



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,

We are beginning our preparation for our End of Semester Exams in December. Students should be doing revision work at home. I had some conversations with parents recently and had to reiterate that students should have homework every night. We are also trying to support students in trying to develop their own independent study and responsibility for their own learning. This will be imperative when students are in high school or move to universities.



We have had a number of students bring in toy knives or weapons into the school. We ask for your support in not allowing your children to bring these items to school, as they will be confiscated. We want our school to be a safe place and we do not allow students to play or experiment with weapons.

We have commenced our OBV program this year. Students have returned with positive experiences. OBV helps students with personal development, social and communicational skills and how to deal and cope with challenging situations. Life is not always easy. Our students will encounter adversity and this program will give them skills and strategies to face challenges.

We celebrated Teachers Day on November 20. Our Teachers do an amazing job and we are looking forward to recognizing the important contributions they make to our school, and your children on this day.

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I would like to thank the parents community for their kindness and generosity you showed our staff on Teachers Day. We are very blessed to be in Vietnam a country that values education and teachers so highly.

The Christmas Charity Fair will be on Saturday December 9, 2023, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Please keep this date free. The funds raised from the Christmas Fair is given to Caritas Vietnam to help with their work in supporting the poor. We look forward to seeing you and your family there.

Take Care.

Christopher Bradley

Principal



INVITATION TO OUR CHRISTMAS FAIR



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HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY

Message from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Helping our High School students enrol into a good university of their choice is a priority for us. In term 1 this school year, we have organized a university fair comprising 22 renowned universities from the United States of America (US) to present their undergraduate programmes to all our High School students. Both students and teachers who attended the fair were enlightened with more insights into the benefits of the programmes presented. Besides the US universities, we have also invited two prestigious Australian universities, namely, University of Melbourne and Monash University on campus to talk to our students. The University of Melbourne brought with them a team of experienced lecturers and professors to conduct various workshops for our students in the field of Biology, Computer Science, Economics and Journalism. Our students were given mini lessons on these disciplines which really helped them to gain a better understanding before deciding on what they would like to study in the university.



We have also conducted a workshop with the University of Vermont (US) to help students on writing personal statements for university entry as well as a class with Savannah College of Art and Design (US) for those who are interested to pursue a career in the creative arts. The feedback from our students who have attended all these sessions was overwhelmingly positive, saying that the information shared has given them a better perspective of what they would like to major in the universities. Many of them also shared with us that they were delighted to receive lots of nice souvenirs and momentos from the various universities. The school will continue to guide our students with their university aspirations and assist them with the application process.

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

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Regards,

Amos Lee





UNIVERSITY FAIR



MASTER CLASS WITH UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE



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Message from Kindergarten & Primary school Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

As we move into Term 2, let's start by looking back at some of the special activities our Primary students joined during the first Term.

We had a grand football tournament where our proud primary students had to match their talent and endurance against students from the SIS at Van Phuc and Ciputra. It was great to feel the energy on the field and the support you brought as parents.

We also had our swim Gala at the end of Term one, and I am happy to say that the students brought their competitive spirits along to ensure that the Gala was a success.

In the first week of Term two, we had our Parent-Teacher Conference, which gave our teachers and you a chance to discuss the progress your children are making, both social and academic.

We strive to provide the students with a positive and productive learning environment, and your feedback as parents is valued. It will always be a corporation of home and the teachers school which provides the best results in creating a safe and flourishing environment.

We had a grand Halloween celebration at school. All the students helped to create a fun and exciting environment for this day, and I was happy to see that the primary students still like to go trick or treating. We saw so many fun and scary outfits, and they put good effort into making their classroom Halloween-themed.

The following academic challenge for the students will be our Semester exams. The teachers are working hard to prepare our students for this experience. I want to take this opportunity to once again remind you of the importance of having a proper and structured study environment at home and ensuring homework is appropriately done and handed in timely.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Horup



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Secondary

Dear Parents,

As we move into December, let us take a moment to reflect on the significant activities that took place in October and November at our school. The highlight of the month was the mid-term examination for our Secondary Integrated students. With your valuable support, our students successfully completed their mid-term assessments. Based on the results of these assessments, our Vietnamese curriculum teachers will formulate plans to provide additional support to enhance the students' academic performance.

We also organized various extracurricular educational activities, such as Sports Day and the Halloween Festival. These events were professionally conducted and aimed at developing soft skills, physical fitness, and fostering a deeper interest in learning for our students.

Our first Parent-Teacher Conference of the year was held on October 25 and 26, 2023. During these meetings, our teachers provided insights into the strengths and weaknesses of each student. Combining this information with the mid-term assessment results, both teachers and parents will continue to collaborate on strategies to capitalize on students' strengths and address any areas in need of improvement.

Additionally, our Year 9 students successfully completed the Outward Bound Vietnam Program in Binh Dinh. The trip was a great success, thanks to the care, unity, and love demonstrated by both students and teachers. It was a memorable experience for our students, and they gained valuable life skills. We would like to share some beautiful images from this trip with you.

