



**SINGAPORE
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**
Since 1986

VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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Above: Year 7 learning a new game with Ms. Maria

Below: Learning to put people into the recovery position using Mr. Samy as a patient.



Dear Parents

We are over the first half of the term already and much work still needs to be completed. Our students are hard at work with class work, homework, projects and enjoying school life.

Our swimming programme is well underway in spite of inclement weather at times. Vietnam, having the highest drowning rate in the world or close to that, is in serious need of a concerted effort from all to provide our students with this very necessary life skill for various reasons. It is also a very good form of exercising and keeping fit. Our normal Physical Education programme will resume after the swimming period has been concluded.

Parents will read further in this newsletter about our Student Council. They have been identified by their respective class friends as students who could adequately represent the class. We wish them the very best in their work and thank them for their contributions for the year ahead.

We will continue looking at ways for further enhancing our academic programme through a process of self-reflection and also looking at further student needs at our campus. This is an ongoing process for the school in order to stay relevant, up to date with technology and teaching methods and also to prepare students for life after school.

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to all our parents who so unselfishly support our programmes and our students. Cooperation between both parties is of utmost importance in order for our students to achieve their goals.

Kindest regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: Year 8 playing Moon Ball with Mr. Gary



Above: IGCSE2 students are caring about each other by sharing bubble-wrap



Above: Yar 8 Integrated presented on Integrity during Assembly.

Visit from Outward Bound Vietnam

On Friday, 25 August 2017, Outward Bound Vietnam came to our school campus to introduce the students to the Outward Bound programme. The three instructors were Mr. Anthony, Ms. Maria and Mr. Gary. All the students from Year 6 and up participated in group activities for a three-hour session in the morning or for a three-hour session in the afternoon. The group activities were team challenge activities that combined problem solving, collaboration and teamwork.

Some of the goals of the Outward Bound programme included self-discovery and confidence-building. The students enjoyed the activities, learned some new strategies for problem solving and also developed some new friendships. Currently, Outward Bound has programmes for all ages at several locations in Vietnam and continues to expand their programme.

IGCSE 2 Presentation – Caring

As part of the school programme to develop our students as more than just academic achievers but as responsible citizens of the world, each year group has an opportunity to present a virtue and our School Wide Learner Goals to their peers during our Wednesday morning assemblies.

On the 16th of August, the IGCSE2 students did a presentation during assembly on *caring*.

They highlighted that here are many ways to show you care. What you say; what you don't say; what you do; and what you don't do. First you must learn to care about yourself. Then you will find it easier to care about others.

Year 8 Integrated Presentation – Integrity

This year, Year 8 Integrated has four new students: Hai An, Hoang Hai, Khanh Huy and Binh Minh. Fourteen individuals, and fourteen different personalities, they are actively learning, exploring knowledge, playing together and giving each other good feelings. I believe they will have a happy and successful time - An Vu.

They taught students that having integrity means having the personal quality of being honest and sticking by the things you believe even when someone disagrees with you.



Above: Year 5G showing their skills at being confident communicators.



Above: Our student council, Deputy Principal-Mr Mark, Head of Student Council-Mr. Samy and some parents during their recent meeting.



Above: Our kindergarten students being awarded their Star of the Week Certificates by Ms. Marianne, the Head of Kindergarten.

Year 5 Assembly Presentation – Confident Communicators

In this school year 2017-2018, there are 6 boys in Year 5 Integrated. They are all hard-working, co-operative and competitive in learning and all activities. They have set their learning goals and strived for their continuous improvement in order to be good students in SIS.

During their Assembly presentation they explained to the students that being able to communicate well is an important part of being a well-rounded citizen of the world.

New Student Council and Meeting with Parents

Our new student council members have been chosen by their classmates. These representatives provide a voice for all students in the school and help with the running and production of events and whole school activities.

We are proud to present: Sam – 6G; John – 6L; Chi – 7G; Alice – 7L; Mary – 8G; Hanh – 8L; Kevin – 9G; Jack – IGCSE 1; and Linda – IGCSE2. Mr. Mark (Deputy Principal), Mr. Reuben (Head of Senior Studies), Miss Anna and Mr. Samy are assisting the students who will be responsible for coming up with ideas as well as implementing and spreading these ideas to their peer groups/years.

They had their first meeting of the year on Friday the 8th of September, to discuss ideas and possible future projects. We were happy to be joined by Ms Yen, a businesswoman and parent whose interest and support is much appreciated. This year we are working on encouraging and facilitating more interaction from parents and business people in our community to help foster a community spirit within our school.

Kindergarten News: Star of the Week

This is our fourth year of implementing the “Star of the Week” awards, and teachers simply love the results of this activity and not to mention how excited the students are about it.

At the end of each week, every class teacher nominates one or two students to be the “Star of the week” for outstanding progress, model behaviour, being an excellent helper, etc. Each winner is presented with a “Star of the Week” certificate. The certificate is displayed in the display window in the classroom for the week and thereafter it goes home.



Above: Learning how to splint an arm with Mr. Tony and Ms. Trang



Above: Learning to do compressions for CPR.



Above: Preparation for the Science Fair.

First Aid and Survival Training

On September the 11th, we were visited by a group of volunteers from the Non-Governmental Organization called Survival Skills Vietnam. Their main purpose is to help Vietnamese people of all ages understand basic First Aid and survival skills.

The group was led by Mr. Tony Coffey, an Australian paramedic, who has made it his mission to help to educate the public in Vietnam on ways to help people who have been in accidents. He was assisted in his presentation to our students by Ms Trang Jena Nguyen.

The group of over 100 students was led through many different scenarios of crises and then educated on how to deal with them. From helping an unresponsive victim to burns and cuts and abrasions, the students were learning about basic First Aid as well as being entertained.

Overall, it was a great learning experience for all of the Year 4-IGCSE 2 students. They each took away a bit of knowledge that they will hopefully put to good use should the need ever arise.

Science Fair 2017

Following the very successful attempt last year, we are having a repeat performance of the science fair. All parents are invited to attend school on the afternoon of 11th October to see our students' entries.

The theme this year is the Scientific Method. Students have had to formulate their own hypotheses and test them via their own, self-designed experiments. They have been investigating a wide range of scientific ideas, from how temperature affects magnets, to the ability of nappies to absorb water, from evaporation of liquids to the height of volcanic eruptions. All have had a great time carrying out scientific experiments that they have designed themselves.

At SIS Vung Tau, we believe that science is a subject that should have as much hands-on practical experience as possible, and this has been a great opportunity for them to demonstrate their skills.

We are certainly looking forward to our students producing work of quality during this project period.