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SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ GAMUDA GARDENS

# NEWSLETTER

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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.

## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

Semester 2 and 2021 is already well on its way. Students are engaged in learning activities and enjoy the events we offer at school to make learning fun.

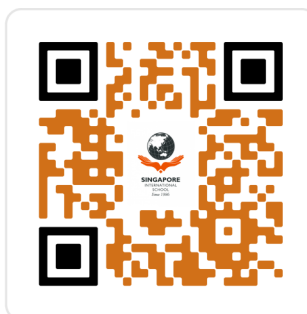
This term, we are focusing on applying student learning through projects. We will have a gallery walk at the end of the term to display and present the projects they design.



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

Thank you to those parents who attended our parent - teacher conference, it is important to work with your child's teachers to ensure your child is working to their full potential or finding ways to improve progress. Our teachers are always willing to support their students to improve their academic progress. 80 % of our SVIS parents and 63% of our SIS parents attended the parent teacher conference.

Thank you, parents, for completing the online survey during the PTC. If you did not get a chance to complete the survey, please use the QR code below to give us feedback regarding your perception of our school. It will only take you a couple of minutes to complete, your feedback is appreciated!



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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- **Academic Achievers**
- **Confident Communicators**
- **Critical Thinkers**
- **Technologically literate**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**



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Primary school students receiving their Semester 1 merit awards



Our students enjoy the inter-house football matches during lunch time



The SIS football team won their matches against Vietnam-Australia International School

## MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations go to the students who received a merit award. Please find the list attached.

## SUBJECT WEEKS

This term we are placing a lot of emphasis on academics and the HOS are planning subject weeks. Students can compete in subject-specific competitions and enjoy the challenges the teachers will set for them.

## SPORTS

Our sports teams continue to enjoy the Hanoi league matches and have done very well. They make us proud and play with enthusiasm, passion and display a lot of respect for their teammates and opponents. Well done SIS students!

Our students enjoyed the sports days organised by our Sports coordinators during the last week of the term. The competition between the houses is encouraging, the team spirit is high, and students support one another to do their best. At this stage, the Red Dragons are in the lead, followed by the Golden Lions. Not far behind them is Black Phoenix. We all enjoy the camaraderie and competitive spirit between the students and houses they represent.

I am proud of the following house captains who have been selected to support and lead their houses, they are:

**Black Phoenix:** Lee Da Heyon, Vo Gi Han, Kim Ji Woo and Khuat Nguyen Duy Anh.

**Red Dragons:** Nguyen Noc Minh Anh, Lo An Thuy Hien, Kim Tae Seong and Nguyen Viet Huy.

**Golden Lions:** Do Minh Thuc, Hsueh Zhi-Ting (Claudia), Siah Wee Hao and Andy Ly Viet Hoang.

Our students are also playing inter-house and class football tournaments during lunchtimes. Students love the challenge and competition between the classes, great to see so much positive house spirit.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Our Student council continue to raise funds for the less privileged and collected TET Boxes to hand to Blue Dragons for them to give to the less fortunate children. We received many donations of food and toiletries, including over 400kg of rice, and 33,074,000 VND in cash donations. We thank you gratefully for your continued support.

## ISA TESTS

The ISA tests have been postponed to a later date. We analyse the data we collect to drive instruction and determine our School-Wide Learner Goals. The information we have received from previous results is positive and demonstrates that our school is equal and/or above the standard of like schools, in all the areas of English and Mathematics Literacy.





*Student Council collected items for TET to donate to the less privileged.*



*Many donations have been received from our wonderful parents*



*Recycling is important*

### **MUN**

Our MUN students are preparing for the Model United Nations conference, which will be held at UNIS on March 4 - 6, 2021, our students are excited about the challenge that lies ahead.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Please note we use email to communicate with parents. All letters and information is sent to you via email. If you wish to receive the signup sheets for Clubs and Sports in a hardcopy format, please complete the form issued during enrolment and inform your child's form teacher. She/he will print copies for your children. You could also complete the form and return to the school via email.

### **CHANGE OF BUSES**

Please be reminded that if your child requests to change their bus time, you must send an email, from the authorised email address you gave the school, to confirm the time you would like to request the change.

All emails HAVE to please reach us before 1:00 pm as many arrangements have to be made and bus spaces have to be checked.

We will endeavour to change the bus, but if buses are full and we cannot, I urge you to understand and support us.

Office staff have to follow the protocol as your children are our responsibility and we cannot have a stranger requesting a change of bus times.

### **STAFFING**

We welcome Ms Junilyn Deo and Mr Jomar Viernes to our SIS Team. Ms Junilyn replaced Mr Red Payad, our ICT teacher and Mr Jomar replaced Mr Ian McCallig, our EFL teacher.

Ms Eleanor Tyres joins us after TET and will be teaching Year 4 and Year 5 English.

### **RECYCLING**

Dr Don started a recycling program to educate students on how to keep our environment clean and healthy. We encourage our students to throw cans and plastic in different containers, which is then donated to the cleaning staff.

