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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 and Students,

STAFFING

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Ms Claudine van Rensburg, from South Africa and Mr. Justin Ferrant have joined our SIS family. Ms. Rensburg replaces Mr Charbot to teach Computer Science and ICT. Mr. Ferrant is teaching English, replacing Mr. Anthony Durnford.



EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

We ended Term 3, with a fun Easter egg decorating competition. Our students joined their buddy classes to work creatively on this project. Students had such fun and as always the younger students loved working with the older students. Many friendships are being formed during this time.

It was a tough choice choosing the most creatively decorated Easter eggs.

The winners of this competition were as follows:

- Two third prizes went to Kim Bo Min and Jae Ji Yoon of 5L ; Nguyen Phuong Linh of 5B
- Two second prizes went to Kang Dae Hoon of 6LA; Sun Tian Xiang and Nguyen Khanh Phuong of 6LB
- Two first prizes went to Jung You Jin of 6LA; Yong Woo of 4L and Kim Sung Jun of GAC

Congratulations go to all our students who participated.

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**INFORMATION SHARING SESSIONS REGARDING THE
PATHWAY AND SUBJECT CHOICES**

An information sharing session will be held for the following groups:
Parents of Prep students going to Year 1 - On Tuesday, 7 May,
from 16:15 to 17:00

Parents of Year 8 and 9, students going to Year 9 or IGCSE1 - On
Saturday, 11 May from 10:00 to 11:00

Parents of IGCSE 2 students, going to AS-levels - On Saturday, 11
May from 11:00 - 12:00

A letter has been sent to these parents, please return this to your
form teacher, so we can plan for catering purposes. We hope to
see you there!

DONATION TO BLUE DRAGON FOUNDATION

During our flea market and jumble sale that we held on the last day
of term we raised 25,100,000 VND. Thank you so much for your
support in sending unwanted items from home. A true testimony of
the saying: "One man's junk is another man's treasure!" Both stu-
dents and teachers had a great time rummaging through the items
and enjoying the hour we dedicated to this cause.

SWIMMING DURING HPE

This term, the students has started swimming during their HPE les-
sons; please support them in making sure they have the correct
swimwear, towels, swimming caps and goggles. Please label all of
your children's items. We have a qualified lifeguard as well as addi-
tional swimming instructors at the pool to support this program.
Rest assured, your children will be safe and important basic water
survival skills will be taught.

GRADUATES

Our students in A-levels and GAC continue to be accepted at some
of the best universities around the world. Congratulations go to Lee
Jong In who has been accepted to the Seoul National Universi-
ty. We are very proud of our students and the results they are pro-
ducing.



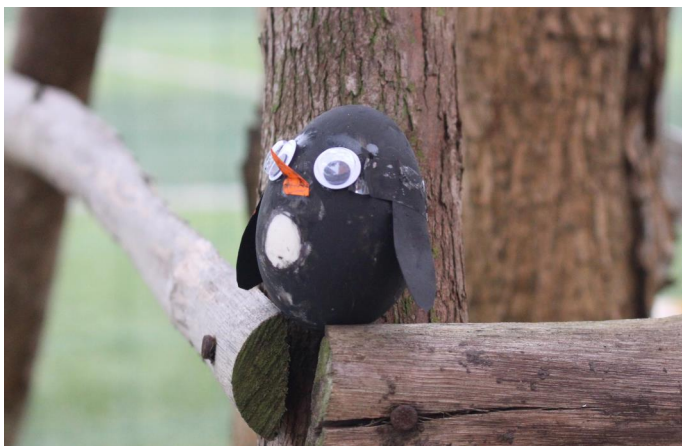
*Easter Egg 1st Place: Yong Woo (4L)
and Kim Sung Jun (GAC)*



Easter Egg 1st Place: : Jung You Jin of 6LA



Easter Egg 2nd Place: Kang Dae Hoon of 6LA;



Easter Egg 2nd Place: Sun Tian Xiang and Nguyen Khanh Phuong of 6LB



Easter Egg 3rd Place: Nguyen Phuong Linh of 5B



Easter Egg 3rd Place: Kim Bo Min and Jae Ji Yoon of 5L

SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATIONS

The Cambridge examinations started on 2 May and all our IGCSE 2, AS and A-level students will be sitting their final examinations this term. We wish them all the best and I encourage you to continue supporting them, by making sure they eat healthily and get enough exercise and sleep. The Year 1 - IGCSE 1 examination timetables have been sent to you. Please contact the HOS should you have mislaid this important document.

PHONES AND VALUABLES

Please do NOT permit your child to bring expensive phones and valuables to school. We cannot be responsible for these items. Students who choose to bring these to school do so at their own risk. If they do not lock them away and take care of them, the school will not be held responsible for them.

