning the trophy.

For more photos from International Day, please visit https://www.facebook.com/HillsideWorldAcademy
One Singapore, an organisation working towards the eradication of poverty, visited Hillside in conjunction with International Day. A representative from the organisation organised a session with Middle and High School students on global issues connected to the 17 sustainable development goals adopted by world leaders.

Book Week and Parade
We had a great book week and thank the parents who came to school to read for the students. They were excited to share their favourite books with each other. The week concluded with a fantastic Book Character Parade where students and teachers showed great creativity in their outfits for the day.

For more photos from Book Week and the Mid-Autumn Festival, please visit https://www.facebook.com/HillsideWorldAcademy

感知文化 提升语言
中秋节是中国传统的盛大节日，美丽的金秋时节，中国国际学校新校区迎来第一个中秋。

9月23日傍晚时分，全校师生兴高采烈地参加了小学组承办的各项传统而有趣的中秋活动。学生们自己设计中秋海报，参与中秋节的准备，许多家长也兴致勃勃地加入了提灯笼、做月饼活动。通过亲身体验，学生不但了解了传统文化知识，更深刻地理解了中秋节的节日意义，理解了中国人对家对团圆的美好向往。

语言和文化相辅相成，同学们通过体验中华传统节日文化，也提升了对华语文学习的兴趣。
PYP Exhibitions in November

Two PYP Exhibitions will be held in April organised by G6 and K2. Members of our community and the PYP network in Singapore will be invited. Although called exhibitions, these events can take any form, including documentation panels, performances, or campaigns. The aim is to 'make children’s learning and thinking visible'.

Leading up to April, the other grade levels will also host an exhibition to which our school community will be invited. Nursery, K1, G1 & G2 classes exhibitions will take place between 9-13 November. We appreciate your support and involvement.

Field Trips and CAS activities

One of the highlights of the month was Children’s day. On 2 October, Nursery and Kindergarten kids visited Playeum for some educational fun. Primary students visited the trampoline park Amped. The students returned exhausted to school and were treated to well-deserved ice cream. It was a great day and the students loved it!

Nursery children held their first HWA Teddy Bear Picnic, to conclude learning about friends and family. The classroom was adorned with balloons, teddies, picnic food and fun was had by all.

G3 visited a Singapore Science Centre exhibit entitled the "Human Body Experience." Students were ‘swallowed, digested and eventually exited through the back door’. It was an interactive and educational experience and we highly recommend the exhibit.

Students from Primary and Middle and High School have engaged with PERTAPIS, the Islamic Children’s Home. Grade 4 volunteered time to read with some of the children and donated books and clothes.

In addition, Middle and High School student visited Pertapis to discuss fund-raising for a Carnival organised by Pertapis on 5 December at East Coast Park.
G11 and G12 Geography students attended the screening of *Inconvenient Truth* by filmmaker Davis Guggenheim at the ArtScience Museum. The film raised awareness of climate related issues and reinforced some of the topics covered in class. We highly recommend a visit to the Art & Science of Sustainability exhibition, which runs until November.

Over the October break, all Grade 11 students are travelling to Laos. The emphasis on the journey is the Creativity, Action and Service of the IB CAS programme. This is an annual trip for Grade 11; it is the forerunner to other class journeys in the next academic year. Details of this action will be shared in the November newsletter.

**Middle School assessments**

Mid Semester assessments are coming up after the October break. The assessments will give us a good indication of the progress of the students as well as the efficacy of the courses we run. Parent-teacher meetings will be held after the Mid Semester assessments. Although we welcome parent involvement throughout the year, this is a great time to touch base with your child’s teachers.

**University Events @ Hillside**

On 1 October, we hosted for the first time the annual Canadian University Fair. The event was organised by the school and the Canadian High Commission, and enabled students to meet with university 11 representatives, including from Simon Fraser University, Concordia University and University of New Brunswick.

**Filming at HWA**

When dropping off or picking up your child, you may have noticed a film crew at campus. Hillside World Academy is currently producing a short video, which will be used to highlight the school and its students. We have some born actors in our midst! We will send the video link out to all parents and we hope that you will enjoy it, and share it with friends and on social media.