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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Families,

As we move through January and into February, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to our community for a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous Tết Nguyên Đán. The Lunar New Year is an important moment in our cultural and school calendar, offering time for family connection, reflection, gratitude, and renewal. These values were strongly reflected across our classrooms, well-being initiatives, service activities, and community events during this period.

The opening weeks of 2026 have been marked by positive momentum across the school. Students have returned with purpose and enthusiasm, evident in academic engagement, sporting achievement, creative expression, leadership initiatives, and meaningful service to others. At the same time, our well-being focus on relationships and gratitude has provided an important foundation, reinforcing connection, belonging, and care within our community.

As we move beyond the Tết break, February represents a natural point of re-entry and recalibration. Students are re-establishing routines, preparing for upcoming assessments and performances, and building steadily toward key milestones later in the term. This balance of reflection followed by renewed focus is essential for sustained growth and long-term success.

At SIS, we believe that excellence is built through thoughtful rhythm rather than constant acceleration. Periods of effort, pause, and purposeful restart allow students to develop resilience, confidence, and perspective. With the continued partnership of families and staff, we remain committed to supporting every student's academic progress, well-being, and character development.

On behalf of the school, I would like to extend our warmest wishes to all families for a joyful, healthy, and prosperous Tết Nguyên Đán. May the Lunar New Year bring renewed energy, happiness, and success to you and your loved ones.

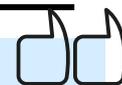
Best regards,
Charles Rutherford



New Lunar Year



KIK NEWS



As we move further into the term, conversations around Tết have started to take place across the kindergarten. Students are sharing their experiences, asking questions, and learning about the meaning of this important celebration. There is already a growing sense of excitement as children begin to talk about traditions, family celebrations, and what Tết represents.

We look forward to another term filled with learning, growth, and meaningful experiences for all our students.

Dear Parents,

We warmly welcome all our students and families back to school after the Christmas holiday and hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful break together. It has been wonderful to see our classrooms come alive again with happy faces, renewed energy, and a strong sense of excitement for learning in the new year.



Across the kindergarten, students have settled back into their routines with confidence and enthusiasm and have already begun exploring their new learning themes. Our Pre-Nursery students are discovering the world of Transportation, engaging in play-based activities that support early language development, movement, and imaginative thinking. In K1, children are learning about Animals, with a special focus on pets and farm animals, helping them make meaningful connections to the animals they may see in everyday life. K2 students have begun exploring Jungle and Ocean Animals, deepening their understanding of habitats, similarities, and differences across living things. Meanwhile, our Prep students are investigating Insects and Reptiles, building knowledge through observation, discussion, and hands-on learning experiences that encourage curiosity and scientific thinking. We wish all our families a joyful, healthy, and prosperous Lunar New Year!

Best regards,
Kim Horup - Vu Thi Thuy

KIK NEWS





Primary News

Stronger Together: Building Success Through Partnership



Dear Parents,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all parents and caregivers who took the time to attend our recent parent-teacher conferences. Your strong turnout and thoughtful engagement made these meetings both meaningful and productive. Taking time out of busy schedules to connect with teachers sends a powerful message to our students—that their learning and wellbeing truly matter.



At our primary school, we firmly believe that a strong partnership with parents is essential to student success. When children see their parents and teachers communicating openly and working as a team, they feel supported, confident, and motivated to do their best. This partnership goes beyond conferences—it includes daily conversations at home, encouragement, and a shared commitment to growth.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being active partners in their education. As we enter the period following Tết Nguyên Đán, we also recognise the importance of family connection, rest, and reflection during this meaningful time. These shared values strengthen the partnership between home and school. Happy New Year!

