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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,

Term 3 was a busy term and we are heading quick toward the end of the year.

STAFFING

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Ms Eleanor Tyres, Year 4 and 5 English teacher, Ms Rheza Parater and Mr Jomar Viernes, our EFL teachers, to our team.



MUN

Depending on COVID, our MUN delegates will participate in the UNISMUN 2021 conference on 16-18 April 2021.

The MUN club is a club that encourages: the knowledge of international affairs, research, understanding of parliamentary procedures, analytical reasoning, problem-solving, oral and written presentation of ideas etc. By working together as a team, drawing from the past and present, students are preparing for the future and are empowered to be a part of the decision making at all levels.

I want to thank the two teachers Ms Scott and Ms Nyenes, for their leadership and support they offer the students in this club. More details will follow.

MOCK Examinations and Cambridge Examinations

Our IGCSE2, AS, and A-level students have completed their mock examinations and have received their results. This is the ideal time to work with your child and encourage them to spend time on the subjects they find challenging. Please encourage your child to ask questions, make appointments to speak to the teachers, and start preparing for the Cambridge IGCSE, AS and A-level finals, which start next month.

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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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Our top Math winners are:

Primary School Category

No	Name	Class	House Colour
1	Loh Sze Vinh Brendan	2L	Black
2	Nguyen Trung Dung	2L	Black
3	Le Phu An	2L	Red
4	Le My An	2L	Red
5	Henry Buechner	3L	Gold
6	Nguyen Bao Lam	3L	Gold
7	Suh Bo Kyeong	3L	Gold
8	Naina Datt	3L	Gold
9	Chun Jaeln	3L	Red
10	Jung Kyu Jung	5L	Black

Middle School Category

No	Name	Class	House Colour
1	Dinh Nhat Anh	8LA	Black
2	Duong Trieu An	8LC	Red
3	Masangkay Marten Concepcion Jamiel	8LA	Gold
4	Ferrao Fialho Torrinha Pedro	8LA	Gold
5	Nguyen Quang Minh	8LA	Gold
6	Nguyen Thi Ngoc Mai	6LA	Black
7	Sam Yun JaeJung	5L	Red
8	Phung Van Ha	6LA	Gold

High School Level

No	Name	Class	House Colour
1	Duong Trieu An	8LC	Red

Ms Batac sent home the examination schedule for students. Please contact her if you did not receive this.

This is a crucial time for our students; please help your child plan a study routine and maintain a healthy eating and sleeping pattern.

Again I emphasize: Students who still need support are more than welcome to reach out to their teachers; our teachers are happy and willing to provide time to work with students who want help.

PHONES and SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please encourage your child to socialize more and refrain from spending too much time on their phones. Too many students spend time on their phones playing games.

Students should be dressed in the correct school uniform at all times, please. Check that your child's uniform is neat, and their skirts and shorts are the correct lengths.

OBV

Due to COVID the OBV is held on campus, the OBV team has designed an exciting program for our students. Students will camp at school for two nights, be taught valuable skills and participate in many team building activities.

For year 6 - 8, they will receive a "Leave No Trace environmental ethic certificate", and the Year 9 - A-levels will do a first aid course and receive a first-aid certificate.

Please support this very worthwhile program as students bond with others they usually don't work with and life-long friendships are formed during this time.

ART COMPETITION

A gallery will be held in June to display all ART entries. The theme for this year is "My 2020". Students may use any medium (paint, pencil, crayons etc.). The final pieces have to be submitted to Miss Vans by Friday, 11 June. All pieces will be judged, and there will be prizes for Primary, Middle and High School Students.

