



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG NEWSLETTER

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Coming events

- 4th April: GAC parent information session
- Mid-April: IGCSE2 exam period
- 18 April: Kinder Sports Day
- 24 April: Sports Day
- 25 April: Term 3 break
- 2 May: School resumes



Message from Principal

Dear Parents

Thank you to all families who came to the Family Fun Day last Saturday. It was a great morning of friendly competition and a good example for our students of cooperation, teamwork and, for some games, persistence!

Virtues

Our school Virtues programme covers 20 Virtues taught throughout the year. Every Form Class takes responsibility for teaching and reinforcing one Virtue at assembly. So far this year, students at Friday's Assembly have presented songs, plays, dances and multimedia for Commitment, Integrity, Patience, Generosity, Excellence, Teamwork, Creativity, Cooperation, Care, Responsibility, Diligence, Service, Flexibility, Perseverance, Respect, Honesty, Assertiveness and Self-discipline. Next term will feature Confidence and Optimism.

All the Virtues are underpinned by RESPECT. It is wonderful to see the understanding, creativity and confidence of classes in their presentations to the rest of the school. One of our Schoolwide Learner Goals is for students to be responsible global citizens by demonstrating these universal set of Virtues. Please ask your child which virtue their class has presented at assembly.

Study Tour

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organising a Study Tour Programme to Malaysia and Singapore, tentatively from July 8 to July 14, 2018 for students from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Further information of the program details and registration will be informed to students and parents in due course. Please contact +84 236 840 495 (Ms Tuyen) for further details.

Library Books

Students have been reminded about taking responsibility for the books they borrow from the Library and to return them when they are due. It is very difficult to replace books which have gone missing so please encourage your children to take care of the books they borrow.

Education for Nature Vietnam (ENV)

As part of the science curriculum, representatives from ENV gave a multimedia presentation to secondary students about protecting wildlife in this country. Find out more information and ways you can help this organization at [facebook.com/EducationforNatureVietnam](https://www.facebook.com/EducationforNatureVietnam).



Dr Anu and Mr Gil from TinkRworks, Chicago

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM)

Students in Years 6, 7 and 8 International classes learned about robots from TinkRworks. This Chicago based company will write the curriculum and activities for our students for the STEM initiative and so they came to visit the schools and meet the students. As part of the presentation, students were able to programme robots to perform simple commands.



Anne Matley
Principal

Message from Head of Studies

Teachers have been very busy writing and vetting semester two exams. The IGCSE 2 students are now in revision mode preparing for the exams they will sit starting in mid-April. Thank you for all of the support from home to reinforce the teaching and learning which happens at school.

I want to thank the families who came to Family Fun Day. Also, thank you to the parents who attended the IGCSE Information Night. There will be a GAC Information Night on April 4th for interested parents.

Kelsey McDonald
Head of Studies

Message from Deputy Principal

Family Fun day

Thank you to those families who attended the Family Fun day held on Saturday 24 March. It was great to meet more of our students' parents and family members and see the students having so much fun. Congratulations to those families who participated in the contests and won events. We hope that you enjoy the pictures in the newsletter and on our website from the day.

Use of facilities after school

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to be using the playground equipment, football field or basketball courts after school. Students being picked up by private transport must remain seated at the front of the school building where there are members of staff on duty.

Semester two exam dates

The exam dates for semester two are:

English Paper 1 – Speaking	21 – 23 May
English Paper 2 – Writing	Thursday 24 May
English Paper 3 – Language comprehension	Friday 25 May
Mathematics* **	Monday 28 May
English Paper 4 – Listening	Tuesday 29 May
Science**	Wednesday 30 May

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

**Only students in International classes

Chelsea Donaldson
Deputy Principal

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

Many activities to enhance the quality of teaching and learning took place during March:

- All the teachers are working hard to strengthen their professional knowledge and teaching skills to maximize the effectiveness and creativity of students based on teaching projects from the District Education Office in Literature, Maths, Physics, History, Civics and Art.
- Quality Survey is conducted for Primary students to evaluate how students are doing in Maths and Vietnamese. Secondary classes are observed for one period in each subject to assess students' learning quality in semester 2 and report books will be sent to parents at the end of March.
- Students attend Talented Competitions at many levels:
 1. Cao Ngo Phuong Khanh – Year 9 won the second Prize in the English competition at city level.
 2. Twenty-four students from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in Kangaroo International Maths Competition on 18 March 2018 (the results will be updated soon).
 3. Five students from Year 5 students received Highly Commended Certificates in the competition of Modelling and Exploring Vietnam's History.
 4. Ten Secondary students won 5 first prizes, 3 second prizes and 1 third prize in the Swimming Competition at District level on 6 March 2018. Four of these top performers will attend the Competition at City level on 15th and 16th April. They are Nguyen Trang Nhi – Year 5, Hua Bao Khanh – Year 5, Nguyen Trang Anh – Year 8 and Cao Ngo Phuong Khanh – Year 9.

Upcoming activities in April 2018:

- Students winning the prizes at District level will continue to attend the Gifted and Talented Academic competition at City level
- Nine Year 5 students will attend Primary Student Day at city level. They will compete in the Olympic Maths and Vietnamese contest.
- Year 4 students will do "Quality Survey" in Math and Vietnamese held by District Education Office.
- Year 8 students will take part in English Competition at District level at Tran Dai Nghia Secondary School on 7 April 2018.
- Year 9 are working hard to prepare for Semester 2 exam.

Wishing all students confidence and success! I hope that parents will always talk to students. Please contact and work with the school if there are any problems.

Regards,

Vu Thi Lan
SVIS Principal

Message from Head of Kindergarten

Our children had a great time developing their knowledge and fine/gross motor skills when learning through play about the theme “Transportation”. They were aware of three modes of transportation - land, water and air. They loved to play with the toy vehicles that they see every day such as cars, trucks, trains, bikes and airplanes and were interested in learning unfamiliar words like double-decker bus, dump truck and pick-up truck. Safety was also reinforced and embedded into the lessons through the play-based activities in class and outdoors with some new learning resources imported from England.

The Kindergarten children have also been learning and discovering our environment and nature in many interesting ways this month, the most significant being a Gardening project. While the Prep students were excited to visit the garden to check the progress from the lettuce they had planted and water the plants twice a week, the K2 classes chose to grow sweet potatoes and some other kinds of vegetables. It was good to see our students taking responsibility by caring for the vegetables and sharing the watering cans with classmates. They were all careful not to give too much water and to watch where they stepped so as not to crush any of the new plants.



Vo Thi Thuy Ngan

Head of Kindergarten



Snapshots

