



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,

STAFFING

Our deputy principal for the Secondary and High School, Mr. John Barratt, has been promoted to Principal at SIS @ Halong. We wish him all the best and are happy for him, however, he will be missed at Gamuda Gardens.



Due to health reasons, Ms Chloe Ullrich is returning home to South Africa. We are therefore very pleased to welcome Ms. Nicole Ware to our SIS family. Ms Nicole is from South Africa. I know she will love Vietnam and SIS.

REPORT CARD COLLECTION AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our parent - teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, 20 and Thursday 21 February. You will receive more information regarding the booking of your meeting slots on Monday 11 February 2019.

SPORTING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Our students continue to enjoy the sporting events organized by their coaches. They make us proud as they work well as a team and enjoy the tough competitors they meet.

Our debating team participated in the Hanoi Open Debate Competition, they had fierce competition and enjoyed the event.

Many of student enjoyed cooking experiences at PIU, they made pork rolls and practicing their culinary skills.

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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**



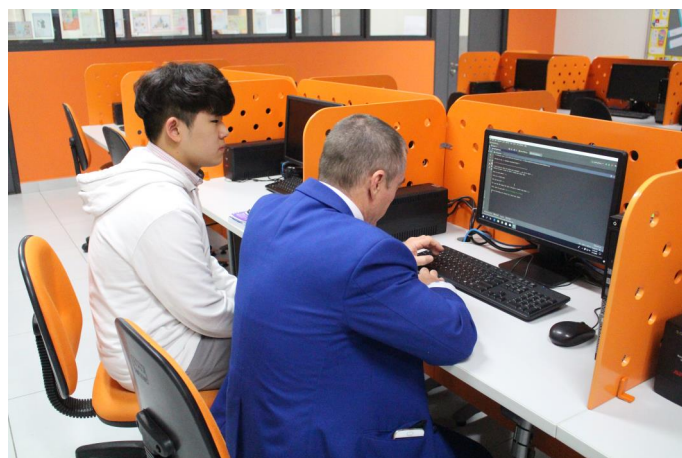
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The AS Level students demonstrating their IT skills



Excellent programming skills were demonstrated



AS Student enjoyed demonstrating their programming skills.

TET BOXES

A huge shout-out goes to Mr Brett Grant and our student council for arranging the TET Boxe drive, and thank you to you, our parents, for your continued support and donations received. We received many donations, such as: toiletries: toothpaste, toothbrushes, washing powder, soap, shampoo and towels. Basic cooking ingredients: fish sauce, salt, cooking oil, rice. blankets and warm winter clothing. Donations of money which was used to purchase more toiletries and basic cooking ingredients, was also well received. All of this was donated to the Humanitarian Services for Children of Vietnam (HSCV). Thank you!

SPORTS CARNIVAL AND ORIGAMI COMPETITION

We ended Semester one with a fun filled day, starting with an origami competition, our students were paired up with their buddy classes, it was wonderful to watch the older students help the younger students create beautiful origami objects such as birds, fish, sharks, turtles, crabs and many more - in some cases some of our younger students were showing the older ones how to do it!

To end our day, we held a fun run/walk around Gamuda Gardens; our KIK students loved being outside, running in the fresh air, and we were happy to witness the fierce competition between the houses, Black Phoenix, Red Dragons and Golden Aakors. Our students were awarded medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each year level.

TET

On behalf of our academic and admin team, we would like to wish you and your family a festive Tet celebration and hope you enjoy the special time with your family.

School resumes on 11 February 2019.

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

Please email me on: lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Warm Regards,

Lorraine Els

Message from Secondary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

What a fabulous time this first semester has been and we have seen huge improvements and developments in all areas of the school's growth. We are truly on the map as the flagship school




for this region and I am proud to be part of this organisation and school.

Sadly, I have to leave our great community here and move to Ha Long SIS as they need a new Principal as Ms Susan is returning to Australia very soon. In this endeavour I will bring a lot of enthusiasm from our Gamuda Gardens to an expanding and growing KinderWorld school and will take a lot of the experience I have accumulated here to hopefully implement there to improve and support already existing structures.


It has been a pleasure to meet many of you and I hope that you will continue to support our excellent school at SIS Gamuda Gardens.

