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Year 1 Integrated Works with Modeling Clay

Modeling clay is a material with eye-catching colors and a useful and interesting learning tool. In addition to bringing exciting and fun entertaining moments, modeling clay also helps students be creative, stimulates imagination and intelligence. In art class, students of class 1G were introduced to working with modeling clay.

Since ancient times, modeling clay has been a close friend of childhood. Today, modeling clay is still in use but is safer and more aesthetically pleasing. Thanks to hard work and skillful hands, these funny and colorful paintings were completed. It shows a love of nature, love of people and the childlike personality of each individual artist. We invite everyone to see the results of Year 1 Integrated.





NEO Certificate Earners for First Term

Our students have always been front-runners for the NEO program. Today, twenty students have received their NEO certificates for both the NeoJr+ (9 students) and Neo Prep+ (11 students) programs. Three students from Year 3 Integrated have even received two certificates for completing two courses just for this term, even though they are new to this program. All in all, we commend their immense hard work, commitment and discipline to finish strong and to keep pressing forward! Congratulations!





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Y7G & Y8G

Integrity is the virtue of honesty and adherence to strong moral standards; in other words, it is honesty linked to morality. 7&8 Integrated students are determined to always be honest in all matters, recognize mistakes and changes, and respect others. Teachers and parents always accompany the children on their path of learning and training. Bright futures will welcome righteous people.



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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share with you the highlights of our annual STEM Halloween Day, which took place on October 27th, 2023. It was a fun-filled day of learning and creativity, where our students from Year 1 to 5 made and built various STEM-themed projects using design thinking, the engineering design process (EDP) and working with basic electronics.

Some of the projects that our students created were:

- 3D bats: Using cardboard, scissors and glue, our students cut out bat shapes and folded them to make 3D models.
- LED Paper Circuit Halloween Masks: Using paper, copper tape, LEDs and batteries, our students designed and created their own Halloween masks that light up. They also learned about the basics of electricity, circuits and switches, and how to troubleshoot their designs.
- Monster Scribble Bots: Using plastic cups, markers, motors and batteries, our students built their own robots that can draw scribbles on paper. They also learned about the concepts of vibration, motion and friction, and how to control the speed and direction of their robots.

We also had a special guest, Mr. Seth, who is our STEM Regional Head of Studies. He helped us with the STEM activities and was a judge and MC at our STEM Event. He gave us valuable feedback and encouragement, and also shared some interesting facts and stories about STEM.

In addition to the STEM projects, we also had a Halloween Fashion Show, where our students dressed up in various costumes and showed off their creativity and personality. We had witches, vampires, superheroes, animals and more. We also had a performance by Year 1, who danced to Michael Jackson's Thriller. It was a spooky and spectacular show! Congratulations to Year 3G for being our Halloween Fashion Show winners.

Year 1 - 5 had their annual STEM Halloween Day in which they made and built various STEM-themed projects, including 3D bats, LED Paper Circuit Halloween Masks and Monster Scribble Bots using design thinking, EDP and basic electronics. WE also were fortunate to have Mr. Seth in attendance to help us with the STEM activities and was a judge and MC at our STEM Event. We also had a Halloween fashion show were our students dressed up in various costumes in the Hall, and we had a performance by Year 1 who danced to Michale Jackson's Thriller.







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Vietnamese Teacher's Day Celebration
Honors Educators

November 20 marked a day of celebration and gratitude as students and staff gathered to commemorate Vietnamese Teacher's Day.

The school premises buzzed with excitement as various activities and competitions took place to honor the hard work and dedication of teachers. One of the highlights of the day was the flower making competition, which saw Year 6 and above students showcasing their creativity using pipe cleaners. The participants poured their hearts into crafting intricate and beautiful floral arrangements. The judges had a tough time deciding, but ultimately, it was Year 6L who emerged as winners, impressing everyone with their stunning creations.

Meanwhile, in the primary section, students embraced their artistic side by engaging in a card making activity. Year 4G's talent and effort shone through as they clinched the victory with their heartfelt and beautifully designed teacher's day cards.

In addition to the competitions, the event featured captivating performances by students from different year levels. From enchanting musical renditions to captivating dance routines, the stage came alive with talent and enthusiasm, leaving the audience in awe of the young performers' skills.

Expressing their gratitude, students took the opportunity to deliver a heartfelt speech, expressing their appreciation for the invaluable guidance and support provided by their teachers. The speeches were met with resounding applause, showcasing the deep bond between the students and their educators.

