

Welcome to our Newsletter September 2022

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The year 7L Students engaged the topic of chemistry in their science lesson by constructing molecules and molecular compounds using marshmallows and scientific block chains. Students were actively learning, having fun and of course eating a great deal of marshmallows during their lab session. The concept of elemental chains is of high importance in science and allows them to re-evaluate the composition of everyday household items as well as their molecular structure. They displayed great enthusiasm, dedication and a willingness to learn.

We have had a great start to our Academic Year. Students are learning to cope with the Academic work and doing well. For Term 1, we have managed to:

- Organise a successful Parent Teacher Meeting
- Inform iGCSE students of their final results
- Announced the winners of the STEM Competition
- Announced the winners of the system wide Spelling Bee Champions in Primary and Secondary
- Announced the winners of the Science Fair Festival
- Celebrated Mid-Autumn Festival

Well done everyone.



Digital Literacy at SIS - Vung Tau using Microsoft

This year, students in our ICT Primary classes will have the opportunity to learn more about the features of Microsoft Office, computer coding, keyboarding, and other digital learning tools using Microsoft and Microsoft Education. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is regarded as a new literacy alongside reading, writing and numeracy according to [UNESCO](#). Technology has rapidly transformed education through digital learning and innovative technologies that help to empower the learner, community as well as our teaching staff at SIS.

Students later this semester will be participating in our annual [Hour of Code](#) celebration, a global event that explores the fundamentals of computer science. Students will be participating in the Hour of Code during their ICT lessons. Students will be learning and applying their computer science knowledge and 21st century skills during this event. After the successful completion of Hour of Code activities, each student will receive an Hour of Code certificate for their participation.



Above: Winners of our STEM Competition. Congratulations!



The IGCSE results for 2021-2022 were magnificent and once again SIS Vung Tau has produced another cohort of very smart individuals. While waiting for their IGCSE results, students were actively applying for high schools or university foundation programs. Sarah, Sam and Mary were some of these students and they have been successful in their applications. All three have been accepted to university foundation programs in Melbourne, Australia. They will complete between 8 to 10 months of university foundation courses, after which they will be admitted to first year of university. SIS @ Vung Tau, parents, students and staff wish them the very best in the next phase of their academic life!



Art Class

Students in the 2L art class learned how to make coil vessels, which is a basic technique for creating clay pottery. The first step is to build a flat circular base, which is strong to build coils along the exterior of the shape. Students discovered that it is essential to pay attention to craftsmanship, making sure that each coil wrapped around the previous coil must be blended or pinched to ensure that the vessel is strong and durable. Students worked with Neon Model Magic clay, and experimented with mixing pigments of the clay color to create a marble effect. At the end of the lesson, students showed off their amazing results.



Above: Students making Coil Vessels

Mid-Autumn Festival September 9th at SIS @ Vung Tau

Mid-Autumn Festival was a fun and learning experience for the students from Kindergarten through the IGSCSE classes. There were many wonderful performances from all aged students as well as several fun games played. We had an enjoyable Lion Dance performed for all of the students in the courtyard. The event was culminated by everyone enjoying mooncakes and fruit in the canteen after the Lion Dance. It was wonderful to get together once again in person to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival together as a school. A special thanks to IGSCSE 2 students Polly, Ha An, and Ben for leading the program in the hall as MCs and moderators of the event. Well done!





**Fun Performances
At Mid-Autumn
Festival**





Science Fair 2021

Secondary – Years 5 to 8

2021-2022 Festival of Ideas: The Unsung Heroes of Science

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From making electricity from potatoes to making plastics from milk, the Science Festival held last academic year at Singapore International School - Vung Tau, broke the glass ceiling. In a two-hour period of presentation, the hall was a beehive of activity and a show of scientific ideas.

Years 6 up to IGCSE participated in the festival and invited the whole school. Two independent judges were invited to examine and select winners based on a structured rubric and originality of thought. The winners, the unsung heroes of science, were as follows with respective titles of their projects:

- Gold - Chen Song Yi - IGCSE-1 - Electromagnetic Induction
- Silver - Katy Ann Blackford - Year 7 - Crystal Eggs
- Silver - Arculeo Nguyễn Lucia - Year 7 - Crystal Eggs
- Silver - Tran Xuan Thang (Ben) - IGCSE-1 - Electricity from Potatoes
- Bronze - Lê Phương Hải Anh (Kelsey) - Year 8 - Making Plastics from Milk
- Bronze - Nguyễn Sith Ratanavong (Antony) - Year 8 - Making Plastics from Milk
- Bronze - Lee Hồ Jaasund (Joseph) - Year 8 - Making Plastics from Milk

We are looking forward to another mesmerizing science festival of ideas in June next year.



Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration by KIK students



Mid-Autumn is one of the most important holidays in Vietnamese culture. The festival was a time to enjoy the successful reaping of rice and wheat with food offerings made in honor of the moon. A notable part of celebrating the holiday is the carrying of brightly lit lanterns. Making and sharing mooncakes is one of the hallmark traditions of this festival. On this festival, our KIK students are very excited with some activities: lanterns decoration, moon cake making and performances with lots of memories. Furthermore, they look very wonderful in traditional costume, the Ao dai.