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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: Anna, in Year 3 International – a work in progress. Read about what our students are up to in Art this term

Below: Meet Year 3 Integrated with their works of Art



Dear Parents

Welcome back to all after the short break. Our teachers are happy to back at school as we have much work to complete before the start of the SA 1 exam.

All parents have been informed of the After School Activities for Term 2. The clubs start next week so please ensure that your child is enrolled and have paid the fee for membership(s).

Our teachers will try to complete all the work for the term and hope to have additional time to do some review work with students. This is in preparation for the coming exam. Please note that the Christmas break is from 17 December and school reopens on Tuesday 3 January. This means then that after Christmas we will go straight into the exams and therefore no time to review.

Our swimming pool has now been handed over to us. Our school swimming club will start next week with Mr Andrew and Ms Caitlin organizing the club and events. We are waiting on slightly better weather and the appointment of a lifeguard to start the school based swimming programme for students as part of their Physical Education (P E) periods.

For our Integrated classes, their exams will start around 11 December 2016. We are awaiting confirmation from DOET and will then formally inform parents accordingly.

Please remember that we will again organise our Annual Christmas Charity Fair – this time on Friday 9 December - at school starting at 6:00 pm. We look forward to the wonderful support from all our parents once again.

Warmest regards

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Above: Creating the flags for the bunting in the canteen on the last day of Term 1



Above: Hydra showing their skills in the water game on the last day of term



Above: The older students working on getting a hoola-hoop around the circle as fast as they can without breaking the link

End of Term 1 Activities

On the last day of the term, the 14th of October, our students had the opportunity to participate in some fun activities to celebrate the start of our school holidays.

After lunch, the students all had a chance to participate in creating flags in their house colours in the hall. These flags would all be strung together to make bunting to decorate the canteen.

They had to create a unique piece of art, using their house name, their own name and pictures or words that represent who they are. There were some wonderful and creative drawings.

Outside on the soccer field with Mr. Andrew, the competition was fierce in the House Sports Event. The students were divided into their houses and participated in soccer matches, relay races, water games and many more exciting games.

The house competition is even more exciting this term as the house scores are all very close and it is still anyone's game as to who will win the House Cup at the end of the year.

Art Studies

Primary students are continuing their study of the Elements of Art in Term 2. The current focus is on Space and using size, colour/value, detail, and overlapping to show how near or far an object is in a picture. Students have looked at Surrealist artist Rene Magritte's painting *Golconda* as inspiration for their current drawing project.

Their work is still in progress, but their understanding of Space and their creative ideas are developing well. Look for their finished works on display in the hallway within the next couple weeks.

After School Activities

After School Activities for Term 2 will kick off on the 1st of November with lots of exciting options for the students to choose from. There will be Maths Club, Vietnamese Culture Club, Badminton, Table Tennis, Chess, Cricket, Soccer, Ukulele, Frisbee, Mine Craft and Shadow Play, as well as many more. Participating in after school activities is always a great way to learn some new skills and have a wonderful time with friends, and this term will prove to be no exception.



Above: Year 4L performing 'The Giant Carrot' in Assembly.



Above: Year 4L's Viking Ship that they made in Social Studies



Above: Tina who has recently joined the International Class. Tina says; "I'm glad I joined 4L, I like my new classmates."

Spotlight on Year 4 International (Year 4L)

Year 4L has changed since it was 3L. We have Patrick, Veronika, Brian, An, Pumba, Hugo and Jacky who were in the same class last year. Savannah joined us in August, then Sam joined us a few weeks later. Most recently, we welcomed Tina to our class.

This month Year 4L were happy to perform the story 'The Giant Carrot' in assembly time. The story was written by Savannah, narrated by Sam and acted out by the rest of the class. We think that everybody enjoyed our performance.

Year 4L like to read to each other. Every Wednesday we read to each other and listen to each other reading.

We read the book 'Fortunately The Milk' by Neil Gaiman. We thought it was very funny. We laughed a lot at the silly characters and the weird story. We are now reading 'James and The Giant Peach' by Roald Dahl. We are enjoying the story, but feel sorry for James and we are glad we don't have horrible aunts.

In SOSE we learned about Vikings. They were fierce people who travelled from Scandinavia to Britain and America about 1200 years ago. They travelled in long ships that had scary dragon heads at the front.

Year 4L's thoughts on their classes this year:

Brian "It's great to be in 4L, we do a lot of fun work."

Patrick "I like being in Year 4 because we learn more and we can join in with more school activities."

Veronika "I like the work in Year 4 because it is challenging."

An "I like Year 4 because arts and crafts are fun and I liked the Viking project."

Jacky "I like 4L because I like to learn about Vikings and Romans."

Sam "It is fun practising Maths and English - we have a great teacher."

Savannah "I like year 4 because it's challenging and fun. I am happy that I joined this school."

Pumbaa "I like year 4 because we do awesome projects."

Hugo "I liked learning SOSE because it's fun."



Above: Year 3G love spending time in the library reading and improving their English skills



Above: Working together and learning a lot in English lessons



Above: McOnline, an easy and fun way for students to review the work they do in class

Spotlight on Year 3 Integrated (Y3G)

In Year 3G we have a lot of fun with our teachers. We are learning a lot. There are 13 of us in the class. We are: Hai Anh, Son, Anthony, Joseph, Duy An, Mars Troy, Lucy, John, Sunny, Tyler, Bach, Bao Anh and Minh Khue.

One of our favourite subjects is ICT with Mr. Ray. We love learning about computers. In English we are learning a lot of new things that can be very difficult but we always do our best!

We really like to read, and spend a lot of time in the library enjoying the stories that are available to us to read there.

MOnline and Edupage

As you may know, our school has some wonderful online applications to help make our students' lives easier, and to assist parents in staying up to date on their child's achievements.

MOnline, is an application which students can log into and practice their Chinese, Maths, Science, Reading, Writing, Listening and Grammar. All students in Year 1 to Year 6 have access to this site. It is a really fun way for them to learn and review the things that they are being taught in the classroom. Just 20 minutes or so on the site once or twice a week could make a huge difference to a student's understanding of a subject.

Edupage is an excellent site for parents to view what their children's homework is or to check up on their grades from the tests they did or the work that they do in class. Each family has access to this site and it is updated regularly by the teachers to ensure that parents are able to track their child's progress at school. If students have any difficulty logging onto MOnline at home, please let us know and we will assist where we can.

Upcoming Events for Term 2

Term 2 has several exciting events for us to look forward here at SIS including:

- Halloween – Monday 31 October
- Teacher's Day – celebrated Friday 18 November
- Christmas Charity Fair – Friday 9 December at school
- Christmas Vacation – Saturday 17 December
- First Semester Exams – Tuesday 3 January