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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,

Term 3 is a busy term as we are heading toward the end of the year. Our senior students are busy with examination preparations and many events and activities continue to take place.



STAFFING

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Mr Redhmer Payad to our team, Mr Payad is teaching ICT and Computer Science, he replaces Mr Kleber Quevedo.

MUN

We are proud of our MUN delegates who participate in two important conferences, the ISVMUN 2019 and UNISMUN 2019. 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 a decision making at all levels."

I'd like to thank the two teachers Ms Scott and Mr Buglino for their leadership and support they offer the students in this club.

Congratulations go to Jong In, Chan Young, Gia Khanh and Minh Quang of A Level; Sung Jun of GAC; Ji Woo, Ha Anh, Minh Ngoc, Da Hyeon, Yeo Yeong, Minh Khue, Bao Tram, Cam Uyen and Mai Khanh of IGCSE 1 and 2, for their excellences

MERIT AWARDS

I had the pleasure of presenting over 53 'Merit Awards' to acknowledge the outstanding academic achievement of students achieving excellent results on their Semester 1 Report. Well done to all of the students on your excellent achievement; keep up the great work and I look forward to awarding more students in Semester 2!

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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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The Semester 1 Merit Award recipients are:

2A	
1	Hoang Cam Van Ha
2	Nguyen Linh Chi
3	Trinh Thanh Thuy
4	Vu Tuan Khoa
2B	
5	Britney Leow Diep Y
6	Nguyen Dang Bao Dan
7	Nguyen Duc Minh
2L	
8	Byun Ji Hoo
9	Dana Kim
10	Hwang Hee Jun
11	Jeon Min Kyu
12	Ko Gyeong Rok
13	Kwon Ju Won
14	Oishi Jo
15	Park Si Ha
16	Tran Bui Huyen Anh
3A	
17	Doan Khanh Ha
18	Ngo Tinh Lien
19	Nguyen Tri Dung
20	Trinh Ha Nhi
3L	
21	Hwang Seung Jun
22	Kim In Kyung
23	Kwon Ju Eun

4A	
24	Doan Gia Bach
25	Nguyen Thanh Lam
4L	
26	Lee Hyun Seon
27	Lim Jee Hyun
5A	
28	Tran Phuc An
5L	
29	Lee Ga Won
6B	
30	Pham Thai Tra My
31	Le Khanh Chi
6LB	
32	Ngo Bao Anh
33	Duong Trieu An
34	Sun Tian Xiang
7A	
35	Le Viet
7LA	
36	Tran Quang Thai
37	Le Nguyen Tuong Anh
38	Lee Hye Won
39	Gabriela Patricia Rico Tejada
7LB	
40	Matthew Myburgh

8B	
41	Nguyen Bao Linh
8LA	
42	Le Trung Nguyen
8LB	
43	Nguyen Ha Nhat Minh
44	Nguyen Thao Hien
IGCSE 1C	
45	Lee Da Hyeon
46	Nguyen Thien Duong
IGCSE 1D	
47	Kim Ji Woo
48	Nguyen Truong Phuc
49	Dang Phuong Lan
50	Nguyen Minh Ngoc
IGCSE 2A	
51	Nguyen Cam Le
AS Level	
52	Tran Minh Anh
A Level	
53	Lee Jong In



Our MUN delegates taking part in the UNIS MUN debate



Students debating and discussing events



Nguyen Gia Khanh participating in the MUN debate.

MOCK Examinations and Cambridge Examinations:

Our IGCSE, 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.

Ms Roetker has sent home the examination schedule for March/April for the IGCSE students. Please contact her if you did not receive this. This is a very important time for our students, please help your child plan a study routine, and maintain a healthy eating and sleeping pattern.

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

The spelling bee competition was an enjoyable and exciting event. The students who made the finals were put on the spot and had to spell very difficult words in front of all their peers. They achieved the school-wide learning goal of being confident communicators and academic achievers.

