



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.

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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**

Principal's News

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

I wanted to say we have had a fantastic month at SIS Gamuda Gardens. We have received the good news that we have passed our school accreditation with WASC. We are already implementing our School Wide Action Plan to ensure we continue our journey of school improvement.

Our teachers have been participating in some Professional Development in relation to Reading instruction. Reading is such an important skill for our students to learn. The sooner our students become independent readers they will become independent learners. We will be offering a professional development session for parents, early next term for Reading Development.

Previously, I have mentioned school uniforms. We need to ensure our students are reflecting the values of Singapore International School. This is important because when students move into the professional world they may have to meet the standards of their employer or industry. During the winter, students were wearing different jumpers. Now we are experiencing warmer weather students are expected to wear their formal uniforms to school unless they have P.E, then they can wear their orange sports uniform. Thank you for your support.

Mobile phones and devices are continuing to be an issue. They are causing distraction. Some tightening of the rules will be required.



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We have upcoming holidays in *April 8 – 17*. Please note there are also some National Public Holidays on May 1-3. Please note there have been some scheduled Cambridge IGCSE exams on May 1, 2 & 3. This was not planned by the school and we have to comply with Cambridge's schedule.

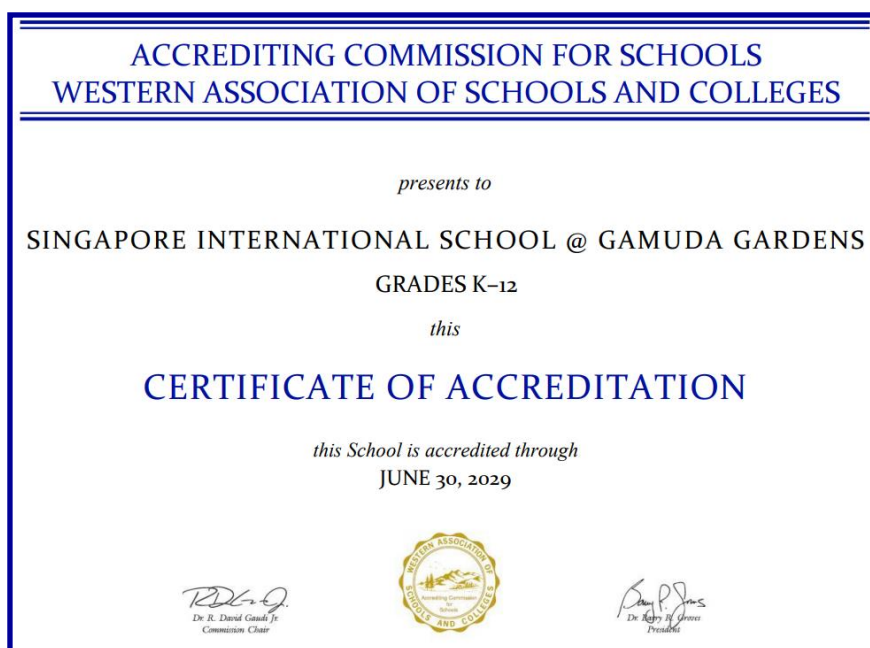
Some of our students have been participating in the STEM Master Robot Builder's Competition.

Our STEM program is continuing to develop and it is fantastic to see our students participating in competitions. Please see below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIZgkeeseWc>

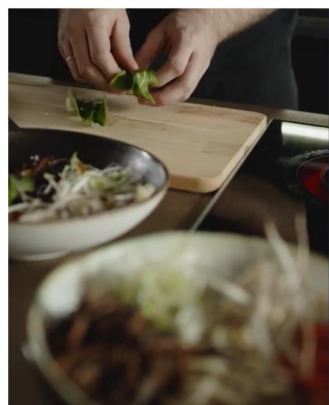
Christopher Bradley,

School Principal

Singapore International Gamuda Gardens.



