

# NEWSLETTER

**MAY 2025** 

#### Dear Parents,

This month was a quiet one for Saigon South, as the students diligently involved themselves in last minute studying and revision for the Semester 2 Exams. The written papers of which will be completed from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> of May.

Congratulations to two of our sports teams in May. The U11 Boys Basketball, and the U11 Boys Tee-Ball Teams, each won their respective City Championship Tournaments! Both teams are now the Champions of the Saigon, beating out all other International Schools. Well done boys!

We do have some big and exciting events still to look forward to, before the year comes to a close. We have Samsung visiting us for a STEM partnership on 30 May. We also have Children's Day, International Day, MOET graduation and, of course, our End of Year Concert and Awards Ceremony. We welcome all parents and hope you will be joining us on these special occasions."



Best regards,

Donovan Ryan Neethling, Med

Principal

As we approach the final month of the academic year, our campus remains a hub of energy and reflection. Cambridge exams are concluding, and many students are preparing for the next chapter—whether transitioning into new programs or preparing for graduation.

Preparations for the End-of-Year Concert are also in full swing. Each May, our Year 5 students join the Secondary assembly in anticipation of performing alongside their older peers. This moment marks more than just a rehearsal—it is a symbolic first step into secondary school. This year, that joy is magnified, as several Year 5 students are also part of the two-time city champion teams in basketball and tee ball. Their presence has added a celebratory spirit to our shared assemblies.

Our Student Leadership Council (SLC) continues to enrich student life with weekly snack corners and is preparing one final Friday event that brings together students and teachers alike. Their leadership, especially in taking full charge of assemblies, has deepened student engagement across the school.

We look forward to ending the year with strength, gratitude, and a sense of forward momentum.

Best regards,

Joshua Lowery -Head of Studies (Secondary)





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Primary students have just completed the second semester exam according to the program of the Ministry of Education and Training of Vietnam - the last exam of the school year. We wish you all the best results for your efforts and hard work during the past time.

In the last weeks of May, students will continue to take the English exam according to the International Programme. We hope that parents will pay attention, remind and accompany their students in reviewing, preparing a confident and steady mindset to complete the exam in the best way.

We wish you all a successful end to the school year!



Best regards, Vuong Y Binh- Head of Vietnamese Studies As we get closer to the end of the academic year, it has been a very exciting month here at SIS! Our hard working and passionate sports teams have enjoyed great success within the city. We have won two city championships, in both basketball and t-ball! In this competition, the team face all the other major international schools so they did exceptionally well to triumph twice!

Classes are preparing for exams by completing their final topics and revising everything they have learned this semester, so everyone will be in the best place possible to get great results.

Classes have also begun performing their dances for the end of year concert during assembly, giving them a chance to practice performing in front of an audience and allowing the students to enjoy watching the dances of the other year groups. This will help everyone to deliver as confident a dance as possible!



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



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#### Dear Parents,

This month, our Kindergarteners became little world explorers with our theme: "My Country, My World!" Curriculum Highlights

### Week 1: Celebrating Vietnam

We began our journey close to home by learning about Vietnam's geography, national flag, and cultural symbols. The children were fascinated to see our country's S-shape on the map and enjoyed creating their own Vietnamese flags. We also explored national symbols like the áo dài, conical hat, One-Pillar Pagoda, bamboo, and lotus flower.



## Week 2: Traditional Food & Costumes △ 🍝

Next, we "traveled" to other countries to see what people wear and eat. From the flowing áo dài to the bold Scottish kilt, the children loved learning about the stories behind each outfit. We also "tasted" dishes from around the world—pretending to enjoy phở in Vietnam and spaghetti in Italy!





#### Week 3: Famous Places M

Our global adventure continued with visits to famous landmarks like the Eiffel Tower, the Great Wall of China, the Pyramids of Egypt, and the Statue of Liberty. Through books, visuals, and creative play, the children gained a deeper appreciation for the world's diversity and beauty.



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## Special Trip 🖏

We went to a Water Puppet Show and had so much fun watching the colorful puppets and listening to the music. It was a magical way to learn about Vietnamese culture!

### Family Fun at Home:

Look at a map together and find new countries Try cooking a simple dish from another country Read bedtime stories from around the world Thank you for being part of our journey!





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