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INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**
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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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Dear Parents,

Our first term has passed exceedingly fast and once again, it has been a productive term for students and staff. Our swimming programme continues to prove to be successful and we are somewhat amazed to see the improvement of our students' swimming skills.

Each term, all classes study a set of virtues during their Form Class time. The set of virtues for Term 1 fall under the category "Getting Along". Every fortnight, a class is responsible for presenting a virtue.

The following classes have demonstrated their growth in communication skills through the virtues presentations.

Year 8: Integrity

Year 5 Integrated: Patience

Year 6 Integrated: Generosity

IGCSE 1: Teamwork

Other classes have also given assembly presentations on the Schoolwide Learner Goals.

Year 3-4 International: Academic Achievers

Year 1-2 International: Confident Communicators

All classes have an opportunity to prepare four presentations throughout the year.

To celebrate the end of term, the students were treated to a special Musical showcase assembly led by our music teacher, Ms Laurel.

Farewell Ms Cate

We are very sad that our Deputy Principal, Cate Foot, had to leave us at the end of this term. As you are all now aware, Cate is returning to Australia to be with her husband who is now employed in Sydney.

Cate has achieved much in the short time she has been with us and we are very grateful for her support and positive contributions to SIS @ Danang.

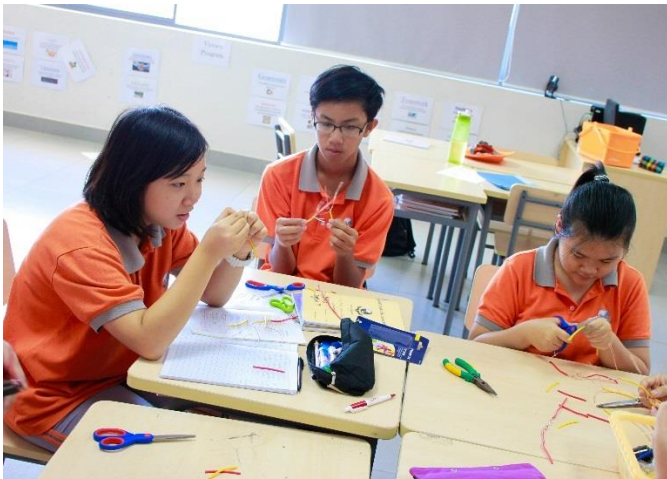
We will be informing you of the new Deputy Principal as soon as we have a suitable replacement for Cate.



K2A with Mr Sonny



Year 1 – Integrated learning to be Confident Communicators



Year 9 – Integrated. Creative application



IGCSE 2 Critical Thinkers

Christmas Charity Fair

Not long after we return to school in Term 2, we will be commencing our plans for the Christmas Charity Fair which will be held on Saturday afternoon, 12 December. We will be looking for a Parent Christmas Charity Fair Committee to assist us in holding another successful event.

If any parents have anything to donate such as second-hand clothes, toys, books, magazines, CDs, vouchers for prizes or ideas for food stalls, we would love to hear from you. Parents who wish to be on the planning committee, let the office staff know. We have a group of parents who have worked together as a committee and I am sure they would be happy to have more parents helping with ideas and support.

In the past, our school community has worked brilliantly to raise money for Operation Smile, Vietnam. I know we can have another great result this Christmas.

Leadership Retreat

Each year, the Principals, Deputy Principals and Office Managers meet to discuss our practices, curriculum and goals. This year the conference was held from 22 October- 25 October at SIS @ Gamuda Gardens in Hanoi. These meetings are a good way for the leadership teams from all schools to review our purpose and best practice as well as gain knowledge on wider company initiatives.

iPSLE Results

In July, our Year 6 students sat the iPSLE. The results of these examinations will be sent to us within the first few weeks of Term 2.

We wish you all a happy November holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Walker

Message from the Deputy Principal

Can you believe it is the end of Term 1 already? Time certainly flies when you are having fun. Throughout the term I have been lucky enough to spend time in all the classes and have seen a great deal of quality teaching and learning occurring. Whilst in the classes I have also seen our Schoolwide Learning Goals (SWLGs) firmly embedded. Our students are communicating confidently, are technologically literate and are definitely using critical thinking skills.

The IGCSE 1 and 2 students are certainly displaying the SWLG of being academic achievers. Currently they are learning how to correctly write academic essays. During this process they must integrate and reference quotes correctly. They must also ensure their writing is sequential and that it makes sense. This is a big process and important learning experience for them, which ultimately, will be very rewarding for them.



Year 5 – Integrated- Academic Achievers



Music Appreciation Day IGCSE 1



Social Studies excursion at the beach including beach clean up

Another fabulous happening at our school was the participation of some of our classes in the World Education Games. The World Education Games provided our students the opportunity to compete in Mathematics games with students from all over the world in real time. I have seen some of our Year 5/6 International students competing in competitions with other students from Australia, Singapore, Pakistan, America and the United Kingdom. There are many other countries also involved.

The World Education Games promotes a spirit of competition and requires our students to recall mathematics facts as quick as they can. The overall winner at the end of the competition period from each year level will receive a trip to Sydney Australia. As they say, "You have to be in it, to win it" and I do hope that one of our students can achieve this. This is also another way we can see our SWLGs embedded in our students' learning. This activity promotes academic achievement and an understanding of students' mathematic abilities from around the world making us active and responsible citizens.

