



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

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Dear Parents,

April saw the end to Term 3 and the move into our most crucial academic period of the year, Term 4. Integrated students have written their MOET examinations during April, Our High School students have begun their Cambridge International Examinations, and both International and Integrated classes are preparing for our internal semester examinations. We wish all students the best for their upcoming exams, and I am sure students who have completed exams will achieve the best results that they are capable of.

April also saw four major events full of fun, with some healthy competition thrown in. On 1 April, Saigon South hosted our Interschool Sports Day, where we competed against Students from SIS Vung Tau, SIS Binh Duong and SIS Can Tho. It was great to see the high level of sportsmanship and excellence displayed by Saigon South Students, as we inevitably emerged the Victors of this annual event.



Two of our top spellers, Cady (Y5LA) and Dom (Y4A) took part in the National Spelling Bee, held between all SIS schools. Both did extremely well to make it through to the final few contestants!

Easter Monday celebrations were held on 21 April, allowing students to experience the festival of renewal and springtime.

Earth Day was also a fun day for students, as they learnt more about sustainability and protecting the environment in which we live.

I would to take this opportunity to wish our community a wonderful celebratory time as we end the month of April with Liberation Day and Labour Day. We look forward to the return of students on 5 May, see you then!

Best regards,

Donovan Ryan Neethling, MEd.

Principal



Dear Parents,

With Term 4 now in full swing, our students are not only working diligently to meet their academic goals but also continuing to grow as active contributors to our school community.

We are especially proud of the continued contributions from the Student Leadership Council. This term, they served as key hosts for the inter-campus sports day, supported Easter celebrations for our younger students, launched the Friday snack corner, and are now leading our weekly secondary assemblies from start to finish. Their consistent initiative and dedication remain a beacon of inspiration for all.

As we approach the final stretch of the academic year, high school students are preparing for their Cambridge examinations, while other secondary year levels begin gearing up for their second semester exams. These academic demands are balanced by one of the most joyful periods of the year—each form group will soon turn their focus toward performative education through rehearsals and preparations for the end-of-year concert and awards ceremony.

We look forward to sharing these moments of effort, celebration, and growth with you as we close out another memorable year.

Best Regards,

Joshua Lowery – Head of Studies (Secondary)





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Dear Parents,

April, the month leading up to the great holiday-April 30th - is an opportunity to express our gratitude for the heroic traditions of the Vietnamese people.



This month, Saigon South is honored to welcome the Ho Chi Minh Education Quality Assessment Delegation of the Education and Training to visit. This is an opportunity for self-assess and re-evaluate its achievements as well as continue to make efforts to innovate and improve the overall quality of education.

April is also an important time for reviewing and preparing for the second semester exam. The secondary classes have completed the exam; we believe that the students will reap the results worthy of their efforts. For the primary classes, we hope that the students will continue to review and consolidate their knowledge well to have a confident and steady mindset for the second semester exam after the holiday.

Best Regards,
Vuong Y Binh- Head of Vietnamese Studies

Primary had an exciting April which was filled with several special events! We had two participants in the Singapore International School's spelling bee, where students from all campuses came together to compete and find a champion. We had two students competing, Le Hoang Minh from Year 4 Integrated and Nguyen Nhu Thanh Cady from Year 5 International. Both performed fantastically, with Cady achieving second place! Everyone enjoyed cheering them on!

The students also got to enjoy some Easter fun, testing their hunting abilities as they searched for Easter themed items by using clues and teamwork. As well as this, on Earth Day we helped to save electricity and thought about how to make the Earth a healthier and happier place. As exams approach, we will now be focusing on finishing the final topics and then spending time revising all we have learnt to ensure all of the students are as prepared as possible for their upcoming exams!

Best Regards,
Billy Hare- Head of Studies (Primary)



Dear KIK Families,

What an exciting week in our Kindergarten classes! Our space-themed month include fun hands-on activities, crafts, sensory play, and educational lessons that spark our young learners' curiosity about the universe.

We started the month with a discussion about our **Earth planet**. The children shared what they know about Earth, learned new facts, and discovered ways to help protect it by planting more trees, putting trash in the bins, turning off the taps while we brush our teeth and walking short distances instead of driving.



In the following week, our little explorer students discover the key facts about **The Planets** in the solar system, their names and their order. It was very interesting to know which planet is closest to the sun and which one is the furthest.



For the second week of April, we explored cool facts about **The Sun and the Moon** and focused on how the Sun affects the Earth. We conducted a fun experiment using a torch to represent the Sun, showing how it is daytime on one side of the Earth while it is nighttime on the other. We also sorted activities and animals that are for day and night.



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The last week of the month was dedicated to **Spaceships & Astronauts**. We learnt about astronauts and the job they do in space. We also discovered that there is no gravity in space and that everything floats in air.

During the month, the children read exciting stories about space adventures, watched short videos about astronauts and space missions and engaged in various space-themed crafts. They made colorful planets, starry night skies, and even created their own constellations. These activities helped them understand more about the wonders of space while having lots of fun.

This was a fantastic month full of activities and learning, and we cannot wait for May to bring even more fun and learning!

Warm Regards,
Le Trang Nhung- Lead Teacher (Kindergarten)

