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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

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that our two new deputy principals eventually made it into Vietnam. From Ireland, Mr Roy Donnan is the KIK and Primary School deputy principal, and Mr Mark Hemphill, from Texas, the USA, is the Secondary, Year 6-9 Deputy Principal. Please do not hesitate to contact them for any support or concerns you may have.



Mr Neil Shaw, our new Science teacher and Ms Chantel Lourens, our new Primary school teacher, are now in quarantine and will join us on the 10th of May.

I'm sure they will love Vietnam as much as we all do.

CAMBRIDGE

We wish all our IG2, AS, and A-level students all the best as they start their Cambridge examinations this month.

We believe in our students as they have worked diligently throughout this year and have received a lot of support from our teachers and leadership team. They have everything it takes to succeed. I trust and know they will show everyone what they are capable of!

SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS YEAR 1 - IG1

Our Semester 2 examinations will start on the 24th of May. Please check the TOS (Table of Specifications) to support your child and revise for the examinations. If you do not have a copy of the TOS, please contact your child's form teacher.

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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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Our students enjoyed decorating and creating interesting Easter eggs



Great friendships and trust amongst students is formed



STUDENT COUNCIL

We are proud of our student council; they are improving and rising to the challenges set by themselves. They build the necessary skills and confidence to engage in student activities and organise and provide events for our students to participate in. The student council is listening to students and understands the needs of their fellow students. They are building wonderful relationships and gain the trust of their peers. Our student council organised the following successful events:

An Easter Egg hunt was thoroughly enjoyed by our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students.

The Senior Student Council held a week-long chess tournament from April 19th - 23rd. Throughout the week, students participated in a 3 game round robin with the top two students from middle school and high school proceeding to the finals on Friday. Congratulations to the high school champion: Nguyen Nghia Hiep (ASB), and middle school champion: Phi Tuan Minh (8LB)!

OBV

Our students continue to participate in the OBV events at school, we are hopeful that COVID is under control and we once again can send our students to Halong Bay to join in the OBV events. I will keep you informed about the authorities decision soon. Please encourage your children to participate in this very worthwhile event as it builds relationships and teaches skills students are normally are not taught.

END OF YEAR GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The end of year Graduation and awards ceremony will be held at SIS@Gamuda Gardens on the 24th and 25th of June.

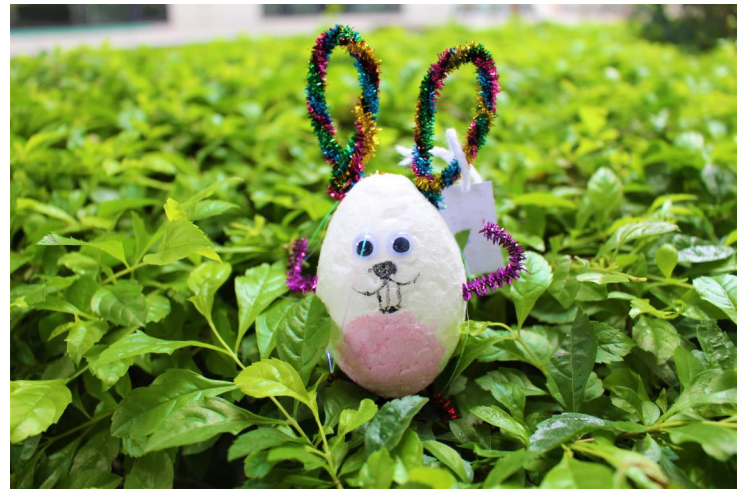
More details will be forthcoming.

Thank you for your continued support and positive comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or recommendations on

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These are some of the winning eggs decorated by our students. Well done to you all!



Pham Minh Phuong 7A - Tran Chau Anh 7A - Nguyen Gia Han IG2B



Han Ming Ya 1B



Nguyen Thai Bao Khanh 9A



*Dao Ba Khoi 7LB - Le Phu An 2L - Vijayanarayanan Saaiarjun 7LB
- Zeng Yu Xuan 2L - Thieu Gia Nhi 7LB
- Alfred Goh Yu Yang 7LB - Kim Chanhyeong 2L*



Le Tran Yen Vy 7LA - Bang Ji Yoon 3L

Message from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

It has been a very exciting start to term 4 with some of our Middle school classes attending OBV here at school over the past few weeks. The students have been working on improving their teamwork skills outside of the classroom and from the sounds of things they have all been having a great time! Hopefully in the future when restrictions are lifted we will be able to have OBV off campus once more as I know this is a wonderful bonding opportunity for all of our students.



We are very fortunate to have some public holidays to give us a small respite before we get into the final stretch of our 2021 Semester 2 exams. All our students have been revising and prepping for their exams season that has already started. Many of our teachers are offering additional support and revision classes for our students in the High school. It is never too late to sign up for these, please have a look at the extra curricular club offers to see what is available.

To all the students I would like to wish them the best of luck for their exams!

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

michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards

Michael Ogden

Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

The first week of Term 4 has passed with many useful activities for all of our students.

Semester examinations would be the highlight of May. The exam schedule is:

Year 1-5: from 10th to 14th May

Year 6-8: from 10th to 19th May

Year 9 have completed their examinations

Detailed exam schedule for each class will be sent to Parents, by the Form Teachers in the weekly notices.

After the integrated exams have finished, the international examinations will start. Therefore, parents should not plan a vacation during this time.

This is specially an important time since all the hard work and effort of both students and teachers will be shown. I would like to remind parents to take care of your child so that they can be physically and mentally healthy for the exams.



Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at: anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Kind Regards,

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



Our Student Council organized a Chess tournament for our students



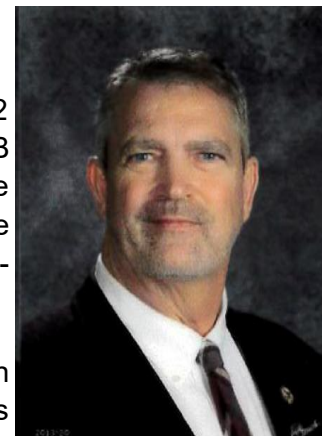
The competition was tough!



Message from Secondary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

I have served as a Director of two PK-12 international schools, Director of an IB Secondary campus, and a Middle School, Grade Level Principal. Before becoming an administrator, I taught social studies for 15 years.



In 2005 I was the Internal Accreditation Coordinator for Quality Schools International (QSI) Kyiv, Ukraine, and in 2006 I was appointed Director of QSI Yerevan (K-12), in Armenia. In 2008 I became school Director at QSI Tirana, Albania. After serving as Director of the Secondary campus at the QSI school in Shekou, China, 2010-2013, I was named a Regional Director, supporting eight high schools across the state of Texas. In the spring of 2016, I returned to China to open the International Leadership of Texas high school in Guangzhou, and later returned to the U.S. to establish the first International Leadership of Texas High School in Houston, Texas.

Communications with the larger community and a healthy professional relationship with staff has been a constant in my career. I've strived to develop relationships with staff that communicate respect and support for their work, and believe in addressing challenges as a team, and celebrating its successes.

I received both my Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's in Education Administration from Texas A&M University, and hold a lifetime teaching certificate as well as Principal and Superintendent certifications. I've have been married to my wife, Kate, for 30 years. Mrs. Hemphill is a violinist and orchestra director. We have two daughters.

This past year, I had looked to return to International Education, and was enthusiastic about the opportunity to come to Vietnam, and play a role in the leadership and support of Singapore International School Gamuda Gardens and its mission.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to get in contact with me at the following email address:
mark.hemphill@gamudagardnes.sis.edu.vn

Best regards,
Mark Hemphill



Our students loved the Easter Egg Hunt



A Math Challenge was enjoyed by our High School students



The Top Math winners!

