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# 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**



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## Principal's News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of Term 1 has arrived; we are proud of our students and teachers for persevering through COVID and raising above all the challenges they faced with Online learning.

Thank you to all our staff and students for the hard work during Term 1.



## ONLINE PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This is the first time we organized our Parent-teacher interviews online, and you will have to agree with me that it was a great success; most of our parents made appointments, as per our request and connected with the teachers. Thank you again to the parents who always support the teachers and our school to ensure academic excellence.

The HOS's will place students who are finding the academics challenging on an academic improvement plan.

## EVENTS

We continued to enjoy events even though we all were online. Events this term was Poetry day, Women's day and Halloween.

## HALLOWEEN

Our students dressed up in their Halloween costumes on Friday. Please see the last page for the wonderful costumes. Thank you for supporting your children and school.



### HIGH SCHOOL SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

The High School will sit their Semester 1 examinations from the 6th to the 17th of December.

Please make sure your child completes the assignments given to them by their teachers, as these prepare them for their examinations.

### SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

These examinations will run from the 6th-14th of January; please check the ToS's (Table of Specifications) the form teachers sent you at the beginning of the school year, as to which units will be tested in Semester 1.

More details will follow in Term 2.

### COVID

We are hoping the authorities permit our students to return to school soon! As soon as we get information from the authorities, we will inform you of the process for students to return. Please rest assured; all COVID protection measures will comply when students return to school.

I wish you all a wonderful break, relax and stay off the computers!

Our school will resume on the 1st of November.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn) with any of your concerns, suggestions or recommendations.

Warm Regards

Lorraine Els



### Message from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

I am very happy that we were still able to hold a successful Parent Teacher Conference in October. I know that holding these meetings online is not what we are used to but we are still having to adapt our practices to fit our online way of life! We believe that parent teacher meetings are of great importance here at SIS, it's not only an opportunity for teachers and parents to get to know one another but also to help support your children to achieve top results. If you were unable to make time to meet with any of the teachers please note that you can still ask to meet in the upcoming term.



A big congratulations to all our students who wrote Cambridge resits in this October/November session. I know that having to rewrite an exam can be a stressful event, however I am sure that all our students did their best!

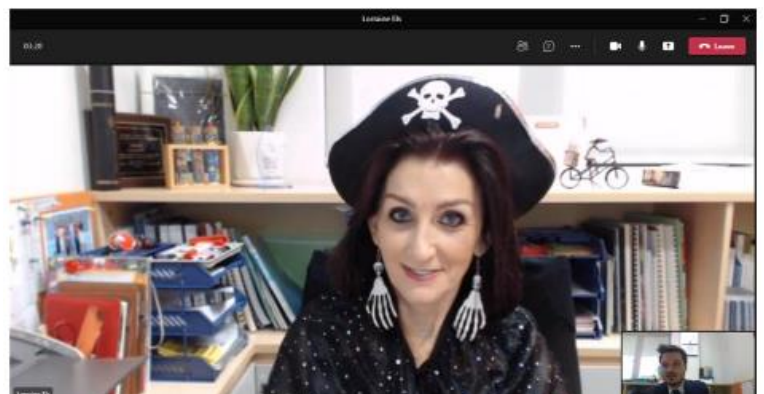
Lastly, I would still like to remind parents that I will be helping all out AL students who are considering universities and colleges. If you would like any support or guidance on this please get in contact with me so that I can help support you through this process.

You can reach me at the following email address: [michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

