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NEWSLETTER

December 2021

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

It is hard to believe 2021 has come to an end. We sincerely hope that 2022 will be a better year and our students will be permitted to return to school.

EXAMINATIONS

The English, Math and Science examinations for the Secondary and Primary school have been put on hold.

Teachers will use the Classroom-Based Assessments to calculate the score for the Semester 1 reporting cycle.

Please note classroom-based assessments for Semester 1 will continue till mid-February.

Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled for the middle of February, if these are held online, we will send the report cards to you via email before the conferences. Details will be forthcoming.

TEACHERS DAY

Thank you parents for making our teachers feel appreciated on 20 November. Online teaching takes a lot of additional preparation and is tough on both our students and teachers, thank you for appreciating them.

Thank you again for the cards and flowers you sent our teachers.

VACCINATIONS

We were excited to have the medical authorities come to our school on the 1st of December to vaccinate our Year 7 - A-levels. They received the Pfizer Vaccination; please note the vaccinations were taken from batch number FL5333, and the expiry date is February 2022.

We will inform parents as soon as we hear from the authorities as to when the second vaccinations will be administered. We are all waiting in anticipation for DOET to confirm when our students will return to school.



MATHS WEEK

The Math department ran Math competitions during the Maths week in November. We are very excited to announce the winners of the Math competition. We have some brilliant Mathematicians and I loved the participation and creativity of our students with the design of Math Hats. The winners and pictures of the hats are on the last pages of this newsletter

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we could not hold our Christmas charity event this year, which saddens us. However, our students participated in events organised by their form teachers during the extended assembly lessons to celebrate this event. Many fun activities such as Christmas Bingo and Scavenger hunt were organized by our teachers for our students to enjoy.

FOOTBALL: HYL F Hanoi Youth Football League

We are proud to announce that Tran Minh Huy and Nguyen Le Viet's, from IG2 were on the team that won the Hanoi Youth Football League, their team had the most points. They won 12 of the 14 matches.

Viet played left-back and midfielder. He demonstrated a decent continuous growth both in attitude and confidence as the tournament ran to its last days. He contributed to 1/2 of the defence line and helped the team secure the lead in critical situations. Apart from defence, he displayed an adequate level of offence that a left-back should have, scoring a total of 6 goals throughout the season.

Huy played midfielder at the start of the season, only to be moved to the striker position in the team, which required him to adapt to a new position. He improved his offensive skills and made decent passes compared to the mass-dribbling style he had in the previous seasons.

In total, they earned 38 points which were 10 points more than any other team. Well done to our two students, we are proud of you!

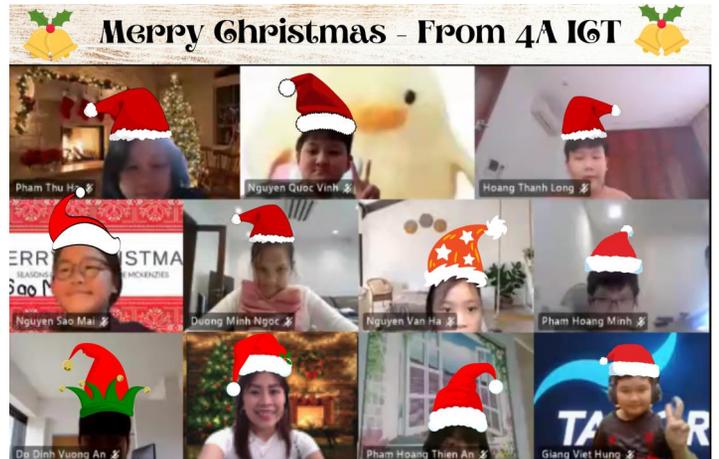


CHRISTMAS BREAK

We wish you and your family a festive break and look forward to completing Term 2 in January. The school will resume on Tuesday the 4th of January 2022.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Thank you all for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any suggestions or concerns you may have at lorraine.els@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.



Have a happy Christmas and New year!

Have a happy holiday!

Merry Christmas - From 4B ICT



Merry Christmas - From 5A ICT



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Have a happy holiday!