As a token of appreciation, gifts were presented to all teachers and staff members, symbolizing the immense gratitude and respect the students hold for their mentors. The gifts served as a reminder of the pivotal role that teachers play in shaping young minds and fostering a love for learning within each student.

The Vietnamese Teacher's Day celebration served as a reminder of the profound impact that teachers have on society. It highlighted the importance of recognizing and appreciating the tireless efforts of educators in nurturing and shaping the future generation. As the event came to a close, a sense of warmth and appreciation lingered, motivating both teachers and students to continue their journey of growth and knowledge together.









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Hoi Khue Phu Dong Sports Tournament

With little time to prepare for the competitions, Singapore International School's boys competed in the local schools' tournaments in both football and basketball during the month of November. SIS @ Vung Tau entered a Junior and a Senior team in the football tournament and a Senior team in the basketball games.

The boys tried their best in both sports and even reached the championship game of the basketball tournament. Just a few baskets kept the boys from taking home the championship trophy but they were gallant in the great effort that they put forward each and every game they competed in.

The great American sportscaster Grantland Rice said, "It is not whether or not you win or lose, but how you play the game." This was especially true for our young men as they played fairly and competed to the best of their abilities this past month. Well done to all the boys on the teams!







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Spelling Bee in Classroom Round Competition: SIS Vung Tau Aims for Another Victory

In an exciting showcase of linguistic prowess, students from Year 3 to IGCSE 1 at SIS Vung Tau recently took part in a captivating spelling bee competition held at the classroom level. The competition, conducted by English teachers, took place from November 21st to 24th. Embracing the spirit of healthy competition, participants put their spelling skills to the test, engaging in a battle of words that kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

The stakes were high as each class champion was determined to secure their spot in the upcoming campus round competition, scheduled for January 17th, 2024. The winners of the classroom-level contest were as follows:

| Class | Winner | Class | Winner |
|-------|----------|-------|------------|
| 3G | Ken | 3L | Elena |
| 4G | Chase | 4L | Henry |
| 5G | Thuy Lam | 5L | Jessica |
| 6G | Winson | 6L | Khanh Linh |
| 7G | Blossom | 7L | James |
| 8G | Peter | 8L | Ben |

These exceptional spellers from each class now face an even greater challenge, as they vie for victory in the highly anticipated campus round competition. Set to take place early next year, this event will determine who will represent SIS Vung Tau in the North and South regional competition on April 24th.

SIS Vung Tau, renowned for its commitment to academic excellence, has previously clinched the championship award in the spelling bee for two consecutive years. With their stellar track record, expectations are high for the upcoming contests. Will SIS Vung Tau secure another triumph and continue their winning streak? Students, teachers, and parents alike eagerly await the outcome as they cheer on their school's representatives in this thrilling battle of words. As the campus for the intense prepares competition ahead, the participants are diligently honing their spelling and expanding skills their vocabulary. With the support of their dedicated coaches Ms. Jill and Mr. James and the entire SIS Vung Tau community, these budding

wordsmiths aim to make their mark, not only in the campus round but also in the regional competition that awaits them.

Stay tuned for more updates as the countdown begins to determine who will emerge victorious and proudly represent SIS Vung Tau in the highly anticipated North and South regional spelling bee competition.







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Self-awareness:

What is self-awareness – continuing with life skills programme from WHO:

Self-awareness is an important skill that can be developed and improved over time. Here are some tips from various sources to help improve self-awareness:

- 1. Keep a daily journal to reflect on your thoughts and feelings.
- 2. Seek feedback from others to gain a different perspective on yourself.
- 3. Identify your values to understand what is important to you.
- 4. Practice mindfulness meditation to focus on the present moment and your thoughts and feelings.
- 5. Acknowledge your feelings and allow yourself to feel them.
- 6. Understand your emotional triggers to better manage your reactions.
- 7. Write down your key plans and priorities to track your progress and assess your decision-making.

It's important to note that self-awareness is a learned skill that takes time and practice to develop. By becoming more self-aware, you can better understand your emotions and reactions, which can lead to better decision-making and more fulfilling relationships.

It is important to put yourself in a positive frame of mind every morning. Being aware of yourself, your surroundings, the family and just having positive goals for the day will carry you through a relatively beautiful day. Try and practice daily.

Watch videos on YouTube for more information.