WASC Certificate of Accreditation



MASTER ROBOT BUILDERS 2023

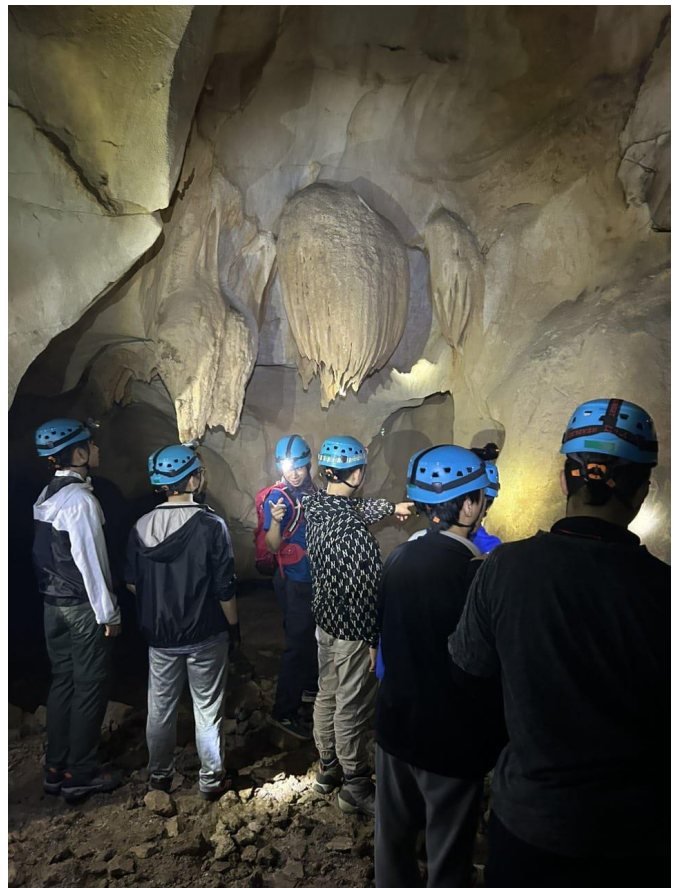
Develop a robot which helps with practical tasks in the home kitchen.

Master Robot Builders 2023 SAMK - Singapore International School @Gamuda Gardens Team

STEM Master Robot Builder's Competition



STEM Master Robot Builder's Team



SIS Students @OBV

Message from Secondary Deputy Principal

Singapore International School provides benchmark testing for our students through the iPSLE (International Primary Schools Leaving Exam) which can be compared to Singapore's standards. The examination tests students' proficiency in English language, mathematics, and science. Students have two hours to complete each subject paper.

We have had 03 students with outstanding achievement from the 2022 examination period.

Kim Junhyeong (Certificate of Merit + Achievement for Mathematics)

Pham Minh Khoi (Certificate of Commendation)

Yoon Yaejung (Certificate of Commendation)

Parents have now been notified and students registered for the exams which run between 26 June and 6 July 2023.

Charles Howgill



Yoon Yaejung



Kim Junhyeong



Pham Minh Khoi



iPSLE outstanding achievement students

Message from High School Deputy Principal

Mock exams started on the 27 February with the IGCSE 2 students and lasted for about two weeks which ended on 9 March, Thursday. During the two weeks of mock exams, students were working very hard preparing themselves for this important school exam. as they know this will prepare them for the upcoming Cambridge International Exams.

The mock exams prepared our students well for the requirements of the Cambridge International exams in terms of the academic demand and the exam conditions. Students are put in similar exam conditions to prepare them to observe the required rules and regulations.

The AS level students were having their mock exams which started a week after the IGCSE 2 students on 6 March and ended on 15 March. The A level students started a week after the AS level and ended on 24 March. This arrangement allowed our students and teachers to have adequate time to prepare themselves well for the mock exams that would give them greater confidence and readiness to cope with the upcoming Cambridge International exams in April.

While we have completed the school mock exams, the preparation for the exams continues with our teachers teaching and guiding our students daily. Your understanding and support for your child at home in this period of time is equally essential to what we do in school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in contact with me at the following email address:

amos.lee@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,

Amos Lee

**Message from HOS AS/A Level**

Dear Parents

At SIS we encourage students to become confident communicators and this is a magical time for them to enhance this skill.

We are delighted to announce that the End of Year Concert (EOYC) will be back this year! There was a short break from the EOYC due to COVID, therefore the students and teachers are working harder than ever to create a spectacular show!