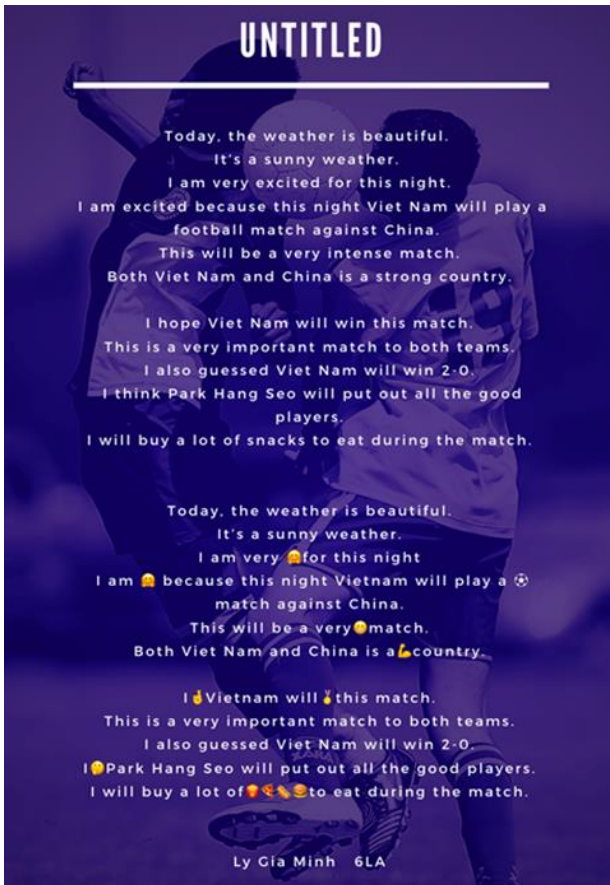
**Michael Odgen**



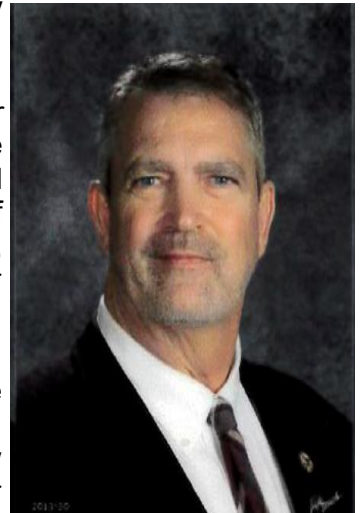
Staff participating in Halloween fun!



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**Message from Secondary Deputy Principal**



The Secondary began October considering the importance of the virtue of **diligence**. As students and teachers pushed through to the end of the term, they all displayed the steady, energetic effort, necessary to deliver quality instruction and accomplished coursework.

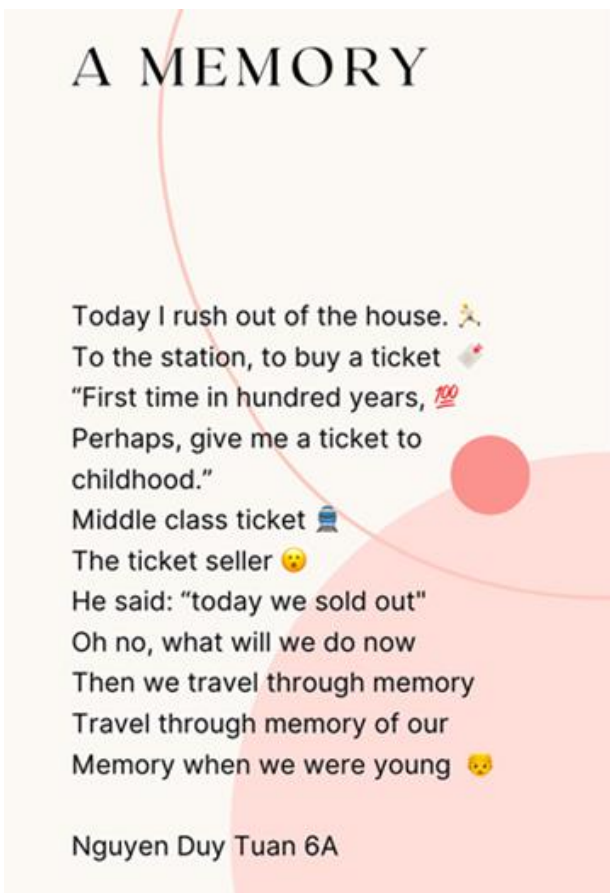
**Friendship** highlighted the middle of the month. Staff and students sought out opportunities to show kindness, and assist each other through their classes. The Secondary ended the term with a nod toward **generosity**, with a spirit of selflessness and mutual understanding. We have been through a lot together, these past months, and we take great pride in the success of our community.