Congratulations goes to:

Year 1	
1st	Tran Thy Van
2nd	Na You Seol
3rd	Pham Bao Long

Year 2	
1st	Byun Ji Hoo
2nd	Hoang Cam Van Ha
3rd	Nguyen Đan Bao Dan

Year 3	
1st	In Kyung Kim
2nd	Gia Minh Ly
3rd	Trinh Ha Nhi

Year 4	
1st	Lee Hyun Seon
2nd	Doan Gia Bach
3rd	Le Tran Phuc

Year 5	
1st	Park Seong Hyeon
2nd	Han Ya Xian
3rd	Le Thanh Phuong

Year 6	
1st	Pham Thai Tra My
2nd	Nguyen Duc Duy
3rd	Pramanik Ayush

Year 7	
1st	Matthew Myburgh
2nd	Le Kim Khanh
3rd	Le Viet

Year 8/9	
1st	Doan Gia Khang
2nd	To Vu Hieu Minh
3rd	Nguyen Bao Linh

High School	
1st	Do Minh Khanh
2nd	Nguyen Gia Khanh
3rd	Nguyen Khanh Lam



OBV - Halong Bay

The OBV coordinators addressed our Secondary and High school students during an assembly to present the OBV program. They gave details of the program, shared experiences and informed them of the expectations. The students were given time to ask questions as well.

The program starts in April and will run through to June.

This program will provide our students with a positive educational experience, in which they will have an opportunity to develop social and personal skills while getting to know themselves and their classmates better in a cooperative, safe and fun camping adventure. Hiking, team building activities, bouldering/scrambling, camping and other fun and educational outdoor activities will be the focus of the program, which will be led by qualified instructors who specialize in teaching young people in the outdoors. The skills that students

Class	Date
Gamuda Yr. 6 international 6LA, 6LB	8-12 April 2019
Gamuda Yr. 6 integrated 6A, 6B, 6C	24-28 June 2019
Gamuda Yr. 7 international 7LA, 7LB	6-10 May 2019
Gamuda Yr. 7 integrated 7A, 7B	22-26 April 2019
Gamuda Yr. 8 international 8LA, 8LB	TBA
Gamuda Yr. 8 integrated 8A, 8B	10-14 June 2019
Gamuda Yr. 9 integrated	6-10 May 2019

Class	Date
IGCSE1 A,B,C,D	3-7 June 2019
IGCSE2 A,B,C	17-21 June 2019
GAC, AS and A-Levels	17-21 June 2019

gain from these programs will help to equip them to face challenges of modern life. These skills are important when it comes to entering the workforce, pursuing further studies and also for preparing and focusing on school topics such as examinations.

Please find the scheduled times for the students to attend the OBV.

You will receive detailed information closer to the date of your child's trip.

Please note: if your child does not attend the OBV program, they will be placed in another class with another group of students and attend the lessons of that class.

Thank you to those parents who attend the OBV information sharing session held at SIS@Gamuda Gardens.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please feel free to contact me.

SAVE THE RHINO COMPETITION

Two of our students Lim Jeehuyn (4L) and Nguyen Thi Yen Ngoc (6B) were the proud winners of the Save the Rhino competition. The students and recipients were excited to meet the "Rhino Ranger" from South Africa. I'm hoping our senior students take part in this competition next year, as they can win a trip to South African to visit the game reserve.





Nguyen Thi Yen Ngoc (6B) is one of the proud winner of the Rhino Competition



Lim Jeehuyn (4L) is one of the proud winner of the Rhino Competition



The Rhino Ranger visited our 2L class

APMOPS

The Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools (APMOPS) 2019 was co-hosted in Vietnam by KinderWorld Education Group and Hwa Chong Institution in Singapore. This is a wonderful opportunity for eligible students born between July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006 to participate in a competition that helps to develop their mathematical skills and talents at international levels.

I would like to thank Ms Maria Batac for giving up her free time, to help our students practice for these examinations during lunchtime. I wish all of our students who have registered to participate in APMOPS 2019 all the best for the first round competition, which took place at our school on Saturday, April 6th.

School wide Learner Goals

In order for our students to achieve the Global Citizen Certificate, which is part of our School Vision; they must achieve the four school wide learner goals which are:

Confident Communicator, Critical Thinker, Technologically literate, Active and Responsible citizen and Academic Achiever.

Please speak to your child to assess what they understand by being a Global Citizen.

Airpods

As this has now become an issue in our school, I would like to inform you that these are now banned at SIS @ Gamuda Gardens.

