



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

January 2021

Coming events:

ISA Testing Feb 2-4
DynEd Week Feb 1-5
Holidays Feb 8 - 19

Message from Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As you are aware there have been reported community cases of COVID in the north of Vietnam. We have had to put in place some very strict measures.

- No outside visitors to the school. If parents need to visit the school, please make an appointment (preschool parents can drop off and pick up).
- All students, staff and parents on school grounds must wear a face mask when outside of the classroom, unless exercising. Stock up on extra masks if required.
- Temperature checks upon entering school grounds.
- Regular hand sanitizing entry, before and after meals, classes etc.
- No outside excursions or field trips until further notice.
- No whole school assemblies or gathering of large groups.
- If students have any symptoms fever, sore throat, cough etc please keep them home from school and get checked by a Doctor.

You may need to also carefully consider any upcoming travel plans. If staff or students visit any area where there have been recorded community cases of COVID, they will likely be required to do a 2-week quarantine period and have a health check before returning to school. Please check your email over the holiday period for any updates from the school.

We have completed the teaching and learning cycle with our recent Parent Teacher Conferences. Overall, the Semester results were very pleasing. This data (below) is supported by our results from external testing from the International Schools Assessment (ISA), where we had very strong Mathematical results. The results below are a reflection of hard work by both students and staff.

English:

- 91% of students working at a C grade or higher.
- 31% of students working above 90% (A grade).

Mathematics:

- 92% of students working at a C grade or higher.
- 41% of students working above 90% (A grade).

Science:

- 90% of students working at a C grade or higher.
- 48% of students working above 90% (A grade).

We are now clearly focused on the Semester 2 program. Please take on the feedback and advice given at the Parent Teacher Conferences and assist in supporting students to read



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regularly and for students Year 3 and above access the DynEd program for even better results at the end of the year.

Chuc Mung Nam Moi

Christopher Bradley
Principal

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

In January 2021, Semester 1 assessment was conducted under the instructions of MOET. Overall results as below:

1. Primary:

- 100% of students made satisfactory academic progress.
- 80.49% students had excellent achievement.
- 99.39% of students have completed for behavior and academic results.

2. Secondary

- 61 students had excellent achievement (67.03%)
- 25 students got good achievement (27.47%)
- 4 students had average achievement (4.39%).
- 1 student had weak result (1.11%)
- 91 students received good behavior (100%).

Other Activities:

- Continue taking part in chess competition in District Level. Ngo Tuan Khoi - Year 6 won bronze medal, and 5 students of Year 8&9 who selected into the Basketball competition in the City Level won Silver medal.
- Parent – Teacher Interview is at the end of Semester 1: Teachers will update the academic result in Semester 1 and receive parent's contribution ideas to consider adjusting in accordance with Semester 2. The detail information as below:
 - On 16th January (9:00-11:00), Parent Teacher Interview for Year 1 Integrated
 - On 23 January (8:00am-12:00am), Parent Teacher Interview for the rest of the classes
- Year 9 students took part in the national talented student competition of English subject (the 2nd round) as DOET's instruction. All of three students won the good results and continue joining the city level competition in Semester 2 as DOET's instruction.

Due to COVID restrictions we need to postpone the "Tet Fair" and celebrations scheduled for 5/2. We apologise and hope to have an event where we can celebrate Vietnamese Culture later in the year.

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank parents who have accompanied the school to achieve many good results in the Semester 1.

Wishing all of you a lot of joy and good luck on the traditional New Year

Regards,

Vu Thi Lan

Principal of SVIS

Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents

Parent-Teacher interviews:

Parent-teacher interviews Thank you to all those parents who attended the parent-teacher interviews on Saturday 23 January, it was a good opportunity for parents to meet the teachers and discuss student progress. If you have any feedback regarding the interview process, please email me directly: daan.ebbers@danang.sis.edu.vn

OBV:

Y8L students participated in an Outward-Bound program in Quy Nhon. For five days they worked through challenges and activities that required them to use and develop communication, teamwork and critical thinking skills. The students tried their best in the challenges and while they were exhausted at the end of the week, they enjoyed the experience! A big thank you to the teachers who accompanied this trip and to the Outward-Bound Instructors who ran the program for our school. Please see below for the confirmed dates for the OBV programs.