The Secondary Student Leadership Team came together to help promote our October 22<sup>nd</sup> Freaky Friday, in recognition of Halloween. Promoting our costume contests, online Halloween themed background challenge, and sharing trivia and some pretty terrible Halloween humor. Terror-ific way to the end the month.

Conferences over the last few days, have offered us a chance to visit with students and their parents, to celebrate success and provide guidance for the upcoming second term. Thank you to all those who participated and made this a worthwhile investment of time and communication. A special thank you to those students and staff members who assisted as translators.

Finally, this term included our Poetry Week. Poetry is about imagery and emotion. Here are some examples from the secondary that capture both elements beautifully.

**Mark J. Hemphill**



**Zahra**

Gazing through the grass  
Atop the snow mountains high  
Hooves upon hillsides



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### Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Secondary

Dear Parents,

October has passed so quickly with 02 significant events: midterm exam of Semester 1 and the first Parent-Teacher Conference of the School year. I am happy to announce that the exam went very smoothly. The Parent-Teacher Conference was effective and on time. With the support of parents, Integrated students successfully completed the midterm exam of Semester 1. Teachers will send students the results within the first week of Term 2. Through the results of this test, the Vietnamese teachers will have follow-up plans to support students to achieve higher scores.

We hope that in the last week of October, the authorities will have official information as to the time when students will be able to return to school. If that happens, it will be a great news for all parents, students and our school. We will update you and your children as soon as we have the latest announcement.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your companionship with the teachers and students during this semester.

I wish all parents and students a happy, healthy and safe holiday, and please don't forget to strictly comply with 5K message anytime, anywhere. I wish all the students a good rest, relax to have more energy and be ready for the next semester in early November.

If you have any concerns, please contact me via email: [anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn)

**Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh**



### Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Primary

Dear Parents,

With the slogan "Stop going to school but don't stop learning", October is a busy and effective month for Primary with many meaningful events. Students of grades 4 and 5 participated in the Mathematics and Vietnamese online midterm exam for Semester 1 smoothly. Then students and teachers had activities to celebrate Vietnamese Women's Day on 20 October with cards for grandmother, mother...; participating in the masquerade day, making posters to welcome Halloween. The whole school was amazed with the excellent costumes that the students shown at the online festival.

Last October, the school also held the first Parent-Teacher Conference of the school year to discuss the Subject Progress Report in Term 1. After this meeting, we received positive feedback and valuable contributions from parents regarding the online teaching.

Next time, we hope that the authorities will have official information as to when the students will be able to return to school and have face-to-face lessons with teachers and classmates. We will update you and your children as soon as we have the latest announcement.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish parents and students a happy, healthy and safe holiday.

See you on Monday, November 1st.

Best regards,

On behalf of The Vietnamese Primary Student Leadership Team

**Nguyen Thu Huong**



## Winners: Halloween CONGRATULATIONS

### BEST TEACHER – Ms Leggatt!!



Phan Duc Tri - 1A



Dao Nguyen Kha Han - 1A



Thieu Jaydan - 2A



Pham Huy - 2A



Nguyen Phuc Bao Chau - 2B



Nguyen Thanh Hung - 2B



Wei Wei Cheng - 2L



Phung Phu Son - 3A



Nguyen Phuc Cuong -  
3A



Nguyen Phuc Phuong Chau -  
3B



Le Thi Ngoc Sam -  
3B



Nguyen Van Ha - 4A



Vu Nguyen Khoi  
(GRAND WINNER)- 4B



Dang Ngoc Bao Nam -  
4B



Moon ChaeYeong (Lucy) - 4L



Naina Datt - 4L



Tran Thai Viet Bach - 5A



Vu Tuan Khoa - 5A



Nguyen Do Bao Chau - 5B



Nguyen Tuan Kiet A - 6A



Nguyen Bao Linh - 6B



Datt Vishawjeet - 6LA





Nguyen Phuong An - 7B



Tran Dang Phong Anh- 7LA



Thieu Gia Nhi - 8LA



Tanishka Sanjaykumar Pangaonkar -  
8LB