



VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

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To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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Dear Parents,

It has been a month of examination preparation for our IGCSE 2 students who are sitting the Cambridge examinations and the Year 9 students who completed the Department of Education and Training (DOET) exams. The IGCSE assessments will continue through the month of May and the International examinations will commence shortly after.

This month we have had several activities for the students which included the Soccer tournaments organised by Mr Mike; Ms Heather's recycling art activities where students from primary and secondary classes created different pieces of art using recycled materials. The focus of these activities was on using recycled materials to create something new and interesting. Students were able to demonstrate their creativity and artistic talent through these activities. The Reading Minutes Month, organised by Ms Kathy was once again a huge success. All classes participated enthusiastically in the challenge.

On 24 April our 2015 MOSWC finalists will be taking the Microsoft challenge again at Danang University. Mr Phuc and Ms Alelie have been coaching the students for the event. We wish our competing students all the best on the day.

Earth Day

The concept of Earth day was established in 1969 and on 22 April, 1970, Earth Day was established. Forty-six years later, more than 180 countries (over a billion people) take part in celebrating Earth Day. This year, our proactive Student Council members instigated 'day without power and wastage' for all of us at SIS @ Danang. Their aim was to inspire, challenge ideas, ignite passion, and motivate our students and staff to action.

Swimming

Students from Year 5 and above commenced their swimming programme on 11 April. It is amazing to see the improvement in their swimming since the commencement of the year.



Prep children demonstrate their creative art skills

Swimming for the students from K2 to Year 4 will commence on the week of the 9 May.

The children in the Nursery class and the K1 classes will commence their water play on the week of the 9 May also.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing Term 3 holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

Deputy Principal's Message

Reading

Reading is one of the best ways to improve one's language abilities. During the month of March, students at SIS@DaNang participated in a friendly reading competition. Ms. Kathy McKeon has organized this event for the past several years. This year, the results were very impressive. SIS@DaNang students read a record number of minutes for the month for an average of 2,208 minutes per student!

Vocabulary building is a key benefit of reading. New words are learned much more readily when they are explored in context. In other words, it is much better to learn a new word when it is surrounded by words that you already know and connected to something that gives it meaning or significance. Words are the building blocks of a language, but we need to see them in use in order to learn how those building blocks are put together.

Getting your child to read is important, but equally as important is getting your child to read books that are at the appropriate level of difficulty. There is copious research to indicate that students learn best by reading books that are challenging, yet not overwhelming in difficulty. This idea relates to something called the "Zone of Proximal Development." Students learn best when they are learning in the zone of difficulty just above their current ability level. There are many different types of assessments available to determine a child's reading level. At SIS we regularly employ the online "Reading A to Z" program to measure student reading abilities and give them access to material at the appropriate level.

Other methods for measuring reading ability include tools such as the Lexile scale, STAR Reading, DRA and Wida tests. There are a whole slew of new online resources available to help educators and parents assess students' reading levels. Online resources can also help to determine which books should be read for each reading level. Today it is easier than ever to get your child reading with the help of technology.



K2A children learning to write



K2 B children have enjoyed their outside art lessons



Year 1-2 International students during recess time

The benefits of reading are multitudinous. If you want your child to succeed, help them to read!

Mr. David Swanson
Deputy Principal

Message from Head of Studies

The IGCSE exams officially began on Monday, 11 April. They will run until 25 May. If you are an IGCSE parent please remember that your student must return to school on day early on May 2nd for the English exam. Semester 2 Year 1-9 exams will start in June so start getting your students ready at home by studying and reading with them. As we start to prepare for the next academic school year please visit it us if you have any questions, concerns or comments about your student's plans for next year. Wishing you all a safe and relaxing term break.

Regards,

Kelsey McDonald
Head of Studies

Study Tour 2016

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organising a Study Tour Programme to Malaysia and Singapore, tentatively from July 3 to July 9, 2016 for students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Further information on the program details and registration will be delivered to students and parents in due course. Please contact Ms Tuyen for further details.

Kindergarten News

One of the themes the kindergarten children have been learning about this month is 'Money' and to put their knowledge into practice, the Kindergarten classes (Nursery – K2) visited Lotte Mart with the aim of letting the children see the cost of different items.

The kindergarten children have also been learning about 'Living and Non Living' things in their Natural Science classes. Children have been learning to classify according to the two groups.

The prep children have been showing great progress in their reading ability. They are developing a love of reading which we are happy to see.

All our youngsters have been enjoying their HPE time with Ms Leila while enjoying learning new skills and practices.



Year 6 International preparing for the upcoming exams



Year 2 demonstrating their reading skills



Year 3-4 are curious scientists

Message from Principal of SVIS

Congratulations to our students who won two first prizes, two second prizes and five consolation prizes in the Online Maths Competition at the district level:

- Doan Nguyen Doan Trang – Y1 Int'd: the 1st prize
- Huynh Gia Bao – Y1 Int'd: the 1st prize
- Ngo Tuan Khoi - Y1 Int'd: the 2nd prize
- Tran Gia Han - Y1 Int'd: the 2nd prize
- Le Trong Tuyen - Y1 Int'd: the consolation prize
- Tran Huu Tien Quoc - Y1 Int'd: the consolation prize
- Truong Cong Nguyen Ly - Y1 Int'd: the consolation prize
- Ngo Cong Bao Khoa – Y2 Int'd: the consolation prize
- Le Minh Cong – Y3 Int'd: the consolation prize

On 4 April, three Year 8 integrated students competed with students in Ngu Hanh Son District in Le Loi High School. Congratulations to Nguyen Ngoc Anh Thu (Year 8) who won first place in this prestigious competition.

To help our students achieve their best results for the Semester 2 examinations, we have opened ECA tutorial classes after school (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm) for students who would like extra tuition.

For our students to achieve good results in the examinations, we would like parents to encourage the students to spend some time revising their work during the Term 3 holidays. Our Year 9 students completed their DOET exams on the 15 April.

Upcoming plans

This month, twenty Year 5 integrated students sat Vietnamese and Mathematics qualifying examination. Four of our students who obtained the highest scores will participate in the City Primary Student Day which will be held by the DOET on 24 April, 2016 at Nguyen Khuyen School (Cam Le District)

On 28 April, Year 4 integrated students will sit the Maths and Vietnamese Assessment Examinations.

Congratulations to Nguyen Trang Anh (Year 6) who has been selected to compete in the National Swimming Competition Thanh Hoa Province from 12 -20 May.

Students from Year 1 to Year 8 will be sitting in the Semester 2 examinations from 9 to 13 May 2016.

After semester 2 examinations, students will prepare their performances for the school-year closing ceremony and the End of Year School Concert, both of which will be held in June.

Teachers will collect academic evidences to assess students' progresses this year and review the primary graduation for year 5 integrated students.

The closing ceremony for the SVIS students will be held on 10 June.

Yours sincerely,
Vu Thi Lan



Year 3 working collaboratively



K1 children learning about letters and shapes

The Month Ahead

- 24 April – MOSWC competition (IGCSE students)
- 24 April – Students' DOET Day
- 28 April – Vietnamese Assessment Day (Year 4)
- 3 May – Cambridge Exam- IGCSE 2 students
- 4 May - School Resumes
- 9 May – SVIS examinations commence (Year 1-9 Int'g)
- 9 May – Swimming commences for Younger students
- 21 May – Family Picnic at SIS grounds
- 30 May – SIS examinations commence
- 10 June – SVIS End of Year Graduation Ceremony
- 23 June – End of Year Concert
- 3 July – Study Tour
- 11 July- Commencement of iPSLE (Year 6 only)