Outward Bound Vietnam, Binh Dinh / Quy Nhon		
8A, 8B, 9A	Postponed, waiting for new schedule	Postponed, waiting for new schedule
6A, 6L	Monday the 15 th of March, 2021	Friday the 19 th of March, 2021
7A, 7L	Monday the 12 th of April, 2021	Friday the 16 th of April, 2021
10A	Monday the 7 th of June, 2021	Friday the 11 th of June, 2021
IG1, IG2, NCC	Monday the 21 st of June, 2021	Friday the 25 th of June, 2021

Talent competition:

SIS @ Da Nang has many talented students and we will give these students a great opportunity to showcase their talents to the whole school as Ms. Petra is organizing a spectacular SIS Talent show on Friday the 6th of March. Interested in Being a performer in the show? We are currently looking for all sorts of acts for the **BIG** show. Some ideas for your show: Dance routine, singing, comedy, magic, karaoke, karate, musical instrument, juggling, poems, mimes, skits, hula hoop and many more. Sign up by forwarding an audition video of your talent to Ms. Petra, petra.rocher@danang.sis.edu.vn and maybe **you will be selected** to show us your talents on the big stage from 13.30 – 14.30 on Friday the 6th of March.



Daan Ebbers

Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents

We are celebrating **DynEd Week** Feb 1-5 to create awareness of and encourage participation in our *DynEd* Program. We will be having some in-class activities provided by Mr Dan Jones, and there will be a Pizza Party (from Pegasus) for the primary and high school classes, who use *DynEd* the most in the month of January. We will also have individual book prizes for students who use *DynEd* and certain features the most and those who have made the greatest progress.

Developing English language skills is hard work. By consistently using the *DynEd* program our students will progress in their development of the English language. For students Grade 3 and above we strongly recommend regular *reading* and participation on the *DynEd* Program for a

minimum of 3 x 20 minute sessions per week. For students with a C grade or below for English, we recommend 4 or 5 x 20 minute sessions each week.

Some students are not using this program regularly enough at home to benefit and we urge parents to not allow excuses. The partnership between home and school is very important to make improvements. If at any point a student says they do not have homework (highly unlikely), it is an expectation they either read or participate on *DynEd*. Over the TET holidays we would still like students to access the DynEd program for at least 3 x 20 minute sessions per week. If you could assist by ensuring the students have access to the technology and a gentle reminder this would be greatly appreciated.

If there is any technical reason why you are unable to access at home please contact our *DynEd* Coordinator Mr Daniel Jones daniel.jones@danang.sis.edu.vn

Regards,

Brad McCarthy
Deputy Principal (Primary)

Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents

Well done to our IG2 students who completed their mock exams during the first two weeks of January. Teachers are now using these grades to determine student forecast grades and identify key areas to review before the summer exam series. Although GCSE exams are cancelled in the UK due to school closures, Cambridge International has announced that IGCSE exams in Vietnam will continue as usual in May/June.

Our NCC students are taking their first set of exams in the first week of February. We wish them the best of luck!

Chúc mừng năm mới to all in our school community!

Regards,

Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies (Secondary)

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents

It's been a fantastic month for sporting events at SIS Da Nang. This month our school hosted the first sports conference of the year, which included teams from Hoi An International School, Skyline and Green Shoots. Throughout the day, sportsmanship and respect were shown from all participants. This was also the first time our school had a primary football and basketball team enter the conference, we hope to add more primary sport teams in the future. A big well-done to all students involved in the sports conference!

I would also like to congratulate five of our secondary students (Henry 8B, Nhan 9G, Danny 9G, Happy 8L, Jordan IG1) who were selected to represent the regional basketball team, excellent work! Congratulations to Bao Nghi (Year 7L) who recently won a local golf competition, keep up the good work.

This month, our school libraries have received a large supply of new books. These books have a range of topics that students will find engaging and interesting. A reminder that students can borrow one book from the library each week and that regular Reading at home will assist students with the learning and English Development.

Chúc mừng năm mới to all of our parents and students!

Regards,

Niall Elliot Reed
Primary Head of Studies (Primary)

Message from Guidance officer**Dear Parents**

SIS Anti-Bullying week was full of fun activities promoting the theme, *'Kindness is Cool'*. Well done to all students and teachers who got involved and have shown kindness to everyone at school.

Below are some photos taken throughout the week.

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới to all parents, students, and teachers. Have a wonderful break.

Cat Burgess**Guidance Officer/EFL Teacher****Message from Head of Kindergarten****Dear Parents**

K2 and Prep children have experienced joyful robotics activities during STEM lessons. They have been learning some basic coding and programming concepts and skills through fun lessons with the programmable robots- mTiny. The children really loved to control the robots to move them on the map blocks to a certain target. What fun learning opportunities we had together!

Our teachers and children have been working hard to make Tet decorations and did a wonderful job displaying for their classes to prepare for the upcoming Tet - the Vietnamese New Lunar Year. We had a chance to deeper understand the Vietnamese culture, while enjoying the Tet spirit as well.

Due to COVID restrictions we will reschedule our excursions to the entertainment center TiniWorld. At this point, we will still proceed with the Pegasus cooking classes where students will learn to make Tet cakes.

We wish you a happy and prosperous new Lunar year. We will see you again on Monday, 22 February 2021.

Regards,

Vo Thi Thuy Ngan**Head of Kindergarten**