



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 want to acknowledge the special Tet holiday and wish you peace and happiness for the new year. I hope that you get to spend time with your families and your children. Please remember that high school students will have study commitments over the holidays leading up to our Mock Exams.



Thank you to all the parents, who attended the Parent - Teacher conferences. This helps to build an important partnership between school and home. I appreciate the parents who came to see me. Sharing your opinion helps us to make change and improvements.

We are trying to make improvements to the quality of our academic program and we will work with our teachers to ensure we make any necessary adjustments to look for areas to support academic development. This year we have been more rigorous with our assessments in the high school to ensure they are more reflective of the Cambridge exams. The high school exams account for 80% of the Semester grade and 20% is based on classroom based formative assessment. The primary and secondary exams are based 50% on summative and of semester exams and 50% on classroom based formative assessment.

Generally, most students (primary, secondary and high school) become aware of expectations in Semester I and work harder and score better grades in Semester II.

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We are working with teachers to find ways support students. After the holidays students will need to revise their study plans to ensure they are working towards their goals.

Our new basketball court is now in use. It is great to see students use this resources for both their fitness and enjoyment. This will also be a welcomed addition for our P.E and sports programs.

School uniform is something we are looking to make improvements to for Semester II. We need parent support to ensure students are wearing the correct formal uniform. This is also important, as we have a number of events and activities in the second half of the year and we want our students looking their best. With formal uniform students are required to wear the correct pants or shorts for boys and skirts for the girls. Please contact the uniform shop if you need to purchase any additional items.

Again, I want to thank you for being great parents and wish you well.

Take care.

Christopher Bradley

Principal



SCHOOL CLOSED

[Announcement: Study Tour 2024 to Korea and Singapore](#)

Dear Parents and Students,

We are pleased to inform you that Singapore International School (SIS) will be organizing the following Study Tour Programmes:

Study Tour to Singapore for students from Year 4 to Year 6.

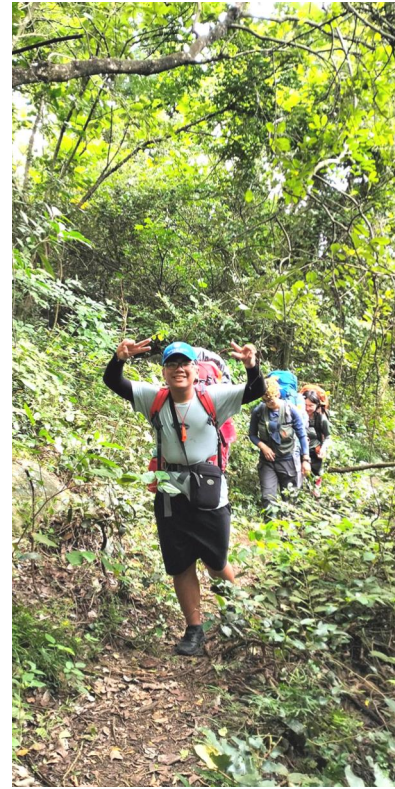
Study Tour to Korea for students from Year 5 to Year 9.

Both programmes will tentatively be held from **Sunday, July 7 2024 to Saturday, July 13 2024.**

Further information on the program and registration will be disseminated to students and parents in course. In case of questions, please contact Ms. Le Do Dieu Linh, Programme Coordinator at: (84-24) 6661 7722 or Email:

linh.ledodieu@kinderworldgroup.com

Thank you.



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Message from Secondary School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had quite an exciting month in the lead up to the Lunar New Year and still have quite a few events until we get to spend more times with loved ones.

Adventures at Canh Buom Xanh and Bao Son Paradise

Year 6, 8, and 9 students recently embarked on a thrilling excursion to Canh Buom Xanh Park. Armed with adventurous spirits and boundless energy, they reveled in team building activities amidst the lush greenery. Meanwhile, Year 7 explored the wonders of Bao Son Paradise Park.

