



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.

MISSION

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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Important Dates:

- 6 October: US Universities visit
- 11 October: MC Online Parent session
- 17 October: RMIT Visit
- 28 October: PIU Information session
- 31 October: Halloween Party
- 31 October: End of Term 1

Dear Parents,

Our students are now well settled onto the routines of all curricular and extra-curricular activities for the academic year. It has been a promising start to the year and pleasing to see so many of our students immersing themselves into their studies with commitment and enthusiasm.

Schoolwide Learning Goals

Each year, the teaching staff meet to discuss the critical areas of student learning that need to be addressed. One of our goals this year is to improve students' critical thinking and problem solving skills which are essential for our students to compete globally in the 21st century. This month the teachers have been participating in professional development sessions which will help us achieve our goal through de Bono Thinking Hats (Kindergarten and Primary) and Bloom's Taxonomy Higher Order Thinking Skills (Secondary). The thinking skills programme starts with the children as young as 4 years old. Teachers will be closely monitoring the students' progress in all the key learning areas of the curriculum.

Parent Teacher Information Mornings

Thank you to all the parents who came for the Parent Information mornings on Saturday 6 September and Saturday 20 September. The relationship between the home and the school plays a very important part in a child's education. Teachers are responsible for the more formal aspects of children's learning, and successful teaching builds on the home experiences of the child. This is most effective when there is an active partnership with parents and teachers. Where a partnership exists, it is easier for parents to feel confident about the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom and to avoid misunderstandings.

If you have not yet had a chance to meet with your child's teacher, make an appointment to meet and find out his/her routines and class expectations.



2014-2015 Student Council



Newspaper Club students



Reading buddies club

MC Online Parent Information and Training session

Our next parent meeting will be an MC Online Training session for parents. This will be held on Saturday 11 October in the Multimedia Room B at 9:30am. MC Online is the Marshall Cavendish online e-learning programme we use which supports our Singaporean English, Mathematics, Science and Chinese programmes. Students in the integrated programme can also log into the Singaporean Science and Mathematics any time they wish to try some of the activities that are available. This training session is for parents of students from Year 1 to Year 9. Mr Phuc will conduct the session in Vietnamese and Ms Alelie and I will be there to help non-Vietnamese speakers. Depending on the number of parents who show an interest in learning about this critical e-learning programme, we will consider running a few sessions to accommodate all parents.

Vietnamese Teachers' In-service

On 24-25 September our Vietnamese Mathematics teachers were in-serviced by Dr Minh Anh from Hanoi. Dr Minh Anh is a Mathematics consultant who visits the SIS schools on a regular basis. The teachers enjoyed the innovative practices Dr Minh Anh shared with them.

Mid-Autumn Festival

Students were entertained by professional Lion Dancers on Monday, 8 September to celebrate the wonderful, ancient festival that revolves around children. The students were also treated to the traditional moon cake on the day.

Students' Impressions

The Lion Dance

By Eliza Haney, Year 2

This morning I went to see the Lion Dance. It was fun. They were clever when the yellow lion walked and the red lion stood up and put its paw on the yellow lion's back.

My favourite part was when the funny man woke up the two lions. The lions were strong and fierce as they fought for their master to be proud of them. The lions were beautiful. Their mouths were huge and their teeth sparkled.

Student Council News

Ms Kelsey

Student council elections ran smoothly on 16 September. Students from Year 5 and above voted for the Student Council members for the 2014-2015 academic year. We started off the elections with 15 candidates running for various positions. We congratulate the elected Student Council: President: Le Thai Minh Khoa; Vice President: Bui Thien Minh; Secretary: Cloe Ann Montoya; Treasurer: Pham Thi Gia Han; Public Relations: Dong Bao Ngoc; Ha Buu Thien; Adam Conroy.



ICT Club



Art Activity



Nursery Art activity

The committee had their initial student council meeting of the year on 18th September. Their first order of business as a student council was to run the class representative elections and they have now commenced planning for the end of term Halloween party.

Principals' Conference

Each year the KinderWorld Education Group sponsors the KinderWorld schools annual Principals' Conference and Progressive Dialogue. This year Pegasus International Unicollge, Danang hosted the three day conference from Friday 26 September to Sunday 28 September.

The Principals' Conference is for school Principals and Deputy Principals to come together to discuss leadership, educational innovations and best practice.

The Progressive Dialogue enables all key personnel in the KinderWorld Education Group to understand key initiatives as the company continues to expand.

The visitors were able to meet with our students as well as enjoy a tour of our school.

Fire Drill

It is important for all students to understand the correct procedure if there were to be a fire in the school. The students are exposed to four fire drills a year, one a term.

This month we had our first fire drill practice for the year. Our students were explained the purpose of the drill and importance of moving quickly and calmly to a designated area.

University Visits

Ms Liz

The University of Kansas is excited to be participating in a small university tour this October. They will have representatives from four colleges/universities located in Kansas, Missouri, and Minnesota. They will be in Danang on Monday October 6, and will visit with our Secondary students. In addition to a small fair or institutional presentations, they will present on the following topics: Writing an application essay and The application process.

- Maryville University, Missouri (private liberal arts & sciences college)
- Saint Louis University, Missouri (private research university)
- St. Catherine University, Minnesota (private women's college)
- University of Kansas (public research university)

Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT)

Vietnam is planning a tentative information session and engineering workshop on Friday, 17 October.



Year 8 students collaboratively



Prep class learning new words



Prep class learning new letters and sounds

RMIT offers programmes such as Bachelor of Business Information Systems, Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Communication. RMIT Vietnam has just expanded the exchange program to 4 countries including USA, UK, Canada and Netherlands this year and more countries will be finalised next year.

Pegasus International Unicollege (PIU) staff will also do a session on 28 October with our secondary students to inform them about the pathways and range of programmes on offer from International Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary qualifications and Business qualifications.

Extra-Curricular Activities (ECA)

The Extra Curricular Activities (ECA) began Monday 15 September 2014 and will finish Friday 24 October 2014. We are thrilled to see so many students participating this term. Unfortunately, we had to turn away some students who signed up for activities after they were full. Register early next term to ensure your spot in an activity as places are filled on a first come, first served basis.

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 10:00-10:30 | Mock UN (IGCSE 1 classroom) | Primary Choir (Music Room) | Book Club (GAC/EFL Room) | Mock UN (IGCSE 1 classroom) Primary Choir (Music Room) | Book Club (GAC/EFL Room) Reading Buddies (Kindy Classrooms) |
| 12:10-12:40 | Newspaper (Ms. Julia's Room) | Girls' Club (IGCSE 2 Room) | | Essay Edit (IGCSE 1 Room) | |
| 4:05-4:50 | Colour By Number (Year 5 Integrated classroom) Secondary Sport (Multipurpose Hall) | Art Club (Year 1 Integrated classroom) ICT Club (Computer Room) Chess Club (Year 7 classroom) | Jogging (Meet in Canteen) Vietnamese (Year 3/4 International Classroom) | | Vietnamese (Year 1/2 International Classroom) Primary Sport (Multipurpose Hall) Science Club (Science Lab) |

I wish you all a happy month ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

The month in photographs

