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Dear Parents, Staff, and Students

As we approach the festive season, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each of you. Your hard work and commitment have been truly inspiring, especially as we successfully navigated the SA 1 exams together. It's a testament to our incredible school community!

I am excited to remind you that our school will close for the Christmas break on Friday, December 20, 2024. We will reopen our doors on Tuesday, January 2, 2025.

During this holiday season, I encourage you to cherish the time spent with loved ones. May your days be filled with joy, laughter, and memorable moments. Let's return refreshed and ready to embrace the New Year with enthusiasm!

On behalf of our dedicated staff, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year ahead. Thank you for being such an essential part of our school family.

With warmest wishes

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



Grade 5L Science Exploration

We are excited to share the incredible learning journey our Grade 5L students have been experiencing in our science classroom.

Our students dove deep into the microscopic world, exploring the fascinating realm of cells through hands-on learning. Here's a glimpse into their scientific exploration:

Microscope Discoveries

- Students investigated plant and human cheek cells using microscopes
- Learned to carefully observe and document microscopic structures
- Developed critical observation and scientific documentation skills

Interdisciplinary Learning

- After microscope observations, students created artistic drawings of cells
- Completed a creative 3D project comparing plant and human cells using recycled materials
- Integrated science learning with art and creative writing

Creative Writing Connection

Students transformed their scientific knowledge into imaginative stories, demonstrating their ability to connect scientific concepts with

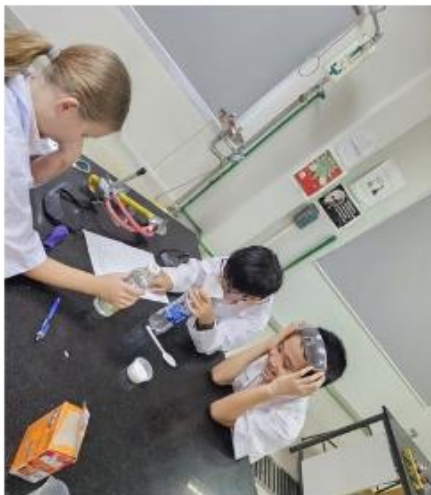


Y4L Experience Chemistry in Action with Exciting Eruption Experiment

In a thrilling hands-on lesson, Y4L students explored the fascinating world of chemical reactions through an engaging simulation of a volcanic eruption.

The experiment, which utilized common household items such as vinegar, baking soda, and recyclable water bottles, provided students with a vivid demonstration of how chemical reactions can produce impressive results. Dressed in lab gowns and safety goggles, the young scientists eagerly gathered in the school's science lab, ready to dive into a world of exploration and discovery.

Guided by their teacher, the students learned about the science behind the experiment: when vinegar, an acid, interacts with baking soda, a base, the reaction produces carbon dioxide gas, leading to a spectacular eruption effect. As the first combinations were mixed, the excitement in the room was palpable. Balloons attached to the bottles inflated dramatically, simulating a volcano's explosive behavior.



As the experiment concluded, students gathered to discuss their observations, reinforcing the importance of scientific inquiry and critical thinking. With the success of this chemical eruption experiment, the Year 4 students have taken another step toward becoming the next generation of innovators and scientists. This exciting day in the science lab showcases the commitment of SIS to provide engaging and educational experiences that inspire students to explore the wonders of the natural world.





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IGCSE Students Starting Exam Preparations

The IGCSE 2 students at SIS Vung Tau are preparing to embark on a significant academic milestone as they get ready for their Cambridge examinations starting in April 2025. Teachers are working tirelessly to ensure the students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to excel in these demanding assessments.

The examination period will undoubtedly bring its share of stress, with students juggling numerous subjects and striving to meet high expectations. However, SIS Vung Tau has a strong track record of success in the Cambridge exams, consistently achieving outstanding results since 2014. Our students have performed at a world-class level, with 3 former students earning Cambridge IGCSE's prestigious Top in Vietnam titles in ICT and Chemistry. Most recently, Le Phuong Hai Anh (Kelsey) achieved an incredible nine A* grades in her IGCSE exams, a feat that reflects her hard work and the dedication of our teachers.