Kind Regards,

John Roydon Barratt J



Our students enjoyed taking part in the Debating competition which was supported by Mr. Fad



Our students worked in buddy teams to create wonderful Origami models



Some of the beautiful products.



Our students participated in the Cross Country event



Students enjoyed the fun day running



Our top runners were awarded with medals.

Message from Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

Students have completed their Semester 1 exams. Class teachers will share the exam results as well as report cards with you at the Parent Conferences, which will be held on the 20th and 21st of February.



The Primary School library is getting a fresh new look which includes many new titles for both younger and older primary students, with more reference materials and a reading corner where students can enjoy a favourite book. The library is now open to Years 1-5 students during morning break and lunch so that they can exchange their books. Please encourage your children to read every evening in both English and mother tongue languages.

I wish you an enjoyable break and holiday as we get ready for Semester 2.

Regards,

Julie Schaefer

Message from Guidance Officer

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope you all had a restful festive season and that everyone is looking forward to Tet. It is important that we take time out of our busy lives to enjoy these special holidays with our friends and family. When we return in semester two we will continue with our SIS anti bullying program for middle school as well as life skill sessions for our high school students. Coffee with the counsellor will also begin with a session on how to identify and help individuals with anxiety. Please be on the lookout for the date and time of this session.



As always if you need any assistance please feel free to contact me at the following address:

michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,

Michael Ogden



Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Half of the journey of the 2018-2019 school year has passed quickly! Thanks to the dedication of both international and Vietnamese teachers, for their hard work, the SVIS primary and secondary students have improved their learning ability and achieve wonderful results in the 1st Semester of the 2018-2019 school year.



On behalf of the SVIS Primary and Secondary School Board, I am proud to report following the Study Results of our 331 SVIS students as follow:

Primary School

| No. of class | No. of std | Academic | | | | | | Capability | | | | | | Behavior | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|------------------|----|------|----|------------------|---|------------|----|---------|----|------------------|---|----------|-----|--------------|---|------------------|---|
| | | High Achievement | | Pass | | Need Improvement | | Good | | Average | | Need Improvement | | Good | | Satisfactory | | Need Improvement | |
| | | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % |
| 8 | 157 | 39 | 25 | 118 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 78 | 35 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Secondary School

| No. of class | No. of std | Academic achievements | | | | | | | | Behaviour | | | | | | | | Overall | | | |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------|------|------|------|---------|------|---------------|---|-----------|------|------|-----|---------|---|---------------|---|-----------|------|------|------|
| | | Excellent | | Good | | Average | | Below Average | | Excellent | | Good | | Average | | Below Average | | Excellent | | Good | |
| | | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % | NS | % |
| 8 | 174 | 84 | 48,3 | 72 | 41,4 | 18 | 10,3 | 0 | 0 | 163 | 93,7 | 11 | 6,3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 48,3 | 72 | 41,4 |



Our talented students performing a Tet Dance during our assembly



Our lovely Vietnamese staff stunned us with gracious performance for Tet celebration.

10 students have achieved outstanding results. They have achieved a GPA of 9.3 or higher.

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| <i>Le Khanh Chi – 6B, GPA : 9,7</i> | <i>Nguyen Minh Anh– 8A, GPA: 9,4</i> |
| <i>Nguyen Dang Bao Hoang – 6B, GPA: 9,6</i> | <i>Nguyen Phuong Y – 8B, GPA: 9,4</i> |
| <i>Nguyen Thi Huyen Tran – 9A, GPA: 9,6</i> | <i>Ngo Linh Trang– 7B, GPA: 9,4</i> |
| <i>Pham Thai Tra My – 6B, GPA: 9,4</i> | <i>Nguyen Bao Nguyen – 8A, GPA :9,3</i> |
| <i>Nguyen Minh Nhu Phuong – 6B, GPA: 9,4</i> | <i>Tran Kieu Trang – 8A, TBHKI: 9,3</i> |

Thank you, Parents for always supporting our school and your children in all school activities to achieve the good results. We wish our parents and students a happy new year with good health, joy and success!

Regards,



Students designing Tet displays



Red envelopes are being designed by students



Our creative students enjoying making Tet posters.





