

Teachers' Day

Teachers' Day was celebrated in style by students at SIS Vung Tau on 20th November, with a lot of singing and dancing on the part of the students. All the teachers were glad to see how much the students appreciate and value their efforts throughout the year.

Hopefully, this semester, there will be more to celebrate with good exam results at the end of the year.

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On behalf of our staff, a very appreciative thank you to all our wonderful parents for their kind donations, gifts, handshakes and wishes on Teachers' Day. We are looking forward to celebrating Teachers' day next year, with our parents.

Our students have been doing well in DynEd classes. However, there are still a number of students who do not complete the short tasks on DynEd at home. Please ensure that your child does DynEd daily for at least 20 minutes. The results thusfar until November will be sent to parents during next week.

Please continue to monitor your child's academic progress on Edupage. The SA 1 exams are on hand and students should start preparing now for the exams.

Thank you parents and staff for having raised over 20 million VND for the storm and flood victims in Central Vietnam. Your kind generosity is much appreciated and the proceeds will be paid over to the non-profit organisation run by VnExpress daily newspaper and others.

Staff Training

Staff training is an important part of the SIS ethos and particular emphasis is put on in-class training. To this end, SIS Vung Tau recently held a teacher training event in which teachers across the school got the chance to share their teaching practice with each other through class visits. This involved teachers observing each other's classes in order to learn about teaching practice and how it could help in their own class rooms.



The atmosphere of the class visits was friendly and supportive, as teachers feedback the positives in their colleagues teaching methods and classroom environments. These classroom visits, along with formal observations, are just a small part of the important staff development activities at SIS @ Vung Tau campus that happen on a regular basis.

Having time to reflect on the teaching methodology of our staff is an important part of maintaining and improving results across the school.



OBV OVERNIGHT FOR OUR YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 STUDENTS OCTOBER 20-23

October 20th saw the arrival of Mr. Phuc and Ms. Nada straight from Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) in Quy Nhon to our campus here in Vung Tau. They were here, as OBV staff, to lead our Year 4 and Year 5 classes over two days (with an overnight sleepover on campus) of fun and learning activities that would help our students become better leaders and improve upon their teamwork inside as well as outside of the classroom.

Each day was broken down into different activities and games where the students were led in team-building as well as leadership building exercises within their year level groups. The boys and girls would eat an early breakfast, have some morning exercises and stretches, then get into the undertakings for the day. They would have the same morning break and lunchtimes as the rest of the school. They would then continue with the fun and learning before it was time to clean up and get ready for the evening dinner. From there they would finish up the day before getting into bed for a good rest to be ready for the next day.

Out of the Year 5 students surveyed, eighty percent of them felt that they got the chance to show off their leadership skills during the two days with OBV. Sixty percent of the Year 4 students felt the same way. Ninety-one percent of the Year 4 students and seventy-nine percent of the Year 5 classes said that the OBV Overnight helped them to understand the importance of leading an active, healthy lifestyle.

Some of the helpful words of encouragement that the Year 4 and 5 classes left for next year's OBV participants were:

You are going to have fun! Don't cry, be brave and you will learn a lot. Don't be afraid of staying overnight away from your Mother and Father, you will be fine! Listen to the OBV instructors and you will learn many things. You will learn how you can succeed with Teamwork, rather than working on your own. There is nothing to be afraid of during the overnight. Don't pack too much, you are only staying for one night!

Year 5L Science

As part of their studies for the recent Science unit on Cells, Year 5L made observations using microscopes. One of the challenges was just learning how to use a microscope properly: focusing carefully, adjusting proper lighting, preparing slides, discerning what is the true subject as opposed to dirt on the lens or air bubbles under the slide.

Year 5L were fascinated by the cheek and onion cells they observed and were amazed also by the prepared slides of various plants and insects.



7G Class Profile

This year, 7G has five students, 3 boys and 2 girls. The boys play football together every day and support each other in their studies and the girls are trying to be more confident in speaking and presenting their work. Below, Khanh Phuong, a new student, have a Literature presentation. She is giving a presentation to the class about the dream of the farmer.



Reminders:

1. **Christmas Charity Fair** – students only for this year – Friday 18 December 2020 at school
2. **SA 1 Exams** starts on 9 December 2020 – Years 2 to Year 9
3. **School closes** for Term 2 on Wednesday 23 December 2020 and reopens Tuesday 5 January 2021