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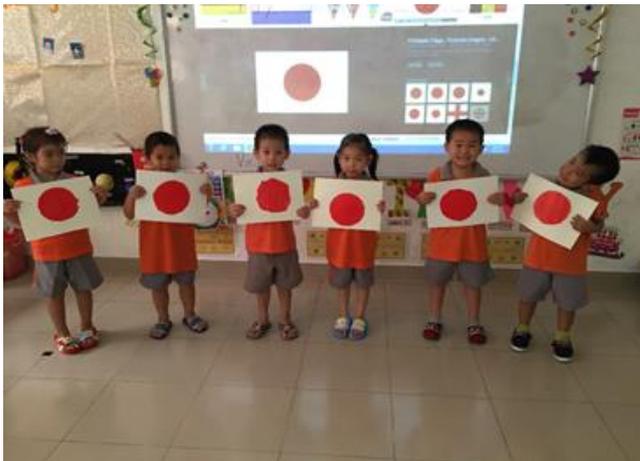
To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

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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Dear Parents

What a month of activities – from academic work to celebrations and having fun. Students emerged themselves in all activities and produced in most instances the best they could. Well done to everyone for their whole-hearted contributions and sacrifices.

Construction of our swimming pool is now ahead of schedule and we hope that the completion will be early in October 2016. Thereafter the water will be tested regularly for the remainder of October. Our swimming programme will commence with the start of Term 2.

Our After School Activities are up and running. Students are meaningfully occupied in various activities. The Student Council is currently busy collecting information from students on activities they would like to see for Term 2.

A few reminders:

1. Parents must please provide students with times for them to do their homework. Homework should be supervised by parents
2. Parents are most welcome to enquire about their child's progress via email to the class teachers who will follow-up soonest with parents
3. Excursions will take place before the end of Term 1 for most students. The necessary information letters will be sent to respective parents.
4. Parents must please check the Student Handbook regularly (daily) for student homework, notices and comments from teachers. Also in the Student handbook are the school rules that must be adhered to by all students – please familiarise yourself with the rules

As school closes on 14 October 2016 for the end of Term 1, there will be no newsletter in October.

Thank you to all parents, teachers and students for a very successful Term1.

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal

Below: Hydra in the foreground practising their moves with Phoenix in the background preparing to dominate.



Above: Science Fair: the winning team, Fragile Air; Tom, David and Ben from IGCSE 2



Above: Year 3 International performing in Assembly

House Activities

At the end of August, we had our very first house competition. The students were required to come up with a song or rather a 'shout' for their house. The only requirements were that they had to complete it and be prepared to present it, in 30 minutes. They were also told that if they could include actions in their performance it would count in their favour.

Our judges from each House, Ms. Marianne, Ms. Lindsay, Mr. Paul and Ms. Caitlin had a very difficult time deciding whose song was the best as all students had put in a lot of effort and enthusiasm. Eventually Phoenix prevailed as the winners, with Dragon following in a very close second place. Unicorns got third place with Hydra coming in fourth. It was a great start to the House competition for the year and the students thoroughly enjoyed being allowed to shout loudly!

Science Fair

On August 31st, 18 teams from Year 4 to Year 10 competed in the first ever SIS Science Fair. Many long hours were put in in preparation of this evening with the objective of presenting a topic or experiment of interest in the field of Science and Technology. And what a success it was! Our amazing students at SIS had produced an extremely wide variety of experiments, from the aptly named Fragile Air team with a home-made paper aeroplane launcher, to citrus fruit batteries, copper plating, home-made vacuum cleaners and magnetic slime.

It was great to see so many students enthused about their love of science. Many students had done most of the work outside of class time using materials they had brought from home. The displays were all brightly coloured and informative.

We hope to see you again next year for Science Fair 2017!

School Virtue Programme

On September 14th, Year 3L performed their assigned virtue for this Term. They had written a poem about Patience, which was the Virtue of the Week. There were three verses in the poem, which reminded us all that slow and steady won the race, and that we need to sometimes wait for good things to come to us. The class spoke clearly so everyone could hear and understand them.