Best regards,
Vince Flynn - Chantel Lourens - Tran T. Thuy Van

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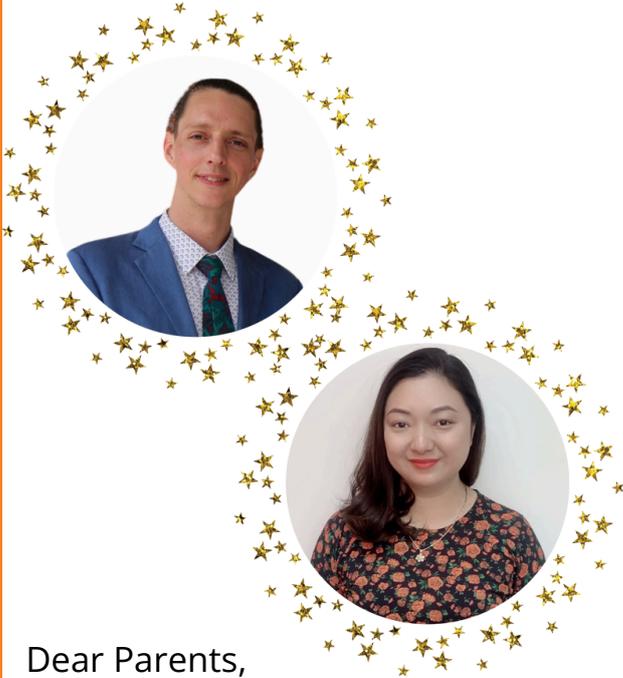




Happy
New year



Secondary News



Dear Parents,
I love the special kind of excitement at the start of Term 3, when carefully woven plans begin to take shape. The academic rhythm continues for the rest of our students. Many are reflecting on grades achieved last semester, and the Parent-Teacher Conferences that followed, setting strategies to maintain strong progress - or push for improvement. On the sports field and in the classroom alike this is an exciting time. The steps we take now will determine where we stand at the end of June. When we reach that peak and look back, will we be proud of what we've achieved? Judging by the strides already made, I believe so.

In Secondary, we've seen meaningful development. OBV weeks have provided a holistic space for growth, where students have shown mental fortitude, resilience, and teamwork. Our athletes are pushing hard: swimmers performed exceptionally well at the UNIS meet; footballers have been training for their first game of the season; basketball players are elevating their game; and badminton players are building impressive accuracy.

In the classroom, ambition is just as clear. In English, our Global Voices Challenge has been embraced enthusiastically, with students putting in serious effort to craft and deliver compelling speeches. In addition, our weekly vocabulary challenges are strengthening foundational English—vital for tackling increasingly complex work across the curriculum.

Looking ahead, we have iPSLE examinations on the horizon in June. Preparation is underway, and we'll be supporting students every step of the way.

It's a busy season—but also one of growth, optimism, and serious ambition. Things will get tough at times; they may even feel a little stressful. Remember: success and comfort rarely live in the same place. If we're aiming for the success we dream of, we'll need to accept a few tired hands and muddy shoes along the way - it will be worth it.

Best regards,
Michael Christensen - Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



High School News

Upcoming Mock Examinations

Cambridge June 2026 Series Update

Dear Students and Parents,

Our students and teachers are preparing for the upcoming mock examinations, which will take place from March 9 to 20. These exams offer students a valuable opportunity to practice, assess their understanding, and identify areas for improvement ahead of the official Cambridge examinations.

Registration for the June 2026 Cambridge exam series has now begun. The official examination period will commence on 25th March, with IGCSE students being tested on their speaking skills. Written exams will start in April and continue until 9th June. Detailed information regarding the examination schedule and procedures will be sent to parents in due course.

We wish all our students the best in their preparations and thank our teachers for their dedication and support. Happy New Year!

Best regards,

Maria Batac
Cambridge Coordinator



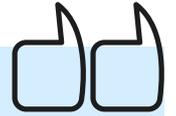


New
lunar
year





We are collecting the following essential items:



- Food supplies (rice, noodles, cooking oil, and other non-perishable items)
- Beverages (bottled water)
- Warm clothing in good condition (jumpers, jackets, tracksuits, socks, and blankets)
- Toiletries
- Medical supplies (bandages, masks, and gloves)

Dear Parents,

The Senior Student Council (SSC) is pleased to announce our annual Tet Charity Box event. Tet is a significant time for celebrating the new year with family and loved ones. However, we recognize that not all families have the opportunity to fully experience these special celebrations with their communities.

The SSC has organized this Tet Charity Box event to enable the SIS community to support less fortunate families in celebrating the Lunar New Year. Through collective donations during this festive season, we believe we can make a meaningful contribution and create a positive impact for vulnerable members of our community.

Student Council



Please note that the SSC will not be accepting money donations, whether cash or bank transfer, as we are exclusively collecting essential items. Following collection, the SSC will package these items and deliver them to the Red Cross.