Merry Christmas - From 5L ICT



Merry Christmas - From 6B ICT



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Message from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of another calendar year and start to prepare for examinations in January, it's important that we spend some time this term break with our family and loved ones. Learning to live with the pandemic for yet another year has made us all look back fondly on the time we were able to spend with our families without restrictions. Hopefully in the new year we will be able to have more freedom of movement and once again celebrate with those who we may not have seen for quite some time.



We will still be preparing our students for their upcoming exams, our exams will be taking place in January. Our teachers will be working diligently to make sure that our reporting on our students abilities is valid and reliable even with the tests being conducted online. Should you have any questions about the structure of the exams or the topics covered please do not hesitate to send the subject teacher an email and they will be able to share all of this information with you.

I would like to wish you all a very merry festive season, should there be anything I can help with please feel free to send me and email at the following address:

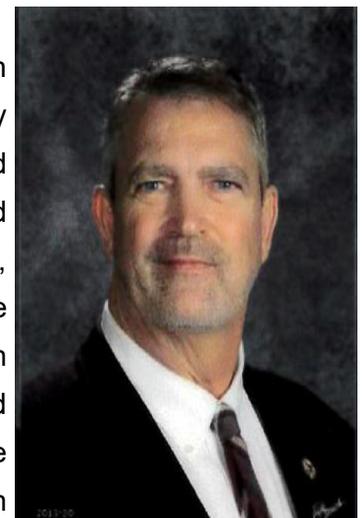
michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Kind Regards

Michael Ogden

Message from Primary Deputy Principal

We ended October with successful Parent Conferences. November, we began with Math Week, a big thank you to Ms. Batac and Ms. Beazley, and the rest of the Primary staff who made this a memorable week. Science was highlighted the next week, and many of our teachers spent additional time in their classes building vocabulary and emphasizing the foundations of the scientific method. Staff Appreciation Day followed, and our Classroom Student Monitors demonstrated their leadership, in organizing the form classes to send notes to their teachers, expressing how awesome they were, each and every day. December will come to end with testing in the Integrated Classes, and Holiday themed activities leading into the December break. In January, we will finish the term with Semester Assessments. I want to thank Ms. Beazley, Ms. Huong and Ms. Van for welcoming me into the Primary this term, as well as all the Primary Teachers, they are committed educators: professional, creative, and passionate. Everyone looks forward to the new year, and one day the return of the Primary students to their classrooms.



Happy Holidays to everyone and thank you for a fantastic term.

Mark J. Hemphill



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Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Secondary

Dear Parents,

The last month of 2021 has officially ended with the Vietnamese program's final examination. We have planned supplementary exams for students who have valid reasons for not being able to take the test, which is timeliness. I am pleased to announce that most of the students have worked very hard on the test and achieved positive results.

Next, Students will have a holiday to celebrate Christmas and New Year from December 20, 2021, semester will continue on January 4, 2022. Please note that if you plan for your children to go on a trip, to their hometown or visit relatives, attend a party, etc. during the holidays, don't forget to strictly follow the 5K message to protect the health of yourselves and the community.

Finally, on behalf of all Vietnamese teachers, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday, a good Christmas, and a happy and peaceful New Year.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss, please contact me via email:

anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



Message from KIK & Primary Deputy Principal

All the classes in the primary school took part in fun activities to celebrate Math Week during November. It was a great opportunity to highlight the importance of math, and understand math helps to describe the world around us in a language which is internationally understood. The students were able to understand how math is all around us, how it helps us to solve all manner of problems; from climate change, design, to normal everyday activities. The students enjoyed taking part in fun math quizzes and used their creativity skills to create wonderful math hats.

Teacher's Day in Vietnam was celebrated on the 20th November. It was a strange year to celebrate without our wonderful students in the classroom but it was lovely to receive beautiful smiles, greetings and drawings through the camera during online lessons. A big thank you goes out to all our dedicated and hardworking teachers here at SIS! I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings who have become teachers alongside us during online learning, your support and help during this time is most appreciated.

