



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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Left: Carol gave a nice speech to the children at the Long Hai education centre. She told them about the money raised for the centre and how our school student council works.

Below: Students from the centre receiving much needed appliances for their kitchen.



Dear Parents

It has been quite a year and we are certainly proud of all our achievements. Your unstinting support assisted us in our goals to get our students to achieve what we thought they were capable of and more. Thank you to all who have played their part in our students' journey of learning and discoveries – the experiences help building character, values and a great sense of belonging.

Soon academic year 2015 – 2016 will be but a memory and we trust that the great memories will live forever.

Our Student Council has yet again done excellent work and their contributions are reflected in their leadership skills, organizing skills and fundraising skills. Thank you to all the members who have actively worked towards achieving their goals.

We have had great teachers for the past year- really some dedicated, enthusiastic and caring teachers. Some of them have opted for a change – explore new countries and cultures and expand their boundaries. We would like to wish them the very best in their future endeavours and thank them for their unselfish contributions to our school, students, and activities and in the journey of life-long learning.

Our IGCSE 2 have worked very hard this year and they will also be saying their farewells to us all. We take this opportunity to wish them the very best for their future and hope that they will stay in contact.

To everyone, students, staff and parents we wish you a wonderful holiday ahead! Enjoy and have fun.

Warmest regards

Dudley Schroeder
Principal

Read Aloud Day 2016

Our annual Read Aloud Day was held in May this year and was themed around, quite aptly, stories. We decided to also combine Read Aloud Day with the annual tea and cake sale which last year raised an incredible 18m VND.

In the morning, there was a special Assembly dedicated to reading stories and Ms Catherine's Year 1 class and Ms Su's Year 3 class read some nice stories out to the rest of the school. Following Assembly, the main activity was for the students to create a BIG book in their houses groups. The students collaborated in their houses a few days earlier and came up with a story for their big book. Then, on Read Aloud Day they got together and created a HUGE book which had pictures and text. All the students from Year 1 to IGCSE helped make the book. Some students coloured in, some directed and some drew pictures. The end result was 4 BIG books that were read out to the school.

After all the excitement of book making, the students prepared the annual tea and cake sale. This year we raised money for the local orphanages in Ba Ria and Long Hai. Similar to last year, we asked parents to donate a cake or two to the school and then the students sold them to everyone after school. This year we had some lovely individually made cakes from Lucia's Dad (Café Nine Bistro) and some yummy éclairs from Matvey. The student council did a terrific job in organizing the whole event and they were sweating by the end of the day. We sold all the cakes this year and raised about 12m VND! Another great effort from everyone involved.

What was the reason for all this fundraising? We decided that the local orphanages should receive equal donations so we bought supplies for the Long Hai Educational and Skills Centre run by Daniel's mother. In return, they performed an amazing show of martial arts to our students. They were so good that even the teachers looked a little scared whilst watching them perform their moves. As you can see from the pictures, we bought them a range of kitchen items from rice cookers to eating trays. Ms Huong also showed around the Year 3 students from their school so our students could see how things work there. Ms Anna also enjoyed the tour and learned about how our school raises money for the local centers.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped raise money throughout the year. We will be doing the same next school year and would really appreciate your time and help.

Please visit our school website: <http://vungtau.sis.edu.vn/>



Above: Students selling cakes at the tea and cake sale. Below that students are presenting their BIG book to the rest of the school for World Read Aloud Day. Below: The magician with his numerous white birds showing the students how the birds appear as if by magic!



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Children's Day

Every year we like to treat the students at our school with a fun activity to celebrate Children's Day. This year, with the help from Ms Catherine and Mr Phu, the students were treated to two performances: Dancers and a Magician. The dancers showed off their amazing dancing skills which had both modern and traditional dance moves which wowed the crowd. This was followed by a magician who had many birds which magically appeared on his command. The students were amazed by how well behaved these birds were and how many he had for his performance! After the magician, the crowd was treated to a balloon artist who showed the students how to make crazy characters with balloons.

Later on the students were given their gift from the KinderWorld Board of Management which consisted of a lovely cloth with the company logo embroidered and emblazoned on the front. A much needed gift in this wet weather! The day was finally complete with a movie for the smaller kids and football and games for the older kids.

Being a Teenager

On 7 June 2016, we organised and delivered a discussion with our teenage students (Year 5 - Year 9). The talks were about "Being a Teenager" and how to control their emotions as well as how to do their best in learning and making friends. It was a new and different learning curve for our students.

Other News

On the morning of 16 June 2016, the students of Year 1 to Year 5 were divided into four groups - SPRING, SUMMER, AUTUMN and WINTER for their fun and games activities. They started with their "Tiny Train" – the members were blindfolded, except the group leader who was at the back of the train and led the train by tapping on the shoulder (left or right or both) of the person in front. They walked in pairs with tied legs and bounced the balloon at the same time. It was not easy at all because the strong wind just blew the balloons away almost all the time! After that, the rubber band game challenged their patience and soft skills - but our group members did it quite well. Last but not least, all four groups had fun time with Quiz Time and Free Dancing with lots and lots of gifts for all the winners. What an enjoyable and memorable morning!

Thank you to everyone who so eagerly participated and assisted in any which way they could!





Above: Teambuilding activities for primary students. Below: The early years – Brian and Bill studying with Mr Seamus in Year 6 and then the later years, in front of the time capsule.



B and B (Brian and Bill)

It is that sad time of year again when we say goodbye to students and teachers.

Lê Bách Tùng (Bill) and Phan Khắc Việt An (Brian) are the first two students to enter this school at Year 6 and progress all the way through to Year 10 (IGCSE2). Both of them were here for the sealing of the Time Capsule when the school was opened in July 2011. They were asked what memories they have of teachers, other students or events during their five years here. Bill remembers that Brian hid his student handbook one time in Year 6 and it took him several days to find it! Both remember the “big guy” (student) Tyrone. He struggled in class, but what a swimmer! Both remember Ms Anna as their favourite English teacher and her (now) husband Mr Chris as their EFL teacher. Mr Nathan, another teacher of English always talked about basketball and threatened to move them down to Year 4! Congratulations to both and best wishes for their future education overseas. We also say goodbye to the other IGCSE students: Uyen, Amy, Rachel, Max and Parker. They have all done a terrific job at school and are now truly global citizens.

Sadly some teachers will be leaving us this year. We say goodbye to Mr Joseph and Ms Catherine. They have been with the school for two years and have made a massive impact on school life and the students they taught along the way. We also say goodbye to Ms Michelle who has been the Head of Studies here and was the WASC coordinator and we thank her for doing a great job with the accreditation. She will move on to Bangladesh to be the principal of the American School. Ms Lucy, our trusted EFL teacher will leave us in July. She has been a permanent fixture here as EFL and SOSE teacher and it will be sad to see her go.

Looking Forward...

We look forward to a new school year in August. We look forward to new teachers coming from around the world who will add to the cultural experiences our students gain from our teachers. We look forward to new students who will make friends and learn collaboratively with their peers, who will thrive in our learning community. We look forward to new parents who will share their own life experiences with our students and who will be a big part of their child’s learning. Finally, we look forward to seeing all the old familiar faces back at the school who make this school what it is: A center for academic achievers, confident communicators, responsible citizens, I.T literate learners and critical thinkers!