



NEWSLETTER



High school Students during OBV Program

Dear Parents,

Since the last newsletter we have had a number of high school students from SIS@SS, attend the Outward Bound Vietnam outdoor experiential learning programs at Binh Dinh province. These programs aim to help students recognise their true potential through adventure, challenges, service and discovery.

Our school newsletters each month, will aim to inform all parents, of the OBV programs being offered and the classes that will attend. Exciting, positive learning experiences for all in our school community.

The recently celebrated Mid-Autumn festival was a huge success at SIS@SS. The many challenging learning activities were positively participated in by all students and the school looked spectacular with the displays from the festival. A big thank you to Mdm. Minh and her hardworking committee for the success of the festival.

Parents are reminded that end of term progress reports will go home early next term, followed by Parent Teacher Interviews. Dates and times of the interviews will be shared with all families early in Term 2, 2018.

A request to all families that student school documentation should always be kept up to date. If your child's information has changed recently, please let the school office know as soon as possible.

A note of thanks to all those parents who have made a pleasing effort with the collecting of students at dismissal time. The school campus is closed at 5.00pm and there is no supervision of students. Your assistance and cooperation has been much appreciated.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal

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Dear Parents,

The first term of the school year is coming to a close. That will bring Progress Reports, brief summaries of your child's proficiency and progress. These will be sent home after we return from the Term Break, which takes place October 15-19. As a follow-up to the Progress Reports we will invite you to make an appointment during the week of November 5-9 to come to campus for a Parent-Teacher Conference. This will be time formally set aside to review work your child has completed identify their strengths, as well as discuss ways they can improve.

You may have noticed a change recently to our morning routine in an effort to better look after student safety. When children come to campus prior to 8:00 they are asked to sit on the steps in front of the Office so as to be within sight of our Security Guards. From 8:00-8:25 the students may move around in the Courtyard or Canteen, chatting, playing ball games, etc. At 8:25 the bell rings to announce that students may proceed to classrooms.

Another change you should be aware of is that the After School Vietnamese lessons have begun. Required by the Department of Education and Training as a way to ensure children who are Vietnamese nationals studying in an international program, they are a wonderful opportunity for children to improve fluency in their first language while gaining important cultural knowledge.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have questions about anything please feel free to make an appointment to come in for a chat.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal



Mid-Autumn Festival Activities

Dear Parents,

Here is some information to support you to continue having educational chats with your children.

Students, please let everyone at school know, by your chosen 'actions', this is a fresh new year for you to continue to learn and positively grow. There is no need to hunch over your books or shuffle with your head down while walking around in our shared learning community. You can stand up straight and proud, walk tall, and let your books feel like they are in splendid learner hands!

SIS-Students are respectful in classes, friendly in the hall, say hello to friends, and express greater greetings to new people they encounter along the way. We are all school ambassadors and help to establish a safe, fun, inclusive and productive learning community, where everybody learns.

If you are new to SIS, please keep in mind that there are other new school members too and kind returning students to help you to quickly settle in to our school's caring culture and wonderful learning climate. ECA's are an abundant bonus to make new friends and participate in diverse learning that you select with support from teachers and parents. Please take advantage of all learning paths that SIS offers you. OBV is another example of authentic education for all participants. Our High School students and teachers, who just returned from OBV, give it a double thumbs up!

Having wonderful friends and study partners this year will boost your confidence, and you will have an amazing time at school! Select to be a friendly person and look for friendly people in class, at lunch, in the courtyard... We are off to a fabulous start and planning to keep moving forward in a marvelous learning direction incorporating STEM education.

So please decide right away (NOW!!) that you will put some honest effort into it. If you discover that you have a difficult time focusing when studying alone or at home, see if you can find a study partner, or even better, a study group. You may be surprised at how much your study improves when you have someone else to quiz you and how much less nervous you are about test.

Please do not be shy about asking for help. Top learning results often begin by asking a question.

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Flag Raising in Opening Day



Activities during Mid-Autumn Festival



Dear Parents,

Several weeks into the new term, and the High School students have settled in quite nicely. Teachers have had our meet and greet with parents, and hopefully been able to answer most questions based on their son's/daughter's curriculum for this year.

