



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2021

Message from Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We are coming to the conclusion of Term 1 and want to acknowledge and thank the great work of our students in adapting to online learning. We are proud of the effort they are demonstrating in their classes. We are hopeful of a return to school and on-campus learning will not be too far away. We will notify parents when it has been deemed safe for us to return.

We would also like to acknowledge that the Peoples Committee and local authorities in Danang, who have done an outstanding job in managing the vaccine rollout and the COVID situation in general. We have students and staff, who were caught in other areas of Vietnam and are now starting to return to Danang.

Singapore International Schools have invested in a number of high-quality educational programs and resources over the last few years. These include DynEd, Coding & Robotics, Letter Land, and Raz Kids. Now we are introducing MC EduHub. This is a multi-media learning hub that provides a rich suite of teaching and learning resources aligned to the Singapore curriculum in the subject areas of English, Mathematics and Science. We are also currently conducting a trial with our Chinese Teachers. MC EduHub is a resource for grades 1-6 that allows teachers to modify instruction for students and is a great connection between the school and home. Students should have already been assigned their login details. We have included the development of technological literacy in our School Wide Action Plan. The implementation of MC EduHub will assist in this process.

We would also like to introduce and welcome Ms Neelan Feeney, to our teaching staff. She is from Ireland and has also worked in Wales. Ms Neelan is a primary teacher, who will be teaching English and P.E.

We would like to provide a list of businesses from our school community to the staff of SIS Danang. When businesses re-open, I think we have a responsibility to help the economy and the people in our community. If you have a business that you think may be relevant and you would like to promote to our staff, please send me the name and type of business and the location. We will distribute this to our staff and encourage them to support our local businesses.

Please note Term 1 will finish on Friday the 22th of October and we will return for the start of Term 2, on Monday 1st of November 2021.

