



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

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Dear Parents,

Students, with the support of our teachers and staff, have jumped straight back into their learning and school life, after we hope was an enjoyable TET holiday for all families.



March was a very academically focused time, that ended with our second round of standardized classroom-based assessments. These assessments are vital for benchmarking and checking student progress. They also allow students and parents another point at which they can directly compare their ability to international Cambridge Standards, particularly in English and Literacy.



We also held our second sports day of the year in March, and will end the month with our annual International Day and Culture Fest. We hope to see you there, enjoying a student led world tour of 12 countries and trying out some traditional snacks from many countries around the world.

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

Best regards,

**Donovan Ryan Neethling, Med
Principal**



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Deputy Principal

As Term 3 comes to a close, we look forward to one of the most important events in our school year, the End of Year Concert (EOYC). For our students, it is a moment of transition, a chance to reflect on the year and celebrate how far they have come.



The performing arts are a core part of our holistic learning program. When students prepare for a concert, they build confidence, learn to work together, and develop skills that go well beyond the stage. The EOYC gives every student a meaningful way to show what they have learned.

Preparations are already underway and each theme has been carefully selected to match the profile of each group of students. Right after the Term break, classes will begin working on their costumes, and the process will continue to build from there with rehearsals and combined performances across year levels. It is a journey that the whole school takes together, and it is always exciting to watch it come to life.

This year, we are pleased to be returning to a familiar venue, and the concert will take place in June. Further details will be shared with families soon.



The EOYC is also our annual awards ceremony, where we take the time to recognize student achievements across academic, athletic, and personal development areas. We hope families will join us to share in that celebration and to see our student's shine.

More details will follow in the coming months, and we look forward to celebrating with our school community.

Best regards,
Joshua Lowery



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Head of Vietnamese

After the Tết holiday, students returned to school with a positive and enthusiastic attitude toward learning. Students in Grades 4, 5, and Lower Secondary have completed their Semester II mid-term assessments and are continuing with their academic programme as well as other school activities for the remainder of the school year. At the same time, teachers are strengthening revision to ensure students are well prepared for the upcoming Semester II final examinations.



During March, the school collaborated with Nestlé to implement a milk distribution programme and organize several beneficial activities for Primary students. In addition, Lower Secondary students participated in a special seminar entitled “Mental Health Care and Positive Personal Development” led by PhD. Mai Mỹ Hạnh, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Psychology at Ho Chi Minh City University of Education.

Through these experiential and sharing activities, the school hopes that students not only enjoy meaningful moments of fun and connection with their friends, but also gain valuable lessons to support their personal growth and development.

Best regards,
Vuong Y Binh



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Head of Studies Primary

This has been another enjoyable and exciting month for Primary! The whole school came together to watch the U19 boys play football against the Canadian International School. It was a fantastic event that everyone thoroughly enjoyed, creating a real sense of excitement as well as unity, with all year groups joining together to cheer on Singapore International School.



It has also been a busy period beyond the classroom, as all classes took part in excursions to a variety of venues. Students had a wonderful time engaging in hands-on activities, bringing their learning to life through these memorable experiences.

In addition, all Primary classes completed their final Classroom-Based Assessments for English. These assessments provide teachers with valuable data to support students in improving their weaker areas as they prepare for the Semester 2 exams.

Looking ahead, on Friday 27th, all of the children will enjoy a range of fun activities for International Day—a well-deserved reward for all of their hard work!

Best Regards,
Billy Hare



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Head of Studies - Secondary

March has been a remarkable month of balance within the Secondary and High School, defined by a transition between rigorous academic focus and vibrant community celebration. Our students have shown impressive spirit as they balanced intense study requirements with high energy events.

A core focus this month was Control Week, providing a structured environment for students to consolidate their learning. This rigorous assessment period highlighted the impressive academic progress being made across all year groups. For our IGCSE 2, AS, and A-Level cohorts, the intensity has naturally shifted upward. These students are now in the final stages of preparation for the upcoming Cambridge Mock Exams, scheduled for the first and third weeks of April. We encourage a structured revision approach during the upcoming break to ensure they feel confident and prepared.



Beyond the classroom, our recent excursions provided vital real-world context to our studies. We also celebrated two major events: Sports Day, which showcased incredible teamwork and house spirit, and International Day, a beautiful tribute to the global diversity that strengthens our school.

We are incredibly proud of how our students have handled this busy term. Thank you for your continued support as we head into a critical examination period.

Regards,
Ryan Dalton

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Kindergarten Lead Teacher

Theme of the Month: Plants

In March, our KIK students are exploring the amazing world of Plants. Through stories, songs, hands-on exploration, and creative art activities, children will learn what plants need to grow, discover the plant life cycle, and recognize familiar fruits and vegetables that we eat. They will also begin to understand how plants help people and the environment.

Children will explore key concepts such as sunlight, water, soil, and care, helping them understand how plants grow from seeds into strong and healthy plants. By observing real plants and engaging in simple planting activities, children build curiosity, patience, and

early science skills while strengthening their language development.

Families can support learning at home by planting seeds together, watering plants, talking about fruits and vegetables during meals, or reading plant-themed books. Simple conversations such as, “What does the plant need?”, “Which fruits do we eat?”, or “How do plants help us?” will help deepen children’s understanding.

Thank you for being part of our learning garden! With your support, our young learners will continue to grow, explore, and blossom every day.

Best regards,

Le Trang Nhung