Kind Regards

Sharon Beazley



Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies Primary

Dear Parents,

In November and December, there were two major events including Vietnamese Teachers' Day on November 20 and Christmas - New Year celebration.

On Vietnam Teachers' Day 20/11, students and parents sent their best wishes for health and happiness to their teachers. We would like to sincerely thank all the parents and students for giving us the best wishes.

To celebrate Christmas - New Year event, teachers and students participated in activities such as painting, decorating houses, learning about Christmas and New Year. Students created many interesting products during these activities.

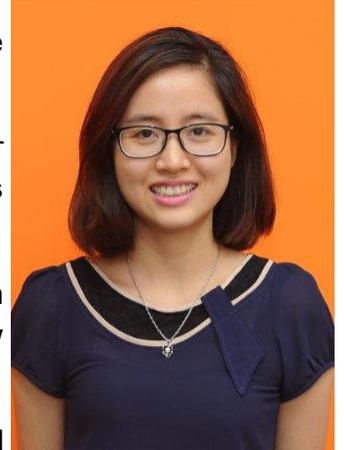
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The Christmas - New Year holiday will take place from December 20, 2021, and students will continue their studies on January 4, 2022. We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday, a warm Christmas, and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Best regards,

The Vietnamese Primary Student Leadership Team

Nguyen Thu Huong



Message from Head of Studies - Mathematics

Dear Parents and Students,

In November, we celebrated the Mathematics Week dubbed as "SIS@ Gamuda Students are critical thinkers and creative learners". Students participated in an online Daily Math Competition and Best Math Headdress.

We are pleased to present to you the winners of these events.

The IGCSE students completed the Semester 1 requirements. Congratulations to all the students for their hard work and patience.

Thank you to our dedicated teachers and supportive parents for making teaching and learning possible during this trying time.

We wish you and your family a happy and safe Christmas Holiday.

We look forward to seeing our students back on campus soon!

Regards,

Maria Batac



Message from Head of Studies - English

Dear Year 6 Parents & Carers,

We are fast approaching our Christmas break and whilst it feels like Term 2 just started, it seems that we all need another period of well-deserved rest.

Whilst it is unclear whether students will be returning to school in the immediate future, we will still be conducting exams. It is important for students to experience the annual rigor and routine of exams, whether that be online or offline.

Bearing this in mind, please make sure that your child is prepared by making sure that they have completed all required assessments. You can also support your child by encouraging and maintaining a peaceful and relaxed home environment that is conducive to learning.

Wishing you all a peaceful and festive Winter Break.

Lizl Beneke



Message from Head of Studies - Specialist Subjects

Dear Parents,

“It’s the most wonderful time of the year”

I cannot believe that we are already at that point of the year where we are gearing up for Christmas and TET holidays. This is always an exciting time for families to reconnect and spend time with one another. I hope that this is a time for you and your child to reset and find time to do something that energizes you.

I have enjoyed sitting in on a few classes this term. I am impressed by the tenacity of our students. Most students have found a good routine online and are making the most of this situation. I thank you for your support and care towards your child.

It is no surprise that although students are pushing through and trying their best, fatigue is starting to play a role in your child’s daily life. We as adults, need to be aware that students may be feeling stressed and unmotivated. I encourage you to set positive boundaries that encourage a routine where students spend time focusing on their mental health. Going to see a friend, walking, playing sport or simply doing something that is not school related are equally important activities that contribute to student success.

Here is an article on how to keep children motivated during online learning:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/keeping-kids-motivated-for-online-learning>

Setting good routines will help for the upcoming examination season. I wish all students the best with their preparations. I am looking forward to seeing some positive results.

If you find that your child needs assistance, please reach out and let the teachers know. We are all here to support one another.

Wishing you and your family a lovely holiday season.

Claudine van Rensburg

Head of Specialists

Pastoral Leader for Year 8 & 9



Message from Head of Studies - Humanities

Dear Parents,

We are now at the part of the year when we begin thinking about Semester 1 exams. It's important that the students pay attention to when their exams are and plan their revision accordingly. Students should also work with their teachers to identify areas of revision to focus on.

