



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.

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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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Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2016 as we trust that this year will be an even better year for us all.

Congratulations to all our IGCSE 2 students who took part in the recently held Business Studies Competition with our sister campuses SIS@Saigon South and SIS@Danang. Well done on your exemplary behaviour throughout the weekend and we are very proud of your achievements.

We are also very proud of our Student Council for raising monies to purchase the sound system for the local orphanage. It shows that the Virtues programme and our Student Learner Goals have impacted positively on our students.

Students in our EFL Programme have completed the first part of their course at the end of November 2015. Due to exam preparation during December the course will continue from Term 3 onward and it is important that parents attend to the necessary fees for Term 3 soonest. The Office will send out the necessary information.

Parents of our Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to discuss the students' report with the class teacher during the last week of January. Further information to follow.

Parents of students Year 1 to IGCSE will have the opportunity to discuss their children's progress with the teacher during the week of 22 to 26 February 2016. The report cards will be handed to parents at this meeting.

We would like to wish all our parents the very best over the TET break and wish you best of health, wealth and prosperity in the Year of the Monkey.

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Above: The arrival of the brand new outside speaker system was welcomed by students from the local orphanage in Long Hai. The money raised from the Green Day at SIS Vung Tau paid for this much needed piece of equipment. Now the students can enjoy outside activities and classes.



Above: The pressure from the judges at the competition was soaked up by the students. Some really tough questions were asked and they were answered professionally and efficiently.



Above: Our Vung Tau students' presentation was very professional and was delivered with enthusiasm and clarity. This team came in second place!



Above: The second team from SIS Vung Tau also did an amazing job and delivered an outstanding presentation. The winners this year were Da Nang and they did deserve the trophy. The students learned so much from each other, approaches and also how to conduct themselves in a competitive environment

IGCSE Business Competition

Each year the IGCSE2 Business Studies group is given the wonderful opportunity of creating and presenting a marketing strategy to the other schools in the Kinderworld family. This year the competition took place in Da Nang.

The day started in Vung Tau where the students came dressed and ready for first, a trip to the airport and then, a flight to Da Nang. After the obligatory change of flight time from Vietjet Air they finally made it to Da Nang at around 6pm. After a quick check-in at the lovely hotel on the beach, the students then went for burgers at Burger Bro's: The best burgers in Vietnam and the students agreed.

The next morning, the students woke up early to prepare for their presentations. This year the presentations were based on the Azores islands and they had to come up with an idea to promote sustainable tourism on the islands. The nerves kicked in at the school in Da Nang but our students presented with skill and precision and delivered two amazing presentations. Saigon South and Da Nang students all presented really well and they were justly treated to a lunch on the beach.

After lunch the results came in and it is with great honour to announce that Vung Tau came in **SECOND** place! Out of 6 teams, this is an amazing result. Furthermore, the Vung Tau video they created was the only video that received a round of applause from the audience. So a great job was done by all of our students. The winners were Da Nang with an excellent presentation on the Azores islands.

After the awards ceremony, the students went into the ancient town of Hoi An and ate a mixture of traditional Hoi An food with classic western dishes. They then had a walk around the town and did some souvenir shopping. Sunday morning arrived and the students lazily ate their breakfast and packed their bags ready for the trip home. No delays on the return this time and all students were back at school by 3pm.

The Business Studies competition really encompasses all that SIS Vung Tau is about: The students show that they are academic achievers; confident communicators; technology literate; active and responsible citizens and critical thinkers.

Well done to everyone involved with the trip and thank you parents for supporting this worthy weekend break and a special thank you to our guest campus, SIS@Danang, for having arranged a fulfilled and informative weekend for our students

Class News

Last week, Year 4 proved that they were good, responsible citizens when they joined Year 1 and helped them with their reading. Year 1 showed what good communicators they were by reading out loud. Everyone had a fun lesson building positive relationships.

Mr Mark's IGCSE2 Science lessons are coming alive with experiments! The students practiced the practical side of Science and got stuck into some great experiments.

The Year 1 Integrated and International students have been hard at work studying different types of land forms. The students observed the similarities and differences by looking at both photographs and drawings of different land forms. Once they learned the vocabulary they were able to create a small book defining each one such as mountain, ocean, lake, peninsula, and cave. They learned about 15 different land forms altogether! This week, as a culminating activity, they will take an excursion to Cable Car Mountain in Vung Tau where they will be able to observe what they learned in class in real life! Though they are quite young and small, these Year 1 students are not to be underestimated. Each Year 1 student works hard and loves learning!

