



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DA NANG

# NEWSLETTER

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## Coming events

2/3 and 3/3 - Sports Days

6/3 to 10/3 - Anti-bullying week

6/3 to 17/3 - IGCSE2, AS Level and A Level Mock Exams

20/3 - Computer Science Fair

27/3 to 31/3 - 7A OBV

## Message from Principal

Dear parents,

I would like to thank you for attending our parent-teacher conferences this month. It was great for our teachers to meet individual parents to celebrate the successes of Semester 1, and to also work together on areas of improvement in Semester 2. If you were unable to attend, please call our front office to arrange a time to meet with our teachers.

I would also like to thank those parents who attended our High School Information session. It was great to see parents and students meet with our teachers to discuss our Cambridge IGCSE and A Level programmes. The Cambridge IGCSE and A Level programmes are internationally recognised and our current A Level students have already been accepted into Universities in Australia, England and America. If you would like to discuss our study pathways, please make an appointment to come to discuss how we can best meet your child's educational goals.

Kind regards,

**Bradman McCarthy**

Principal





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## Message from SVIS Deputy Principals

Dear parents,

In February, our secondary (Year 8, Year 9) and high school students (Year 10, 11 and 12) had an amazing week at Outward Bound Viet Nam in Quy Nhon - Binh Dinh. Not only did the students have unforgettable experiences and memories with teachers and friends in a place far from home, but their essential life skills also improved through self-care and self-development activities such as cooking, fire making, swimming, hiking, and overcoming program challenges.

The students' skills including self-service, effective communication, decision making, creative thinking, interpersonal relationship, self-awareness, coping with stress, coping with emotions have greatly improved after the course. There have been smiles and tears, moments of emotional triumph, and moments of contemplation to think about themselves, think about nature and things around, think about positive life values.... I would like to thank OBV organization for giving SIS students this valuable learning experience.

In early of March, our Year 4 and Year 5 students will also take part in OBV programmes at our campus. The children are very excited and looking forward to this event.

Thanks and best regards,

**Ho Thi Thuy Van/Huynh Pham Diem Hang**

SVIS Deputy Principals







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## Message from Deputy Principal (Secondary)

Have you been hearing words like cynocephali, anabathmoi, pulchritude, or enoptromancy around your house recently? If so, chances are high that you have a superstar speller in your family. SIS @ Danang has once again given students a chance to shine academically with our Campus Spelling Bee. The competition was held on Friday, February 24th and showcased spellers from both our International and Integrated programs at the Primary and Secondary levels.

The list of competition words comes from the official Scripps National Spelling Bee, an annual competition held in the United States since 1925. The students competing in our Campus Spelling Bee were quizzed on up to 450 words and those advancing to our system-wide competition will be challenged by almost 3,000 words!

The benefits of Spelling Bees extend far beyond language. Since children are required to spell words while on stage, they also develop self-confidence, communication and public speaking skills, and the ability to thrive under pressure. Thank you for your support of our Campus Spelling Bee and academic programs. Our students could not realize the success they do without the encouragement and participation of our great SIS @ Danang families.

Please help us congratulate our winners 2023 SIS @ DaNang Spelling Bee winners!

Primary	Secondary
1. Min Riyu - Y5L	1. David Ciprian Bota – Y7L
2. Nguyen Ngoc Anh Tho (Tiffany) - Y5B	2. Nguyen Vuong Chien (Kevin) - Y6A

## Stephanie Shepperd

Deputy Principal



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## Message from Deputy Principal (Primary)

I am very excited for all students to experience sports day this year, as they have been practicing very hard in their HPE lessons. The secondary sports day will be held on Thursday, March 2nd, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Primary Sports Day will take place on Friday, March 3rd, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All students will be assigned to three different teams: red, yellow, and green. All students are allowed to wear their team's color on sports day. Students will compete in a variety of different activities to win points for their team. There will be an awards ceremony to crown this year's Sports Day champions. Good luck to everyone involved!

Thank you

**Niall Elliot Reed (Mr)**  
Deputy Principal



## Message from Head of Studies for high school

Dear parents,

We have been working towards our practical examinations for Cambridge. Our IGCSE 2, AS-, and A-level students have been in our science lab to learn about the practical side of chemistry, physics, and biology.