EASTER EGG COMPETITION

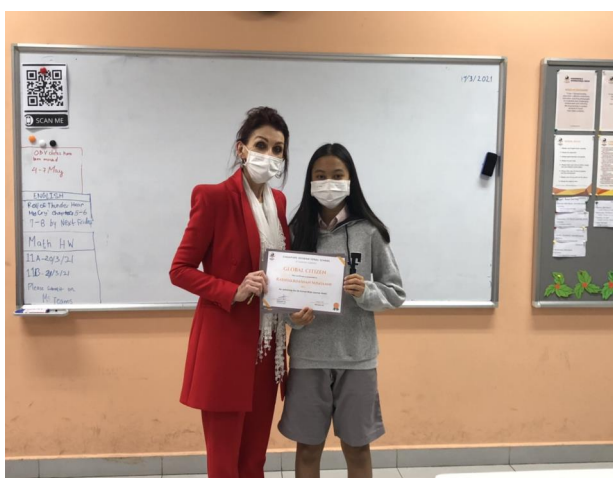
Our students enjoyed working with their buddies during the easter egg decorating competition, and many beautiful eggs were presented. Our students have so much talent and love the opportunity to be creative and work with their buddies.

MATH COMPETITION

Our Math department held a Math competition and encouraged our students to participate in the weekly Math challenge which they pinned up on the student notice board.

Many of our students participated in the challenge and enjoyed the opportunity to extend their thinking skills and make reasoned judgments. Congratulation goes to the winners of this competition.





CROSS COUNTRY

We always end our term with an Inter-house sports day, and this term, we held the Inter-House cross country. It was a great way to test student fitness, and they were allowed to either run or take a slow walk with their friends. All students received house points for participation.

The first three boys and the first three girls in each year level received a medal for their achievement.

PROJECT BASED LEARNING

Our Year 1 - IGCSE1 students were given the task of creating a project based on real-life situations and were encouraged to integrate all the subjects they are taught.

We were so pleased to see the quality of student work displayed during the gallery walk held in the MPH.

SCHOOL WIDE LEARNER GOALS

When our students achieve the school wide learner goals, they receive a Global Citizen award and badge.

We are proud of our Global Citizen

Thank you for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or suggestions. I am available at lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn



Message from Secondary and High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

We have finished term 3! Even though we had had a challenging start with the Covid scare we are back on track with face-to-face teaching and learning. We are all happy with the swift response from the authorities to keep us all safe and healthy. I know that I am glad to see all of our students at school.

We are introducing Project Based Learning in our Primary and Secondary School and it has been an eventful experience! Students have been given the opportunity to direct their curiosity into a project where real life problems can be examined and solutions developed. We presented the projects in a gallery walk so that all the classes can see the wonderful work that has taken place!

Preparation for Term 4 is well underway, students and teachers have been working through mock exams in the High School and test revision in the Primary and Secondary School. I am confident that all our students will be striving to achieve top results in Semester 2. As always if you or your child needs guidance or support do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the teachers here at SIS.

You can reach me at the following email address: michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards

Michael Ogden



Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Students,

Term 3 has ended on a high note with mid-term examinations and the inter-house cross country. In this term, despite a challenging start with the COVID-19, online teaching and learning had been well-prepared. When students came back to school, preventive measures continued, a revision plan was given to students to revise what they had learned during 2-week online learning. Year 1-9 students have finished the mid-term tests. The results will be sent to parents as soon as students come back from the Term 3 break.

Students will have a short break to get ready for the last term of the school year. There are many activities next term; such as OBV, final examinations; graduation for year 9; closing ceremony of the school year; Concert. We would keep you informed of all school activities.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you want any further information, please contact me at: anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Kind Regards,

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



*Our students participating in the
Community Reading Group*



Message from Head of Studies - Year 6

Dear Parents,

We have introduced a new program called the Community Reading Group (CRG). The group works by pairing students with a high level of English with students who are still in the acquisition stage of language development. They meet once or twice a week at lunchtime to read together and discuss a book of the students' choosing. The CRG is intended to assist with language acquisition and build a stronger school community through helping students become more interconnected. We are already seeing some improvements in the general level of confidence displayed by some students in their English-language use as a result of their involvement in the CRG.



