



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2024

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the year, you may have noticed recently that we are having more activities with outside organizations. These have included:

- University fairs – within the past two months we have had 10 universities from around the world visit campus. Representatives from school in the France, Singapore, Switzerland, and the US met with students to explain admissions procedures, talk about the various majors and career possibilities, as well as encourage attention to high school studies as preparation.
- Green Turtle Hero introduction – our campus hosted the first ever event of the “Green Turtle Hero”. A joint venture between RMIT and the US Consulate, it is a program aimed at helping Vietnamese primary school students learn how they can take better care of their environment. Attendees included the US Consul General, US Economic Officer, RMIT Lecturer, and CEO of a local app development company. It was a big success, with students in Years 1-5 demonstrating increased understanding of environmental issues and better practices.

These are just a couple of indicators of our desire to connect classroom learning with students’ lived experience, paying particular attention to helping them prepare for future opportunities.

Speaking of events, please be advised that there has been a venue change for our annual Graduation & Awards Ceremony and School Concert. We are happy to announce we will again hold this event at the historic and prestigious Ho Chi Minh City Opera House. The date remains Saturday 22 June (specific times TBD). We sincerely hope that you all will be able to join us for this important event.

Should you have questions or concerns about these or any other activities please do not hesitate to contact the school Office to set an appointment.

Yours in Learning,

Robert Madden
Principal
SIS @ Saigon South





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The High School is currently engaged in the annual Cambridge Examinations, which started in late April, and run until 11 June. They have put in great effort with their studying and revision, and we wish them the best for their results, released in August 2024.



Our very important MOET examinations begin in early May, and the Semester 2 exams for international and integrated classes will also begin shortly, 23 May to 30 May. Overall April and May are very busy months and represent the culmination of the student's academic performance for the year.

In April, our Semester 2 sports season has come to an end. We had some strong performances from our Basketball, Football and Girl's Volleyball teams. As usual, we outshine many other large International schools with our sporting performances. Most importantly, our sports teams always focus on teamwork and enjoying the game, and our sports teams had great fun this season.

After exams, our focus turns to academics for next year, as well as our annual End of Year Concert, taking place on 22 June.

We hope to see you there!

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal



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Dear Parents

What an eventful month April has been in KIK! We started practicing for the End of Year concert and enjoyed exploring the theme of Space - rockets, astronauts, the planets and how days change into nights. It was great to see some of you at the STEM "Stay and Play" getting an insight into how we teach simple coding in KIK.

Dressing up as book characters during Book Week was fun. Reading is such an important skill as it develops vocabulary, increases attention span, and promotes stronger analytical skills. Reading with your child at home is a great way of spending special time together. Make it part of the night-time routine. This habit helps them learn to associate reading with relaxation and develop a motivation to read. Show your child that reading is everywhere – practice reading menus, shop signs, food labels sounding out letters in simple words. Act as a role model and read in front of your child. Watching you read shows your child that reading is important.

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)

Dear Parents,

In April, in order to encourage the reading habits in children, the Book Week was organized with useful activities for students such as participating in Book Fairs (organized by Fahasa and Phuong Nam Bookstore), interacting with authors, and some related activities taking place in the classrooms.

Secondary students have completed the MOET examinations, and primary students have just begun these exams in the first week of May, from 6 to 10 May 2024. At the end of May, all students will undergo the final exams of the 2023-2024 academic year for the English - Singapore program. We sincerely hope all students have thoroughly prepared, and are ready, to achieve the desired and highest possible results for themselves.

Vương Y Binh
Head of Vietnamese Studies





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Dear Parents,

April has been such an exciting month for us here at SIS! MOET exams are complete and we're now in the final term of the school year. We had a fantastic Book Week filled with literary fun and excitement! The week included a captivating book fair where students had the opportunity to explore a wide array of books and foster their love for reading. Our students also took part in a lively dress-up day, bringing their favorite book characters to life. To top it all off, our students in Years 2, 3, and 4 were delighted to welcome a special visit from Eddy Coubeaux, the talented author of several children's books.



As we gear up for the holidays, we'd like to wish all parents and students a joyous Liberation Day and Labour Day holiday. We hope everyone takes this time to unwind and create beautiful memories with family and friends.

Lindsay Stanford – Head of Studies (Primary)

Dear Parents,

With Term 4 well underway, our students are diligently working towards achieving their academic and developmental milestones. As the semester exams approach and end-of-year performances draw near, there remain ample opportunities for our students to excel as academic champions and emerge as well-rounded leaders of tomorrow.

We are currently finalizing the essential learning outcomes for the year, and our focus will soon shift to preparing for various engaging activities and the transition to the next academic year. These experiences will highlight our students' success and pave the way for shared new adventures.



Each class is poised to display its growth and achievements throughout Term 4. We eagerly anticipate your participation in the upcoming activities, where you can witness firsthand the remarkable progress and accomplishments of our students.

We look forward to celebrating these moments with you as we near the close of another fruitful academic year.

Joshua Lowery
Head of Studies (Secondary)