It's also important that students are encouraged to adopt good habits during exams. Many students struggle with managing a revision schedule and personal wellbeing during exams, and feel driven to study more at the expense of sleep and personal time. Academic success is helped by a good sleep schedule and organised personal time, as they have benefits that increase knowledge retention and a happy, well-rested student will perform better than a tired student. Please work with your children to create a balanced revision schedule at home, and encourage them to speak with their teachers if they are unaware of what they should revise.

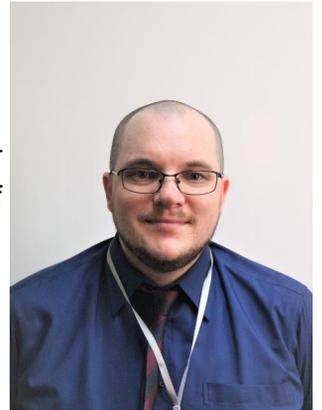
Finally, I would like to recommend a novel to both students and parents. The novel is *Ticket to childhood* by Nguyen Nhat Anh and is available in both English and Vietnamese. This is a beautiful story about the nature of childhood and explores the reasoning behind children's actions, which can often seem like a mystery to adults. It can also be useful for children as an insight into the actions of their parents.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at brett.grant@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Brett Grant

Head of Humanities

Pastoral Care Leader for Grade 7



Message from Head of Studies - Science

Dear parents,

The year is almost over and it has been a struggle for some. Hopefully, we can all return to school soon. Thank you to those who did a resit of their examinations. The results will come in on January 10, 2022. If there are any questions or concerns, please let me know by emailing me: nils.harteveld@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Kind regards,

Nils Harteveld

Pastoral leader for AS and A-level

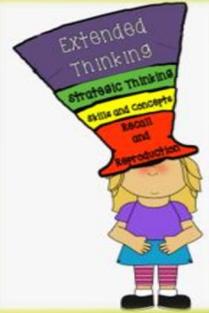
Head of Studies for Science





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15 – 19 NOVEMBER



Singapore International School at Gamuda Gardens

CONGRATULATES THE WINNERS IN THE MATHEMATICS WEEK COMPETITION

*Daily Challenge winners will receive a prize and certificates.
Best Headdress winners will receive a certificate of recognition.*

Thank you all for your participation and support in these activities.

Please go to the next page to view the winners for each event.

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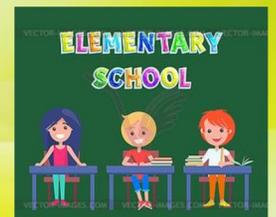


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DAILY MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE



Khúc Minh Vũ	1A
Sem Van Meenen	1A
Aizen Grear	1L
Cristopher Johan Alipio	1L
Thiều Min-Guo (Thiều Jaydan)	2A
Nguyễn Thị Hồng Anh	2A
Phạm Như Vinh	2B
Nguyễn Vũ Minh	2B
Song Yoon Je	2L
Nguyễn Hoàng Hải Phong	2L
Moon JuOne	3L
Nguyễn Trịnh Hy Thiên	4B
Vũ Nguyễn Khôi	4B
Nguyễn Bình Minh Ngọc	5A
Hoàng Cẩm Vân Hà	5A
Han Jeongu	5L



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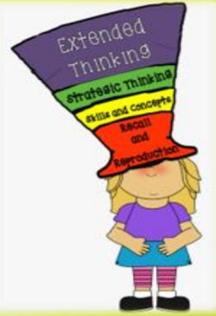


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Nguyễn Duy Tuấn	6A
Trần Nguyễn Nhật Minh	6B
Jung Kyu Jung	6LA
Trần Tùng Linh	6LA
Nguyễn Khắc Đức	7A
Nguyen Phuong An	7B
Choi JiHee	7LA
Lại Quang Minh	8A
Vũ Việt Minh Khôi	8B
Nguyễn Hoàng Thiên Ngọc	8LA
Siah Shi Lin	8LB