The most exciting part of this month had to be the OBV excursion. Our whole High School was invited to be the first group from our school to attend, for a whole week. Great fun was had by all, as students rock climbed, hiked, abseiled and learnt about various survival techniques necessary for the wilderness. Excursions like these are an opportunity for students to engage and learn in an alternate setting, and pick up life skills that simply cannot be taught inside a classroom.

We hope that the other groups, going on the course later in this academic year, will have as much fun as our High School did.

Dear Parents,

The students have been at school for 6 weeks now. It is a busy time! After first week, getting to know new teachers and new friends, but nowadays, the students are familiar with the classrooms, teachers' voices as well as teachers' lessons. The children learn, play with each other, having fun. School likes a second home.

We hold extra activities besides the lessons, teach children more about the Vietnamese traditional festivals.

Welcome to the Mid – Autumn Festival, it helps the students understand the meaning of the full moon. The form teachers would guide students to homemade lanterns by small ingenious hands. Then, they will be paraded at assembly.

Y5 – GAC students will display fruit and cakes under teachers' instructions. This will be a great learning experience for all.

Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies



Activities during OBV Course



Dear Parents,

This year our teachers are incorporating STEM projects throughout their lessons. STEM enhances problem solving skills, works toward greater understanding of knowledge, and instills innovation and creativity.

The Year 3 International and Year 3 Integrated classes have completed two STEM projects this year during their Buddy class time.

First, the students worked together in small groups to make a catapult out of tongue depressors, rubber bands and a plastic spoon. With only those materials, the students had to create a successful, self-standing catapult. Next, the students and teachers spent a few weeks collecting recycled materials in their households to use for the second STEM project. This project consisted of creating 3-4 different types of musical instruments in their small groups.

Both the students and teachers are enjoying these lessons. They are eagerly looking forward to the next one!

Danielle Hoyer - Head of Studies (Y1 – Y5)



Getting into the class



Kindergarten Students during the lesson

Dear Parents,

Year 1 International is off to a great start this year! We have been reviewing the phonological awareness and phonics skills that students learned in Prep.

We are now preparing to launch our Writing Workshop next month. During Writing Workshop, students will develop key strategies to help them become more effective and confident writers. Our first area of focus will be on "Small Moments." Students will learn how to write stories using their personal experiences as inspiration. We look forward to showing off our improved writing skills throughout the year.

In the meantime, families can help at home by encouraging their children to tell stories about small, everyday experiences such as going to a movie or making a snack. Asking questions about your child's stories will help them to incorporate greater detail to make their stories more interesting and informative.

Lindsay Stanford – Head of Studies (Kindergarten)

Dear Parents,

It has been a brilliant start to the year for SIS sports. One of the m dents and as many teams competing in the SISAC league ain aims of sports teams at SIS is to have as many stu as possible.

This year the numbers are looking very good with U14 girls football, U19 girls basketball and U11 cross country all being added as new teams. In season one, which runs from August to November, the teams competing are U19 Volleyball, U19 Table Tennis, U14 Basketball, U11 Football and U11 Cross country.

Both boys and girls basketball has started very strongly with 2 wins from 2 matches. U11 boys football again has huge numbers allowing for a B team, the boys looked impressive in their first match with a convincing 4-1 win. Could it be their year?

There are lots of sporting fixtures coming up in the next few months. If you want to keep track of sports at SIS you can find all the information in the weekly sports round up which is displayed on the PE noticeboard outside the hall and also shared on the facebook page.

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator

Dear Parents and Students,

The Student Council will soon have openings for those students wishing to join our new team. For the moment we are proud to share our amazing Mission, Vision and Values!

Student Council Mission Statement

The SIS@SS Student Council is a school-wide organization to bring inspiration giving students a voice to instill good life-long values; to promote involvement, leadership, service, and stewardship in the school community.

Student Council Vision Statement

Students will learn to model the democratic process through cooperation with the objective of affecting positive change in students' lives.

Student Council Objectives

The purpose of Student Council is to promote pride, spirit, service, and achievement in our school.

Student Council Values

- ✓ Kindness
- ✓ Accountability
- ✓ Cooperation
- ✓ Creativity

And check out our wonderful motto:

BEE THE CHANGE!

Angela Guidici - High school Teacher



Sporting Activities

