

# NEWSLETTER

October 2020

## Happy Autumn

Autumn began with a celebration of Mid-Autumn festival as we came towards the end of Term 1. The first term went quickly and it was great to get back to normality with students back on campus. This new term will be busy with students preparing for the Semester 1 exams in December. This is earlier than in previous years so it is important for students to be aware of this.

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We hope students will maintain the excellent work from Term 1 into Term 2 and we can look forward to successful Semester 1 exam results.



The Christmas Break is fast approaching, but before then, students have to give an account of their learning for the first nearly 6 months of school. The SA 1 Exam results will show us how well goals have been achieved, where challenging areas are and how students can further improve. The latest ToS with exam dates will be sent to parents during next week – Years 1 to 9.

Further activities for this Term include:

- Teachers Day Celebration – Friday 20 November
- Start of SA1 Exams – 2<sup>nd</sup> Week in December – around 9 December
- Christmas Charity Fair – Friday 18 December
- Halloween in KIK and STEM Activities school-wide during the next months

Much appreciation herewith to all parents for their continued unselfish support. A big thankyou to our teachers as well for their dedication and commitment.

## Primary STEM

Students in Primary classes are getting to grips with the new STEM kits. For Primary, there are two new kits, the M-tiny kits and the Codey Rocky. The M-tiny kits help students to learn to use code to program a device such as a robot.



These kits are very accessible, especially for the younger Primary students. They use interactive play elements rather than coding in front of a screen. This combines play elements with actual knowledge of coding.

The primary students are also learning to code using the Codey Rocky. Codey Rocky is programmed using an iPad and help students to understand lots of programming concepts. These are excellent for the older primary students.

Both of these kits have proved to be very popular among both students and teachers. Students are making excellent progress with all of this technology and hopefully we may end up with many little 'Bill Gates' graduating from our school.





## Spectacular Science



The Year 4 International class is currently learning about the life cycles of living things, and how living things need to produce enough young to replace those that die, in order to not become endangered or extinct - by understanding the term conservation.

Here, the students happily hold up the seeds which they planted in soil this month. They will be observing the growth of their plants in the coming weeks, and recording their findings.

## Grade 7&8 OBV trip

In term 1 grade 7&8 students took the trip to Quy Nhon to visit the OBV (Outward Bound Vietnam) centre. The camp is set in the middle of a dream natural landscape beside an idyllic beach with crystal clear water. It is great for the students to get out and about in this kind of environment and test their stamina, problem solving skills and build camaraderie and teamwork.

Feedback from teachers and students were that the instructors were very skilled and caring and that some wished the camp could be longer. The many outdoor and indoor activities were enjoyed by all, improving their social skills, leadership and teamwork ability and appreciating the beauty of nature – this experience is unique in international education and extremely valuable to the student's development.



### Student of the term award:

1G - Bui Xuan Phuc, 1L - Kim Laim, 2G - Tran Vu Gia Han Hannah, 2L - Martin Gabriel Marie Soubrier, 3G - Hoang Vu Thien Minh, 3L - Do Duc Khang Tom, 4G - Dau Chan Anh, 4L - Kim Minso, 5G - Nguyen Minh Quang, 5L - Pham Hoang Xuan An Susan, 6G - Minh Khue Le, 6L - Luong Hy Nhu Natalie, 7G - Anthony Nguyen Sith Ratanavong, 7L - Le Phuong Hai Anh Kelsey Le, 8L - Chen Song-Yi, 9G - Gia Linh Pham, IGCSE1 - Tran Phuong Hang (Jenny), IGCSE2 - Nguyen Nhat Han. Well done to the awardees!



### Welcome Mr Robin



Finally, we would like to welcome Mr Robin who has joined SIS Vung Tau as Year 2 International form teacher. We wish him a long and happy stay with us and look forward to his great positive contribution to the educational and self-actualization of our young ones.

School closes for the December and Term 2 holidays on Tuesday 22 December 2020 and reopens on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Our Annual Christmas Charity Fair will take place on Friday 18 December 2020 at school during school time. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 preventative measures, outsiders (including parents and other relatives) will not be allowed on the school premises.

*The results from using the **DynEd** programme as a supplementary English acquisition programme has proven to be working well and most students have made very good progress. Students and parents are reminded to work on DynEd for about 25 minutes per day every day. Keep it up everyone!*