Message from KIK - Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,



It is an honour to introduce myself as the new deputy principal of Primary and KIK at Singapore International School and to join such a prestigious school with such a rich tradition of education. Already I have seen the dedication of faculty and leaders in ensuing the best possible learning outcomes for our students, as well as the genuine care and attention to detail that makes this school and this learning community so special.

I arrive at SIS Gamuda gardens as an experienced international educator having spent almost 10 years working in China and 12 years in various roles in the United Kingdom. Every day of my career has presented a new learning experience and new learning opportunity. I am looking forward to learning and growing, together with the staff and students here at SIS. Apart from the role as deputy principal, I also have another vital role as a father and husband. My daughter Joy has already joined the KIK community at Hanoi Towers whilst my wife is busy exploring beautiful Hanoi and making new friends as we settle here in the Gamuda community. I am looking forward to introducing my family to the wider school community at the many events that will take place over the coming years.

All of us at Singapore international school are eager and excited to continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships while making real-world connections that will allow them to fulfil their true potential. It is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors-teachers, students and parents are excited to be here and demonstrate a positive attitude to learning. This positive attitude, along with the crucial support of parents, enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing way.

As the last term of the academic year begins, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and students of the importance of the testing that will take place over the course of this term. Please ensure that students are beginning to review the semesters work in preparation for the final exams. Remember to ensure that good study habits are observed in order to fully prepare for exams.

Please feel free email me, I am available here

roy.donnan@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regard,
Roy Donnan



Message from KIK Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

Term 4 has started with many activities. At school, students have an opportunity to discover and explore many different countries all over the world such as Vietnam, Singapore, Australia, South Africa, America and England. More interestingly, they made some food with the teachers on Cold Food Day; or some salad, fruit salad, rolls and kimbap. Students enjoyed all of them. On sport day, students were eager to participate in some physical activities such as cross-country, sack race, passing balls, eating bananas and tug-of-war. Students had played those games filled with energy.



The last term is so busy with many activities and excursions. Students are practicing for the end-of-year concert in mid-June. Moreover, swimming lessons have started with Ms. Elfe – PE teacher. All our students are so excited to be in the water.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or recommendations on Thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn

Best regard,
Vu Thi Thuy



Story time in KIK is such a fun event!



Our students participated in STEM activities



Our KIK students enjoying making salad

Our KIK students thoroughly enjoy the collaboration and experience of making “Cold Food” for the Cold Food Celebrations



Our students participated in the Hanoi League and enjoyed the opportunity to play against other schools



Message from Head of Studies - Year 6

Dear Parents,

Grade 6 Integrated and International have now completed their OBV experience. We had outstanding turnout and I received positive feedback from the students about their experience. The OBV program plays an important role in the development of crucial soft skills and gives students the opportunity to test themselves in a non-academic environment. This is a key part of a western-style education. Thank you for supporting us by encouraging your child's participation in this experience.



As we approach the end of the year, the students are beginning to prepare for their Semester 2 exams. The dates for these exams can be found on the Table of Specifications (ToS) that were emailed out earlier this year. If you have any questions about the exams, please do not hesitate to contact me or the subject teachers who are listed on the bi-weekly notice. Many students struggle with sleep schedules and time management during the exam period. It is beneficial to discuss this with them now and help them organise a revision schedule that includes adequate time for sleep and recreation as both of these have a positive impact on student achievement.

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

Regards,
Brett Grant

Message from Head of Studies Year 8 & 9

Dear Parents,

The end-of-year exams are fast approaching, and while we are going to provide your children with revision and extra assistance to be able to manage stress and pressure, it is still necessary for them to create their own study timetable; eat healthy food; have enough rest and some exercise. Teachers would very much appreciate your support with this.



The Hanoi Sports League draws to an end. Our Boys Middle School Basketball team as well as the Girls Basketball team and the Boys High School Football team have qualified for the end of year weekend tournaments.

Thank you so much for your continued support in your child's education.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at: gautier.quelin@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Best regards,
Gautier Quelin

OBV is such a valuable experience for our students. Many exciting activities were planned for our students.



OBV provides students with the opportunity to learn new skills and overcome challenges

