



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

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OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents,

This month saw the end of a very quiet Term 1, with much studying and learning and a wonderful Mid Autumn Festival. We are now entering an exciting and busy Term 2!

This term we have no less than four separate year levels going on their week-long OBV excursions, Year 8 Integrated, Year 8 International, IGCSE 2 and the combined Year 7s. We also have five special events planned for term 2, starting off with our annual Halloween event this coming Thursday, 31 October, but also with Teacher's Day, Parent's night, our weekday Christmas celebration and, of course, our Main event for Semester 1, the Christmas Charity Fair. Form teachers will share the information for these events as we come closer to the time.

As part of our expanding ECA and Sports programs, Saigon South is offering opportunities for students to play golf. Y7LA student Ho Tri Kiet and A level student Yeh Yi Teng attended a SISAC Golf Tournament at Westlake golf course on 29 Oct 2024. It was a full day of golf and both boys had a brilliant day! Daniel won an award for "closest to the pin". We hope to start a golf ECA where we can get more students involved for upcoming Golf tournaments.

We will also hold the Semester 1 Exams and MOET Semester Exams towards the end of the term. These exams are a very important tool for checking student progress, mid-year, and we encourage all students to study hard and try their best.

I look forward to seeing you all during the course of Term 2.

Warm regards,

Donovan Neethling - Principal





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By the end of term 1, although only students from Year 4 and above have taken tests as a part of the curriculum, teachers for all year levels have completed individual assessments of each student for this term. This allows students to understand their academic progress over time and motivates them to continue making efforts in the upcoming period.

In addition to academics, students from Year 1 to Year 6 participated in the Dental Health Talk activities, organized by the school in collaboration with Parkway Dental and Invisalign.

In October, the month of Halloween, we featured a spooky-themed writing competition, and students will take part in a Halloween recycled fashion show on October 31, 2024.

Vuong Y Binh
Head of Vietnamese Studies



I hope everybody had a wonderful term holiday and enjoyed some time relaxing with family and friends.

I am very excited to take over as the Head of Studies and help children within Primary reach their full potential. Having worked here for a number of years, I am well aware how hard working and creative the children can be and will enjoy the challenge of making them even more so. I am going to assist the teachers in developing our skills so that we are better able to support your children. We will do this by evolving our teaching skills, making sure we are up to date with new teaching strategies.

As the children build up to their Term 2 exams, I will observe teacher's lessons and help ensure everyone is as ready as possible for their tests. Let's all have a successful and productive Term 2, before enjoying a lovely Christmas break!

Billy Hare – Head of Studies (Primary)



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As we embark on Term 2, I'm thrilled to share our students' remarkable progress since the start of the school year in August. Their growth has been inspiring, and we look forward to all that's in store. Our Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) trips are already underway, with many classes participating before the December break. This program is an invaluable part of our curriculum, designed to foster resilience, teamwork, and leadership skills in our students.



At school, we are building more meaningful connections within our community through monthly events. These gatherings not only celebrate cultural moments but also strengthen our ties with families by welcoming parents to campus regularly.



Already this year, we've hosted university fairs, launched Student-led First Friday events, and introduced student-led campus tours, each a testament to the vibrant spirit of our learning community. In addition, our High School program has expanded with extended class offerings for IGCSE 1 and 2, further enriching the pathway for our students as they prepare for future studies.

With so much ahead, we're excited to continue working alongside you to support and nurture our community.

Warm regards,

Joshua Lowery
Head of Studies (Secondary)



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Kindergarten News: Curriculum and Parent Support October 2024



Dear Kindergarten Families,

Welcome to our October newsletter! This month our little learners are super excited as we explore the fun theme of “**Who Am I?**” This theme, focusing on “Myself and My Family,” helps children learn about themselves and their classmates, understand family dynamics, and appreciate their family members.

We have planned many fun and engaging activities to help young learners discover more about themselves, including Self-Portrait Art,

All about Me Books, Family Tree Project, Favorite Things Show and Tell, Name Games, and Story Time.

We invite parents to enrich our classroom discussions by sharing stories, photos, or cultural items that represent your family’s traditions. This will help children appreciate the diversity within our classroom.

Below are some activities that parents can support at home and help children feel more connected to their identity and family.

- **Family Discussions:** Talk about family history, traditions, and what makes each family member special.
- **Photo Albums:** Look through family photo albums and share stories about the pictures.
- **Favorite Activities:** Spend time doing activities your child loves and talk about why they enjoy them.
- **Daily Reflections:** Ask your child about their day and how they felt during different activities.
- **Books and Stories:** Read books that celebrate individuality and discuss the characters’ unique traits.
- **Art Projects:** Create art that represents your child’s interests and personality.
- **Cooking Together:** Make a favorite family recipe and talk about its significance.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. We look forward to a month of discovery and learning about what makes each of us unique!

Warm regards,

Le Trang Nhung - Lead Teacher (Kindergarten)