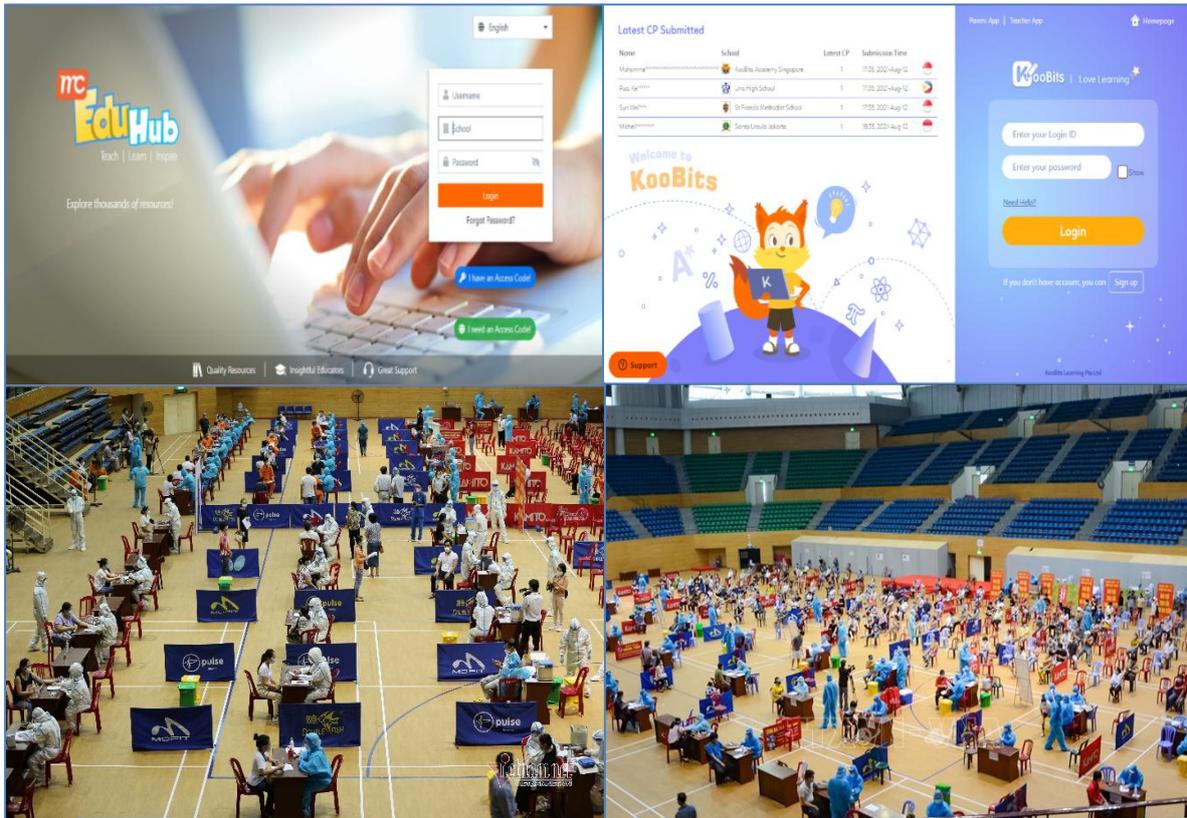
Regards
Christopher Bradley
Principal



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Message from SVIS Principal**Dear Parents,**

Due to Covid epidemic in September, the school keeps going on teaching & learning by (program of week 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th), the number of students participating in daily learning is quite good (nearly 100%).

Up to now, teachers and students are familiar and have a lot more experience with online teaching, so the teaching is becoming more effective; the interaction between teachers and students is quite natural which makes for a positive atmosphere. The school continues to work under the direction of the Ministry of Education & Training.

Although students are not back on campus, we did not forget to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival with many fun activities for students to have the opportunity to be creative, happy and enjoy this special event. This helps educate our children with a sense of preserving the traditional values and protecting the environment.

Form of organization: Primary students competed in making Lanterns from recycled materials, and Second students sang and danced under the theme of Middle Autumn.

Results: The Organization Board summarized and highly appreciated the efforts and active participation of students in the following classes:

About the number of participants:

- Our school has 94 products in totally:

- Year 1: 05 products (1B), 01 product (1L)
- Year 2: 05 products (2A), 03 products (2B), 08 products (2L)
- Year 3: 10 products (3A), 09 products (3B), 08 products (3L)
- Year 4: 10 products (4A), 10 products (4B), 06 products (4L)
- Year 5: 07 products (5A), 09 products (5B)

