



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

Coming events:

Holidays from 3-11 April 2021

Message from Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

'Student Protection' is an important issue for our school. We will continue to make our school a safe environment by working with our staff. Our staff will participate in annual Student Protection Training and ensuring staff adhere to the Code of Conduct. We are also introducing Student Protection Contacts, who students can report any issues or concerns relating to student safety.

Generally, throughout the school year there are a number of opportunities to connect with parents and the school community via school events, activities and sports. However, the COVID restrictions we have had to put into place have limited the opportunities that naturally occur throughout the year. If you have any concerns, we encourage you to please communicate with us or make an appointment. Thank you to all the parents who we have met with over the last few weeks your concerns are valid and your input is appreciated.

Clothes Drive for Hoa Mai Orphanage

Thank you to all the students and parents who assisted in our *Clothes Drive* to support the Hoa Mai Orphanage. Hoa Mai is approximately 2 kms from our school and they are currently supporting over 40 children.

We recently became aware they had a limited supply of clothing for the children and quickly put together the Clothes Drive. We were looking to repurpose clothes that may not fit to ensure the children at Hoa Mai have adequate clothing to support their basic needs. We had an amazing response and have had parents respond with new and used clothes and shoes. Students have also donated toys, books, and stationary. One staff member who wants to remain anonymous even donated his treasured Play Station 4.

These sort of actions, help us to fulfill our *School Wide Learner Goal* of being Active and Responsible Citizens. The staff of Hoa Mai are very grateful for the care we have shown their Children and we look forward to supporting with future events and activities.

Please take care over the upcoming holiday and we wish a safe and happy break with your children. We will return on April 12 to begin a busy and productive Term 4.

Christopher Bradley

Principal



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Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

In March there are many activities to strength the teaching and learning qualities, as following:

All teachers will be trained about a new secondary education program and be practiced the teaching skill toward encouraging the academic and behavior students.

- The school will organize the middle test in Semester 2 for all subjects (Secondary) and Math and Vietnamese (Primary)
- Taking part in the excellent and talent competitions at levels:
 - o The results of Year 9 talent English competition at city level: there are 03 students won the prize (Nguyen Ngoc Anh Thi and Tran Vo Bao Han won the second prizes and Bui Trung Thai achieved the consolation prize)
 - o 04 students joined at district swimming competition will continuously taking part in the national sport competition in 2021. Congratulation to: Le Quang Minh – Year 3A; Nguyen Thai Bao- Year 6; Le Thao My – Year 6 and Nguyen Trang Nhi- Year 8.
- The whole school has carried out the STEM week and collected some useful products (recycle materials) such as: pencil cases, plastic bags....
- Besides that, all of year 6 students already took part in OBV from 15th -19th in March at SIS Da Nang campus (due to covid-19 pandemic so that students cannot go to Binh Dinh as the last time) but the students also had exciting experience with their teachers and friends!

Upcoming activity in April 2021

- Some year 5 students will attend Olympic Math & Vietnamese Competition in Primary Students Days at city level.
- Took part in DOET “Quality Testing” examination for Year 4 talent students in Math & Vietnamese.
- On 4 October there are 5 Year 8 students will attend district talent students in 03 subjects; Math, Vietnamese, English.
- Year 9 students start to review their lesson for Semester 2 exam from April 19-24.
- Form teachers will update the learning report in the middle of Semester 2 to parents in the first week of April.

Wishing all of you have a good health and success!

Regards,
Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS





Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents

OBV Year 6A / 6L

In past years, our Year 6 students travelled to Quy Nhon / Binh Dinh to participate in the Outward-Bound Vietnam (OBV) program but due to the current pandemic an alternative program has been put in place and was arranged at the SIS @ Da Nang campus from the 15th to the 19th of March 2021. 5 experienced OBV instructors traveled to Da Nang and our students were able to participate in fun and engaging games, activities that replaced their regular 'more academic' timetable. Students were able to sleep at our campus for 2 nights, develop teamwork skills and learn more about outdoor education. It was a great success as students were begging for an additional OBV week!

OBV Year 7A / 7L

From Monday the 12th of April 2021 till the 16th of April 2021. Year 7A and Year 7L will have the opportunity to participate in a program organised by Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV). Due to the current pandemic, the program will also be conducted at the SIS @ Da Nang campus and the cost has been covered in the students' school fees. In this program, students are required to stay at school on Tuesday and Thursday night. The outward-bound program will provide our students with a positive educational experience, in which they will have the opportunity to develop social and personal skills and get to know themselves and other classmates better in a cooperative, safe, and fun adventure. Regular classes are canceled during this week and will resume the following. I am looking forward to a fun experience for all our Year 7 students!

Regards,

Daan Ebbers

Deputy Principal (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents

As we approach Term 4, our focus is starting to shift to our end of year exams.

Here at SIS Danang, we want all our students to be *Academic Achievers*, so we offer additional after school support for our students in Year 2 and above. In our EFL lessons, students focus on reading, speaking and writing skills, and they also receive additional support during English lessons in the week from their EFL teacher. This is a great opportunity for students to receive specialised support to improve their English abilities. If you have any questions or would like information, please contact myself, or Ms Tara (EFL Coordinator).

Our Year 6 students also have the opportunity to participate in the iPSLE (International Primary School Leaving Examinations). These examinations test our students on speaking, listening, writing and mathematics and are used to compare our learning progress with primary schools in Singapore. These examinations do not count towards our students grades here at school, but it provides us with information regarding your child's current ability and allows us to continue improving our teaching and learning here at SIS Danang.

Enjoy your April holiday!

Regards,
Brad McCarthy
Deputy Principal (Primary)



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents

All of our high-school students are working hard to prepare for the upcoming IGCSE2 and NCC Level 3 International Foundation Diploma for Higher Education Studies exams. The summer exam period spans 13th April - 10th June. All students have been given an exam timetable - please email me if you would also like a copy: harriet.casswell@danang.sis.edu.vn.

We wish all of our students the best of luck!

Harriet Casswell

Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents

Throughout March the school has been celebrating Reading Month. There have been several fun and engaging activities that involve reading for all year groups. It has been fantastic to see buddy reading lessons between secondary and primary students. Congratulations to the winners of the primary book raffle, book design competition and Reading Month poster competition. A reminder that the school libraries have fun and engaging books, that students can borrow and take home to read.

It's been amazing to see all the students partake in the events throughout Reading Month, I look forward to Reading Month next year!

Regards,

Niall Elliot Reed

Primary Head of Studies (Primary)



Message from Guidance officer

Dear Parents

SIS Da Nang look forward to welcoming parents and students to an open day in Term 4 to showcase our High School Programs. This includes the Integrated Program, Cambridge IGCSE and A-Levels, and the NCC International Foundation Diploma.

In the meantime, if you would like to know more about these programs, please watch the videos in the links below. They are in English and Vietnamese.

Video about NCC IFD: https://youtu.be/MJtV2iY_5tQ

Video about Cambridge A-Levels: <https://youtu.be/MNvFKiCwevo>

Video about Cambridge IGCSE: <https://youtu.be/QXQdyKBiTZI>

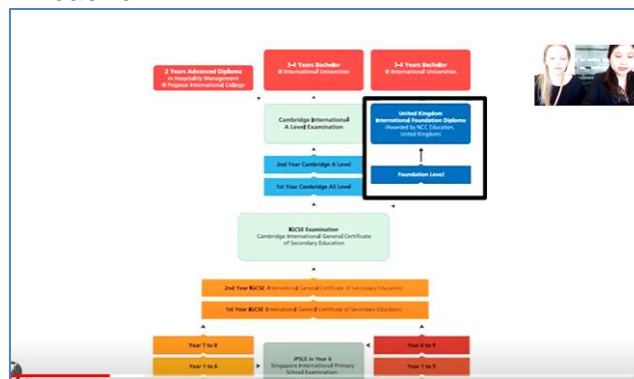
If you have any questions, or would like to discuss next steps for your son or daughter, please email catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn

Best wishes for a wonderful April break.

Regards,

Cat Burgess

Guidance Officer/EFL Teacher



Message from Head of Kindergarten

Dear Parents

The Kindergarten has been learning about “Plants” this month. Being responsible citizens who care of plants and enjoy the gifts of nature, we have started our gardening projects where we worked on the stages of plant life cycle, experienced growing plants from seeds and knew general knowledge about gardening.

K2 international began with germination of garlics in the classroom. Children observed as parts of garlic in water developed roots and green shoots emerged from the tops. Other classes went to our garden beds and planted the seeds. All students were fascinated by the variety of greens and vegetables grown at the school garden and the fact that they all end up on our plates at lunch. Children go back to water the garden, take out weeds and watch plants grow.

K1 and Nursery students have engaged in many art and craft activities including painting, drawing, making fruit baskets and stamp-painting vegetables. The learners have shown creativity by using glitter, string and pasta to make a flower on a painted background. They have thoroughly enjoyed developing their creative skills through the many forms of art we have been doing.

Prep LA has been exploring still life drawing using a range of subject matter such as fruit, vegetables and flowers. We have also been learning how to add shading to our artwork to make our drawings look even more realistic. During our topic 'Life Cycle of a Tree', we created collages using a range of media to represent different textures.

Term 3 break will start from April 5th to 9th. We hope that everyone enjoys their break, and we will see you again on Monday, April 12th.

Regards,
Vo Thi Thuy Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

