



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.

Important dates:

Christmas Charity Fair: 7th Dec (12.45 – 4pm)

Christmas break: 16th Dec – 1st Jan

SIS examinations: 2nd Jan – 12th Jan

**Make-up Day APEC: 6th Jan (Saturday)
(DOET requirement)**

End of Term 2: 19th Jan

Dear Parents

What a wonderful celebration we had for Teacher's Day. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you and your children for all the lovely flowers, cards and gifts. I know the teachers all appreciated the recognition for their hard work as they provide the best learning opportunities for your children in a caring and nurturing environment. You can see the enjoyment of all in the photos included in this newsletters and I hope that you have had time to view the additional photos and videos posted on our website and on our Facebook page.

Just a reminder that secondary students who arrive late, after 8.30am, need to report to the office for a late slip and to be marked present on the attendance roll.

This year's Christmas Charity Fair is a new format but the proceeds will still go to the very worthy charity, Operation Smile. We have changed the concept to hold the Fair on a school afternoon so that all the students can participate in the fun and traditions of Christmas. There will be games, a Christmas party, Dance Sports, magic show, music, edible craft and, of course, a visit from Santa. Students will be involved in decorating their classrooms and the school leading up to the Fair. We are asking for a "donation" of VND 200,000 per student. Secondary students will have some activities on the ground floor of Pegasus and can purchase additional vouchers (VND 10,000) at this venue if they wish. Kindergarten students will have their concert and games in the morning and join with the whole school in the afternoon when Santa arrives.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas break, starting on 15th December, and look forward to seeing everyone returning refreshed in the new year on Tuesday, 2nd January.

**Anne Matley (Ms)
Principal**

Year 6 compères, Khang and Bun, did a superb job at our special Teacher's Day Assembly

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Message from the Deputy Principal

As this is the last newsletter before Christmas break I would like to wish all families a Happy Christmas and safe travel. We are looking forward to seeing you after the festive season for the end of semester one.

Examinations

Please be aware that semester one exams will start immediately after students return from the break. The first exam is oral English consisting of an individual speaking and reading task one-on-one with their teacher. Please see below the exam dates. If you are travelling I suggest that the students keep a journal or diary (in English) of your travels. This serves as a lasting memory of your travels as well good practice at writing for a purpose.

English Paper 1	Tuesday 2 - 3 January
English Paper 2	Thursday 4 January
English Paper 3	Friday 5 January
Mathematics* **	Monday 8 January
English Paper 4	Tuesday 9 January
Science**	Wednesday 10 January

*Students in Year 6 and above complete two Mathematics papers.

**Only students in International classes

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our students have nearly finished their term two afterschool clubs. It has been wonderful to see the engagement of students in the various activities. Students in Sewing Club have been busy making key rings, pencils cases and little bags. Coding and Animation students have been learning to use technology to make games and animations and in Science Club students have been conducting exciting experiments and developing vocabulary.

The afterschool club information for term three will be distributed after the Christmas break. As our classes have a maximum number, please ensure your child returns the form back promptly to avoid missing out on an activity. Classes that do not meet the minimum number may be cancelled.

**Chelsea Donaldson
Deputy Principal**



Thương lắm thầy cô ơi ! Such a beautiful dance by Y1 girls.



Đến với con người Việt Nam tôi was performed by Ms Anne with dancers from Y5B



“Crazy Little Thing Called Love” was performed by Mr Merritt, Mr Merijn and Mr Guy

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Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

In November, integrated curriculum focused on Teacher's Day. All students tried their best to have the best results to show their gratitude to their teachers. We enjoyed the students' songs and performances to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Teacher's Day this year. It was a display of the appreciation students have for their teachers. The school received beautiful flowers from the local leaders and parents. We thank you all for helping us celebrate our special day.

Vietnamese teachers are spending time on tutoring some subjects for some integrated students after school from 4:00 to 5:00 pm to support them for their examinations.

In December, teachers and students will focus on preparing for the Semester One examination. The schedule is:

- **11/12 – 15/12:** Semester 1 Examinations for Y1 up to Y8 (Integrated)
- **26/12 – 29/12:** Semester 1 Examinations for Y9 (Integrated)

Y9 Integrated Semester I Examinations are held by DOET from 7:00 am (No school bus on those days due to Christmas and New Year Break, so Y9 Parents please arrange time to pick up and drop off your child on time)

Several of our students will join in the Badminton and Ping-pong Competition in the Phu Dong National Youth Sports Festival at district level on 12th December, 2017 and others are excited to continue to compete in the Swimming Competition which will be held on February, 2018.

We are looking forward to your support in our activities ahead.

Sincerely

VU THI LAN
SVIS Principal



Staff and students enjoyed the day



Dance : Bụi Phấn by Y5A girls



Secondary students performed Hát –nhảy tổng hợp

Message from Head of Studies

It has been a busy month for teachers at all SIS schools as we work together to develop the Semester one exams which are fair, valid and reliable for our student body. Students will soon receive their exam schedules and we encourage you to start preparing with your students at home for the Semester one exams which begin on 2nd January, after the Christmas break.

I met with many parents of Year 7 and 8 students this month to discuss our school's study pathways and our partnerships with Elmhurst College and Edinburgh Napier University. These meetings were insightful to help us better support all of our students and I would like to thank all parents who attended or gave feedback through the surveys.

Kelsey McDonald
Head of Studies

Message from Head of Kindergarten

We would like to take this opportunity to say “Many thanks” to our parents for the beautiful flowers and lovely gifts on the Vietnamese Teachers’ Day. We really appreciate your care and kind thoughts!

The Kindergarten children enjoyed lots of interesting learning activities through the themes “Plants and Flowers”, “Community Helpers and Occupation” and “Pets”, which helped boost their confidence and English competence by sharing personal experiences and discussions.

Everyone had a fun time planting beans and observing how the seedlings growing every day. They enjoyed dressing up in different job costumes and role-playing. One part of these lessons was talking about their favourite occupation when they grow up. Students also learned about duties and responsibilities of caring for a pet through SOSE and Science lessons.

The Christmas Charity Fair will be held on Thursday, December 7th in the multi-purpose hall. There will be a Christmas concert at 8.45am followed by games and activities, finishing at 10am. Parents are very welcome to come and join in celebrating Christmas with us.

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten



Wonderful song from Khanh Linh accompanied by Viet Ha on piano along with Y5 dancers



Lucy and all Y1/2 International class featured in the APEC promotional video. What a star!



All students have access to one of the computer laboratories

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