



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ DANANG
NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2018

Coming events

INTERNATIONAL Week: 8-12 Oct
KIK Assembly: 11 Oct, 8.30-9.15am
Primary Assembly: 12 Oct, 8.20 – 9am

End of term: Fri, 12th Oct
Term 2 starts: Mon, 22nd Oct
OBV Yr8 & Yr 9G: 22nd – 26th Oct



Lift Off in STEM Week

Message from Principal

Dear Parents

What a wonderful first term it has been and it's not over yet!

Our first **STEM Week** was a great success and I hope you have enjoyed seeing the photos and videos and hearing your children talk about the experience. We are compiling media files of all events related to STEM to show parents at school events and at the end of year concert so that you can be amazed by the teamwork, creativity and engagement of our students.

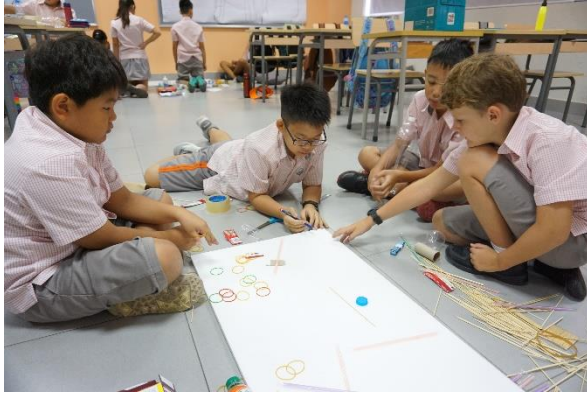
Our school teaches **Eastern values** in an international setting. Every week or fortnight a new **Virtue** is taught to students in Form Time and then reinforced at assembly. The Virtues covered for this term so far are Respect (the value which underpins all the Virtues), Care, Integrity, Patience and Generosity.

The first group of our students to attend **Outward Bound** returned with many tales of their learning experiences and life lessons related to our virtues such as Teamwork, Cooperation, Confidence, Optimism and Self-Discipline.

We also teach about our **Schoolwide Learner Goals (SLGs)** in class and the assembly to finish International Week will focus on “respect own and others’ cultures” as part of Responsible Citizenship.

The whole school community enjoyed the **Mid-Autumn Festival** last week. Please see the photos of lion-dancing, lantern-making, mooncake-making and our assembly featured in this newsletter and on our school website.

Anne Matley
Principal



Message from Deputy Principal

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of term one! There has been some fabulous teaching and learning happening this term that I have seen when visiting classrooms. Our students are highly engaged in learning activities and our school wide learner goals and virtues are embedded in classrooms across the school.

Bringing toys to school

Many students have started bringing toys to school for show and tell and to play with at break times. Please do not allow your students to bring expensive or precious items into school. If you could help reinforce with your student that these toys are not come into the classroom during learning time (unless for show and tell), it would be much appreciated. We do not want our students distracted from their learning. If students are bringing toys to school, please name them as best as possible to avoid students being upset if they are misplaced.

Afterschool clubs

Term one clubs are well underway and students are highly engaged a range of activities including: robotics, sewing, animation, paper art, basketball, chess and sports. It is great to see so many students keen to participate in these activities. Just a reminder that we expect students to behave appropriately during these afterschool clubs. If students disrupt the learning of others they may be removed from the club with only a partial refund provided. The afterschool club information for term two will be coming out shortly.

Use of facilities after school

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to use the playground equipment, football field or basketball courts after school. Students being picked up by private transport must remain seated at the front of the school building where there are members of staff on duty.

Chelsea Donaldson
Deputy Principal



Message from SVIS Principal

Dear Parents

After completing the 8th week of the new academic year, I am pleased to report the students have settled happily into their class routines. Students have revealed their own talents and performance abilities which we are very careful to develop.

We want to express our thanks to you for your supportive comments about school operations during the Parent Meeting. We thank you for your suggestions and we will certainly consider all your ideas.

Students will learn about "Traffic Culture" and "Abuse Prevention". Primary students have just completed the Math test on 26/9 and Secondary students will have a one-period-test in all subjects and attend the competition "Science Technology Ideas". Our Year 8 and Year 9 students will attend a course at Outward Bound (OBV) in Binh Dinh province from 22 Oct to 26 Oct 2018. Students who don't go to OBV will have soft skills lessons at school.

Vu Thi Lan
Principal of SVIS

Message from Head of Studies

On September 6th, we had our very first STEM day. It was very exciting to see all the students in all year levels involved with challenges, teamwork, critical thinking and hands-on activities. The STEM committee has reflected on the first STEM day and is busy developing new challenges in creativity for all students on the STEM day early next term.

It's been a creative month at SIS and it was great seeing all our students' participation in the Moon Festival lantern competition. Congratulations to those classes which won a prize.

On September 28th, the Academic Honesty Policy for the middle school was presented to Years 6, 7, 8 and 9. Students now have an understanding about plagiarism and how it will affect their academic results. For the junior secondary students, any suspected plagiarism is treated as a learning opportunity and there is no loss of marks, for example, students may be required to redo the task. This presentation and the policy have both been sent home via email to all middle school parents and students were given hard copies to keep with them at all times. If you have any questions about the Academic Honesty policy please send your questions to daan.ebbers@danang.sis.edu.vn

Daan Ebbers
Head of Studies

Message from Guidance Officer

Since the beginning of term I have really been enjoying spending time getting to know the students and have been impressed with their engagement in promoting student well-being. I have been completing in-class presentations as well as one to one meetings with students across the school. This includes weekly 'Futures Planning' Sessions with the IGCSE 1 & 2 students to help them think about career options and employability skills for the future.

Throughout the Primary Classes I have been promoting the slogan, '*Be a Buddy not a Bully*' through anti-bullying sessions. I have also held a session with a Year 8 International regarding Cyber Bullying awareness; what to do if you are being cyber-bullied and how to report it.

If you would like some advice for your son or daughter about future plans, please do get in touch and I will set up a meeting. My email is Catherine.burgess@danang.sis.edu.vn. I look forward to working with the students to help them have a safe and happy education at SIS with bright outcomes in the future.



Catherine Burgess
GO and EFL Teacher

Message from Head of Kindergarten

The Kindergarten children had a great week celebrating the Moon Festival with a variety of activities. The school looked beautiful and fantastic with all the colours of the lovely lanterns made by the children during Art and Craft time. Everyone enjoyed singing songs about Moon Festival, making and eating Moon cake and watching the professional "Lion Dance" performance. The special Assembly was a huge success. The teachers worked very hard to bring cultural awareness to the curriculum. The children were all happy and delighted on the day with their festival outfits.

We also learned and discussed different functions of the body parts through SOSE lessons "Five Senses". We explored the world and understood what was going on around us. Some interesting activities we did include walking on the grass barefoot, closing eyes and hearing the sounds around us, using our hands to feel the things in the box, tasting some kinds of food and fruits when being blindfolded, crushing and smelling some leaves.

Nursery had a chance to visit a classmate's house. The children were very interested in going around and exploring the house. The excursion brought lots of fun for the class.

Our school's International week will be held in the last week of Term 1, October 8-12 to celebrate multicultural diversity in the school. We will keep you updated with the activities and our next special assembly in the weekly reports.

Vo Thi Vu Ngan
Head of Kindergarten

