



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

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Dear Parents,

With the conclusion of last month's Semester Exams, all parents have had the opportunity this month to meet with your child's teachers at your convenience, to discuss their progress, as well as plans for further improvement. If you missed this opportunity, please know that you are welcome to schedule such meetings at any time throughout the year, whether to share concerns or receive progress updates.

TET is fast approaching! We look forward to hosting all parents and students at our annual SIS TET festival, to be held on Thursday, 5 February. There will be plenty of traditional games, blended with modern activities, for you to enjoy with your children.



For your TET planning, a reminder that there will be no lessons from Monday, 16 February to Friday, 27 February, with lessons resuming on Monday, 2 March.

Please continue reading for more details on what exciting activities our various departments within the school have been up to, in January.

We wish you a healthy and prosperous Year of the Horse.

Best regards,
**Donovan Ryan Neethling, Med
Principal**



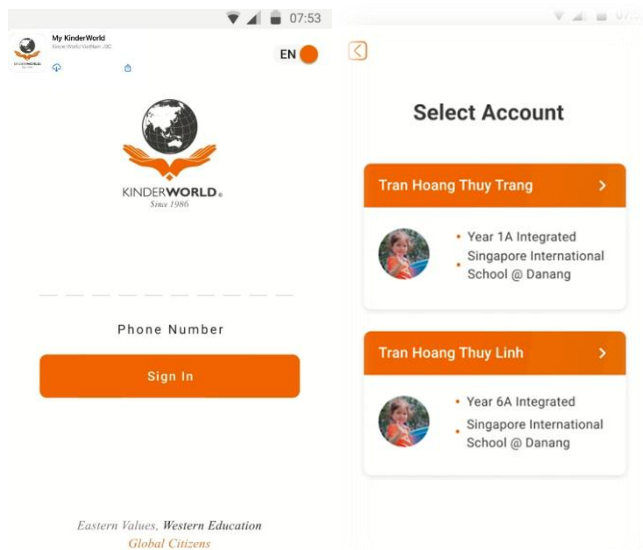
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Deputy Principal

One of the things that makes our learning community so vibrant is the connection between home and school. The My Kinderworld App plays a big part in making that connection possible, and I wanted to take a moment to share just how much value it brings to our families.



Each week, Form Teachers post class updates with photos that give you a glimpse into your child's learning. Coaches and event organizers do the same for sports, performances, and special activities. It is a lovely way to see your child in action and to start conversations at home about what they have been doing at school. Many parents tell us these photos are one of their favorite parts of the week.

Beyond classroom news, the app is also where we share whole-school announcements for events like the Christmas Charity Fair and the

upcoming TET holiday celebration. If you use the school bus service, you may already know about the bus monitoring feature, which lets you track your child's journey safely and conveniently.



In Semester 2, we will be adding even more helpful content to the app, including key resources and information to support learning at home. Our aim is to make the app an essential part of staying connected to your child's education.

If you have not explored the app in a while, I encourage you to take a few minutes to scroll through the latest posts. There is always something new to discover, and your engagement helps strengthen the partnership between home and school that makes such a difference for our students.

Wishing all our families a joyful TET holiday season!

Best regards,
Joshua Lowery

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Head of Vietnamese

Following the Christmas holiday break, students across the school have resumed Semester II with a positive and focused mindset.



Alongside academic learning, the school continues to place strong emphasis on developing students' life skills. In January, Primary students participated in the "Emergency Escape and Safety Skills" workshop, organised in collaboration with Ròng Việt Life Skills Company. Through engaging, hands-on activities, students were equipped with practical knowledge and essential safety skills.



Meanwhile, Year 8 Secondary students took part in the OBV Life Skills Programme in Gia Lai province, where they developed key competencies such as teamwork, survival skills, cooperation, and adaptability in a group environment. In addition, students across the school actively participated in Book Week, helping to promote and strengthen a culture of reading within our school community.

Looking ahead to February, students from Year 4 and above will undertake the Mid-Semester II assessments in accordance with the regulations of HCMC DOET. The school kindly seeks the cooperation of parents in supporting their children to develop effective revision plans, helping them achieve the best possible results.

Best regards,
Vuong Y Binh



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Head of Studies Primary

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Everyone has returned to school refreshed, and Semester 2 has begun on a very positive note.

As we approach Tết, our school assemblies have focused on learning about the Lunar New Year. Students have explored the traditions, activities, and foods enjoyed in Vietnam during this special time, helping them develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of its cultural significance.



We were also delighted to welcome back the Book Fair. Students thoroughly enjoyed browsing the wide range of books and stationery, further encouraging a love of reading and literacy across the school. In addition, students are already actively participating in sporting events, and we look forward to another exciting month filled with both sporting and academic achievements.

Best Regards,
Billy Hare

Head of Studies - Secondary

After the holiday break we kicked off Semester 2. There is a distinct energy in the air this month—a mix of fresh starts and the ambitious goals that come with a new Semester.



Transitioning back to a full academic load can be a jolt to the system, so we are working with students to move beyond simple "to-do lists" and toward intentional scheduling. The goal is to help our Secondary and High Schoolers balance rigorous academics with much-needed downtime. We encourage parents to ask their students about the organizational strategies they are implementing this week.

Communication is also key. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is the foundation for student achievement. To stay fully informed on your child's academic progress, daily assignments, and upcoming activities, we encourage you to regularly consult both KWapp and Edupage.

Regards,
Ryan Dalton



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Kindergarten Lead Teacher

Theme of the Month: Animals

This month, our young learners are exploring the wonderful world of Animals. Through stories, songs, creative art, and hands-on play, children will learn about a wide range of animals—from small insects and familiar pets to ocean creatures, reptiles, rare animals, and even prehistoric dinosaurs. These experiences support early language development, curiosity, and an understanding of the world around us.

Families can support learning at home by reading animal-themed books together, talking about animal sounds and habitats, counting

animals in toys or books, and encouraging children to draw or pretend to move like their favorite animals. Simple conversations such as “Which animal is big?” or “Where does it live?” help deepen understanding.

Through this theme, children also learn to care for living things and develop kindness and respect for animals and nature. Thank you for partnering with us to support your child’s learning journey at home and at school.

Best regards,

Le Trang Nhung

