



**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 and below: The Kindergarten students listen attentively while our parents read to them for WRAD.



Dear Parents

Students and staff have settled in after the Tet / Lunar New Year holidays and it is back to academics.

We have some new students who have joined us and wish to extend a warm welcome to them and hope they will find the work and school life inspiring.

The special English 10 week programme that we conducted at school has resulted in good outcomes for our students. The level of English in our Integrated Programme has improved tremendously. The average scores for English are:

International Programme	Integrated Programme	Year Level Average
80.4 %	71.8%	75.5%

Well done to all students – we look forward to even greater results for the final SA 2 exams.

We would like to wish our students attending the yearly overnight camp at Ngoc Xuong Eco Resort the best for the weekend of 17 and 28 March. Have fun and make the best of the opportunity – what a learning curve it will be.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish our IGCSE 2 students the very best for the forthcoming final exams. Make sure you understand the requirements for each subject, read the questions carefully and answer the questions.

Student of the Month and the Principal's Awards will be announced on Wednesday 25 March at Assembly.

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



The Year 4 students did a great job in reading poems in Assembly



Fahasa bookstore was once again present on WRAD and the students and parents had the chance to add to their book collection



Below: Mr Riaan's class did a great play in showing what our virtue of the week (self-discipline) was all about



WRAD 2015

Our school's annual event, World Read Aloud Day, was filled with vibrant poetry by students from Year 1 up to Year 9.

This year's theme was poetry and the students were given the chance to read their poems in class to their friends and teachers. We also had parents volunteering to come in and read to the prep and kindergarten students. A big thank you to them for motivating our students to read in class.

Previous to WRAD, the primary and secondary students were given the task of creating their own poems, or in some cases learning about poetry from the past. For example, the IGCSE1 class learnt about World War One poetry and poets. They read some interesting and emotional poetry on the casualties of the war and some of the terrible conditions the soldiers had to fight in. In other classes, the students learnt about the different types of poetry – sonnets, limericks, Haiku and many others. Once the teachers were satisfied with the students' understanding of poetry and its different forms, the students then created their own poem.

On the day of WRAD, the students then took their poems and read them to different year groups around the school. For example, Year 3 read to Year 4 and Year 5 read to Year 6. This really boosted the confidence of our students in reading aloud and it also improved pronunciation and to some extent, understanding of the story.

The student council also made a very nice presentation on WRAD and the importance of reading. This was followed by Ms. Marilia's class reading their favorite poems to the whole school in assembly. Alex (Year 4) read a poem in Chinese and it was read with a lot of passion and enthusiasm. Well done Alex!

Finally, the day finished off with house activities. Using the poems from earlier in the day, the students went into their houses and produced a poetry wall. They cut and stuck their fantastic poems onto a large piece of colored paper and then decorated the wall. The winners once again were Unicorn! Followed closely by Hydra, Dragon and then Phoenix. The posters are on display in the reception area of the school; please take your time to look at the really creative poems.

Also please have a look at our new house banners (pictured). These were paid for by the hard work done by the student council when they raised money from selling valentines cards.



Above: The students stand behind their new house banners.
Above that picture are the poetry walls created by the houses.



The Student Council presenting information on WRAD 2015.

IOE: English Online Competition: Update

The next round of the inter-school English competition was held on 7 March and this time it was for the whole of the Ba Ria Vung Tau province. As always, our students in the Integrated programme did a marvelous job and here are the results:

Year 3:

Raymond – 1st Place!!

Luong Hy Tien – 1st Place

Luong Hy Khai – 2nd Place

Nguyen Xuan Nang Mai – 2nd Place

Year 4:

Kartini – 2nd Place

Luong Hy Nhi – 3rd Place

Pham Hoang Anh – 3rd Place

Year 5:

Pham Bich Phuong – 3rd Place

Year 6:

Pham Hai Dang – 3rd Place

Well done and thank you to all the teachers who helped with supervising for this event. Some of the students are now entered into the next round of the competition.

Class Updates

Year 2 International:

The students (Year 2 International & Integrated) have settled in nicely after the long break. Our themes covered so far are: (1) Animals- describing animals & their habitats and (2) The world of Colours and I'm really so amazed at how creative they are – describing the different animals and where they live & writing their own colour poems. We have weekly spelling quizzes, independent (individual reading), role play, creative writing etc. The students interact pretty well with each other and all teachers.



Year 3 Integrated having a break from Maths by making heart shapes with their arms!

The students are always very excited for Science Class –They have learnt that rubbing & burning gives off heat. Now they see how heat changes things - size, shape, texture or colour (in this case it changes the size of the candle). After seeing how heat changes the size of the candle they complete a survey.

Manic March and Amazing April!

An action-packed couple of months are in store for our students. Please read the details below:

School Camp: March 27-28. Most students from Years 5-9 will be attending this year's camp at Long Hai. The camp attendees will leave at 12.30pm on Friday and return on Saturday at 12:00 noon. Along with many house activities, the students will also enjoy the chance of sleeping away from home and experiencing life in the jungle-like setting.

Springtime Showcase: We are fortunate enough to have a multitude of talents at our school and so it is time to show off that talent. As it is nearing Easter and spring (in some places), Mr. Zeus and Ms. Catherine are putting on a Springtime showcase! This will involve various performances from students from Year 1 up to Year 10. There will also be various house activities including Easter egg decorating and hunting.

Mr Riaan's SOSE

Mr. Riaan's SOSE classes will be hosting a global bonanza called International Day. The students are working hard on putting together a presentation on their chosen country. The presentations, which will be held on 22 April, will also involve food from around the world. Parents, teachers and staff will have the opportunity to try the delicious dishes.

IGCSE Exams

The nerves are starting to show from our Year 10 students as the first IGCSE exams take place on 14 April. They will run all the way through May until 2 June.

After School Activities

If your child hasn't already signed up for an after-school activity then please do so. There are plenty of activities available which can develop your child's social skills outside of the class. Academic achievement is important, but so is developing the whole child. Please speak to the front desk for ASA options.



Students demonstrating different ways in which to represent monetary value. Below: Collaborative learning!!