Celebrating Tet - The Lunar New Year

As the Year of the Dragon approaches closer, we're gearing up for our annual Tet festivities! In the following two weeks the school will come alive with vibrant decorations, traditional performances, and delectable Vietnamese treats. Students will also be demonstrating their compassion by donating items for our annual Tet Boxes Drive. Please support this initiative from our student council by sending non-perishable food items, toiletries, clothes or toys, for donation.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,

Ms. Lizl Brent



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Message from Kindergarten & Primary school Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Semester II.

In the context of Kindergarten report cards for Semester I, the teachers have been assessing your children and adding the results to the Semester I report cards. These reports serve as a snapshot of a child's development, highlighting academic achievements and social and emotional growth. Teachers, being the students' primary observers, have invested significant effort in understanding each child's unique strengths and areas for improvement.

Witnessing the strides made by kindergarten students in their foundational skills, such as literacy, numeracy, and social interactions, helps the teachers lay the groundwork for the future academic journey, and teachers take pride in their students' progress.

We have also conducted our Parent-teacher conferences, which is a perfect follow-up on the observations and reports done on the Kindergarten students. Our Parent-teacher meetings in Kindergarten foster a collaborative and supportive educational environment. These meetings provide a valuable platform for parents and teachers to exchange insights about the student's progress, development, and behaviour. We appreciate these conferences; our teachers are always available for follow-up meetings.

We had a successful Tet celebration in KIK and SIS, marked by a festive and culturally enriching experience for students and teachers.

The celebration involved various activities such as traditional music, dance, and arts and crafts, allowing the children to engage and appreciate the customs and values associated with Tet. We enjoyed seeing the students participating in the events and supporting us by wearing their traditional dress for this extraordinary celebration.

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới - Happy new year

Yours truly

Mr Kim



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Message from Head of Studies Cambridge

Dear Parents and Students,

Cambridge June 2024 Update

IGCSE 2, AS and A-Level parents and students, please be informed about the upcoming Cambridge June 2024 exam series. Cambridge has released the final exam timetable. Students taking the following subject must take note of these exam dates scheduled during the Vietnam Holidays.

IGCSE ICT (Paper 3) - 18 April 2024 - AM (King Hung Anniversary)

IGCSE Mandarin Chinese (Listening) - 30 April 2024 -AM (Liberation Day)

AS Psychology (Paper 2) - 30 April 2024 - AM (Liberation Day)

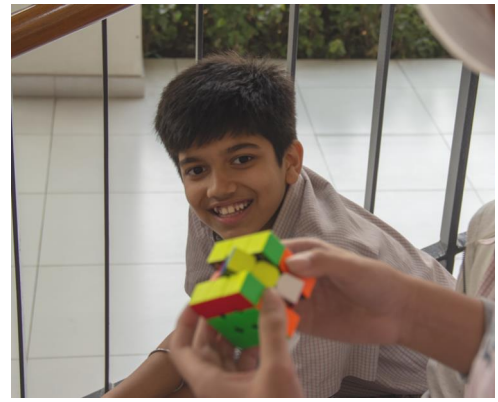
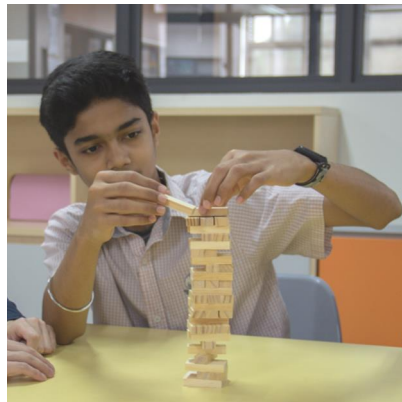
AS Literature in English (Paper 1) - 01 May 2024 - AM (Labor Day)

Please ensure students are present during these dates.

For any queries or concerns, contact me at maria.batac@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn.