As we look ahead, we wish our current IGCSE 2 students the very best. SIS Vung Tau is committed to supporting them every step of the way, ensuring they have the guidance and encouragement needed to achieve their full potential.



Mastering Christmas Classics with Creativity and Collaboration

This December, students successfully learned and performed Christmas songs using cups, recorders, and ukuleles in class. They achieved a strong sense of timing and mastered smooth transitions between notes, working collaboratively to create cohesive musical pieces.

Many students demonstrated creativity by experimenting with improvisation and adding percussion instruments like tambourines and shakers to enrich the music. Through these activities, they built confidence, refined their ensemble skills, and deepened their understanding of musical dynamics and expression. Now, they are equipped to teach and play these instruments with their friends, sharing the joy of Christmas music.



KIK Celebrates a Joyful December

The month of November was a great month in Kindergarten. As we transition into the month of December, we are learning about how people around the world celebrate Christmas. This month is also a busy month in our KIK program as we engage in various activities. Students are immersed in arts & crafts to decorate our classroom, rehearsing for a special dance performance for our Christmas Charity Fair and students are doing their assessment. Despite the busy schedule, we are ready for the Christmas Charity Fair at school and the Secret Santa will be on Friday 20th December.

Christmas is a magical time, and we wish you a fun and a wonderful Christmas spent with your children!

Thank you, parents, for your never-ending support. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!



Y2G Spreads Holiday Cheer with Heartfelt Christmas Card Exchange

As Christmas 2024 approaches, the festive spirit is palpable throughout the city. Streets are adorned with sparkling decorations, including beautiful Christmas trees, snowflakes, and cheerful Santa Claus figures, creating a magical atmosphere for all to enjoy.

In celebration of this joyous season, the Y2G has organized a delightful Christmas card exchange activity. Each student randomly selected a name from a secret mailbox and created a personalized Christmas card, filled with warm wishes for their chosen friend. This initiative not only fostered creativity but also strengthened friendships among classmates.

The photos captured the joyful expressions of Y2G as they participated in the card exchange, eagerly receiving heartfelt messages from their friends.

As we embrace this festive season, Y2G extends heartfelt wishes for a warm, peaceful, and love-filled Christmas to everyone.



Spreading Christmas Cheer and Community Spirit



A merry Winter Wonderland Theme awaited excited visitors in the foyer of Singapore International School on Friday, 13 December 2024.

The school transformed into a festive wonderland, with Santa's reindeer backdrop setting the scene for joyful photos, once again presenting parents, learners and alumni of the school with an opportunity to enjoy games, food and an opportunity to spread some festive cheer.

The event buzzed with excitement as students and parents engaged in a myriad of activities; eagerly engaging in the many fun activities and stalls. Teachers, Messieurs Ray and Manikandan Kodalil, playfully coaxed attendees to test their luck at their "Balloon Darts" stall, where families, with outstretched arms and focused gazes, aimed to pop balloons and win delightful prizes.

The fair's heartwarming atmosphere was amplified by its noble cause, with proceeds going to the Caritas Orphanage, spreading the true spirit of Christmas by giving back to the community.



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Dear Parents

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us to you! We want to extend a heartfelt thank you for making our Christmas Charity Fair on December 13, 2024, such a resounding success. Despite the challenging weather, heavy traffic, and occasional taxi shortages, our students and parents showed remarkable spirit and enthusiasm. Your participation truly made the event memorable, and the atmosphere was filled with joy and laughter.

A special thanks goes out to the businesses that sponsored prizes and to the many parents who generously donated both cash and items. Your support means so much to us.

We also want to acknowledge our dedicated teachers whose hard work and commitment contributed significantly to this wonderful cause. We appreciate their extra efforts in making the event a success.

As we celebrate this festive season, let's also keep our students in our thoughts as they prepare for their SA 1 exams this week. We wish them all the best and hope they showcase their learning effectively. Please note that school will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 20, and will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Wishing you all a safe and joyful holiday season filled with family time. Thank you once again for your unwavering support!

Warm regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal



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SIS weathered the downpour to deliver a dazzling Christmas Charity Fair, proving that community spirit shines even in the rain!