- Secondary students: 03 products

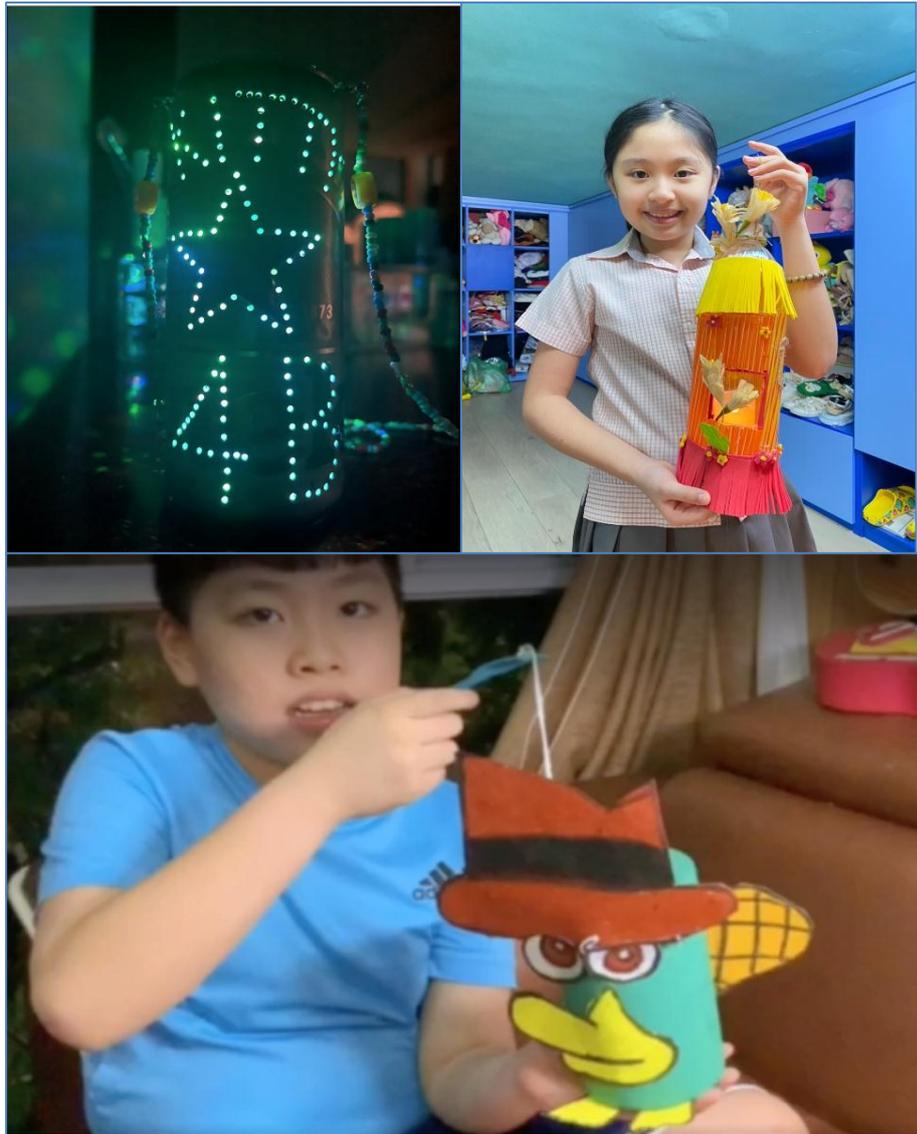
The products of individuals and team are highly appreciated by the Organization board.

- Individual Prizes: Xuan Vang (2A), Marc Lotti (3L), Kha Ngan (3B), Bao Ngan (4B), Viet Hoang (5B), Nguyen Khue (5B), Annie (6A), Adam Hamdy (7L).

- Team prize: Class 4A, Class 8A.

Part 2: The main task of Teaching & Learning in October 2021 is the review to take the mid exam and assessment, which is organized by the teacher during the period from 11-24 October 2021. We hope that parents will pay attention and support to help students review the knowledge they have learned from the beginning of the year to the day of the test

Regards,
Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS



Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

This month our teachers focused on our student's health during online learning. Teachers provide regular screen breaks and use textbooks or exercise books to ensure our students are protecting their eyes as much as possible. Further to this, Ms Neeland and Mr Ignacio have been helping our students stay physically fit and healthy during their fun HPE lessons.

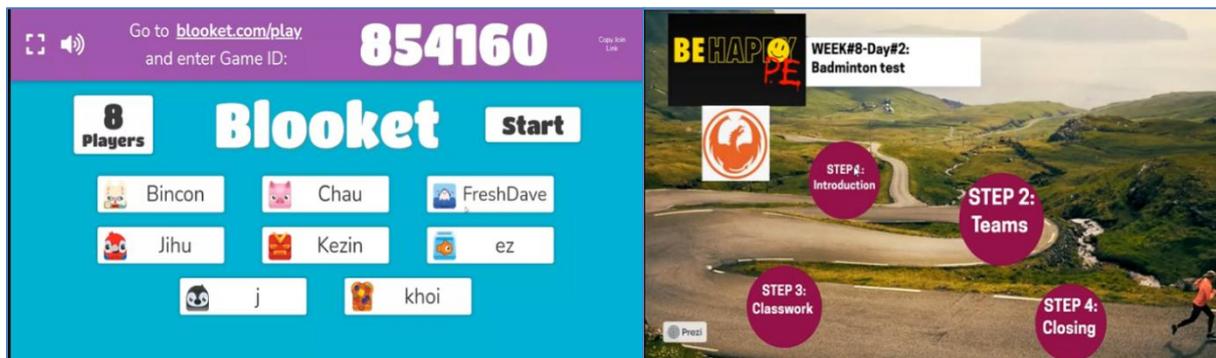
Year 6 International students created a virtual assembly this month on "digital well-being" and included great tips on how to be healthy online, including: screen breaks after lessons, night-light settings on computers, exercising, eating healthy, and having a clean workspace.