In November, we had some important events including educational field trips for our Year 6 Integrated students, Teacher's Day to honor our educators, and the week of final exam preparation for the end of the first semester. You will receive detailed information about these events from the teachers in your child's class, and we look forward to witnessing the progress and enthusiasm of our students in each school day. We also hope to continue receiving your unwavering support as parents.

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

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



YEAR 9 INTEGRATED - OBV PROGRAMME





HAPPY HALLOWEEN

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Primary

Dear Parents and Students,

October and November has come to an end, but the echoes of joy, enthusiasm, and positivity from the various academic and extracurricular activities are still vivid in our memories.

Mid-Term Assessment:

Our students have successfully completed the mid - term 1 assessment with diligence and determination. Through this assessment, they have identified their strengths and areas for improvement. With these insights, they can plan their further efforts to achieve even better results.

"Beloved School" Project Summary:

With the aim of educating our students about the school's traditions, fostering a sense of love, pride, and connection to school, teachers, and peers, we initiated the "Beloved Environment" project. This project included activities such as the "Green Classroom" competition, a group photo competition with the theme "Our Unity Class," storytelling contests about friendship, teachers, and the environment. Through this project, students were educated about maintaining cleanliness in the school, classroom, and study areas, as well as developing and nurturing beautiful friendships. They also enhanced their listening and speaking skills. The activities were vibrant and received enthusiastic participation from both teachers, students, and parents.

Halloween Festival:

"When is Halloween coming, teacher?" After much anticipation, October brought Halloween to our students. Classrooms were decorated with new look in shades of orange, red, black, and white. Students dressed up as princesses, princes, and little witches. All were ready to participate in a fantastic fashion show themed around Halloween and various games, including "Trick and Treat" and "Treasure Hunt." The self - confidence and radiance of our students on stage, along with their joyful smiles, were the most wonderful gifts for the Halloween.

Excursion for Grades 1 to Grades 5:

In October and November, our students in grades 1 to grades 5 had a delightful experience at the "Golden Bee Garden educational garden". Amidst the lush greenery and open-air classrooms, students and teachers engaged in various enjoyable activities, including harvesting crops, taking care of animals, and woodworking. The purpose of these field trips is to connect theoretical knowledge with real - life experiences, and they have become a central activity each semester, providing our students with joy, laughter, and valuable lessons.

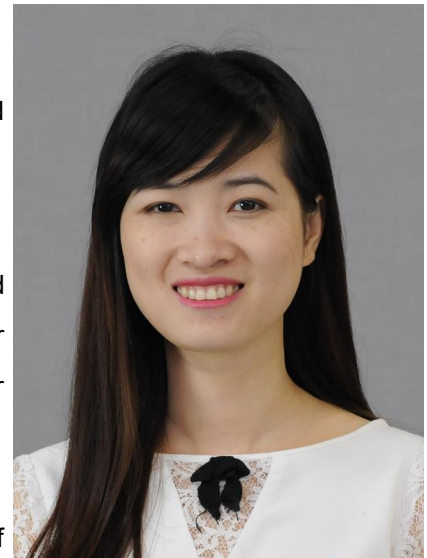
On behalf of the teachers at our school, I sincerely thank parents for their continuous support and partnership in these activities.

Upcoming Activities:

- The Christmas Charity Fair 9 December 2023

Warm regards,

Tran Thi Thuy Van





THE STORIES TELLING COMPETITION



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Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies - KIK

Dear Parent and Student,

Term 2 has commenced with enthusiasm and a vibrant spirit, and our young learners have adapted to their academic routines with even more zeal. They have further fostered friendships and established stronger bonds with their teachers. Each day at school, our students continue to explore new horizons, enhance their social skills, and gain practical life experiences.

The Halloween Costume Festival was a memorable occasion, filled with exciting activities. Our students enthusiastically dressed up as their favorite characters, including Spiderman, Batman, witches, monsters, skeletons, as well as princesses like Elsa and Cinderella. They also had the opportunity to go "Trick or Treating" from Mr. Chris, our Principal and Mr. Kim, our Deputy Principal. Additionally, they participated in group activities such as fashion shows and experiential activities like scavenger hunts and cookie decorating.

The most highly anticipated event of the school year, our annual Charity Fair, is just around the corner which will take place on Saturday, December 9th. This event carries deep humanitarian significance as it encourages our young students to understand the values of compassion and extending a helping hand to those who are less fortunate, fostering the spirit of "helping the needy." All proceeds from the Charity Fair will be directed to Caritas Vietnam for the noble cause of supporting those in need. We are also excited to announce that our beloved students are diligently preparing for a Christmas performance scheduled for December 15, 2023. We extend a warm invitation to all parents to join in the festivities!

For any valuable suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out via email to: thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn.

Warm regards,

Vu Thi Thuy



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