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Chun Soobeen	IGCSE 1B
Đào Nhật Quang	IGCSE 1C
Dương Triều An	IGCSE 1D
Siona Gwendoline	IGCSE 2A
Lê Hiểu Mi	IGCSE 2B
Yoon HyoJung	IGCSE 2C
Trần Chí Đăng	IGCSE 2C
Đoàn Gia Khang	AS - A
Nguyễn Quốc Hải	AS - B
Siah Wee Hao	AL - A
Trần Chí Cường	AL - A



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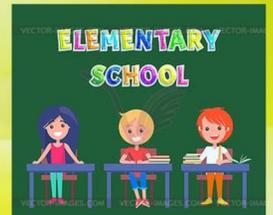


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Bayne Vaughn – Scott Bailey – 1L

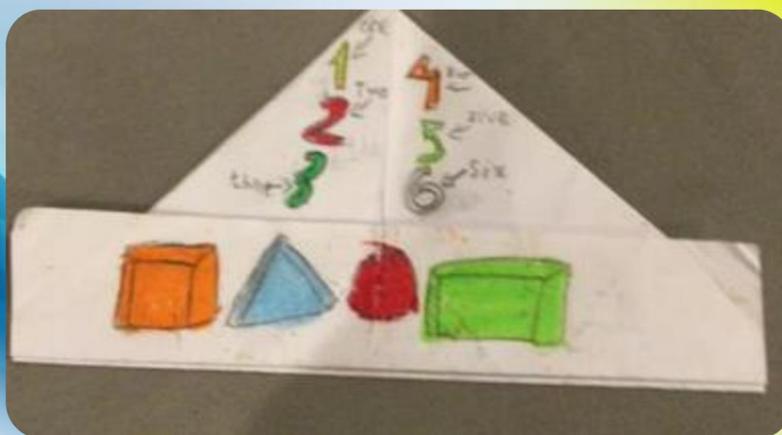
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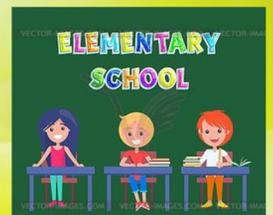


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Ho Bao Long – 1A

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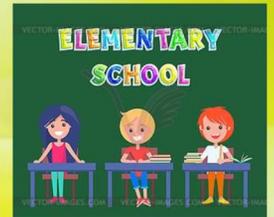
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Wei Wei Cheng – 2L

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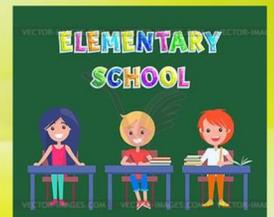
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Tran Ha Anh – 2B

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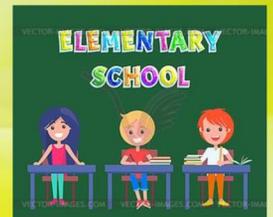


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Lê Thị Ngọc Sam-3B

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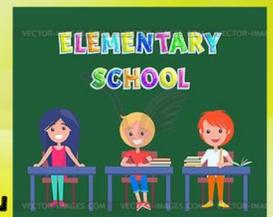


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Ambanpitiya Arachchige Seyuni Adhya – 3L

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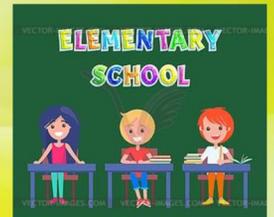


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Bang Ji Yoon - 4L



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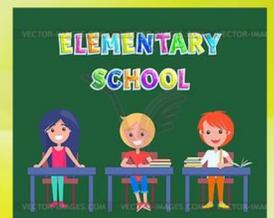


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Hồ Bảo Nam - 4B



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Datt Vishawjeet – 6LA

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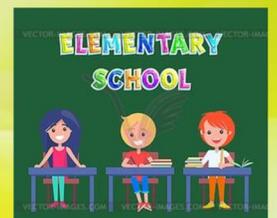


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Nguyen Minh Anh - 5A

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Oh YuGeun – 7LA



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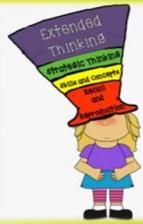


Ms. Myra Sugabo

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Ly Gia Minh – 6LA

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