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Singapore International School Vung Tau Celebrates Chen Song-Yi's Success in Cambridge IGCSE ICT Exams

We are thrilled to announce that Chen Song-Yi, fondly known as Pumbaa among peers, has clinched the prestigious 'Top In Vietnam' award for the Cambridge IGCSE ICT exams in 2023. His outstanding performance in the exams has brought immense pride and joy to Singapore International School Vung Tau (SIS@VT).

Since his early years at SIS@VT, Pumbaa has exhibited remarkable dedication and enthusiasm towards his studies. Having been enrolled in our school since kindergarten, he has consistently displayed a thirst for knowledge and a commitment to excellence.

Pumbaa, currently pursuing his high school education in Ho Chi Minh City, has consistently excelled in all his IGCSE examination subjects, setting a high standard for academic achievement. His achievement in securing the highest mark in Vietnam in the Cambridge IGCSE ICT exams further underscores his exceptional aptitude and diligence.

While Pumbaa's academic prowess extends beyond ICT, with excellent grades across all his subjects, he harbors a passion for Biology and aspires to pursue a career in the field. His unwavering determination and ambition serve as an inspiration to his peers and educators alike.

Mr. Victor, Pumbaa's IGCSE ICT teacher, has expressed utmost confidence in Pumbaa's abilities, believing that he possesses the necessary qualities to secure a coveted spot at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore's premier institution. Despite the stringent entrance requirements, Mr. Victor's faith in Pumbaa's potential remains unshakeable.



As Pumbaa continues his journey towards achieving his academic aspirations, the entire SIS@VT community extends our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to him. We are confident that Pumbaa will continue to shine brightly in all his future endeavors, representing SIS@VT, Vietnam & Taiwan with pride and distinction.

Incidentally, this is SIS@VT 3rd 'Top in Vietnam' award from Cambridge Exams. The other 2 were in ICT & Chemistry in 2018 and 2020 respectively.

OBV Binh Dinh Trip: An Unforgettable Experience

Students from grade 8 recently embarked on a five-day trip to OBV Binh Dinh, an unforgettable journey filled with adventure and learning. The trip was an exciting blend of challenge and delight, boasting a range of activities that tested the students' limits and fostered their enthusiasm. From physical endeavors to creative pursuits, the students pushed themselves beyond their comfort zones, demonstrating a remarkable level of responsibility and imagination. Throughout the course, the students were fully engaged, actively seeking knowledge through hands-on experiences and discussions. They posed questions, conducted experiments, and problem-solved, cultivating a thirst for learning that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

The trip proved to be a transformative experience for the students, instilling in them a love for exploration and a deep appreciation for the value of collaboration. The lessons learned through activities will undoubtedly shape their lives, empowering them to embrace future challenges with confidence and determination.



Fun with Fermentation: A Year 1L Science Lab Adventure

Fermentation is a fascinating process that has been utilized by humans for centuries, from brewing to baking bread. Year 1 International students delve into the world of fermentation using a simple but engaging setup involving yeast and balloons. Students have gained a hands-on understanding of fermentation and its role in producing gas. By observing the inflation of balloons, they witness firsthand the results of yeast's metabolic activity. This experiment lays the foundation for further exploration of biological processes and fosters curiosity about the world around us.



*Science Lab
Adventure*



Y1G Excel in Reading

Y1G pupils demonstrated their impressive reading skills during their English class. The reading activity was part of a unit on literacy, and the pupils read a variety of texts, including stories and poems. They also learned about different reading strategies, such as using phonics and context clues. The pupils were able to apply these strategies to their reading, and they showed an understanding of the texts they read.





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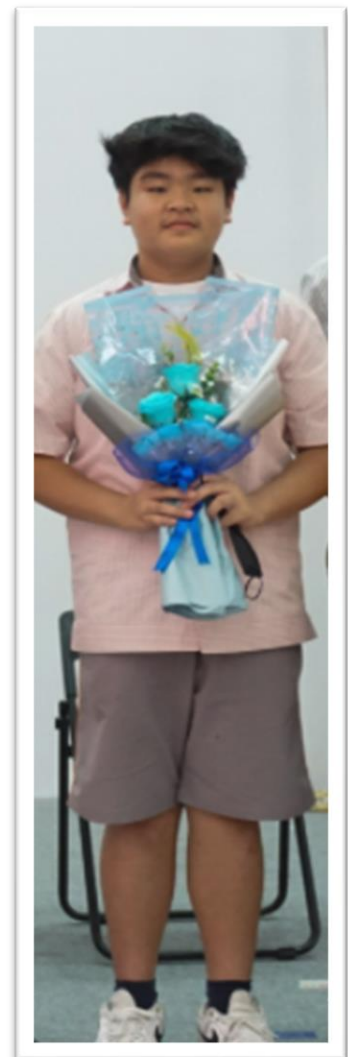
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Le Thanh Hai Hails As South International Regional Secondary Spelling Bee Winner

In another intense annual spelling bee competition held last April 26, 2024, Le Thanh Hai (James) of SIS VT carried the flag of all international secondary spellers in SIS south campuses after beating all other contestants from Can Tho, Binh Duong and Saigon South. James advanced to the national round and was a bit closed to becoming the spelling bee champion in his level. Despite this, James showed grace under pressure like a true spelling bee warrior.