If you would like some more information on how to stay healthy during online learning, please contact myself, or your child's classroom teacher.

Best wishes,

Brad McCarthy

Deputy Principal (Secondary)



Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

Dear Parents,

A big thank you to all Primary students and parents for their great work with online learning so far this year. Class attendance numbers are very high which shows everyone is working together to support student success.

We celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival this month with a Primary Lantern Contest and a Secondary Video Contest. Primary students made lanterns out of recycled materials and secondary students created informational videos detailing the traditions of the festival. Congratulations to our school-wide winners. They can expect a sweet treat reward upon our return to campus.

Lower Primary Winning Lanterns

Xuan Xung - Y2A
 Marc Lotti - Y3L
 Kha Ngan- Y3B

Upper Primary Winning Lanterns

Kitty - Y4B
 Viet Hoang - Y5B
 Yumi - Y5B

Secondary Winning Videos

Le Gia An and Le An Thu - Y6A
 Adam Hamdy - Y7L
 Luu Phuong Thao Nguyen, Nguyen Hoang Vinh Khang, Nguyen Thanh Dong, Hoang Ngoc Bao Han and Trinh Gia Huy - 8A

We are looking forward to Halloween coming up at the end of October. We will be hosting a school-wide writing contest among other celebrations for the fun candy-filled holiday. It is sure to be a spectacular event!

Thank you again to all parents, students and teachers for their hard work during our online learning time. We hope to have everyone happy and healthy learning together in person soon!

Regards,

Stephanie Nicole Shepperd
Deputy Principal (Primary)

Traditional Food



The common foods and drinks include:

-  Moon cake
-  Cassia wine (Not recommended)
-  Green tea
-  Baked Bread (square)
-  Sticky rice with herbs and spices along with soya sauce sometimes served with beef, pork, chicken, or fish.



Mid-Autumn Festival is not only for children, but this is also an opportunity for us to express our gratitude, gratitude, friendship, family reunion... Mid-Autumn Festival, according to the lunar calendar, is the day full moon of August every year. This is a children's day, also known as "Tet looking after the moon".



Message from Head of Studies (Secondary)

Dear Parents,

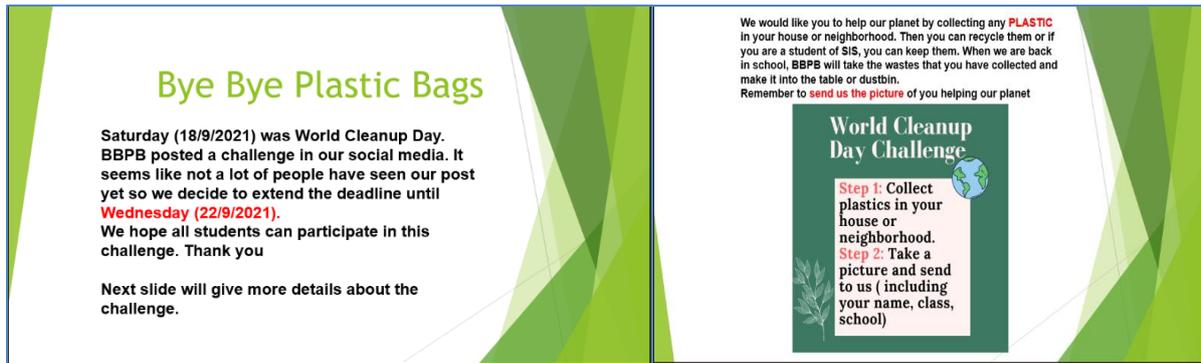
Well done to all of our secondary students for continuing to work hard after learning online for almost five months. The teachers and I are impressed every day by the confidence and positivity that the students bring to class.

