



**SINGAPORE
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**
Since 1986

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 students**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**



Students who won English contest of Binh Chanh DOET

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all in our school community to term 2, 2017/2018 AY. By now all families would have received their child's term 1 progress report. Congratulations to all students for settling in so well to the new academic year and achieving pleasing positive success in their studies. I encourage all parents to be an active participants in the parent teacher conferences which are held each term. Times and dates for the conferences will be communicated to parents via the newsletter, letters to parents and email. Parent teacher conferences are a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child's classroom teacher and discuss student learning and how individual students are progressing in their learning. Please take the time to communicate with your child's teacher and take the opportunity to participate in these parent teacher conferences.

This term the virtues program theme will be that of Organisation. Organisation means planning your time and schedule. Having all your supplies and homework ready for school each day. To be on time for all activities and lessons. Being neat, tidy and well organized at all times. A really important life skill for all. The virtues taught this term will be that of Cooperation, Responsibility, Diligence, Service and Flexibility. A reminder to all parents that a virtues presentation are performed at both junior and senior assemblies each week.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mr. Thomas Annis will join the teaching staff at SIS@SS as Deputy Principal, Pedagogy Coach. A warm welcome is attended to Mr. Tom.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal.

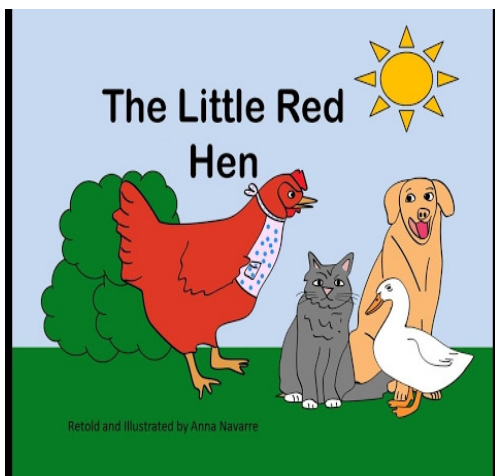
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Door Decoration at Halloween



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Story "The Little Red Hen"

Dear Parents,

With the first term of the school year successfully completed we can take a moment to reflect on our strong start to 2017-18. So far we can say that students are happy and hard-working which are the most important indicators of a positive upbringing. We're excited to build on this as we continue assisting in their educational journey.

The second week of Term 2 (30 October – 2 November) was designated for Parent-Teacher Conferences, with parents encouraged to contact teachers and arrange a time to review and discuss their child's progress. Please know, however, that any time you have questions or concerns you should feel free to schedule a meeting with the teacher(s). We believe that clear, open communication between school and home is vital.

Looking ahead, at the end of Term 2 we will have Semester Exams. Set to take place in early to mid-January, the exams will focus primarily on English, mathematics and science. You may refer to the Table of Specifications for more information about the content covered in each exam.

Thank you again for your continued support as we strive to provide an experience combining Eastern Values with Western Education in developing Global Citizens.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal.

Dear Parents,

We can't believe it is already October! Term 1 has been very busy here in Year 1 International. We have had a great time learning about so many things from phonological awareness, parts of speech and sight words to addition and subtraction within 20 and the differences between living and non-living things.

The children are especially excited about our upcoming assembly performance on the virtue of responsibility. To prepare, we have discussed the meaning and importance of being responsible in school and at home. We have decided to share what we have learned about this virtue through a reader's theater play about *The Little Red Hen* who teaches the other farm animals about the rewards of effort and responsibility in life.



Year 1 International students in weekly Assembly



Junior Students in the Assembly



Students playing in Sport Day

We will be taking the stage in the Hall at 8:45 on Tuesday 14th November. We hope to see you there!

Lindsay Stanford – Teacher of Y1 International

Dear Parents,

This year our school is continuing to use the Buddy program. There are many benefits to students of all ages who are a part of the Buddy program. For younger students they have the opportunity to practice speaking English with their Buddy in a safe and welcoming environment. They also have the chance to practice their reading and writing skills as well. Older students have the benefit of becoming a mentor or an older friend on campus for a younger student. This instills both a leadership role for the older student, as well as another person the younger student feels comfortable with. The Buddy program not only works on reading, speaking and writing skills, but also expands to additional friendships across campus as well.

Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1 – Y5)

Dear Parents,

Through August and September, the current year's curriculum is well under way, and soon students will be able to produce a report to help you better understand their progress in the classroom. Assessment activities enacted by the teachers test not only the students' ability to learn for a test, but also their ability to present work in an oral format, role play situations, research topics and demonstrate core and cultural values of Singapore International School. In term 2, parents will have the opportunity to meet with their teachers and discuss their son/daughter's progress, and I encourage you to do so.

Sports wise, our senior teams have been performing exceptionally well in Boy's U19 Volleyball and Girl's U19 Volleyball, and we are looking forward to seeing a strong showing in the Championships later next term. Student Council has also put in a large opening effort to the year and organised a great Spirit Week event. Many more great events are planned for parents and students to enjoy, such as Halloween and Christmas fair.

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High School)



Students show lanterns in Mid-Autumn Festival



Lion Dance in Mid-Autumn Festival



Viet Hoa shooting a jump shot against AMIS

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Mid-Autumn Festival!

In order to help students understand well the meaning of Mid-Autumn Festival and to help students to become skillful, the form teachers of each class instructed students to make beautiful lanterns. The students showed these on the stage. The school displayed the lanterns of each class in the hall and along the corridor.

Lion Dance was a playful activity for 6 students from Year 4 and Year 6, the students practiced and performed at the Mid-Autumn Festival.

The students from Year 7 to GAC / A / AS representing 4 houses: Firebird, Kitsune, Nue and Dragon made Moon cakes, decorated fruits and then display them on the fruit tray together. The most beautiful fruit tray received the award from school. After that the students enjoyed Mid-Autumn party.

I wish all students are happy in the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

There is currently a huge amount of sport happening at SIS. The U11 girls and boys basketball teams are starting to get into their stride and are improving with every game. The U14 girls basketball team have had back to back wins and are starting to look strong going into the championships. The U14 boys basketball team have had some tough fixtures, they are playing well and scoring lots of points but are still searching for their first victory. The major highlight of the last month was Ethan scoring from half court on the buzzer! As always the Table Tennis team is very strong at SIS, they hosted BVIS and came out 19-6 winners. Team captain and MVP for the match, Derek, was in excellent form winning all his matches and even beating the BVIS coach in an exhibition game at the end of the tournament.

Sports day happened on Friday 13th October. Students came to school in their house team colors!

- Juniors 9:30am – 11:30am
- Seniors 13:00pm – 15:00pm

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator



Happy Halloween

Dear Parents,

Halloween is coming up!

There will be a lot of exciting events going on this October, all involving both seniors and juniors students and school's staffs.

On Monday 30th "Hallway of Horrors" for seniors, dive into the Halloween atmosphere be prepared to be challenged in solving puzzles and finding clues. On Tuesday 31st "Trick or Treating" for juniors and "Costume Parade" for all school, have fun and dress up in different Halloween characters and perform at the fashion show.

Please refer to your child's teacher for additional details. Feel free to contact Student council, as well, for more information.

Student Council wishes everyone to have a fun time!

Bao Ngoc – Student Council Member