Besides the practical examinations, we will have mock exams for IGCSE 2, AS-, and A-level starting the 6<sup>th</sup> of March till the 17<sup>th</sup> of March. During these two weeks, students will write all their components that they will also complete during their Cambridge examinations.





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To prepare for the mock exams, students can use the following exam tips:

- Revise the content 1 to 2 months before the scheduled exam date
- Make a timetable as to the subjects that you need to study for a specific time and date
- Organize your study area
- Re-do past assessments
- Create a study group
- Have some exercise
- Eat nutritious foods
- Drink plenty of water
- Take enough rest and sleep
- Be on time on the day of your exam

If there are any questions, please contact me on [niils.harteveld@danang.sis.edu.vn](mailto:niils.harteveld@danang.sis.edu.vn)

Regards,

**Niils Harteveldt**

Head of Studies - Secondary/High School



## Message from Head of Studies for Primary

Excursions allow our students to have new experiences and observe new things that are not available at school. This term, our teachers have planned exciting excursions for our students. Some of these include a visit to the Thanh Ha Terracotta Park and Hoi An Handicraft Tours, where students will explore different cultures and traditions by taking pottery and lantern-making classes. Another is a visit to Paws for Compassion where students will learn about Animal Welfare and being Active and Responsible Citizens. Some of our secondary students will visit the Hoi An Silk Village and learn how Vietnamese silk is made, as well as the Cham Island Museum and some cooking classes. We hope that our students will enjoy their excursions and create memories, as well as develop a deeper understanding of the world around them.

**Caroline Greatwood (Ms)**

Primary Head of Studies



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## Message from Head of Integrated Kindergarten

It has been an exciting month for our Kindergarten students, learning a variety of new topics and visiting exciting places in the community.

**K1/2L:** This month was full of exciting activities for K1/2L class. We visited vegetable gardens of Tra Que in Hoi An and saw some farm birds. Later in the month children had an Animal Care and Safety lesson, with a very special visitor – dog Pickle. Students learned how to greet a dog, look after its health and how to play safely. During the last week of February, we went to see a dentist and learned that dentist's room can be a lot of fun. Children took turns sitting on the chair and received a checkup. They even tried different instruments and practiced brushing teeth.

### K2 Prep A/L: Excursion to Fire station

The children in K2 and Prep A/ Prep L had a great fun day visiting the Fire Station of Ngu Hanh Son District. They were interested in seeing and meeting firefighters in their uniforms, checking the fire trucks and getting to know how they do their work at the station. It was an amazing opportunity to learn a few fire safety basics and practice life-saving techniques if you are on fire, such as "Stop, Drop and Roll" or crawling low to your exit, keeping your head one to two feet above the floor where the air is clearer to escape through smoke. The children were also introduced the emergency number which is 114 in case they need to call the fire department in an emergency.

### Nursery and K1: Excursion to the bookshop

To encourage the good habit of reading and follow up the topic-based activities during Dr Suess Week discussed in class, the Nursery and K1 students had a field trip to Fahasa Bookshop on Le Duan Street. They were very eager and curious to check around the bookshop and had a look at different books where they found their favourite characters. Everyone chose their own books to bring home. What a fun excursion we had.



KIK celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday this year, with a whole week of Dr. Seuss themed activities. We had dress up days, made different crafts, listened to stories, and sang songs. For the dress up week the students came to school dressed as The Cat In The Hat, The Lorax, Fox in Socks, Crazy clothes for Wacky Wednesday, and Green Eggs and Ham characters. Some fun STEM activities that went along with the Dr. Seuss theme was making Ooblek, and Green Eggs and Ham. Students loved playing with the Ooblek which could be both a solid AND a liquid! They also loved tasting the green eggs and ham, just like in the story! The students and teachers helped decorate the halls to create "Seussville" to make students feel like they were living in his books! There were truffula trees throughout the halls, giant pictures of different characters, and beautifully decorated Seuss themed doors and bulletin boards! It was a fun filled week of book exploration and creativity! What a great way to celebrate such an amazing author!

The Kindergarten annual SPORTS day will be organising in a couples of weeks. We will update more information in our weekly reports.

## VO THI THUY NGAN (Ms)

Head of Integrated Kindergarten