It was evident that they were well-prepared and their confidence level was quite high.

Well done Yr3L!



Above: Year 1 and 2 International enjoying mat time



Above: The Year 2 Integrated Class is hard at work!



Above: Year 1G with their Tynker Level 1 certificates

Spotlight on Year 1 & 2 International

Year 1 and 2 International has 7 students; and Ms. Brigid and Ms. Emily are helping us learn a lot of things. In Year 1 we have Phuong and Adam; in Year 2 we have Benson, Matvey, Brian, Hana, and Aless. We are a class who enjoys making jokes as much as we enjoy learning. We really love doing P.E. with Mr. Andrew and we really love doing Maths too!

Spotlight on Year 2 Integrated

Year 2 Integrated students are coping well with our school work and routines. There are 14 students in our class. Our teacher is Ms. Thu and we are Jean, Duc, Kiet, Dang, Mack Roy, Vuong, Tran, Ky Anh, Angela, Thuy, Bao, Jenny, Nhu and Marina. We are well-behaved, follow teachers' instructions and take responsibility in class activities.

News from Kindergarten

Our Prep International students had fun exploring the different flags around the world. They learnt the concept that each symbols, colors and designs has an important meaning and it represents one country. They had a wonderful time making a Japanese flag and many others. Wow! What a great way to look and learn the different flags around the world.

Year 1G the Thinkers of Tynker

The students of Year 1G have been hard at work in the ICT lab with their teacher Mr. Zeus. They have been learning how to do basic programming skills through Tynker.com. They received certificates at the end of the first level. They seem pretty proud of themselves and are very eager to get to the next level.

Student Council

Every year, a new student council is selected to help facilitate an open line of communication between the staff and the students. The candidates are required to give speeches to their peers about why they would be an asset to the school Student Council. The final selection was as follows: Vivian 6L, Nhi 6G, Hanh 7L, Lily 7G, Ugo 8L, Kevin 8G, Jenny 9L, Kevin 9G and David IGCSE 2.

The Student Council will be tackling school issues throughout the year whilst also helping to coordinate charity events and activities at school. Congratulations to them on their selection, and best of luck with their year of service to their peers!



Above: Year 8L with their monochromatic found assemblages for their Art project



Above: Mid-Autumn Festival: Recycled Fashion Show



The three winning images for our Mid-Autumn Festival Drawing Competition

Art Studies with Year 8L

Year 8 International students have been studying the American/Russian artist Louise Nevelson in their art lessons. Each student created a unique and personal piece inspired by her monochromatic, found object assemblages. First, students gathered objects that had personal significance, and other objects with interesting form and texture. Next, students organized their found objects on a surface with consideration to balance, movement, and unity. Once pleased with their lay-out, the objects were glued to the surface. Lastly, students chose one colour to paint their entire composition, following Nevelson's monochromatic concept.

"I like that I used a lot of random objects that represent my life" Erik Speigel

"I really like the car that I've put on top of my sculpture, as it represents triumph" Ugo Pizzato

"I used the principles of design to place all my objects with purpose" Duc Anh Nguyen

Mid-Autumn Festival

On the 15th of September SIS celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival. The day started with all the students, from Kindergarten to IGCSE 2 coming together in the hall to enjoy performances by both our students, and the special Dragon Dance.

After lunch the students from Year 1 upwards returned to the hall. They were given the chance to prepare for their fashion show. The students were in their Houses and had to use only recyclable materials to create two outfits which would be modeled by someone in their respective Houses.

The younger students were given the chance to enter a drawing competition with the theme of Mid-Autumn Festival, and so for 45 minutes, everyone was hard at work creating the best outfits and pictures they could.

Hydra took the crown in the fashion show with Dragon in second place, Phoenix in third and Unicorn in fourth. While for the drawing competition Dragon took the top two spots, with Unicorn coming third.

The students then participated in sack races and tug-of-war, where Dragon emerged victorious followed by Hydra, Phoenix and Unicorn. It was an exciting day and the students all came away with big smiles on their faces.