On behalf of the SSC, I wish you a wonderful holiday with family and friends.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Nguyen Phuc Linh

Senior Student Council



As the weather cools, helping children stay warm is about more than just piling on layers—it's about comfort, health, and good habits. Here are some simple, parent-tested tips to keep your child warm and happy during colder days at school and at home.

1. Think in Layers

Light layers work better than one thick coat. A breathable base layer, a warm middle layer, and an outer jacket allow children to adjust easily as temperatures change during the day.

2. Don't Forget the Small Stuff

Warm socks, scarves, and hats make a big difference. Heat escapes quickly from the head and hands, so these small items help keep the whole body warm.

3. Choose Comfort Over Style

Children are more likely to keep warm if their clothes are comfortable and easy to move in. Soft fabrics and well-fitted jackets encourage them to keep layers on.

4. Warm From the Inside

A warm breakfast and a hot drink before school help children stay cosy longer. Simple options like soup, porridge, or warm milk can make chilly mornings easier.

5. Teach Independence

Show children how to zip up jackets, put on scarves safely, and recognise when they feel cold. This builds confidence and helps them take care of themselves throughout the day.

Staying warm doesn't have to be complicated. With a few thoughtful choices and routines, children can enjoy cooler weather comfortably—and parents can enjoy fewer morning struggles. 😊

Keeping Children Warm

(Without the Daily Battles) ❄️🧣

Parent Hacks

Contribution by Trinh Le Thuy Truc - Well-being Counsellor

Clubs and ECAs

Making Waves, Raising Voices, and Building Team Spirit



Dear Parents,

The start of the term after the December break has been filled with energy, achievement, and positive momentum across our division. One of the standout highlights was our participation in the UNIS Swimming Invitational, where our students competed among more than 500 swimmers from a wide range of international schools. We are especially proud of Do Khai Anh (Year 7A), who delivered an outstanding performance, placing 1st overall in 100m Butterfly, 3rd overall in the 100m Freestyle, and 4th overall in the 50m Freestyle. These results reflect not only talent, but perseverance, commitment, and confidence, key elements of the PERMA wellbeing framework.



Do Khai Anh - Year 7A

Alongside sporting success, our Science Debate Club also represented the school with distinction at a UNIS-hosted tournament. Both SIS teams progressed to the finals, showcasing excellent teamwork, communication, and critical thinking. Congratulations to all students involved for this impressive achievement.

Looking ahead, our football and badminton teams will be competing in upcoming fixtures on home turf. We encourage students to come out and support their peers as we continue to build a strong sense of belonging and school pride.

Finally, we strongly encourage students to sign up for school clubs. These programmes provide valuable opportunities to develop new skills, build resilience, and experience success both individually and as part of a team.

A fantastic start to the term — well done to all involved!

Best regards,

Hendrik Prinsloo



WELL - BEING

☀️ New Year Collections

Connecting Hearts in January

Dear Parents,

As part of our PERMA Well-being Framework and Relationships Campaign, students across the school took part in the January Well-being Activity: New Year Collections.

Through drawing, goal setting, and vision boards, students reflected on their hopes, relationships, and goals for the year ahead in age-appropriate ways. Each class contributed to a shared New Year Collection, celebrating connection, belonging, and community.

Thank you to our teachers and students for making this a meaningful moment of reflection. We look forward to the final activity in our R – Relationships campaign.

🌸 February Well-being Activity Blooming Tree of Thankfulness

To close our R – Relationships Campaign under the PERMA Well-being Framework, our school has come together this February for a meaningful whole-school activity: Blooming Tree of Thankfulness.

A large Tết tree (mai or đào) is displayed in a central area, where students and staff will add colourful blossom-shaped notes (yellow, pink, and red). Each blossom will carry a message of gratitude, appreciation, or acknowledgement for someone who has made a positive impact in their lives.

As the month progresses, the tree has “blossomed” with thankfulness—creating a powerful visual symbol of how gratitude and relationships grow within our community.

Teachers supported students in writing what they are thankful for and attaching their blossoms, helping everyone take part in this shared celebration of connection and gratitude.

Together, we continue to connect hearts and grow community.



Best regards,
Trinh Le Thuy Truc

Helena - 8LB