We have been able to continue to share our School Virtues via a virtual assembly, prepared each week by a secondary class. Alongside, we have also been celebrating our Students of the Week. Teachers have commented on student commitment, high scores, and outstanding creativity. A special mention goes to David in 8L who is currently joining all of his classes from Florida, meaning he has to study during the night.

Last month our environmental group Bye Bye Plastic Bags organized a challenge based on World Cleanup Day. They received lots of photographs from students who had collected plastic from around their house and gathered it for recycling. Well done everyone!

I hope everyone is staying safe and I am looking forward to seeing our students at school as soon as we are allowed.

Regards,
Harriet Casswell
Head of Studies (Secondary)



Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

I would like to say well done to all primary students. They have been fantastic during online learning, keep up the good work.

Y3 - Y5 students have been doing excellent on DynEd at school and at home. For these classes, the school will be starting DynEd student of the week. The award will be given every Friday. If have any issues with using DynEd at home, please give me an email niall.reed@danang.sis.edu.vn.

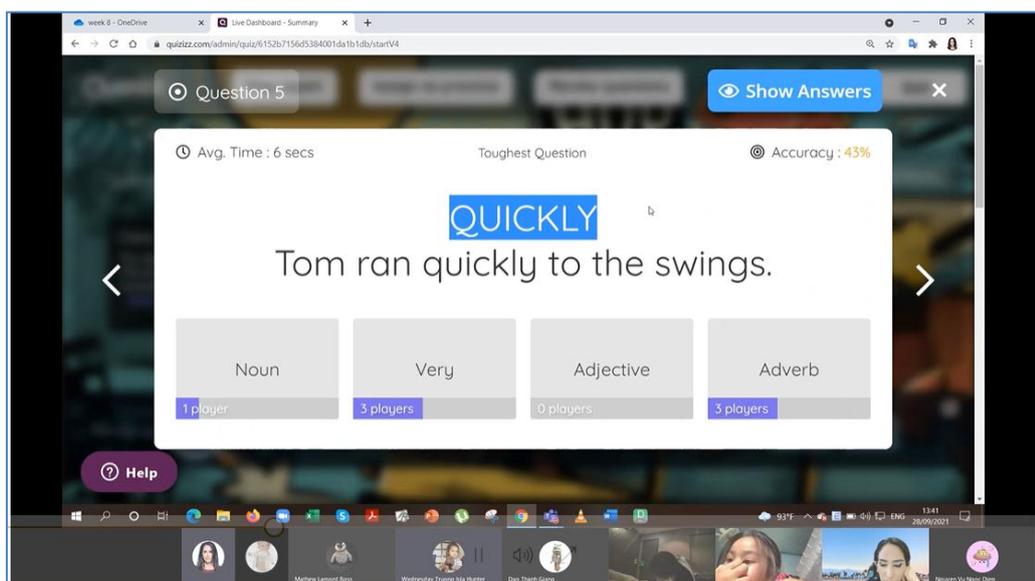
All primary students have access to Raz Kids, this is a great resource for students to practice reading at home. If your child needs help with login information for the website, please give your child's teacher a message to get your child's username and password.

I hope you all have fantastic month. I'm looking forward to seeing students back at school.

Regards,

Niall Elliot Reed

Primary Head of Studies (Primary)



Message from Guidance officer

Dear Parents,

This is a time of uncertainty for both parents and students. Please take time to check in with your son or daughter to see how they are feeling and chat about ways to manage stress.

As well as incorporating screen breaks and daily exercise (outside if possible), mindfulness and breathing exercises are a brilliant method of stress relief. Below are some links to some videos that you can practice at home with your student to relieve feelings of stress and worry.

Primary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wsy2L9VvX90>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbBI-BT9c4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEuFi9PxKuo>

Secondary:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErCj02wsTII>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNmMH6tqiMc&list=PLIkZJhgvtgEo78F15UIZbvinG8qiFcPB>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30VMIEmA114>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1Ndym-lsQg&list=PLvDqkGqwsRve9avp4-PkNFqao0SxBGSaJ>

Regards,
Catherine Burgess
Guidance Officer/EFL Teacher