This year's theme is "Movies" so, we look forward to all SIS Movie Stars to put on their best performances. Students are encouraged to practice their performances and learn the lyrics to their selected song. All form classes will perform on stage at the NCC in Hanoi in June 2023, along with a final curtain call song.

Performances will be split into two parts. The first part will be performed by KIK and Primary and the second part will be performed by Secondary and High School students. We encourage all families to attend the EOYC, have fun and support your child (ren). It will be a night to remember!

Further information will be sent out to families in due course. I look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards

Jodie Smith



Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Secondary

Dear Parents,

After the Lunar New Year Holidays, all SIS students have returned to their normal school days with added motivation.

In February, we successfully held Parent – Teacher Conferences to discuss the Semester 1's Academic Report of identified students. This helps to encourage students' strengths and find solutions to improve weaknesses. Therefore, each student can set their own goals, as well as, find the right learning strategies for Semester 2.

In March, Secondary students studying Integrated Programme will take the mid-semester exam. The revision and specific exam schedule will be sent to Parents and students via email and the hard copies are directly delivered to students, as well. We hope that Parents will support your child(ren) to work on the revision assignments in order to get the best results.

After the mid-semester exam, the Secondary Integrated Programme students will have excursion trip or join the OBV course in Ha Long. Parents are expected to support school in preparing documents, as well as, personal belongings of students so that students can take part in this meaningful activity.

If you have any issues to discuss, please contact me via email: anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards!

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



Academic Achievers



School Wide Learner Goals



SIS Football Team in action

Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Primary

Dear Parents and Students!

With the serious and positive learning attitude, students have passed the semester 1 exam. 100% of students achieved the level of Completion and Good Completion for all subjects. 100% of students achieved the level of Good in forming and developing their qualities and capabilities.

In addition, the students also actively participated in exams both inside and outside the school and achieved commendable results.

On behalf of all teachers, I would like to express the sincerest thanks to Parents for always supporting and trusting our school and students.



SIS Talent Show

With the aim of creating a beneficial playground for students, giving them the opportunity to interact, connect and confidently express their artistic abilities in a creative way, the "SIS Talent Show" was officially launched in early February. There were 33 performances registered in total. The organizers selected 13 excellent performances to participate in the final round.

In the final round, all the contestants performed impressively and in colourful way. The performance of students on stage received cheers from parents, teachers and fellow students.

The contest is an opportunity to show the great connection between parents and school. Parents were very enthusiastic and cheered enthusiastically throughout competition. Once again, I would like to sincerely thanks the parents, teachers and students for the efforts of committing school activities so that the children are always "Confident - Shining".

Up-coming activities:

- Reading Day theme "Book and me".
- Excursions for grade 1, 2 and 3.

Details of these activities will be sent to parents in the weekend letter.

Best regards!

Tran Thi Thuy Van



Message from KIK

Dear Parents and Students,

March has gone by so fast. Our school is happy to welcome new students to join the KinderWorld family, with lovely new faces joining Nursery K1, K2 and Prep classed. The students are no longer surprised and unfamiliar, gradually they have developed confidence and happier because they have been warmly welcomed by their teachers and friends.

Students have had an extremely interesting month with great experiences on the birthday of the famous children's author Dr. Seuss. Every day, children had an adventure to a magical world of books like 'Green Eggs and Ham', 'I'm Not Going To Get Up Today', 'Cat and the Hat', 'Fox in socks' and 'Lorax'. The children participated in many interesting activities, such as, creating blue eggs, making crafts, such as lovely hats, hot air balloons, Lorax hand printing, and many other exciting activities. But the activity that our students were most excited about was wearing their pajamas to school!

Besides, an extremely interesting activity was that KIK contributed 4 performances to the final round of SIS Talent Show. Our KIK students really shined, and were confident and reached high with their achievements. Congratulations to our talented students. Hopefully next year, parents will continue to encourage their children to participate in exciting activities, like this!

We are happy to listen and share with you via email: thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn.

Best regards,

Vu Thi Thuy,



The cats in the hats



KIK is the fun place to be!



The serious side of learning



Green eggs and ham



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