

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Term 3 at SIS@SS continues its learning journey at a very fast pace with positive learning experiences for the entire SIS@SS school community. Recent school celebrations have been enjoyed by all.

The TinkRworks company visit was a popular hands on experience for those teachers and students who were fortunate to attend this highly interactive workshop. Our guests from Chicago showed us how to code and assemble a Robot. "If only they could stay longer" one student replied.

Some of our ECA groups this term have taken on a STEM focus. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. We will be hearing and learning a lot more about STEM.

The recent Book week celebrations were a huge success. A big Bravo to Ms. Danielle and her committee for an outstanding action-packed week focused on reading. No doubt recent Facebook and website activity will highlight the positive learning experiences for all who participated in the book week celebrations.

A reminder to make sure all parents and friends pop in and have a look at the school's new outdoor sporting field. It is proving very popular with both staff and students. A big thank you to school management for this great school improvement.

Classes are busily beginning to prepare for this year school concert. The concert date this year will be the 24th of June. The theme is Lights, Camera, Action! The concert will be celebrated on Sunday this year and times will be shared in the next school newsletter.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal



TinkRworks introduces their Robot

Dear Parents,

As we move through Term 3 you may notice that things seem to go more quickly. This can lead to feeling of stress or anxiety in students. To avoid this please encourage your child to get plenty of rest and regular physical activity.

A few notes:

Campus Supervision

During the school day students are invited to use their break times to play in the Courtyard (basketball, four-square, tag, volleyball), Field (football/soccer), or Playground (climbing, swings, etc.). In addition, after lessons are finished they may also play in the Courtyard. However, supervision is not available on the Field or Playground, and so children may not use those facilities unless part of an organized activity with a teacher present. Please understand this is for safety reasons, and reinforce it with your child.

Term Break

SIS @ Saigon South will have a break between Terms 3 & 4 from Wednesday 25 April to Tuesday 1 May. These dates include several public holidays. There will be school Monday 23 and Tuesday 24, with classes resuming Wednesday May 2.

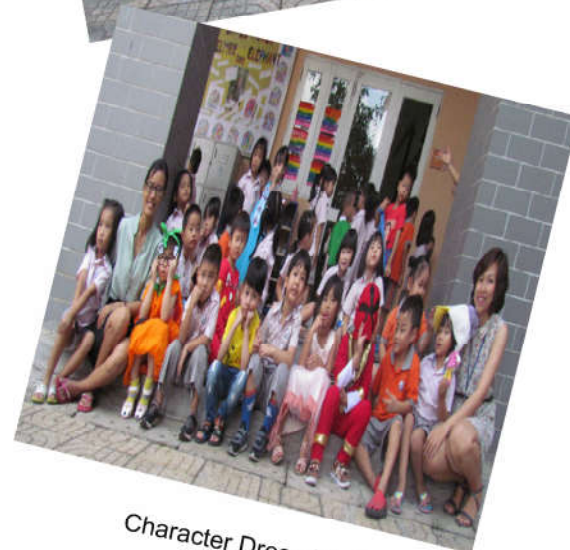
Exams

For your planning purposes, the Semester 2 exams (SA2) for students in Years 1-9 will take place from May 21 to June 1, while the Cambridge exams for students in IGCSE2, AS/A Levels span 30 April to 14 June (consult your child's schedule for further details). Students are unable to sit the SA2 early, but if they are away from school they can take exams upon return. Cambridge has strict limitations, so if there is a chance your child will miss an exam please check with her/his Form Teacher as soon as possible.

Should you have questions or concerns please feel free to make an appointment to discuss.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal



Character Dress-Up Day



Dear Students and Parents,

My last article reminded all students that it was a splendid time to create individual learning 'to-do' lists. Included tasks were to be based on learning results measured in performance data from Semester One. Was this done?

We are now well into Semester Two and our final yearly learning term will soon be here. This is an important time to pause and check leaning developments by reflecting on data. Many of the earlier 'To-Do' list items should be successfully achieved, leaving room to add new items to take their place.

Continuing to explicitly track individual student learning progress will help students to appropriately goal set for the final learning session of this academic school year. Our School Wide Learning Goals support this behavior. Parents, please recognize your students' accomplishments and celebrate all they've learned together. Students, please make time to reflect on your own growth, and set strategic learning goals for next term. We all learn best together.

Respectfully,

Thomas Annis - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful time celebrating Reading Month with a week of literacy-themed activities. But, the fun doesn't stop here at school. Reading at home with your kids will enhance your child's daily experiences at school and other areas of their life. When students are given the opportunity to read at school and at home, it helps them to become more aware of the world around them and develop a lifelong love for reading and learning. Here are some reading strategies to use at home with your child:

- Ask your child to think about whether the story is fiction or non-fiction.
- Ask your child to recall the order of events in the story
- Ask your child to point out text features such as: headings, table of contents, glossary, bold words, photographs, page numbers and captions.
- Ask your child to retell the story in their own words.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten).

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Kindergarten! It has been such busy weeks after a long Tet holiday as the children got back to their classroom routines, time expectations and curriculum materials. The first few weeks of school are always tiring and challenging for Kindergarten students. We are amazed at the progress each child has made as they transitioned through each term. Our main focus for the month of March is identifying the characters and settings in various read aloud books. We also introduced the parts of a book: title, author, and illustrator, cover, and pages. During Book Week theme, the children were having fun visiting Book Fair, making their own bookmarks and showing and telling about their favorite books. Below are some suggestions to help your child improve at home:

- ❖ Spend a few minutes each week reviewing alphabet letters and word wall words so your child begins to readily recognize them. Search for letters/ words in books and magazines to write sentences if possible.
- ❖ Have your child practice tying their own shoes and button their own shirt.
- ❖ Have your child practice writing their name only one capital letter and all the rest of the letters lowercase.

Le Trang Nhung – K2 Integrated Teacher

Dear Parents,

Term 3 has been a very busy time for sport at SIS with a number of teams finishing their seasons and a number of new teams just getting started. The U14 boys football team finished their season with a tournament in the blistering heat at SSIS. The boys have had a fantastic season, showing excellent team spirit and camaraderie. The more experienced players in the team really helped the new players a lots.

Singapore hosted the U19 Ping Pong championships and once again the SIS team were victorious, led by their captain Derek. As in the U14 championships he won all his matches as seed 1 confirming his status as the best Ping Player in Ho Chi Minh. In a dramatic twist the tournament finished in a tie between Singapore and SSIS, this meant Derek had to have a playoff match between the SSIS team captain. Watched by a crowd of over 50 people our cool headed captain won the play off 2-0 to add yet another table tennis trophy to the cabinet.

Andrew Smith - Athletic Coordinator



Dear Parents,

Student Council is proud to organize our school's annual Culture Fest. Held on March 30, Culture Fest is when our school community celebrates cultural diversity, experiencing food, drinks, and activities from all over the world. This year there were 13 countries represented. We also had breathtaking performances and, of course, a colourful fashion show.

Thanks to the many parents and family members who attended and helped to make the Culture Fest such an enjoyable, educational experience.

We eagerly welcome parents, teachers, and students to join in these kinds of special events. If you are interested in getting involved in the future please, contact the school reception for more details.

We look forward to many more wonderful learning experiences together.

Bao Ngoc - Student Council member



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