



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024

## Dear Parents,

On a daily basis throughout the school year we are fortunate to see students increasing their academic knowledge, becoming more confident communicators, thinking critically about problems to develop solutions, demonstrating good citizenship through social responsibility, and effectively using technology. By meeting these learning goals they are preparing themselves for a bright and successful future.

This would not be possible without your continual support, for your children as well as the school. The confidence you place in the quality of educational experience provided by SIS Saigon South is greatly appreciated. Your willingness to share suggestions, your feedback regarding further improvements, and willingness to come to campus for special events all help in promoting a partnership between school and home for the benefit of students.

MOET exams have concluded, with those for SIS Semester 2 and Cambridge soon to be complete as well. Already we are seeing the outcome of months of hard work from students and teachers. Soon we will be able to announce our Principal's Honor Roll, comprised of all students who have attained an "A" average, along with the Academic or Subject Champion for each class.

We also look forward to your attendance at the annual Graduation & Awards Ceremony and School Concert on Saturday 22 June at the Ho Chi Minh City Opera House. This event allows us to celebrate students who have reached a milestone in their educational journey, achieved excellent academic results, or demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship or citizenship. In addition, classes will perform a concert item aligned with the theme "Carnival Life", something



to show how festivals from around the bring people together.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school Office.

Yours in Learning,

**Robert Madden**  
Principal

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“As our last sporting season wrapped up, we had some excellent performances across all teams and sports, and even brought home a well-deserved trophy!

Our U11 Tball team showed how teamwork can make the difference. With a good showing on their offensive and defensive game, this team won all 4 games at the City Championships and were crowned Champions! Congratulations to our U11 Tball team.

U11 Boys Basketball and U15 Girls Volleyball also had a strong showing. U11 Basketball achieved Third Place in their City Championships, and the Girls Volleyball ended their season with a strong friendly match vs SSIS. Well done to all of our sports stars.



As we close out this academic year, we are still looking forward to some great events. On Friday, 31 May, the students will celebrate Children’s day with many fun and engaging activities. We also have our End Of Year Concert with the theme of ‘Carnivals’ scheduled for 22 June. We hope to see you all there!”

**Donovan Neethling**  
Deputy Principal



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The month of May marks the peak of the semester II exams. With teachers' support, students have been actively reviewing and consolidating their knowledge to ensure they are well-prepared and confident for the examination season.

Year 7 integrated students had a week to join the OBV (Outdoor Bound Vietnam) in Ha Long City. Besides the valuable skills gained from the program, it will surely be one of their most unforgettable and wonderful experiences during their school days.

We would like to give our best wishes to all students for their end-of-year results to meet their expectations, reflecting the efforts they have put in throughout the school year.

**Vuong Y Binh**  
**Head of Vietnamese Studies**

In Kindergarten, we spent the month of May exploring different cultures. We learned about traditional costumes, discovered famous places and typical food from other countries, and learnt to recognize some flags.

In phonics, our youngsters are completing the last few sounds of the alphabet, while our older students have been focusing on improving their reading skills by blending letter sounds to make simple words as well as reading phrases and sentences.

Recent weeks have been spent assessing our students' knowledge to complete the Semester 2 report cards and practicing the choreography in preparation for the End of the Year Concert. The new format of Integrated and International classes combined to perform a chosen song together on stage has been a welcomed and joyful new experience.

**Barbara Borberly – Head of Studies (KIK)**





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**Dear Parents,**

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to remind you that Semester 2 exams for primary students will take place from the 24th to the 30th of May. Please ensure that your child is well-prepared for these assessments.

We are thrilled to report that our recent Green Turtle Hero event for Years 1-5, sponsored by RMIT and the U.S. Consulate, was a great success. The event was designed to increase the students' understanding of environmental protection. The students had a fantastic time participating in various educational and fun activities, furthering their knowledge of the importance of safeguarding our environment.



We look forward to more exciting events and activities in the month of June, including our Children's Day celebration and Culture Fest. Thank you for your continued support.

**Linsay Stanford – Head of Studies (Primary)**

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**Dear Parents,**

As we near the end of another academic year, it's time to celebrate our students' tremendous achievements. This month, we spotlight two groups that have truly excelled.

First, NEO, which replaced DynEd, was introduced this year. This AI-guided program has become a valuable addition to our English language curriculum. Years 8 and 9 have consistently scored the highest in secondary school, and two middle school students are the first to complete the program entirely. Their dedication inspires all.

Another significant change this year was the establishment of the Student Leadership Council (SLC) for High School students. They have excelled at hosting various events, setting a high standard for all. Their efforts have brought activities to younger students and strengthened the bond between the two school sections. This commitment continues through June with three scheduled events.



Our younger and older secondary students have much to be proud of, and we continue to be eager to build on their successes.

**Joshua Lowery**  
**Head of Studies (Secondary)**