



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ GAMUDA GARDENS

# NEWSLETTER

September & October 2024

## 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 Message

Dear Parents,

As we reflect on the past two months, I am incredibly proud of how our school community has come together during both moments of celebration and challenge. The storm that affected the northern regions of Vietnam profoundly impacted many of our families and communities. In response, our students and staff showed remarkable empathy and generosity, dedicating their Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations to helping those in need following the theme 'Sharing & Caring. Thanks to



your support, we successfully raised 194,213,00 VND for the Fatherland Front Committee, which will provide much-needed assistance to those affected by the storm. This exemplifies the spirit of solidarity and citizenship we strive to instill in our students.

Our students also engaged in various academic and extracurricular activities, showing great enthusiasm and dedication in sports and academics in preparation for the first-term assessments. As you know, our students recently completed their term assessments, and I would like to commend them for their hard work and focus during this time. We had the opportunity to share about their progress and goals for the remainder of the semester during our first term Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Our annual Sports Days for all grades have ignited the enthusiasm of our four houses: Black Phoenix, Red Dragon, Blue Eagle, and Golden Lion. Sports Days are the first of school-wide events organised through our house system, combining students from the same Form rooms with peers across years who are allocated membership in one of our four



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QUẬN HOÀNG MAI



*Đoàn kết, đoàn kết, đại đoàn kết  
Thành công, thành công, đại thành công*



houses. Throughout the year, house members will endeavour to earn house points for their respective houses through excellent contributions to the school community and in school-wide events.

Finally, we are looking forward to the start of the Hanoi Sports League for football and basketball. Our teams have been training hard, and we have high hopes for their performance and the skills and confidence fostered through being members of a school team. As we progress into the second term of study, we will see more opportunities for our teams to greet other school teams and travel to local campuses to compete. I'm confident that with their dedication and your continued support, they will represent our school proudly.

As the cool weather of Autumn sets in, please note the school's uniform guidelines to ensure that your children are dressed appropriately and comfortably for the season.

If your child needs to wear additional layers to stay warm, please ensure that any sweatshirts, jackets, or outerwear adhere to the school's uniform policy. Specifically, students are required to wear outerwear in school-approved colors: black, white, or grey. This helps maintain a consistent and tidy appearance throughout the school.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child follows the uniform guidelines while staying warm during this cooler period. Should you have any questions about the uniform policy or need further clarification, please feel free to reach out to us.

Thank you once again for your involvement and encouragement. Together, we are building a nurturing, supportive environment that fosters academic success, personal growth, and community awareness. Thank you again for your generosity in supporting our 'Sharing & Caring' initiative.

Best regards!  
Charles Whalen Rutherford

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KINDERWORLD INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN

@ GAMUDA GARDENS

**194.213.000 ĐỒNG**

**Ủng hộ:**

Đồng bào bị thiệt hại do cơn bão số 3

**Donated to:**

Communities affected by No.3 Typhoon

*DONATION TO VIETNAMESE*

*FATHERLAND FRONT HOANGMAI DISTRICT*



*SPORTS DAY*







*SESSIONS WITH SAVANNAH COLLEGE  
OF ART AND DESIGN (SCAD)*



### Updates from High School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

SIS @ Gamuda Gardens recently hosted insightful sessions with representatives from Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and 16 U.S. universities, enriching our high school students' understanding of diverse career paths including engineering, computer science, business, and the arts. These sessions highlighted the power of combining creativity, innovation, and practical skills in various fields. Dynamic presentations and real-world success stories spurred thoughtful discussions and renewed our students' enthusiasm for potential undergraduate programs known for quality faculty, advanced facilities, and strong industry connections.



Our commitment to exposing students to international opportunities is unwavering, aiming to empower confident and informed career decisions. The visit broadened students' horizons on valuable non-traditional paths, and we're sincerely grateful to these universities for inspiring them to pursue careers confidently and passionately. This initiative has fostered a spirit of creative exploration among our students, preparing them to thrive globally. We thank the universities for their vital role in our students' growth.

Best regards!

Amos Lee





## Updates from Lower Secondary School Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

September and October have been filled with significant moments for our Secondary School community. While Typhoon Yagi caused damage throughout Hanoi, it also revealed the strength and compassion of our SIS family. Students dedicated their Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations to supporting those affected by the storm, and thanks to the generous support of parents, we successfully raised funds to assist those in need.



The spirit of unity and generosity from our school community deeply moved me. In a creative expression of resilience, our 7LA students designed stunning artwork reimagining the Mid-Autumn dragon as a symbol of Vietnam's strength in the face of adversity. Additionally, 7LA students started their first excursion of the year with an engaging trip to an Escape Room, where they honed their critical thinking skills.

As we look ahead to the coming weeks, our Secondary School students have many exciting events to look forward to. We enjoyed our first Sports Day on October 3rd, where students will proudly wear their house colours and participate in activities promoting teamwork and school spirit. With the end of Term 1 and the beginning of Term 2 ahead, Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place at the end of October to discuss students' academic progress and goals for the next term.

