



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2023

Dear parents,

We knew that returning fully to campus in August of 2022, following years of lockdowns and limitations would be challenging. Fortunately we had the many years of steady leadership from Mr. Mark Priddis as a foundation. That, along with the tireless efforts of a dedicated staff of professionals who gave of themselves all day, every day and worked together to provide a nurturing and positive learning environment for all students, were invaluable to our success



But of course, without a strong partnership with caring and committed parents our accomplishments in providing a global education and promoting eastern values would have been only fantasy. I am happy to report that they were, in fact, reality.

Evidence can be found in many areas. For example, all students in Years 3 through 8 sat for the International Schools Assessment from Australia. Results show they are performing at or above similar schools around the world.

On the International Primary School Leaving Exam, the measure of proficiency at the end of Year 6 in Singapore, we had two students distinguish themselves by earning Certificates of Commendation.

Furthermore, results from the Cambridge exams confirm that SIS students are strong academically, with over 80% of IGCSE students earning an A* or A, and four who achieved perfect marks.



Perhaps we may be most proud of the fact that 100% of our graduating class is matriculating to university, though a few will take a gap year first (with their parent's permission, of course). Their destinations include: Vietnam, Singapore, Australia, and the United States.

It is not only in academics where our students shine. They also consistently demonstrate the Eastern Values which are at the heart of what we do.



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At the Binh Chanh District competition for Vietnamese History students from our Years 4 & 5 Integrated class reenacted the actions of “The Hero To Vinh Dien” and were awarded second prize for presentation skills.

Our Year 8 International class collected food, milk, and donations for the Tu Hanh Pagoda, bringing these as part of a class excursion to demonstrate their care for others in the community.

Also, each Monday the entire school assembles in the Courtyard for our flag raising ceremony where students show pride in their homeland or gratitude to their host country.

Through important activities such as these we can build on the teachings of parents and help to guide students into becoming active, responsible citizens.

With the continued support of engaged parents, the advocacy of Kinderworld International Group, and the efforts of a highly qualified and dedicated staff we look forward to an even better year in 2023-24.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Principal

NB: Please note that Monday 7 August 2023 is the first day for students. Ambassadors will be available to greet new students and help them to settle in. We will also have a brief welcoming ceremony after breakfast in the Hall. Should you have any questions during the Summer Holiday please contact the school office at 28 7301 3777 or come to campus (open Monday to Friday 8:00-17:00 and Saturdays 9:00-12:00).





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Dear Parents,

As we neared the end of Term 4 and AY2022-2023, High School students were asked to reflect on this academic year. Specifically, they were asked to consider what they did well, what they can improve, and how they plan to improve next year. These reflection sheets have shown students how much they have grown this year. When one looks at these reflection sheets and students' portfolios, we are reminded how hard students worked this year and how much they have improved.



While we have congratulated students and handed out awards at the graduation ceremony, we are proud of each student who made an effort to improve themselves socially and academically. This year has been full of exciting surprises, good memories, and opportunities for growth. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer vacation and I look forward to seeing you all again in August.

Head of Studies – Elri Nieuwenhuis





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Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that the final day of school has arrived! It seems like just yesterday we welcomed our KIK students to the first day of school. What a year it has been! We have seen so much growth academically, physically, and socially from all the children this year.

June was spent with lots of revision, STEM experiments, a very exciting demonstration from the Fire Department, End of Year concert rehearsals, a fun trip to Vietopia, and of course, Graduation.

Thank you for the privilege of being part of your child's education this year. To the students and families moving on, I hope the transition is a positive one. On behalf of all KIK teachers, I hope your children will create lots of new memories in the summer holiday. If you are going away with your family, I wish you a wonderful, safe, and happy holiday!

I look forward to seeing you all again next school year!

Barbara Borberly – Head of Studies (KIK)





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Dear students,

The school year 2022-2023 is coming to an end!

The learning results of Integrated students have made the school, teachers, and parents so proud.

Year 1 students used to be timid when they first came to school. But now, they are fluent in reading and writing both Vietnamese and English.

Every day going to school is a happy day!



Nguyen Thanh Ha, year 1 integrated, is a little girl. During the school year, Ha often misses school because she often has a fever due to tonsillitis, but she always tries her best in studying. At the end of the school year, Ha was honored to win the Academic Champion Award with an English score of 99.14/100. How admirable it is!

The 5th graders are happy with their results: Finishing Primary and excited to be promoted to 6th grade. In this school year, Le Tran Huong Giang rose up in her studies to receive the Academic Champion award for fifth graders.

Le Hong Nhat achieved 8.5/10 the average score in the Vietnamese program, and 92.46/100 in the English score.

In the English contest at the district level, Le Hong Nhat, and Pham Gia Han, won the second prize. Especially, Le Hong Nhat was honored to win the third prize in the city-level English competition for ninth-grade students.

In addition, students in years 4 and 5 have won participant prizes in the English musical competition in Vietnamese history. How proud that Le Hieu Minh, year 5, won the second prize individually in the presentation of the competition.

All classes had worked hard for the class performance with one wish: The performance must be good, fun, and beautiful with colorful costumes and choreographies. That means the Graduation and Gratitude Ceremony must be a very solemn ceremony that leaves a deep impression in each student's heart.

I wish you all the best in the future.

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh – Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies