



NEWSLETTER

October 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 2 of the 2019-20 AY. This term looks like being a very busy term. This Newsletter will highlight important dates and events for Term 2 but please continue to check your child's student diary for news and updates of what is happening both in the classroom and at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some important events and celebrations for this Term.

United Nation's Day.

Classes have decorated their noticeboards and have prepared mini presentations concerning world heritage sites around the world. Please come and visit your child's classroom to witness these wonderful learning displays.

Teacher's Day.

Teacher day celebrations is fast approaching. Make sure you have marked the date, 20th of November on your calendar.

Progress Reports.

Progress reports went home in week 3 of Term 2, 2019. Students are to be congratulated on their pleasing growth in their learning so far this year.

Parent - Teacher Conferences.

A reminder that Parent - Teacher Conferences will take place in week 3 of Term 2. Communication has been sent to all families outlining the days and dates for the Parent - Teacher Conferences.

Semester 1 Examinations.

Students will continue to prepare for the end of Semester 1 examinations that will take place prior to the Christmas break.

OBV.

Year 6 students have just returned from a very successful and rewarding OBV experience. Great photos of this popular outdoor learning experience for students will be highlighted in this edition of the school Newsletter.

School Virtues Program.

This term's virtues theme will be that of Organization. Virtues of cooperation, responsibility, diligence, service, flexibility will be shared and presented at weekly assemblies along with the School Wide Learner Goals.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal



Year 6 Students participating in
OBV course

Dear Parents,

As we begin Term 2 many of you may be thinking ahead to semester exams. For your planning purposes please be advised that this year they will be prior to Christmas Break, from December 9-20. While it is a bit earlier than usual, teachers will make sure that all of the content that will be on each exam, as noted in the Table of Specifications, will be covered.

Speaking of exams, something you can do at home to help improve the overall academic success of your child is to encourage reading. This is because strong reading skills promote learning across all subject areas. There are many ways you can support reading at home. One is to set aside time each evening for everyone in the house to turn off the television, mobile phone, etc. and read. Doing so will model for the children that reading is important and enjoyable, not just something to be done at school. Another is to have regular story time, where either you read aloud to your children or you have them read to you (or other family members). For younger children this gives them an opportunity to hear proper pronunciation as they follow along to a book, while older students can improve their fluency and speaking. If you would like recommendations for reading materials please check with your child's teacher or Ms. Hien, our Librarian.

If you have questions about how we can strengthen the home-school learning connection, please don't hesitate to ask.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).

Dear Parents,

Ensuring the health and safety of all SIS students is our top priority.

At this time of year, when the seasons are changing, it becomes more important to consider the health and hygiene of your child's environment and daily habits. Predominantly, we are always on 'the alert' for HFMD – Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease, Conjunctivitis ('Pink Eye'), and other illnesses. Please remain aware and vigilant when monitoring your child's symptoms and assist us in avoiding any contagious contaminant getting into the school. Information about HFMD is available as a reminder to all.

If either HFMD, Conjunctivitis, or other illness is suspected, please note:

- All suspected cases are reported to the School Nurse.
- If confirmed the student must be sent home until the infection is cleared.
- The student may return to school with a medical note indicating they are no longer infectious.

Remember, prevention is always the best cure:

- Wash hands regularly – these diseases can be passed easily from hands and on surfaces.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in support of keeping SIS @ Saigon South a safe, healthy and hygienic environment for all students and staff.

Caroline Atkinson – Deputy Principal



Kindergarten students are happy
with Halloween Celebration



Dear Parents,

Throughout Term 2, the KIK classes will be learning about the virtue of responsibility. The children will be learning how to show responsibility in caring for people and things and knowing the importance of doing the right thing.

One way to help your child develop responsibility at home is to give them jobs to do such as setting the table, feeding pets, cleaning up their toys, or helping to fold clothes. It can be difficult to leave these tasks to a child knowing that an adult could complete them so much more quickly and easier. However, these chores are a valuable learning experience for children that will help them to master skills, learn how to manage their time, and develop a sense of pride in their accomplishments. At school, your child will continue to develop their sense of responsibility by improving self-care skills, and cleaning and caring for their classroom environment.



OBV activities for Year 6 Students

Dear Parents,

Our graduating class went on a field trip on the last day of term, to Vietopia. Here they managed to release some stress from a very busy first term, as well as still learning some good extracurricular skills and team building in the process. They will also be attending OBV in the next few months, along with IGCSE 1, and they are all very eager for this trip.

Term 2 will also be a busy term yet fun, as we have many activities planned for students, kicking off with UN Culture day, on Friday, 25 October.

At the current time, a few of our students are performing resit exams, in order to further improve their official Cambridge grades, and we wish them the best of luck in their studies for these. I would also like to mention that, should students feel 'down in the dumps' or upset about anything, please don't be shy to approach a teacher about your issue. We are all very willing to help you, and will also keep your confidences in the most professional way possible.

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents,

Our U11, U14 and U19 teams all battled against SSIS in volleyball, football and basketball.

The boys U11 A-Team managed to defeat the SSIS Dragons while the B-Team was unsuccessful. The U14 boys and girls basketball team played well but suffered tough losses.

Our U9 Football Team will continue to practice Mondays afterschool 4:15-5:00PM to continue developing their skills with the hopes of playing a potential match in the future.

Any students interested (under 9 years old) are welcome to join and participate). This club is meant as a fun extra-curricular activity for those interested in football and there is no requirement to purchase a uniform. However, proper athletic shoes (no open toes) and parental permission are required to participate.

For more information about U9 Football see coaches, Mr. Quinn or Mr. Paul.

Quinn Donovan – PE Teacher



Dear Parents,

The Student Council has been hard at work organizing the UN celebrations. Each form class received a UNESCO World Heritage site and they were asked to decorate their bulletin boards. They will also be doing a performance on the 7th and 8th of November.

In the front row we have from left to right on the student council photo we have Ms. Victoria, Ms Long, Sophia (Y8L), Lily (Y7D), Melon (Y5D), Jackson (Y5L) Khoi (Y6D), Andy (Y6L), Eric (Y8D), Ms Thao. In the back row Ms. Elri, Hannah (GAC), Ck.K. (A Level), Eng Meng (IGCSE2), Tom (AS Level), Alex (IGCSE1), Gia Han (Y9D), Arushi (Y7L) Ms. Caroline.

Victoria Gillespie – Student Council



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