We will continue to record what is collected:

1. Week 1 (11/1 – 17/1): 98 cans + 13.5kg of plastic bottles
2. Week 2 (18/1 – 24/1): 90 cans + 9kg of plastic bottles

### **TET**

I would like to wish you all a wonderful TET holiday and prosperous lunar new year.

“Chúc Mừng Năm Mới”

Thank you for your continued support, should you wish to contact me, please do so on [lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Classes will resume on the 22nd of February 2021.





**Message from Secondary and High School Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for making our Parent Teacher Conference such a success! We had a great turn out despite the Covid regulations that are still in place. We also tried something a little different this year with asking you for your feedback about the school through a digital survey. If you have had the opportunity to fill out the survey and would still like to give us feedback please feel free to get in contact with me or anyone of our teachers!



Lastly we have our TET break coming up very soon and the school has continued with its long standing tradition of collecting items for TET boxes. Every year there are families that are less fortunate than our own and it is with great pride and joy that we can give something to them that will make a difference during this special season.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

As always if I can be of any help please feel free to email me at: [michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Regards,  
**Michael Ogden**

**Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies**

Dear Parents,

Semester 1 has finished on high note with a wonderful semester 1 closing ceremony. During the ceremony, we have summarized accomplishments, praised students who showed great improvement as well as set new goals and expectations for Semester 2.



The Report cards for Semester 1 were collected by Parents who attended the Parent-Teacher Conference, which was held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021 and sent home to students whose parents were unable to attend. The Report cards display the results of the hard work of both students, teachers and parents.

On the behalf of the school, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Since Tet is just around the corner, I wish you and your family a Happy New Year!

Should you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me through my email address:

[anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Kind Regards,  
**Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh**



*The end of Semester Vietnamese Assembly*



*Our students received awards for excellent work in the Vietnamese program*



*Students always amaze us with their talents*



### Message from Head of Studies - Year 6

Dear Parents,

In Semester 2 a shared expectation of the Grade 6 teaching team is that the students begin to show more responsibility and independence in their learning. These are key traits that they need to develop in order to be successful in secondary school. You can help your child develop responsibility and independence by talking with them about their responsibilities at home and encourage them to develop and follow a schedule that allows them to fulfil their commitments such as homework, additional classes and clubs.



Term 3 is an opportunity for students to reflect on their achievements in Semester 1 and identify areas for improvement. Their teachers will assist with this but it's important that students also review their Semester 1 reports and speak with their teachers about the grades they received and how they can improve in Semester 2.

A Community Reading Program has also been established to assist students with developing their English. Mr. Gautier, the Head of English, and I will identify students who require extra assistance and pair them with students who possess a higher level of English. Once or twice a week they will read together and then talk about the book. This will help improve reading fluency, listening skills and English-language comprehension. It will take time but this activity can have a significant impact on the English-language ability of the students who participate in it.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at [brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Best regard,  
**Brett Grant**

### Message from Head of Studies Year 8 & 9

Dear Parents,

Term 3 is a good opportunity for students to reflect on their results in Semester 1 and identify areas for improvement. This is also the time to start thinking about next year, during Term 3 your children will receive information and guidance about the IGCSE programme offered at SIS Gamuda.



I would also like to mention the Hanoi Sports League. The league was created a couple of years ago and 7 schools across Hanoi are now taking part in football and basketball games. Sport is a great way to develop a sense of community among the school and increase friendliness as well as teaching qualities such as tolerance, determination and perseverance. You may want to follow our teams' progress by following the Hanoi Sports League page on Facebook.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school if you have any questions regarding next year at:  
[gautier.quelin@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:gautier.quelin@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Best regard,  
**Gautier Quelin**

### Message from Head of Studies - IGCSE

Dear Parents,

Happy New year!

2021 is the most significant year of our IGCSE, AS and A-Level students. They will be writing the Cambridge Examinations beginning in April. We will also run a Mock Examination on the 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> of March to prepare them for the actual tests. We trust they are emotionally, physically and mentally prepared for this challenging event. We also provide them with our full support to be able to succeed.

I wish you and your family a wonderful and prosperous Tet!  
Chúc mừng năm mới!

Should you have any issues, feel free to contact me at any time at [maria.batac@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:maria.batac@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

Kind Regards,  
**Maria Batac**



### Message from KIK Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and Students,

December 2020 has passed with many meaningful activities such as Christmas Charity Fair which is an annual school event aimed to donate for Caritas. All of our students were energized and excited to prepare for performances to welcome Christmas.

Time has passed so fast, students have been through half of the journey and have finished Term 2 and started Term 3 with excitement. Our teachers helped students revise their knowledge, do some tests on Language, Maths, Literature, Social Skills, Science, Computer Skills as well as Vietnamese Studies. We hope that parents could feel satisfied with the hard work and improvement of both students and our school, KIK. Thank you so much for your continued support.

I wish you a happy and prosperous New Year with new goals and inspiration, and I also wish students good health, happiness and always be good students.

If you have any questions, please contact me at:  
[thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn](mailto:thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn).

Best regards,  
**Vu Thi Thuy**