As you are probably aware, I am returning to Australia with my family. As such I will take this opportunity to thank you all for your warmth and support during my time at SIS @ Danang. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here as both Teacher and Deputy Principal. Our students are wonderful and have touched my life in a multitude of ways. The way our students are able to speak two or sometimes more than two languages from such an early age certainly puts them in good stead to become global citizens. I love to think that I may cross paths with some of our students one day in Australia or in another part of the world. I wish you all a very successful continuation of this school year and would love to meet up with you if you ever come to Australia.

Warm regards,

Cate Foot

Message from Head of Vietnamese

The integrated students have completed the first term of the academic year. The new students have settled in well and have been supported by our former students who work collaboratively and help each other improve studying skills.

Early in the month, both integrated students and teachers participated in the competitions with Government school in Ngu Hanh Son district.



K2A Art Class



Year3/4 teaching Prep class to be Confident Communicators



Nursery children learning about colours

Congratulations to four teachers, Ms. Thuy Van – Year 1; MS. My Van – Year 2; Ms. Cam Linh – Year 5 and Ms. Diem Hang – Secondary, who participated in the E-Learning Design Competition which demonstrated how to improve teaching and learning outcomes through the use of computer technology. Several students from Year 1 to Year 9 took part in the Online Mathematics Contest. Students are now in the third round and if they pass over the round 16, they will participate in the district level competition which will be held on 14 March, 2016.

We have encouraged our sport minded students to join in the Phu Dong National Youth Sports Festival this year. Currently, we have many sporting teams such as: Table tennis; Badminton; Swimming; Chess; and Soccer Teams (Boys / Primary; Girls/ Secondary and Boys/ Secondary). Students have been training for the competitions. We appreciate the efforts of several of our international teachers who have been supporting and spending time training students.

Congratulations to the twelve students who took part in the Badminton Contest on 16 October as well as the two students who joined in the Table Tennis Contest on 17 October. The contests were held at the Cultural and Sports Center Ngu Hanh Son District.

The primary integrated students have had the beginning of the year Vietnamese test. Results: 61.0%: Excellent; 31.3%: Good; 7.7%: Average/ Poor. Most of the latter group are from Year 1, and they are students who have just commenced learning letters, words and practice in writing.

In order to celebrate “Vietnamese Teacher’s Day” on 20 November, all the SVIS teachers will be joining in a teaching competition “HỘI GIẢNG”, which is based on “Teaching Based on Situations”. The purpose is to promote students’ creativity and thinking skills. Students will be treating teachers with a performance to show their gratitude on the occasion of 33rd celebration of Vietnamese Teachers’ Day.

From 22 November to 30 November, students will be taking part in a soccer competition for boys and girls for high school students in Ngu Hanh Son district. Several of our students from Year 3 to Year 9 will attend the Online Olympic English contest in November as well.

We appreciate parents’ support to help our students become confident and always try their best.

Sincerely yours,

Vũ Thị Lan

Message from Head of Studies

All classes from Year 3 to IGCSE are now using Class Dojo. This programme is a great way for us to send information to you daily about what is happening in school. From now on I will also send all information over Class Dojo. We have sent every parent an invitation to join this program. Please make sure that you accept the invite so you can stay in touch with us in the best ways possible. This great programme also has a free app that you can download on your phone so that you receive our messages when we send them.

In the next few weeks the students will be doing their first practice exams for the IGCSE. Their results will help the students prepare for their final exams in the coming months. Please email any of their teachers if you have any questions about these exams.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about what is happening in class please feel free to email me at any time.

Best wishes,

Kelsey McDonald

Message from Head of Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children have been learning about emotions, senses, needs and wants and nationalities. It was pleasing to see the children expressing their feelings and emotions through the activities in class. They loved to create art and craft things relating to the themes.

The children enjoyed the visits from Ms Tiffany's Year 3-4 international students. We enjoyed the time singing and dancing with them with the older students.

It was lots of fun learning about nationalities. Multicultural day was a great event for the kindergarten children. We had a chance to wear our traditional costumes and see our friends' costumes as well.

Yours sincerely,
Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Music Appreciation Day

Our senior students, under the guidance of Ms Laurel, demonstrated their growth towards our Schoolwide Learner Goal of 'Confident Communication' through the SIS @ Danang's second Music Appreciation Day on Tuesday, 27 October. All students in Year 7, IGCSE 1 and 2 performed brilliantly at a special assembly for students from Year 1 to Year 9. Congratulations to Ms Laurel and performers.



Recess time – Healthy and Active Citizens



Swim time for the IGCSE 2 students

Upcoming Dates:

2-6 November:	Term 1 holidays
9 November:	School Resumes
11 November:	Year 3-4 international Golf Morning
12 November:	Year 3 Integrated Golf Morning
16 November:	ECA commences
18 November:	Year 5-6 Golf Morning
22 November:	SVIS Soccer Competition
12 December:	Christmas Charity Fair
14-18 December:	Year 1-8 DOET Exams
19 December-3 January:	Christmas Holidays
4 January:	School resumes



Multi-cultural Day

The Kindergarten students demonstrated their understanding and respect for all of different cultures on Wednesday, 28 October. Students 'showed off' their national costumes at a special kindergarten assembly.