Beautiful Tet trees are created by our students



Many classes enjoyed going to PIU to cook pork rolls to celebrate Tet



KIK Jellyfish students listening attentively to the chef

Message from KIK Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and Students,

Firstly, Happy New Year to you and your family

January has passed with plenty of exciting activities, our children from K1 Dolphin, K2 Starfish, K2 Jelly fish and Prep Sharks participated in the Cooking class at Pegasus College. Although they are young, the children have been able to cook in the kitchen, they made tasty cakes with the enthusiastic guidance from professional teachers. After cooking, students enjoyed their products and took it home for their parents



Time has passed quickly, our students grow fast, they are becoming more obedient and confident. Lunar New Year is coming, on behalf of the school and all staff from Kinderworld Gamuda Kindergarten. I would like to send warm and sincere wishes to all of you, parents.

If you have any concerns or suggestion, feel free to contact me via my email: thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn.

Regards,
Vu Thi Thuy



Our students continue to strive for excellence on the sport field and in class



Our student participated in the basketball game against QSI Hai Phong



Basketball matches were played and the competition was fierce and enjoyed by all.

Message from Head of Studies (Primary)

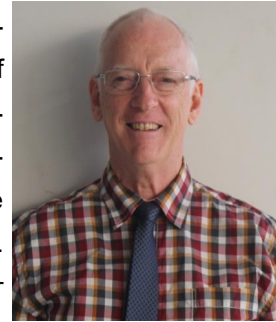
Dear Primary School Parents and Students,

Following the Christmas break, Semester 1 Singapore exams were held. With the excellent work of our teachers during semester 1, most children entered the exams confidently. Thank you to all parents who also contributed by helping children revise their work at home in the time leading up to exams. School Reports will be released at Parent Teacher Interviews in February and teachers will appreciate speaking with parents at the Interviews. So every effort to visit teachers to discuss student's progress is encouraged; the better the communication between parents and teachers, the better the potential for each student's success. We value your participation and support through Parent Teacher Interviews.

Have a happy and safe Tet holiday. "Chuc mung nam moi."

Regards,

Dr. Noel Geoghegan



Message from Head of Studies (International Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

It has been a busy couple of months at school with plenty going on. We have had some great sporting success in December, a Christmas Charity Fair that blew us all away and now students have just finished taking their Semester 1 Exams. After the refreshing break, students have been working extremely hard on their exams and I would like to thank all of them along with you as parents for helping us to ensure that the exams went smoothly. Teachers are now busy grading the tests and I hope that all of our students reached their targets for the semester.

We now have another holiday coming up before students begin Semester 2 for the lunar new year holiday, so Chúc Mừng Năm Mới to our Vietnamese parents, 새해 복 많이 받으세요 to our Korean parents and 新年快乐 to our Chinese parents.

Kind Regards

Sean Stokes



Message from Head of Studies (Integrated Secondary)

Dear Parents and Students,

Chúc mừng ngày tết!

Hello, your sons and daughters have been working very hard on their exams and have been doing their best.

The students all really enjoyed their time at Pegasus making the Vietnamese shredded pork rolls. They were delicious!

We hope all of you have a lovely Tet holiday with your families. This time of year is very important for families. To be able to see everyone so happy and positive is a great thing. So please make sure you enjoy your time with your family and come back ready for Semester 2. There is still a lot to learn this year, and I know by working together, we can have a successful year.

As always, I am here if you have any questions or concerns about your son or daughter, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Paul McKenney



Message from Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents and Students,

Semester one has drawn to a close and now teachers and students who are facing Cambridge exams this year are really going to be focused on exam preparation, revision and coursework submissions.

Mock exams for the IGCSE 2 students and AS and A Level students will be held in March. During this week, they will sit all of their exams in full for a complete practice. These grades are very important and can provide an accurate picture of what they can expect for their actual exams come May/June. Also, listening exams for IGCSE English First Language and English Second Language will begin in March.

This can be a stressful time for your child, so I hope everyone can enjoy a relaxing holiday break before exam preparation is upon us all. Happy New Year to you and your family.

Regards,

Erin Roetker



Health check were carried out by the Health authorities



Our SIVS students undergoing health checks



SVIS students were calm during their health check