Santa visits Kindergarten

On the last day before the Christmas holidays, Santa paid a surprise visit to the Kindergarten students at SIS Vung Tau. With great excitement, they went upstairs to await his arrival. The room had a Christmas tree and underneath were so many presents! When the jolly man arrived he was greeted with cheers, particularly when every student received their own gift. Christmas is a time for giving, and the students certainly enjoyed going home with something special in their school bags! Thanks, Santa!

The Year 2 International and Integrated students are working hard on their TET performances. They are excited to all be working together on this project. Ms. Thu and Ms. Thom are enjoying the challenge of teaching them both the song and the dance. We're looking forward to seeing the completed work on February 4th!

From Ms Lucy about K2L's Tom: "Last July I was holidaying with Tom's family in Hanoi and Ha long Bay. One particular evening, we were a bit late for dinner; whatever I ordered for food was sold out.

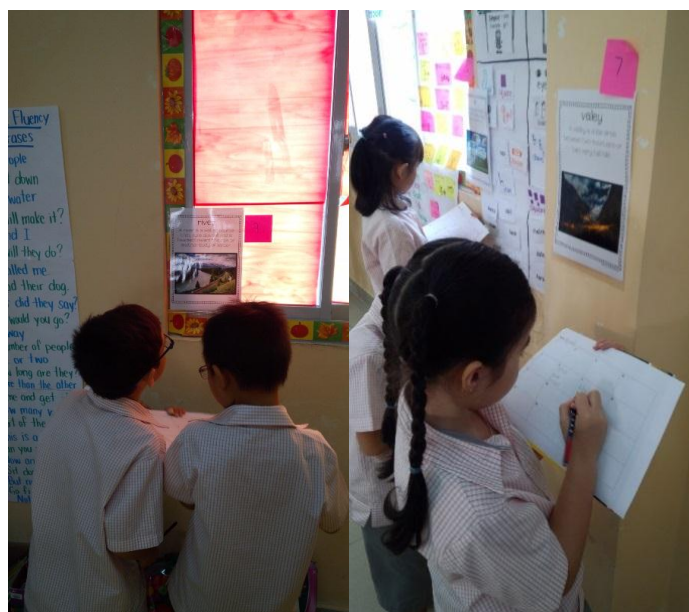




Above: We're off to Da Nang! The students travelled across the country to participate in the Business Studies competition. They were well behaved and really showed other schools how very well-mannered and socially responsible our students are.



Above: The elusive trophy selection. Next year they will bring the trophy to Vung Tau.



Above: The students showing that they are critical thinkers.

Knowing and understanding the situation, Tom, a 3 year old boy then, who could barely say things, called out my name and offered me the fries he was eating. I was surprised and touched by his generosity and caring nature...A big salute to his unselfishness!"

Linked to the Business Studies competition news earlier, here is a more thorough explanation of what it is to be an active and social responsible citizen:

- Understand and respect their own and other cultures.
- Demonstrate good citizenship and social responsibility through serving others.
- Understand the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle.
- Understand and demonstrate a set of universal virtues.

One such programme at this school which encompasses all of the above criteria is the IGCSE Global Perspectives programme. The 2 year programme opens up a world of opportunity for students to discover and investigate current affairs across the globe. From conflicts in Iraq to gang culture in Vietnam, the course enables the student to think on a local, national and global scale.

Exams

The pressure of the exams is nearly over and the results will be given to the students in due course. The Semester 1 exams tested the students' knowledge and understanding of the material they learned during Term 1 and Term 2. The IGCSE2 sat their mock exams which, although seemed very tough, will give them a good idea of how the exams will be in May. The class sat all of their exams in the correct examination conditions and they completed all the papers. It was a very long week for this group and they deserve our congratulations for their dedication and hard work.

Important dates

- **TET Performance:** 04th February from 0930-1130 – please see emails for further details.
- **Last day of term:** 04th February – have a great holiday and New Year!

Term 3 is a very important term for all students. Our Vietnamese (Integrated) students will start their final exams around 19 April to 14 May. IGCSE 2 students will start their final exams on Tuesday 3 May (it is a public holiday but all IGCSE 2 students must be at school). Our International students will start their exams on 30 May 2016.