CONCERT

Please be reminded of the concert date, which has been set for Sunday the 16th of June.

- KIK - Year 5 is from 15:30 - 17:00
- Year 6 - A-level is from 18:30 - 20:30

PICK UP OF STUDENTS (not on buses)

Please make sure you pick your child up when they finish school, as there is no supervision for the Primary school students. We will start an aftercare class / homework club for students from 6 May. Your child will be taken to the aftercare class and a fee, as per the enrollment policy of 220,000 VND per hour will be charged. Please collect them from room A.C. 107

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or suggestions. I am available at

lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,

Lorraine Els.



Students buying and selling goods at our SIS Flea Market

Message from Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a restful break with friends and family. We are entering the final stretch of our academic school year for 2018 -2019. Many of our students will be writing their final exams in May and after that we will start on our practice for the end of year concert. As always this is a very stressful time for some students as exams count for a large percentage of their final mark. It is important that we spend our time studying but also on our well being and making sure we are able to take care of ourselves!



If you are feeling under pressure please feel free to come and ask for some coping strategies or study techniques that can help you through this stressful time!

Regards,

Michael Ogden

Message from Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Term 4. Students, I hope you are ready to learn after a much-needed break!

Primary students should be working on the computer in the RAZ-Kids reading program every evening; if your child has lost the logon and/or password, please make sure to communicate this with his or her English teacher right away. The work your child does in this program is important and directly supports the English language acquisition process. Events this month included the Flea Market, where all students enjoyed buying items and snacks, and Easter egg decorating. Primary Years 1-4 also participated in Sports Carnival. Grade 5 students visited Pegasus to make 5 layer milk tea, and enjoyed their Sports Carnival together with students from the Van Phuc and Ciputra campuses.



Semester 2 exams will start the week of 20 May and continue until 29 May as per the Table of Specifications that was given at the start of the school year. Please make sure your child gets enough sleep and eats a healthy breakfast in the morning. Contact the school office if you have any questions about the Semester 2 exams.

To honour all the native languages SIS students speak, we are starting a donated books lending library. This term, we are looking for students to donate books they have read to the Primary or Secondary libraries.



Many of our students stalls had delicious food for sale!



Our grade 7 integrated students and their form teacher having a great time!





Other classes offered games to be played and prizes to be won for their stall



Our KIK students have been expanding their knowledge about our earth



KIK students making Pho roll

Specifically, we would like to start with the Korean language so that students have access to free-reading material until we are able to purchase Korean titles for next year. Donated books will be cataloged into the library system for regular checkout by students. The books will also have “donated by” information. Books can be dropped off to the front office, or your child can give the books to their form teacher.

Kind Regards,
Julie Schaefer

Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and our beloved students,

April is the transition time between Spring and Summer. The weather has changed rapidly from hot to cold so please be aware that the students can get sick easily



Health care

With our motto of “Staying healthy and learn well”, teachers in the form classes keep reminding students to eat and rest well.

Exam schedule

- Vietnamese program: the exam for Primary student starts on May 07-14, 2019; exam for Year 6-8 starts on May 07-18, 2019
 - English Exam for all students takes place from May 20-29, 2019.
- We encourage parents to spend time with your children, help them review their school work and give them support.

We do advise parents not to organize any family trips during the examination time, make sure your children attend all of the examinations.

If students are still struggling with any of the topics for the exam, they need to ask their teachers for help and clarification.

School activities during April

Our students have participated in many fun activities and events such as Easter Egg Competition, where younger and older students were paired up to decorate the eggs and we also held a Flea Market.

Primary and Secondary students are participating and have participated in exciting excursions, where they spent good times getting to know their classmates and enjoy new experiences.

Humanitarian Acts

The Hanoi Department of Education and Training, aims to celebrate the 72 years of Remembrance Day for Martyrs and Wounded Soldiers on July 27, SVIS Head of Studies is organizing a campaign where all the staff and students will participate in to show their support.





Our KIK students enjoying some outdoor learning. Flying kites is a good fun



Other KinderWorld International Kindergarten sent over their Prep students for a day visit.



More of Prep students experiencing an art lesson in our new Building C

Every year, in June, our students and teachers take gifts to the wounded soldiers at the Center for Disabled War Veteran in Ha Nam, they were wounded during the French and American War. These people devoted their youth and blood for Independence, Freedom, and Peace of Vietnam. This year we do hope that we will continue to receive your support for this important activity.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or suggestions. Please email me on:

nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Duong Thanh Nghi

Message from KIK Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and our beloved students,

Summer starts in April, and although there the sunshine and heat can be harsh, the children are still passionate and excited to walk around the school grounds discovering and exploring the trees in our gardens and immerse themselves in nature.