The Senior Student Council was at last able to handover the Tet Box donations to our partner, the Humanitarian Services for the Children of Vietnam (HSCV). Unfortunately, the handover was delayed due to the coronavirus outbreak in Hai Duong. To limit movement between provinces, as directed by the government HSCV worked with one of its Hanoi-based partners, the Association for the Support of Hanoi Handicapped and Orphans (ASVHO) to distribute the items to people in-need in Hai Ba Trung District. The cash donations were used to pay for the transport of the donated items, purchase additional food for the receivers and buy hand sanitizer which was distributed through partners in Hai Duong Province. We would like to once again thank all parents and students who donated to the Tet Box charity drive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Brett Grant



Our Primary School students love participating in fun events organized by the teachers



Message from Head of Studies - Year 7

Dear Parents,

This term, we have encouraged students to stay active outside the classroom. We hosted a football lunchtime tournament for students and had 10 teams compete across our middle school and high school. During the last week of term, we had finals to see who the best team in the school is.



During the last week of term, all students took part in inter-house cross country. Medals were awarded to the top 3 students from each age group. We encourage students to challenge themselves and to have fun during this event. Next term, we will host more events to engage students outside the classroom.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at:
claudine.vanrensburg@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards,
Claudine van Rensburg

Message from Head of Studies Year 8 & 9

Dear Parents,

This month we started a new project called 'the Gallery Walk'. This is a project-based learning initiative where students work alone or in small groups on a project for an extended period to answer a research question or solve a problem. They have to demonstrate their knowledge and skills by creating a product or a presentation for an audience. Students were given guidance on how to formulate their research question and were pre-planning. We saw lots of enthusiasm and excitement amongst our students.



The Hanoi Sports League draws to an end. Because of the recent Covid-19 outbreak we had to modify the fixture list. Qualifying games may take place in April and the winners of each league will be decided during week-end tournaments where the top 4 teams will compete. These tournaments may take place on May 8th for Football and May 15th for Basketball, depending on COVID. The SIS High School Football team is already qualified and we hope other teams will also be able to participate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at:
gautier.uelin@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards,
Gautier Quelin



The Gallery Walk was enjoyed by all



Such amazing projects were displayed



Message from Head of Studies - IGCSE

Dear Parents,

We would like to congratulate our High School students for finishing the Cambridge Mock Examinations held on 15th to 26th March. They worked hard to achieve their desired predicted results.

Next month, after the term break, the Cambridge Exams June 2021 series will start. Students provided with their specific exam dates and times based on their subject entries. We sent the details of the exams by email.

As the exams are fast approaching, let us provide students with the extra assistance to be able to manage stress and pressure. It is necessary for them to create their own study timetable; eat healthy food; have enough rest and do some exercise. Thank you so much for your continued support in your child's education.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at maria.batac@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Maria Batac



Message from Head of Studies - AS-A level

Dear Parents,

It is great to see so many of our students getting more excited about projects that require some problem solving and hands on skills. It is fantastic that our school has equipped the STEM room to cater for a wider range of problem solving skills to explore. Knowledge and understanding of robotics and coding will soon be a necessity for the future workforce. I consider myself very privileged to work at a school that understands and values the importance of STEM development enough to invest in top of the range equipment for our students and staff.

I hope that our green screen will be providing us with some entertainment soon. This will also help our students in developing a better appreciation for the arts. This truly is a great example of the holistic approach towards better STEAM education that our school strives for.

Soon I hope you will be hearing more from children how excited they are about the things our school has to offer.

Should you have any issues, feel free to contact me at any time at westley.venter@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards,
Westley Venter



Students presented their projects during the Gallery walk



TET Donations were handed over to Hai Duong



Thank you letter from Hai Duong province

First of all, Hai Duong Union of Friendship Organizations would like to send to HSCV and Singapore International School in Hanoi its sincere and deepest thanks for supporting Covid-19 pandemic prevention activities at Hai Duong province with 200 bottles of hand sanitizer worth 10 million VND.

This is a very meaningful and practical gift for the prevention and control of the Covid-19 pandemic in Hai Duong. The above work of HSCV and the Singapore International School has shown kind care of the HSCV and the School to the prevention of Covid-19 epidemic in Hai Duong province

The Union of Friendship Organizations of the province would like to sincerely thank HSCV and SIS for their interest, support and help. Hopefully in the coming time, the Union will continue to be a bridge between the organization and social protection activities of Hai Duong province.

Sincerely thank!

The Chairwoman
Nguyen Thi Huyen



We ended our Term with Cross Country events - All our students participated in this event.