We don't want our students walking around with earphones in their ears and want to encourage them to be more sociable and refrain from playing games and looking at their phones during lunch times. Please support us in this matter.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students should be dressed in the correct school uniform at all times, please. Check that your child's uniform is neat and girl's skirts and shorts are the correct length. Students should not be wearing black jackets or leggings to school.

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

Regards,

Lorraine Els.



Students participating in the Spelling Bee competition



Spelling Bee winners



Proud Spelling Bee winners

Message from Acting Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

March has been a very exciting month here for us at SIS Gamuda Gardens. We have hosted a university fair for our IGCSE 2 and ASL students. The university tour had 24 American universities from all across the United States. The students had time to ask the different universities questions about things like scholarships and admissions. We have also implemented a bridging program for some of our students that might be struggling with their understanding of aspects of the curriculum. The bridging program aims to help children bridge the gap between their knowledge and content in the curriculum. This intensive program aims to provide the students with the subject knowledge they require to succeed in the classroom.



Lastly, we have started back up with the alumni newsletter! Some of our previous graduates have been asked about their experiences outside of high school and what they think about life in university. Hopefully this gives you some insight into what it is like for our students once they get into university.

Regards,
Michael Ogden

Message from Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Research shows that reading nightly for twenty minutes improves your child's overall literacy over time. Food for thought:

Starting in kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade and on standardized tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers.



So turn off the TV, power down the video games, and encourage your child to read nightly for pleasure in English as well as in their native language; this habit will show in their progress and success in school!

SIS SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the SIS 2019 Primary School Spelling Bee Winners! Students did an excellent job representing their classes and year levels.

HOME / SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

As we are coming to the end of Term 3, I encourage you to communicate and meet with your child's teachers at any time to discuss progress and homework, behavior, or other concerns you may have. The office will be





Our Primary School students are proud recipients of the Merit Awards



Students are proud recipients of the Merit Award.



Students achieved all the Schoolwide Learner Goals to receive a Global Citizen award

happy to set an appointment for you to come and meet with teachers.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) IN MOTION!

Students used STEM principles in a recent lesson, with projects including building the tallest structure using spaghetti and marshmallows, food color rainbows, designing an apparatus to protect an egg when dropped, and designing a boat that stays afloat when weights are added.

Kind Regards,
Julie Schaefer

Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and our beloved students,

March is a month with a lot of changes in the weather: cold, hot and humid. Children easily get sick and infected with diseases! Please take care of your children by ensuring food safety and hygiene, which will help them to achieve good results in the Semester II final examination

Please encourage your children to design their study plan, keep working hard and stay calm. Be confident and do not violate the exam rules, to achieve the best result. Moreover, we do advise parent not to organize any family trip during the examination time.

Besides the class time, we have organized other events:

- March Theme: Ho Chi Minh Communist Youth Union and a happy International Women's Day
- School excursion: Primary and Secondary SVIS Students had a field trip where they gained a lot more knowledge and had a lot of fun.

We would like to inform you that from 22th to 26th of April, Year 7 will participate in OBV (**Outward Bound Vietnam**) program in Ha Long. The letter and registration form has been already sent to parents.

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,

March went by very quickly, our school was happy to welcome new students, who joined the Nursery Nemo, K1 Dolphin and K2 Jellyfish KinderWord Kindergarten. From feeling new and strange to the surroundings, they became more confident and happier because they were warmly welcomed by teachers and friends.



With a lot of interesting academic activities, leaving beautiful memories and unforgettable impressions in the heart of the children and teachers, the children are enthusiastic to make beautiful cards or decorate flowers with the teacher to give to her mother on the 8th of March

At school, the children also explored and learned about the plants around them like fruit and vegetables and the children also were taught about the growth cycle of plants from seeds by digging the soil to plant a real tree. The most exciting part is that the children went to the kitchen to wash fruit and vegetables themselves, they made healthy and tasty vegetable and fruit salad.

Along with gaining new knowledge, our students also went on their excursions to gain new experiences. The Prep students went to Van Anh Educational Farm, 2 classes of K2 were extremely excited when they went to Erahouse Educational Farm. In addition, K1 Dolphin students got a chance to step into the mini world of oceans to see and explore underwater animals at Time City. The youngest children in Nursery Nemo were immersed in nature, seeing different houses and costumes of the regions in the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology. With Each trip children gain more knowledge and learn a lot of new things

To conclude, on behalf of all staff, I would like to thank all the parents who sent flowers to the school in Women's International Day. We appreciate all the parents who took time to come and meet to the teacher to discuss the development and improvement.

