

## STEM in Action

Stem has finally arrived at our school and the students and teachers have welcomed this amalgamation of science, technology, engineering and mathematics with open arms. Also in this month's newsletter are the testimonials from our students who went on the first ever Outward Bound Vietnam excursion in Quy Nhon.

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## Principal Message

Welcome to Term 2 for this academic year. A good start to Term 2 with loads of activities ahead and also the forthcoming exams – for further information please check out Edupage <http://vungtau.sis.edu.vn/>

Well done to our students who thoroughly enjoyed the OBV Camp and also those who so eagerly participated in the STEM and SCIENCE Fair. Best wishes to all and we look forward to a great Term 2.

*Dudley Schroeder*  
Principal



## Kindergarten Activities

KIK has taken some time off to visit the LG Organic Farm situated in Vung Tau. The students were introduced to several different plants; they have learned how plants grow from a seed to a fully grown vegetable. They have gained knowledge on how to harvest and they have put this knowledge into practice. The last task for our little kindergartners was to plant the vegetables into loose and fluffy soil. Overall it was a priceless excursion, where our students got to have loads of fun and loads of learning with a hands-on approach.



**Above:** The KIK students participating in their annual sports day. It was very well attended by our parents.

## KIK Sports Day

This event took place at SIS@ Vung Tau in the Multi-purpose Hall. The students were dressed in the colours of their teams for example Nursery wore pink, K1G – Yellow, K2G – White, Prep A – Blue, Prep B – Green and Nursery – Prep L – Red. Lots of parents attended the event. We opened our event with all 5 groups presenting their Dance Exercise. Mr Reuben, Ms Veronica & Ms Lai Di were the three judges for the Dance Exercise. There were novelty races: Nursery – Racket/Ball balancing, K1 & K2- Yoga ball race and Prep – obstacle course. We also invited parents to join in with the parent and child races. Parents really had so much fun doing activities with their children. We had hand-made medals for first, second and third place winners. We had little gifts for the dance exercise for each team. Winners of the Dance Exercise were: Nursery – Prep L-1<sup>st</sup>, Prep A-2<sup>nd</sup> and Prep B – third. We also presented the parents with certificates for their participation in the parent and child races. The event was successful and enjoyed by everyone.



## Outward Bound Vietnam

iGCSE 1 and 2 classes were the first to experience the new and exciting Outward Bound programme at the school. They were sent on their way to South Central Vietnam, deep into the heart of the wilderness near Quy Nhon. They were met with military-style commands from the organisers which soon got them motivated and ready for the week's strenuous activities.

Here are some comments from our students on the whole experience:

"At first I was reluctant to do the OBV course as I was afraid and did not know what to expect. However, after doing the course I am happy that I chose to go. Over the 5 day period of spending time with my friends and instructors I have learnt many unforgettable skills such as teamwork, leadership and perseverance." - **Nikki (iGCSE 2)**

"Outward bound was the most alluring experience that I have ever experienced. It was an enjoyable trip overall, especially since I got to encounter this trip with my friends and classmates. I learned many skills throughout the trip which helped me improve especially how I work with my classmates." - **Lucia (iGCSE 2)**

"We helped each other and got through without quitting. On the last day, we received our certificates but that's not what we will remember. We will all remember that we are there together and for each other." - **Jack (iGCSE 2)**

"I was super scared and it was a terrible thing for me, however, with all the support from Mr.Phuc I passed it successfully. Thank you OBV and Mr Phuc" - **Kevin (iGCSE 2)**

Well done to all our students on their successful completion of OBV 2018. The next class to go to Quy Nhon will be Year 9G.



**From top to bottom:** Students arriving and setting up camp for the night. Kevin (iGCSE2) attempting to abseil down the cliff. Teamwork being demonstrated by the whole class.

## STEM and Science Fair

The STEM and Science Fair for 2018 (see front cover photos) was organized by Mr Mark Reeve with the help from the Vietnamese and primary Science teachers. There was a lot to view for the parents and teachers including an incredible robotic arm made by the iGCSE group, water that changed colour, an exploding volcano, delicious ice cream which was hand made using ice and fresh ingredients, and many more Science related activities and demonstrations.

## October's Photo Gallery



**Above:** OBV stars of 2018 are the iGCSE groups who courageously completed the challenging OBV week.



**Above and Below:** The KIK sports day was a great success with much-valued parent participation.