As we enter Term 2, students will continue to grow academically and personally, and we look forward to seeing their progress.

Best regards!

Lizl Brent



*FUNDS RAISING*



*THE MID-AUTUMN DRAGON ARTWORK*



*SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY*





**Updates from Kindergarten & Primary school Deputy Principal**

Dear Parents and Caretakers,

It was heartwarming to see how the local community came together to support those in need, and our young students were significantly impacted by the media coverage, providing a chance for valuable discussions and learning opportunities.



The Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated with a focus on sharing and caring, and while the celebration was toned down, the KIK participated in the school-wide charity drive. Your donations and support are setting an excellent example for your children.

Moving forward, as we enter Term 2, we have several exciting events in store. Our annual Sports Day in October will give students a chance to excel in fun and active events. Halloween is also on the horizon, and while it may not appear in the next newsletter, students are already sharing memories of their costumes from last year's celebrations.

Best regards!

Kim Horup





## Updates from Head of Studies - Lower Primary

Dear Parents,

The past two months have been filled with both challenges and celebrations. In September, our students participated in the Mid-Autumn Festival, a time for reflection and generosity. Thanks to your contributions, the money raised has been put to good use by the Fatherland Front Committee, helping families affected by the storm.



Over the last month, students have worked hard to complete their termly assessments. I would like to praise all the Primary students for their dedication and hard work.

In early October we held our Primary School Sports Day. A day that fosters healthy competition and school spirit across primary years through our House System. This is an exciting opportunity to foster a competitive and respectful culture at our school. Well done to all our young athletes!

A quick reminder: with colder weather on the horizon, I would like to remind students that should they need to wear a sweatshirt or jacket to keep warm, then it should be in school approved colours (black, white or grey).

Looking forward, we will have more class excursions commencing in Term 2. Students will have many opportunities to participate in exciting and educational excursions throughout the year. I am sure it will be an enjoyable occasion for our students.

Kind regards!

Vincent Flynn



*MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2024*  
*“CARING AND SHARING”*



*PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY*



## Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Lower Secondary

Dear Parents,

September and October have passed swiftly at Singapore International School, marked by many meaningful activities, including the Opening Ceremony and Mid-term 1 examinations for our Integrated Secondary students. I am pleased to share that, with the support of parents, students have successfully completed the Mid-term 1 assessments. The results of these exams will guide our Vietnamese Program teachers in developing tailored plans to further support students in achieving strong academic outcomes.

Other engaging extracurricular activities, such as the Mid-Autumn Festival, Sports Day, and Halloween Festival, were conducted professionally and featured beneficial activities that fostered soft skills, physical development, and enhanced student enthusiasm for learning.

The first Parent-Teacher Conference (PTC) was held on October 23 and 24, 2024. During this meeting, teachers shared each student's strengths and areas for improvement. Building upon the insights from these conferences, along with midterm results, teachers and parents will work collaboratively to formulate strategies that will enhance students' strengths and address any challenges they face.

In addition, excursions for Grades 7 and 8; and Outward Bound program in Binh Dinh for Grade 9 took place in October. These trips were a tremendous success, demonstrating the care, camaraderie, and mutual respect between teachers and students. Students gained lasting memories, valuable experiences, and useful skills through these enriching journeys. We will share a selection of photos from these activities in the upcoming newsletter for parents to enjoy.

November will feature several significant events, including excursions for Grade 6 and Grade 9 Integrated Programme, Vietnamese Teachers' Day, and review week in preparation for the End-of-Semester 1 examinations. Teachers will provide you with details about these events through the bi-weekly study schedule.

We look forward to seeing our students' progress and enthusiasm each day they come to school, and we hope to continue receiving your invaluable support and cooperation.

Should you have any questions or matters to discuss, please feel free to contact me at [anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn](mailto:anh.nguyenthihuyen@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn).

Best regards!

Nguyen Thi Huyen Anh



*EXCURSION YEAR 7—8 INTEGRATED*



*OBV YEAR 9 INTEGRATED*







## PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

## Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Primary

Dear Parents and Beloved Students,

### Mid-Autumn Caring and Sharing Program

The Mid-Autumn Caring and Sharing Program is a meaningful activity aimed at recognizing the beautiful acts of those who have contributed to the community and calling on students to join hands in sharing difficulties with those affected by the storms and floods.



The program attracted the participation of 100% of students, teachers, and staff across the school, raising a total of 194,213,000 VND in cash donations. All the funds have been transferred by the school to the Hoang Mai District Fatherland Front Committee to provide timely support to those in need.

The program not only allowed students to enjoy a warm and fulfilling Mid-Autumn Festival but also enhanced community awareness and fostered love and compassion within everyone.

On behalf of the school, I would like to sincerely thank all parents for accompanying and supporting the teachers and students in this meaningful activity.

### Mid-term 1 evaluations

In alignment with our academic plans for the 2024–2025 school year, the midterm evaluations for Semester I were conducted in October for Grades 4 and 5. With diligence and focus, all students successfully completed the exams, with 100% achieving satisfactory or above-satisfactory performance in both academics and conduct. This evaluation provided students with an opportunity to reflect on their academic progress, while also allowing teachers to refine their instructional approaches, enhancing educational quality and aligning with our ongoing academic objectives.