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



Our KIK students making fruit salad



Our KIK students visiting the aquarium



KIK student enjoying their excursion



Another solid victory for the SIS football team. Well done on a fantastic year!



Our girls basketball team playing against Olympia. Go girls!



Students participating in a Club of their choice

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Primary School Parents and Students,

Term 3 is going well and we can clearly see our students working hard and learning new skills and knowledge in all areas of personal and academic growth. The commitment of our Primary School teachers means students are receiving an excellent education and developing as effective learners and competent global citizens. Our students' success was evident with so many Primary School students receiving outstanding results in SA1 exams.



Once term 3 finishes and April holiday break is over, it will be head down and tails up to focus on end of year exams. It makes the end of the school year seem very close. To help our students reach the finish line and do well in SA2 exams, parents are asked to assist by encouraging students to stop playing computer games and read more books. The power of reading cannot be emphasized enough to make a difference in your child's success at school. Buy books, read books and discuss books as a family. Set an example! Read! Love books! Talk about books! Share books! Nothing you do is more important than the example you set as a parent. If you genuinely love to read, your passion for reading will inspire your child to do likewise. Thank you for so many parents who visit our school to talk with teachers. It is important to keep lines of communication open with families and the opportunity for you to come and see your teachers is always an open invitation.

Regards,
Dr. Noel Geoghegan

Message from Head of Studies (International Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

March is an important month in our school calendar. After the consecutive holidays of Christmas, January term break and Tet, we are now well and truly back into the school routine. It is good to see so many positive reports of things going on in school.



SIS Middle School students have taken part in the school spelling bee competition Thank you to all of the students who took part – it was a lot of fun! Thank you to Mr Fad and all of the students who took part in the debate competition last week. It is so important for our students to become well-rounded global citizens and taking part in activities like this really helps them to become confident communicators in a global setting.

Additionally, there have been many excellent sporting achievements with more fixtures to come. Our middle school boys' basketball team will go to Hanoi Academy on 22nd March, our Year 6 students will take part in the SIS Football Cup and the girls basketball team and the Year 7 and 8 boys football team will have games at Wellspring. It is a very busy time of year for our extra-curricular clubs and I'd like to thank Mr Labrue for all of his organization in giving our students the opportunity to compete against other schools.

Kind Regards
Sean Stokes

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Message from Head of Studies (Integrated Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

The students have been having a wonderful time preparing for their Outward Bound trips and also for their school dance. The students did a wonderful job organizing the dance and we all had a great time. It's wonderful to see the students interacting with each other in a more social atmosphere.

The Outward Bound program has been very popular with the students that have already attended and I know the students going later will have an unforgettable experience. They will hopefully learn some new skills in a beautiful area.

Soon we will be finishing Term 3 and getting ready for the final weeks of school. I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday and come back re-charged and ready to learn.

So please remember to keep thinking about the schoolwide learner goals so that students are not only well educated, but well-rounded individuals as well.

Sincerely,
Paul McKenney

Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students,

Both Cambridge IGCSE 2 and AS and A Level students have just finished taking their Mock Exams. It has been a busy couple of weeks, which can be very stressful for students and staff alike. Our students and teachers have worked very hard to prepare for these exams, and I hope they receive marks they can be proud of. These scores will, of course, give an indication of how they should perform in their final exams come May/June. However, they still will have a few more weeks to touch-up on any area they are weak in and can review once more with their teachers, if their scores are not what they desire.

Some official Cambridge Exams are already underway. This month, the Art and Design assessments are starting and the IGCSE English Speaking Exams will begin. In April, there are IGCSE Global Perspectives submissions as well. A letter with all March/April assessment dates was sent home with the students this month.

The GAC students have finished with Level 2 of their curriculum and have moved on to Level 3. This very challenging set of classes, requires self-discipline and a dedicated sense of focus. As a school, we wish all the best to the GAC students in this final push towards graduation.

Regards,
Erin Roetker



Science! Our year 1L class having fun in the lab



Our year 6 international boys doing some awesome STEM group work



Designing board games is a lot of fun and hard work.

