

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU NEWSLETTER

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Football match

Now we are back in campus staff and students took the opportunity to get fit and play football against each other. The teachers put in a good performance and managed to score 3 goals but were matched by the students who also scored 3 goals. A deciding rematch is planned for the following Friday.

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All the sporting activities of the school have now resumed including swimming lessons. There will also be a sports day at the end of term 4 and more chance for fun sporting activities.



SA 2 Exam Schedule 2022:

English Paper 1	Thu-Fri 26 - 27 May	
English Paper 2	Monday 30 May	
English Paper 3	Tuesday 31 May	
English Paper 4	Wednesday 01 June	
Mathematics	Thursday 02 June	
Science	Friday 03 June	End of Exams

School closes Thursday 30 June 2022

Notices and Activities:

1. Weekly Assemblies resumed
2. Exams starting on 26 May 2022
3. Spelling Bee Finals 29 June 2022
4. Summer Programme for KIK students starting from 4 June 2022 – enquire at the Office
5. Graduation and Awards Ceremony – 22 June 2022
6. Science Fair – last week of school
7. STEM Project and Exhibition – last week of school

Former Students Visit Campus – Mr Victor



SIS Vung Tau have seen many of our IGCSE students graduate and leave. Although it is sad to see them leave the SIS Vung Tau family, we are always proud of them and we always encourage them to return to visit and perhaps to offer some pearls of wisdom to our current crop of IGCSE students.

Last week, Stephen and Fiona Peach dropped by to visit all their teachers and staff. We asked them to contribute to the newsletter and these are their stories.

Stephen's Peach

It's been 2 years since I graduated from SIS, moving on to do A Levels. 2 years after leaving SIS I finally came to realise how important my experience there was. The world class teaching staff were among the best in academic quality and commitment, shown clearly in hard times during the Covid-19 pandemic, but also a fun bunch to be around and talk to. All the extra classes (especially from Mr. Victor) and long hours of studying paid off, helping me to achieve outstanding IGCSE results while also being able to learn to form personal relationships with both staff and students.

From the slightest problems all the way to the worst issues, I went through it all during my years in SIS. It changed me massively and SIS had a really suitable environment for a young and dumb kid to flourish and be able to mature and grow.

SIS was a fun yet crucial stepping stone for me to become who I am today and prepare myself for the future adventures ahead of me. My message to all the students at SIS is don't waste your precious time there; be productive and never be afraid to make mistakes, your teachers will always be there to support you. All you need to do is ask! Of course, most importantly, enjoy your time there and have fun!

Fiona's Peach

After leaving SIS and Vung Tau, I finally got to know what it's like to not live in a 'jungle'. Though I enjoyed my time in SIS, moving in to a new environment has shaped me to being more open-minded and independent.

Coming back to SIS last week, I was able to see how much I have grown and matured in comparison to last year. It was a blessing to meet the teachers and to chat about my studies and future.

Lastly, I am eternally grateful to Mr. Dudley, Mr. Mark and my IGCSE subject teachers for letting me share my experience and always providing great support throughout the years!

African Mask Relief - Ms Erin Harrington

Students are finishing designing their African Masks in class. The project itself is moving into the area of sculpture and craft as students will be building their pieces which will be raised from a flat surface. Students learned that an artwork that is not completely flat, but has some 3-dimensional qualities is called a relief. The masks are painted according to African aesthetics, mostly utilizing earth tone colors such as burnt umber, yellow ochre, burnt sienna, cadmium blue, hunter green, black, beige and burgundy. Students have also collaged strips of decorative fabric to accent their work. Students have learned about the cultural heritage of masks in Africa, and learned the purpose behind the art form including identity as well as cultural ceremony and protection from enemies. The image below includes a projection of examples on the whiteboard screen and student work which is in progress.



African Mask Relief Display in the Art Room

K2G - Ms Van



Going to school is the right of all children in the world. When they are at school, they can play and learn so many wonderful things from teacher and friends. They learn to develop intellectually, physically, emotionally and also socially.

