



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022

Dear Parents,

We are extremely pleased with the strong start of Term 2. It will be quite busy, of course, so it is important that the children not only stay aware of the many events and deadlines but they help to keep you informed as well.

As you know, the company is using a new tool to assist with communication: the My Kinderworld app. If you have not already done so please download this free app to your smartphone. It will become a more frequently utilized resource to send messages from classes and the school. For example, a memo explaining the “SIS Parent Survey” and a link to participate were shared via the app. At present it is a one-way channel, so to ask questions or respond to items you will need to continue to contact teachers or the Office directly.

Speaking of the Parent Survey, our thanks to the many of you who shared your opinions and experiences. Your feedback shows things that we are doing well, in addition, to help identify areas of weakness. This information is being analyzed along with that received from students last spring and will guide our ongoing school improvement efforts.

Each month we highlight one of our School-Wide Learner Goals (SWLG). This is done by having teachers select one piece of evidence from classroom learning activities. These are posted in the window of the Principal’s Office – our “Learning Goal gallery” - for everyone on campus to see. The SWLG next month is Confident Communication. This can be demonstrated through proficiency in reading, writing, speaking or listening as well as by using creative forms of expression. Perhaps your child will have their work on display?

Respectfully Yours,
Robert Madden – Principal



Students listen very attentively during the weekly Assembly



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Students have now been enrolled for more than two months of 2022. In the tenth week the Integrated classes had a mid-semester 45 minute test in Vietnamese and Mathematics at the elementary level.

In order to achieve good results for the midterm test, students need to arrange their study time at home in a reasonable way and internalise the knowledge that they gain each day.

The last week before taking the test, you should review extensively to broaden your knowledge, this will also improve your confidence whilst writing the test.

The results of your mid-semester test will help teachers assess student acquisition of knowledge. Using this information, teachers have the ability to adjust teaching methodologies to suit the individual student needs.

In addition, achieving good results on these tests can be the most beautiful gift for your mother on Vietnamese Women's Day, 20 October 2022.

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies.





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Dear Parents,

In KIK we focused on discovering more about ourselves in the month of October. We learned about our emotions, how we grow and change in the different stages of our lives and how to stay safe.

We had many wonderful opportunities to explore our 5 senses such as tasting and exploring food that keeps us healthy, going on listening walks discovering loud and soft sounds around us, and experimenting with different textures – the favorites were bubble wrap, playdough, and puffy paint (a shaving foam and glue mixture).

We enjoyed getting active on Sports Day then after the Term Break, we started Term 2 excitedly with Halloween preparations ending October on a high as we trick-or-treated around school dressed up in costumes with a day filled with lots of excitement and treats.

The beginning of the new Term gives us an opportunity to reflect on the development of our students and we are looking forward to having a chat with you in the coming week during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)

Dear Parents,

This month marks a return to one of our most anticipated programs of study, the Outward Bound Vietnam field trips, and camping expeditions.

Our High School students will attend the first field trip since pre-Covid times, from 31 October to 4 November. I hear they are very excited and looking forward to this essential addition towards a well-rounded education.

Other trips will continue throughout the academic year, giving all our students the opportunity to be involved.

We are also currently involved with the important Cambridge exam resits in High School and the Singapore iPLSE exams in Year 7.

I wish all our students studying for these exams, the best of luck.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal





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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of Term 1, is it a good time to reflect on how much our wonderful students have already learned this year? All primary classes have completed their beginning of year literacy assessments and teachers are busy implementing individualized plans to support the reading instruction of every student.

We recommend that students do Dyned daily for 20 min. On days that students have Dyned at school, we recommend they make use of their Reading A-Z accounts.

To learn more about your child's scores and how to support them at home, please contact your child's form teacher or English subject teacher to discuss suitable strategies.

We were fortunate to be able to celebrate Halloween on campus this year on 28 October. Students enjoyed dressing up and trick-or-treating for candy around campus. It was a lovely celebration enjoyed by students and teachers alike.

Antinena Amon - Head of Studies (Primary)



Dear Parents,

It is almost time for Outward Bound and our high school students are very excited about going to Quy Nhon for 5 days.

The November series for the Cambridge retake exams is also in full swing with our students working very hard to prepare for these exams. At the same time, the Year 7 international and Integrated students are also preparing for the iPSLE exams. The Oral Exams will take place on the 25th of October and the written exams are scheduled for the 31st of October to the 3rd of November.

As we start Term 2, we encourage students to reflect on Term 1 and identify areas for improvement. This can include academic routines and habits but it is also important to consider our social interactions. This is an important exercise in order to improve our relationships and academic performance in Term 2. Please feel free to reach out to the school office or to teachers directly if you would like to meet with any teachers about your child's progress. We look forward to meeting with you.

Elri Nieuwenhuis - Head of Studies (Secondary)