At the school, they are taught about many different countries in the world such as Vietnam, Singapore, Australia, South Africa, American, England. The students enjoyed

working with the teachers to make 'Banh Troi' and 'Banh Chay', which is Vietnamese traditional dishes celebrated on March 3rd in Lunar Calendar. The children also spent time making Phở Spring Roll and Kimbab. Our students are learning about water cycles. They are always excited to participate in the experiments on Water evaporation with Ms. Amy and Ms. Hoai, they created dinosaur eggs from water and balloons. The students put a dinosaur in every balloons, then poured water in the balloon and put them in the freezer. After several hours, they used forks to remove the balloon and find the dinosaurs in the frozen "egg".

Term 4 has already started, this term will be busy with lots of interesting activities and excursions scheduled. Every day, students are practicing enthusiastically to prepare for the Year-end Concert and the Prep Graduation Ceremony which will take place on 16 June at the National Convention Center.

Swimming during the PE lesson with Mr. Dewald has stated again, all KIK students are extremely excited to be jump in the clear blue waters and learn through water play.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me via my email:

thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn

Regards,
Vu Thi Thuy





This term we had our annual Primary Sport day with many fun activities.



The Egg and Spoon race always requires speed and dexterity!



A tough game of basketball

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Primary School Parents and Students,

With Term 3 completed, we look forward to the all-important Term 4 and end-of-year exams. Even though Term 3 was busy and demanding, students maintained their focus and have been studying hard.

Term 4 will focus on preparation for end-of-year exams with the first exam on Monday 20 May. Parents and students are encouraged to discuss subjects, textbooks and topics for the exams. Talking together often reveals not only how much has been learnt but also how much is understood. Spending time talking about and reviewing school work can provide valuable insight into children's development. If a child speaks openly and confidently about school work, it can be an indication that he/she is coping well. If there are signs of shyness, reluctance or hesitation, it could mean a lack of focus, understanding or confidence. The more "quality time" parents spend assuring children that mum and dad are genuinely interested in their school work, the more children move towards their ultimate goals and success. Let your children know that you are interested in their school activities and what they are learning; not only at exam time but all year long. You might be surprised how much you find out if you talk together regularly.

Talking with your children's teachers is also an important part of high-quality international education and your effort to meet with your child's teachers is always much appreciated.



Regards,
Dr. Noel Geoghegan

Message from Head of Studies (International Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

We are at the start of Term 4 and the hot summer days are upon us. I hope it will be an enjoyable term as we begin to prepare for the exam pressure that comes in Term 4.

With that in mind, may I remind you of some key middle school exam dates in Term 4:

- English Speaking: Monday 20th – Wednesday 22nd May
- English Writing: Thursday 23rd May
- English Grammar and Comprehension: Friday 24th May
- Mathematics (International only): Monday 27th May
- Science (International only): Tuesday 28th May
- English Listening: Wednesday 29th May



Please try to support your children at this time of year. Revision timetables help a lot in keeping them focused and ensuring that ample time is spent preparing at home. Students should also be getting lots of sleep and rest as well as eating healthily to ensure that both their bodies and brains are in a position to achieve exam success.

Kind Regards
Sean Stokes



Message from Head of Studies (Integrated Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

The students have been working extremely hard getting ready for their end of year exams.

But before that, they had a lot of fun at school including the school dance, where a lot of students showed off their musical talents and also Sports Day, which was a great success. Congratulation to 6B Girls for winning the basketball and football tournament and to 5B/5A Boys as they air the winner of the basketball tournament.

I know the students also enjoyed their holidays and couldn't stop talking about their adventures.

But now a few weeks into Term 4, they know they need to put all their efforts towards their finals.

I know with the hard work of both the students and teachers, they will achieve the best that they can.

Sincerely,
Paul McKenney

Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students,

Finally exams have begun. The ICT and Art students have already started this month with practical exams and starting Thursday, May 2nd, the rest of the Cambridge exams will begin. Coursework has been submitted for all students at this point and now, everyone should just be focusing on preparing for these upcoming exams.

In order to do this, students need to get plenty of sleep instead of staying up late studying. They also need to eat breakfast each day so that they are energized and not distracted by how hungry they are. They will need those calories in the morning to get their brains working properly. Please support your student in this process so that they will be in the best possible position to achieve success on these important exams.

GAC level 3 is well underway and we look forward to seeing how these students will perform in this last push before graduation. Good luck to the GAC students and to all of the Cambridge students this next month!

Regards,
Erin Roetker



Ultimate Frisbee is ultimate fun!



A friendly game of soccer between the SIS schools



Even the girls get to join in with the soccer games.