After some hard work, studying in classroom, our K2G students have a relaxing time on the soccer field with some activities.

Year 5L Science Experiments – Mr Peter



Year 5L Whiz Kids of Singapore School Now Believe They Can Fly

By William John Blackford and Peter Ngangi Nguli - Department of Science

Do you believe you can fly? If so, well, you are not alone - and you may be behind ten-year old kids!

A few weeks ago, Year 5L pupils at Singapore International School - Vung Tau, just discovered this. On a science tour of the school laboratory, the whiz kids discovered that when matter is heated, it expands - and does so in style. Unbelievably, the little angels could also explain the scientific principle behind this phenomena - it is only the volume that expands.

Ideally, all three states of matter (solid, liquid and gas) expand when heated. The atoms themselves do not expand, but the volume they take up does. When a solid is heated, its atoms vibrate faster about their fixed points. The relative increase in the size of solids when heated is therefore small compared to that of gases.

The pupils used a metallic ball and a ring such that the ball could pass through the ring easily. With jaw-dropping excitement, they discovered that when the ball is heated, it could no longer pass through the ring. This is because the solid ball expands in size. On cooling, it can pass through the ring once again.

Applying the same principle in gases, the little whiz kids of Singapore School then took an empty bottle which they attached a rubber balloon to its neck. The curious little angels then placed the bottle in a water bath containing boiling water. After some time phurrrrr, the balloon inflated! This is because the hot air molecules are less dense in weight and tend to rise and occupy more space. That's the reason the hot air molecules travel inside the balloon and make it expand. No wonder when the gentle science whiz kids left the science laboratory elated and excited, they were all shouting, "I believe I can fly".

The Sky is the Limit ...

Science Laboratory: Year 1 Pupils Break The Scientific Glass Ceiling



By Emily Rose Miller and Peter Ngangi Nguli - Department of Science

If there is anyone out there who thought that science is a reserve for high school and above and not for young kids, here is your answer. If there is anyone out there who thought that the Lucy Cavendish Laboratory at the University of Cambridge in England is the only place for critical scientific extrapolation, here is your answer.

This week, Year 1 pupils at Singapore International School - Vung Tau, broke the scientific glass ceiling. In a science tour of the laboratory where science is made, the little angels proved creative and imaginative - explaining detailed scientific concepts perhaps better than those in high school.

They explored and scaffolded the Physics of waves, the Chemistry of gas molecules and Biology of plants almost to perfection.

And in just 45 minutes, they broke the glass ceiling!



If Science be the food of life – keep investigating ...

Spelling Bee Competition – Ms Jill



The Spelling Bee competition is back! After two years of putting this on hold due to COVID 19 pandemic, the spelling bee has once again landed.

What makes it more fun and challenging this time is that, this competition will be done campus-wide! There are two groups – primary (Years 3-5) and secondary (Years 6 – IGCSE1). Whoever wins at our campus will compete with the winners of other campuses. Last week, our school has determined its winners for integrated and international classes for the said year levels.

On the 7th of June, there will be an inter-class competition to know who are going to compete for the school-wide competition. We wish all our contestants the best and may they bring home the bacon!

YEAR LEVEL	INTERNATIONAL	INTEGRATED
PRIMARY		
YEAR 3	Aletheia Isis Lauderes	Pham Xuan An Lanh
YEAR 4	Kim Kang Min	Pham Hoang Vinh Thuy
YEAR 5	Doan Nguyen Quynh Vy Angela	Dau Chau Anh
SECONDARY		
YEAR 6	Pham Hoang Xuan An	Nguyen Hai Minh
YEAR 7	Nguyen Phuc Gia	Marina Ly Carone
YEAR 8	Jaasund Joseph Lee Ho	Phung Minh Quan
IGCSE 1	Nguyen Phuc Nghi Polly	Pham Gia Huy Jackie

The finals of the Spelling Bee competition will be held on Wednesday 29 June where the winners of each campus will compete for the title of being the Champions. Good Luck to all the winners in their final Battle!!