### The "Dictionary of Mom" Project

What does learning truly mean? To inspire each student with a genuine love for learning, teachers at our school regularly create engaging activities connected to real-life situations. These opportunities allow students to apply their knowledge in practical contexts. For October's challenge in Vietnamese Language for Grade 5, students were tasked with creating a unique Dictionary of Mom, a heartfelt compilation reflecting their thoughts and emotions about their mothers. Words such





as beautiful, compassionate, gentle, simple, loving, kind, protective, and self-sacrificing were among the most frequently chosen. This Dictionary of Mom filled with love and understanding was a priceless gift from the students to their mothers on October 20th, Vietnamese Women's Day.

### Halloween Festival

To offer students a cultural exploration of global holidays, the school organized a Halloween Festival on October 31, 2024. Dressed in vibrant costumes, students were immersed in classroom spaces transformed into festive, Halloween-themed environments, participating in fashion shows and various fun activities.

We will share some delightful photos from the festival with parents in the next newsletter.

### Upcoming Events:

- Excursions
- Vietnamese Teachers' Day November 20.

Sincerely!  
Tran Thi Thuy Van



*GIFT TO MOTHERS ON  
VIETNAMESE WOMEN'S DAY*



*THE "DICTIONARY OF MOM" PROJECT*





## Updates from Head of Vietnamese Studies - Kindergarten

Dear Parents and Students,

Time has passed swiftly, and it feels like only yesterday that our faculty and staff were eagerly preparing to welcome students at the start of the school year. We are now already two weeks into Term 2.

In September, one of the most notable experiences for our students was the Mid-Autumn Festival. This year's celebration was particularly meaningful and unique, as we moved away from the usual lantern parades, lion dances, and traditional stalls. Instead, we focused on teaching students about empathy, compassion, and the importance of helping others. Although our young students may not yet fully comprehend the depth of the hardship faced by those in flood-affected areas, they demonstrated care and expressed their support for children facing adversity. We deeply appreciate the kindness and generosity shown by our students and parents. The total amount collected from students, parents, and staff reached VND 194,213,000, which was directly presented to the Fatherland Front in Hoang Mai District on September 25.

Dear Parents and Students,

Excursions also provided valuable learning experiences and created memorable moments for the children. Our younger students, from Pre-Nursery to K2, enjoyed their time at Funny Kids Time City, where they explored the world around them through play, while also gaining valuable lessons in ethics, collaboration, listening, and sharing. The Prep students were highly enthusiastic about the educational activities at VinKe, which offered enriching, hands-on learning.

October has continued to be an exciting and eventful month. Our students participated in the lively and spirited Sports Day on October 9. The Halloween Festival was particularly unforgettable, providing a wonderful opportunity for our young students to experience a range of emotions and joy. We invite parents to join us in looking back on these cherished moments from September and October.

We warmly welcome any feedback or questions. Please feel free to contact us via email at [thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn](mailto:thuy.vuthi@gamudagardens.kinderworld.edu.vn).

Best regards!

Vu Thi Thuy



### EXCURSIONS FOR KIK STUDENTS



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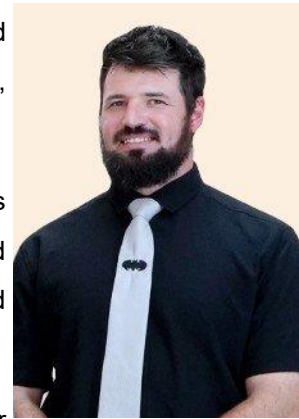


## Updates from Head of Studies - Sports

Dear Parents,

It's been an exciting and action-packed September-October with several events, activities, and sporting successes to celebrate!

Our students have engaged in various activities, showing great enthusiasm and commitment to their academics, sports, and leadership development.



Our Badminton teams kicked off their league with a strong start, and we are proud to announce that the Secondary team secured victories over Westlink International School. Congratulations to our players for their fantastic performance!

Our High School Basketball team faced off against TH School in a tough match. While the team fell just short of a win, they played with determination and displayed great competitive spirit throughout the game.

Both the Secondary and High School Football teams had pre-season matches against TH School, showing impressive skills on the field. While we spotted some areas for improvement, the teams demonstrated excellent potential, and we look forward to their continued growth.

In HPE, we successfully completed our swimming unit this month, with students showing great progress in the pool. We're excited to see their growing confidence in swimming as we move forward.

It's been a month full of achievements, and we're proud of our students for their hard work and dedication.

Now that we are in Term 2, our school community is preparing for the start of the Hanoi Sports League for football and basketball. Our athletes have been training hard to hone their skills and make our school proud in these highly competitive events. With their determination and team spirit, we are confident that they will represent us with excellence.

Best regards!

Hendrik Prinsloo

## *HANOI SPORTS LEAGUE BADMINTON, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL*



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