

# NEWSLETTER

November 2021

## Nearly Christmas

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November we celebrated Teachers' Day online with all the staff and students. It was great to see how much the students appreciate the efforts the teaching staff go to in their role as teachers. The teachers here really appreciate this celebration of their work.

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It is nearly Christmas and we have made it through the first semester online. After the Christmas break, we will be back and the end of semester exams will begin in the first week. Hopefully, after Christmas we will back on campus and the end of semester tests will be in person.



All students and some parents joined in to celebrate Teachers' Day. Students formed a committee and with support from our teachers, arranged the tributes for our teachers. Thank you for the great effort by all.

We are still in the midst of the Covid – 10 pandemic and as such, not able to meet parents or teachers at school. It is a difficult time for all of us, but we shall persevere and do our very best. We will continue to prepare our students for future challenges, be adaptable, accept changes and becoming a change agent, be supportive to others and find ways to still be sociable, entertaining and building rapport with the environment including family and friends.

We wish our students in the Vietnamese Integrated the best for their forthcoming exams starting in the first week of December.

## Happy Teachers' Day 2021 - 2022

The season of showing gratitude for teachers has come, with overflowing emotions, teachers and students of Singapore International School @ Vung Tau have successfully organised an activity to celebrate Teachers' Day on 19 November. Despite going through a difficult time affected by the epidemic, along with the hard work of both teachers and students, the students of SIS Vung Tau still love and remember the value of their teachers.

The students hand-decorated beautiful cards with deep wishes to express their gratitude. The songs played and sang, added so much value to the occasion and was delightful to be in the presence, albeit online.

Deeply touched, teachers and some parents present, were visibly moved and the appreciation could be read on their faces.

We would like to express our gratitude for the gifts and sincere well-wishes from students and parents and believe that we will be back at campus soon.



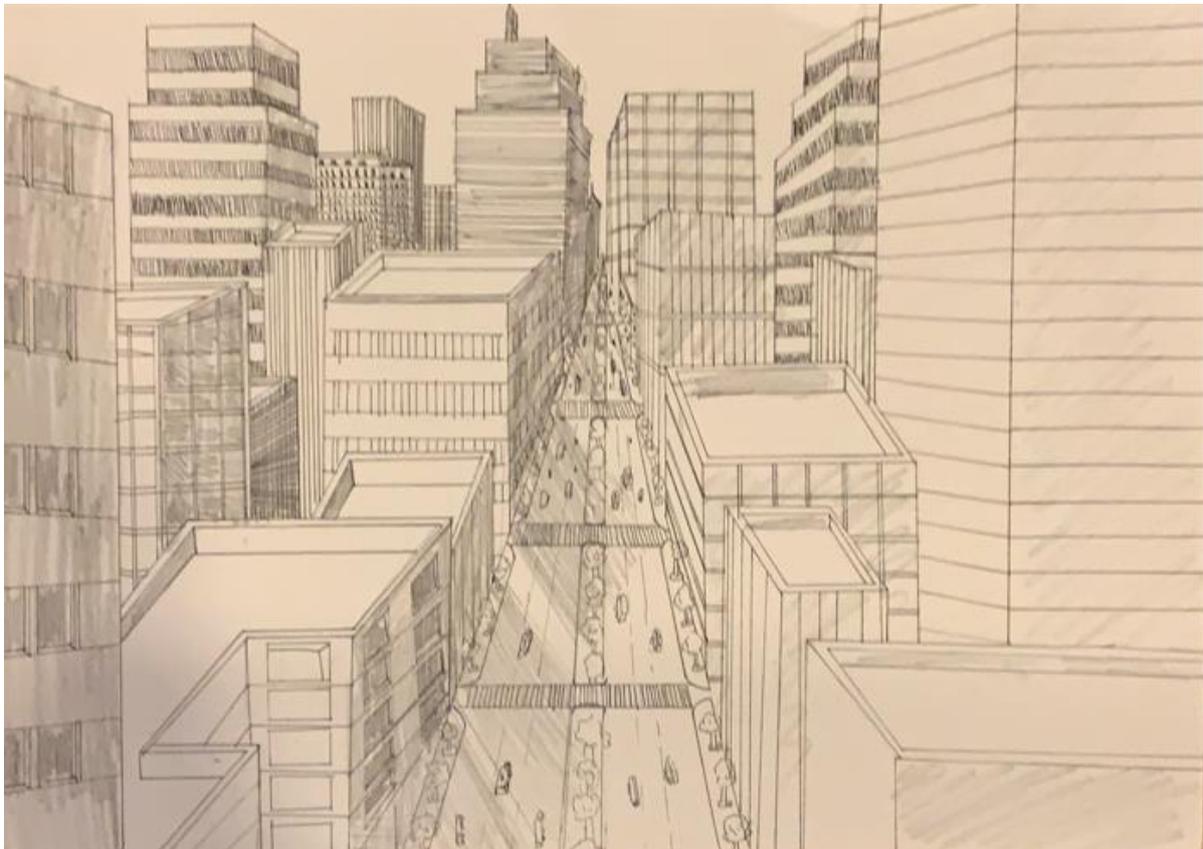
*Above:* Some screen shots of the celebration

**Please note:** School will close on Monday 20 December 2021 and reopen on Monday 3 January 2022 for the Christmas break.

SA 1 exams will be completed between 6 January and 14 January 2022 – if we are back to normal face-to-face classroom teaching. If we are still teaching and learning online, the Class Based Assessments will be converted to the final exam mark and reflected in the report card.

**Cityscapes By: Ms. Erin Harrington**

Students in Art class have learned how to draw a cityscape in one-point perspective. They have learned the importance of making a vanishing point, horizon line, and parallel line to create a three-dimensional scene which has depth. The topic is simplified with a few choices of YouTube links that supports the learning of drawing a city in one-point perspective. Students have the option of the finishing product to be enhanced by color, or shaded in with pencil using tones of grey. The following drawing is a cityscape by Han Seo Yun (7L), which has a variety of overlapping buildings, as well as shadow interacting on the surface of the buildings. Students enjoyed the project of knowing how to draw using the 3-dimensional techniques found in one point perspective, and will continue to explore perspective drawing, but within in an interior space.



Han Seo Yun 7L

## Year 5 Integrated - Global Perspectives

Year 5 Integrated Global Perspectives class has been exploring how civilization started in ancient times particularly the river valley civilizations of Mesopotamia, Nile, Indus and the Yellow River. Students made power point presentations and discussed key features of civilizations such as government, technology, writing, religion and social classes. By doing this project, students realized that people in the past had laid the foundation of what we have and enjoy in this modern era.

With the Nile River playing a major role in the lives of the Egyptians, building ships was a big part of their technology. They originally built small boats from papyrus reeds, but later began to build large ships from cedar wood imported from Lebanon.

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### Hieroglyphics

- A single picture symbol could stand for a whole word, called an ideogram, or a sound, called a phonogram. For example, a picture of an eye could mean the word "eye" or the letter "I".

It could be written in almost any direction; left to right, right to left, or top to bottom. The reader would figure out which way to read it by the direction of the symbols. They didn't use any punctuation.

