



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.

IN THIS ISSUE

- **Principal's News**
- **Deputy Principal's News**
- **Deputy Principal's News (Pedagogy Coach)**
- **Year 2 Int'l Class News**
- **Head of Studies News (Y1 – Y5)**
- **Head of Studies News (Chinese)**
- **Head of Vietnamese Studies News**
- **Athletic Coordinator News**
- **Student Council News**

At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- **Academic Achievers**
- **Confident communicators**
- **Critical Thinkers**
- **Technologically literate students**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**



Year 7 Int'l got the 1st place for Flower Arrangement in Teacher's Day

Dear Parents,

School life is busy and exciting as we prepare for the final weeks of term 2. Recent celebrations at school, particularly Teachers Day, was a popular, enjoyable celebration for all. Always a memorable experience when we take time to reflect and acknowledge the hard work and much appreciated skills of our teaching staff. The difference they make to the daily learning of all students at SIS@SS is much appreciated.

Soon our Christmas break will be with us and when students return they will begin their respective semester 1 examinations. This will be for all students from years 1 to 12. School reports for semester 1 will go home in week 1 of term 3, and these will be followed by parent teacher conferences. Reminders will be sent home from school as these events come closer.

The schools virtues program will continue until the end of term 2, with a new focus and theme for term 3. Terms 3 theme will be that of Persistence. The virtues of perseverance, honesty, self-discipline, optimism, and commitment will be highlighted and taught.

Christmas celebrations have begun at SIS@SS. Our Christmas Fair will be held on the 15/12/17. Notes and reminders will be going home soon. Please remember to tell your friends and come join us for what is a wonderful celebration and preparation for the Christmas holiday break.

On behalf of all at SIS@SS, I wish all students, parents and staff a safe, Merry Christmas break.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal.



Second Prize for Flower Arrangement in
Teacher's Day



Year 2 Integrated Students



Decoration welcoming Christmas

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of Term 2 things will get quite busy. The most significant activities will be:

Christmas Charity Fair

Our annual charity fair will be held Friday 15 December. All classes will set up a booth where coupons can be exchanged for prizes, treats, and games. As in the past, proceed benefit Operation Smile (<https://www.operationsmile.org/>). A full list of the booths will be sent home prior to the fair. We encourage all families to come to school and participate in this enjoyable, worthy event.

Christmas Holiday

The last day of school before the Christmas Break will be Friday 15 December. Classes resume 2 January 2018.

Semester 1 Assessments

Further details will be provided as these near, but for your planning purposes please know that the exams will take place from January 2-12. Students in the International Program Years 2-8 will sit for exams in English, Maths, and Science. Students in the Integrated Program Years 2-9 will take their Vietnamese curriculum exams prior to Christmas Break, and sit their English exams during the testing period. Exam results will be sent home the first week of February, with Parent-Teacher Conferences arranged the following week.

Please feel free to contact the school with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.

Dear Parents,

My name is Thomas Annis and I am pleased to be a new member of the splendid SIS Education Team. I serve as a Deputy Principal/Pedagogy Coach. Though American, I have been fortunate to serve internationally in education positions (Teaching & Leading), over the past twenty-three years. I have worked in Germany, Australia, Fiji, the U.A.E and Vietnam. I will now be closely assisting SIS students and teachers to support continuous learning.

The successful learning strategies and education programs offered at SIS are only a small sample of the many excellent initiatives developed by KinderWorld Education Group across Vietnam and all of its schools. We transparently share strategic tips, techniques, and strategies to support learning for our entire school family.



Students preparing for Flower Arrangement in Teacher's Day



Planting trees activity for Kindergarten students



Flower Arrangement for Teacher's Day

An authentic commitment to student success lies at the core of our advancing explicit education model. Equipping our student learners with the best education possible and preparing learners for their future are shared goals by parents, teachers, and all SIS community members. Continuing to work in collaborate partnership, we will strategically guide all learners to succeed by assisting them to develop critical 21st-century explicit learning skills that prepare them for success in school and after they graduate.

I professionally contribute strategic training, in partnership with all my new SIS Family, to directly benefit the measurable positive learning and well-being of every individual student.
Thank you.

Respectfully,

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach)

Dear Parents,

Interactive Science

One of the joys of teaching Year Two is the students' endless curiosity. This is particularly true with science. They love learning about things on earth and beyond. We try to make science come alive by making it interactive. One of our science units is plants. What better way to learn than to grow our own sunflowers? We have not had much sun lately but some of our plants are thriving. They love to watch as slowing the little seed becomes a tall sunflower. Another unit is air and its uses. We made paper airplanes to see which one could use air to the best advantage.

Later we will do a unit on seasons. We will go to a place called Snow town. Many of my students have not seen snow. What a wonderful thing to witness! I can't wait to teach them about the night sky. Keep being curious SIS!

Paul Bietz – Teacher of Y2 International

Dear Parents,

After just finishing up Parent Teacher Conferences many times parents will ask, "How can I improve my student's English skills?" Along with daily reading, here are just a few ideas of some other ways to improve your English:

Listen to, read lyrics or translate your favorite English music. Listening to music while doing something else can even help a little for things like getting used to the natural rhythm and tone of English speech.



Year 3 International Students

Social media/online: Try using English for your online chats, writing on someone's wall or sending out a tweet. The language is short and informal just like speech. Switching your search engine to the English language version of msn, yahoo, Google etc. and only searching in English can be a good way of practicing fast reading for specific information in English.

Keep up with news and watch popular shows and movies. If you have been exposed to topics and trends that are likely to be discussed in conversation, you have a much better chance of understanding people when they talk, and of being able to express yourself well.

Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1 – Y5)

Dear Parents,

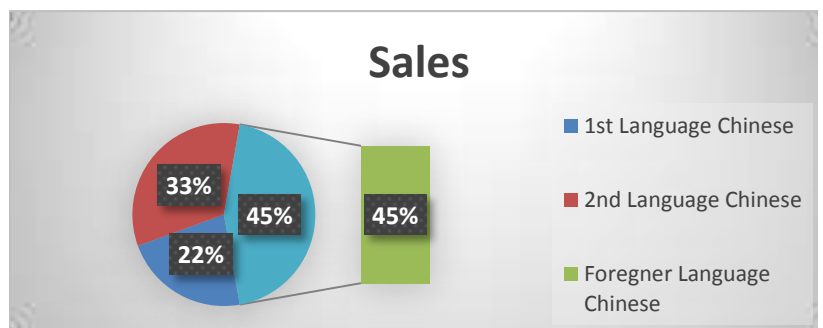
Singapore International School provides IGCSE Chinese course. According Cambridge Assessment, Chinese course has 3 syllabus codes, which apply for different Chinese language level. They are: Chinese as first language (0509), Chinese as second language (0523), and Chinese as foreigner language (0547). Here in SIS we provide all three exam services.

IGCSE Chinese is a two years-long course. In the first year, students are not required to decide the code of their final exam. But they need to determine their own learning goals. Only in the middle of second year, they have to make decision.

In school year of 2017/18, IG 2 Chinese class has 9 students. In the chart below, it shows division about how students determine their aimed exam.



How to improve your English



Parents or students who has questions or interests about IGCSE Chinese, please contact us:

Lin.yujie@saigonsouth.sis.edu.vn

Phillip Lin - Head of Studies (Chinese)



Activities for Teacher's Day



Activities for Teacher's Day



Decoration welcoming Teacher's Day

Dear Parents and Students,

Every year, when Teachers' Day comes, the students and teachers' hearts are filled with joy and excitement. All of us are busy with the activities welcoming the day for all the teachers. This year, there were many activities that were held to celebrate Teachers' Day.

From November 1st to November 10th:

There were competitions held for students from Year 1 – Year 9:

- Students from Year 1 – Year 5 Int'g participated in the handwriting competition where they practiced their handwriting skill with the poetry which praised teachers and the endless effort they have made.
- Drawing teacher's portrait you love the most.
- Writing concerning school, teachers and friends.
- Making postcards to celebrate Vietnamese Teacher's Day.
- Flower arrangements: celebrating teachers (Year 6 – GAC).

Welcoming November 20th:

The early morning of November 17th, in the joyful atmosphere, students from Year 6 – GAC have flower arrangement to show the appreciation towards their teachers. With tradition "Education in high respect" is cultural beauty and humane, which has prompted teachers and students to emulate good teaching – learning.

On Monday afternoon November 20th, all students will participate in activities such as tug of war, building the tower under the supervision of the teachers. Students have felt closely and friendly with their teachers and friends from these games. They cherish school and wish deeply: "Every day is a happy day to go to school".

Besides the activities mentioned above, the students of Year 9 Integrated have achieved 4 prizes (1 second prize, 3 third prizes) in English contest of Binh Chanh DOET. This is the most beautiful presents to give their teachers in the Teachers Day. .

**Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies**



U11 Badminton Team



Mr. Horton (Y5 Int'l) give candies to students in Halloween



Showing "Tom and Jerry" for Kindergarten students in Movie Night

Dear Parents,

Last month was busy for sports teams at Singapore. A number of seasons are coming to an end with City Championships being played. The U19 Volleyball teams did well with the girls finishing 5th and the boys achieving a very impressive 3rd place. Our U14 Basketball teams also played their City Championships, the boys gave a good account of themselves but finished 6th against some very strong opposition. The girls narrowly missed out on a trophy achieving 3rd place. The biggest success of the last month was the astonishing performance of the U11 badminton team at their city championships. Led by new coaches, Ms Vicky and Ms Nhu the team picked up 2 first place trophies out of a possible 3. Hansana and Shenna finished first in the mixed doubles and Linda and Mary convincingly won the girls doubles. The U11 Basketball Championships are taking place on 15th and 16th of November and we all wish them the best of luck!

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator

Dear Parents,

The past month held a few exciting events as it was October, and it was all about Halloween.

October has ended and November is here. We will hold the movie night at the end of November.

Thank you all teachers and students for cooperating and/or participating this month. We hope you all enjoyed the events we organise for you. We aim to do our best yet again for the rest of the school year and many more to come. Thank you.

Student Council