

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2019

Coming events

OBV: Y9, IG – Postponed due to weather
Sem 1 exams from 9th – 18th Dec
Christmas Charity Fair: 7th Dec 9 – 11am
Christmas break starts Fri 20th Dec
Sem 1 ends: 17th January



Message from Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2 and I hope you had a refreshing and restful break.

We finished last term with the **International Week** theme *We All Sing with the Same Voice*. Classes celebrated diversity during that week in a variety of ways including food tasting and the school looked very colourful on the last day with the younger children wearing traditional dress. This year there was Art Competition on the theme “Reaching Unity through Diversity” and the Kindergarten Purposeful Play activity at “KIK International Airport”. You can see many photos on our website.

I would like to **welcome new members of staff**: Julian Snelius (Mr Jules) EFL teacher; Huynh Thi Thu Van (Ms) Assistant in Nursery; Nguyen Thi Thuy Kieu (Ms) Assistant in Y3L and Ms Lisa Addinall teacher of the new K2L. Our new international K1/K2 class was full at the end of last term, so this term there are 2 classes N/K1 and K2 International.

All foreign teachers have completed the **lesson observation using Swivl state-of-the-art technology**, which records the lesson by tracking the teacher’s movements around the classroom. This can be used as part of the performance appraisal and for the teacher’s own self-reflection.

Teachers used the Week 1 focus on our **Schoolwide Learner Goal, Being an Academic Achiever**, to remind students that the exams will be held early this year, before the Christmas break and to encourage some good study habits. I know you will support your students at home to revise and prepare for these examinations. Well done to Y3L and Y8L for their assembly presentations which effectively demonstrated this theme.

The most recent focus was on the **Virtue, Cooperation**, demonstrated by many in the Halloween classroom decoration competition. Students, and no doubt parents, showed creativity in the costumes students chose for the **Halloween competition** and thank you to teachers for creating some “scary” learning environments for students.

Principal
Anne Matley

Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear parent,

Afterschool Clubs

After school clubs begin Monday the 11th of November (Term 2: Week 4) and will run till the Christmas break which starts on 20th of December (Term 2: Week 9). They will be held from 4:05pm until 4:45pm. Private transport will need to be arranged for your students if they are participating in any clubs as they will not be able to catch the school bus.

This term we have offered a variety of activities including 3D Printing, Lego Club, Chinese, Dance, Swimming, Volleyball, Basketball and Chess. We hope that these activities will help our students to strengthen their collaborative working skills, their creativity and will reinforce our school virtues as they are based around teamwork, optimism, creativity and confidence.

**Thanks,
Daan Ebbers
Deputy Principal**

**Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)**

At the end of term 1 we enjoyed International Week to celebrate all the diverse cultures that make our school such an amazing place.

Our students competed in an Art competition with the theme: "Reaching Unity through Diversity". It was fantastic to see all the creative entrances from our talented students.

Congratulations to our major winners:

Years 1 to 3: Kim Ain

Years 4 to 6: Nguyen Ho Lam Tran

Years 7+: Nguyen Chieu Duong

**Brad McCarthy
Deputy Principal**

Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

Our students have worked hard and made progress during term 1. We can see the improvement of each student. The new students are confident and getting along well with all other students. They are working together as a solid community toward our Schoolwide Learner Goals.

Activities in October:

- Complete all subjects by the 12th week;
- Primary classes have completed the Semester 1 middle Test in Math and Vietnamese;
- The score reports of Term 1 have been sent home to parents by Form Teachers;
- Some students registered to take part in Sport Competitions held by DOET in volleyball, badminton, chess and swimming....;
- Year 7 joined OBV in Binh Dinh Province from 30/9 to 4/10/2019. As the result of the trip all students have completed and reached the target;
- Year 8 took part in STEM competition at District level on the theme "Emerging Garden", and won the third prize in District Level.

Main Plans in Term 2:

- Organize some activities to welcome Vietnamese Teacher Day on Wednesday 20/11 at the Hall.
 - Teachers will train students to prepare for the Sport Competitions in the District level;
 - We will organize the revision for taking examination in Semester 1;
 - Before the exam starts, teachers will open free tutorial classes for students who need more practice from 4.00 PM to 5.00 PM. Please contact the form teacher if you would like to register for your child to attend these tutorial classes. You need to arrange for your child to be collected after these tutorial class at 5:00 pm;
 - From 16 December to 20 December: Year 1 to Year 8 Integrated will take the semester 1 examinations;
 - From 26 December – 31 December: Year 9 Integrated students take Semester 1 Examinations;
- I hope you enjoy the rest of the term.

Thanks and regards**Vu Thi Lan****Principal of SVIS****Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)
Dear Parents**

We had a successful end to Term 1 with our IG sports competition. Students from both IGCSE classes played the inter-school tournament winners from years 7-9 in football and badminton on the last day of term. The last football game also included a match against the teachers! The teachers won 4-3 with the last goal being in the final minute - a very exciting game! Our next inter-school sports tournament will be next January. Thank you to Mr Ignacio and Mr Nate for all your organization, encouragement and support of our students in HPE.

Regards,
Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies

**Message from Head of Studies (Primary)
Dear Parent and Student,**

We have ended October with a fabulous Halloween. It was great to see all the wonderful costumes on display from students. A highlight of the celebration was the fantastic whole school dance to 'Thriller'. Walking around all the classrooms, it was great to see all the creativity put into decorating classrooms ready for Halloween. A big congratulations to all Halloween competition winners this year.

Niall Reed
Head of Studies



Message from Guidance Officer**Dear Parents**

Welcome back to Term 2, it has come around so quickly! A quick reminder to parents to monitor students' use of devices at home. With Halloween this month, there have been reports that some students are watching lots of scary videos that are not appropriate so remember to keep checking and use a recommended app to set parental controls. You can also set parental controls on websites such as YouTube and Netflix to ensure safety.

Thanks,

Catherine Burgess**GO and EFL Teacher****Message from Head of Kindergarten****Dear Parents**

Purposeful Play was one of this month's highlights in Kindergarten.

The Kindergarten children had a great chance to learn about some other countries and to role-play an airport activity during International Week. Everyone looked fantastic in their traditional costumes and enjoyed the learning opportunities enthusiastically.

The children experienced "several great flights" at "KIK International Airport". In just a few hours, the students already mastered each detail of a flight process. They did enjoy lots of fun acting as real passengers with their "ticket and passport" for different "flights" boarding to America, Korea, Australia, France, Japan and Vietnam. This kind of purposeful play has brought to students interesting experiences and useful knowledge about air travel.

We would like to take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to the parents who came to support us on the day and donated special food to make the learning more meaningful to all the students.

Regards,**Vo Thi Thuy Ngan****Head of Kinder**