Best regards,

Maria Batac



*MATH WEEK
ACTIVITIES*



WINNERS DURING MATHEMATICS WEEK 2023

Rubik's Cube Competition

Middle School

- Nguyen Duc Anh - 8LA

Teacher's Online Combat

Mr. Hendrik Prinsloo

Battle of Math Wizards

High School

- Nguyen Thi Ngoc Mai - IGCSE 1B
- Dao Ba Khoi - IGCSE 2A
- Nguyen Hoang Bach - AS Level C
- Yoon HyoJung - A Level

Brainteaser

Middle School

- Pham Minh Khoa - 7B
- Tran Le Quang Hai - 6A

Battle of Math Wizards

Middle School

- Hoang Hieu - 6LA
- Nguyen Ngoc Tung Anh - 7LA
- Kim Jun Hyeong - 8LB

Scavenger Hunt

Middle School

- Tran Nhu Tue Minh - 6LA
- Vu Le Khoi Nguyen - 7LB
- Advait Omkar Patil - 8LB

JENGA Blocks Competition

High School

- Ayush Pramanik - AS Level
- Nguyen Huy Ngoc - AS Level

Daily Math Challenge

Middle School

- Pham Minh Khoi - 8LA
- Luu Thuy Minh - 8A
- Vu Ngoc Diep - 6B
- Bui Dai Duong - 6LA
- Advait Omkar Patil - 8LB

Daily Math Challenge

High School

- Le Duc Hai Lam - IGCSE 2C
- Nguyen Tam An - IGCSE 1A
- Lina Taleb - IGCSE 2B
- Tran Bao An Thu - IGCSE 2C
- Phung Ngoc Bao Anh - IGCSE 2A



*MATH WEEK
CERTIFICATES*

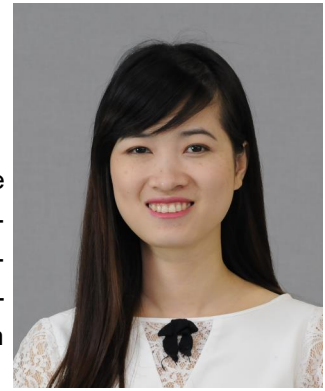


Message from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Primary

Dear Parents and Students,

Parent – Teacher Conference Semester I

On January 24th and 25th, 2024, we conducted the Parent – Teacher conference to discuss the academic and training results of our students during Semester I. We also shared the strategies for improvement and support for the upcoming Semester II. To prepare for the conference, teachers and students took the initiative to decorate the classrooms, their second home, creating a welcoming atmosphere for parents and guardians. The conference truly fostered understanding and connection between teachers and parents, as well as between the school and families.



On behalf of our teachers, I would like to express my sincere and profound gratitude to all parents for their constant companionship, trust, and support for the school and our students. We wish the relationship between teachers and parents to grow stronger, always serving as a great source of motivation to help our students become confident, successful, and shining individuals.

"SIS Got Talent 2024" Competition

With the aim of providing a healthy and beneficial playground for students, giving them the opportunity to interact, connect, and confidently showcase their artistic abilities, the "SIS Got Talent" competition officially kicked off on January 8th, 2024.

For the qualifying round, students can choose their favorite areas such as singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, martial arts, magic, etc., to create a performance video. All videos should be formatted horizontally and not exceed 5 minutes. Videos should be submitted to the Organizing Committee via provided link or to the form teachers.

The Organizing Committee is eagerly anticipating and welcoming our talent students.

Tet Festival Celebration

Tet Holiday is the most traditional and special holiday to the Vietnamese people. Tet marks the end of the old lunar year and the beginning of the new one with dreams of goodness, peace, and luck. Therefore, every Tet, we wish each other the best to come.

The wonderful gift that teachers and school have prepared for the students is the "Tet Picnic" event. Students can experience a Tet camp, decorate their own fruit tray, and learn about the traditional activities of the Vietnamese people during Tet. The smiles and happy eyes of the students are the greatest gifts for the teachers.

Please admire the beautiful images of the students participating in the event.

Upcoming Highlighted Activities

- The Finals of the SIS Got Talent 2024 competition.
- Excursions

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

Best Regards,

Tran Thi Thuy Van





TET FESTIVAL CELEBRATION



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