The path to the regional and national round was not easy as every campus winner had to study more than 3,000 words. According to James he went over the words for a few hours on a regular basis aside from preparing for his other lessons and exams in order to be ready for the fierce competition. He had to search out the pronunciations and meanings of a train of difficult words on Merriam Webster dictionary which took a lot of time and effort on his part.

For the past three years since the system-wide spelling bee completion has begun, SIS Vung Tau has produced two spelling bee champions in the secondary level and one in the primary level. The whole school still celebrates James's win though not able to clinch the crown and everyone is so proud and happy of his achievement. Well-done, James!



KINDERGARTEN PUPILS DECORATE MASKS WITH NATURE



Kindergarten pupils enjoyed a fun and educational STEM class, where they decorated their masks with leaves and flowers. The class delved on nature and the environment, and the pupils learned about the different types of leaves and flowers that can be found in their local area. They also learned about the importance of protecting the environment, and how they can do their part to help.



OBV to Ha Long

“You going on OBV?”, as if unsuspecting participants had no clue what they were letting themselves in for. Sixteen cubs clad in orange T-shirts and grey shorts followed Papa Bear to the check-in counter, while Mama Bear trailed at the back, making sure her cubs, do not get lost.

Curious travellers at airports, to and from Ha Long Bay, made way for the group. After 5-days of honing their skills: pitching tents, caving, mountain climbing, cooking outdoors, solving problems of leaking pipes, weary, homesick SIS (Vung Tau) learners aka “*Adventure Mosquitoes*” and “*Team Diamonds*” returned home to the loving arms of family.





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Methodist School visits SIS

On 14 and 15 May 2024, the Methodist School of Singapore students and staff visited SIS School for an enriching and interactive day filled with a variety of activities. This visit aimed to foster friendship, share educational experiences, and promote cultural exchange between the two institutions.

Tour of SIS School

The day began with a comprehensive tour of SIS School, guided by their friendly staff. Methodist School visitors were introduced to the campus facilities, including the state-of-the-art classrooms, well-equipped science and computer labs, expansive library, and the modern sports complex. The tour highlighted SIS School's commitment to providing a conducive learning environment and underscored their innovative educational approaches.

Class Visitation

Science Classes: The delegation had the opportunity to sit in on a science class. They observed interactive teaching methods that incorporated modern technology and hands-on experiments. Students from both schools engaged in a collaborative learning session, where they discussed recent scientific developments and participated in a joint experiment on chemical reactions.

Global Perspectives: The visit also included a session in the Global Perspectives classes. This subject, which focuses on critical thinking, global awareness, and interdisciplinary learning, provided a platform for students to discuss global issues. The Methodist School students actively participated in debates and group discussions, contributing their viewpoints and learning from their SIS peers.

Games

In the spirit of camaraderie, the students from both schools engaged in a series of friendly games. The sports activities included beach volleyball, dodgeball and basketball, fostering teamwork and sportsmanship. These games not only provided physical exercise but also helped in building bonds between the students of the two schools.

Food Presentation

The visit concluded with a delightful food presentation, where both schools displayed their culinary skills. Students and teachers had the chance to taste a variety of dishes prepared by the respective schools learners. This food exchange not only satisfied taste buds but also provided a window into the diverse culinary traditions of each school community.

Conclusion

The visit of Methodist School to SIS School was a successful event that highlighted the importance of educational exchanges. It allowed students and teachers to experience different teaching methodologies, share knowledge, and build lasting friendships. Both schools look forward to future collaborations and continued exchanges to further enrich their educational experiences.



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Weather

The Weather

By Minh, Year 1L

The sun is bright
The clouds are white.
The moon is looking
While children are playing.
The wind howls
In the tree, I hear the owls
The sun is hot
The winter is not.

My Favorite Weather

By: Lucas, Year 1L

The sun is shining
And the stars are twinkling
The man is shouting
You are nice
And the weather is nice

One Sunny Day

By: Marius, Year 1L

The clouds are dark.
The sky has a beautiful arc
As I look out the window,
Then, the wind blow
The light is light
And the color is white

The Weather

By: Gabriel, Year 1L

The sun is light
I lose my sight
I'd go for a dip
I'll buy a lemon juice for a sip
The sky is blue
It would be nice to go and poo.

What's the weather like?

By: An, Year 1L

The sun is light.
The clouds are white.
The wind is cold.
The storm and lightning.
The snow is falling.