



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC

# NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019

## Message from the Principal

I always enjoy the winter break, not because I can head to warmer parts, but because it is an opportunity to be with family and friends, sharing Christmas and New Year traditions.

In the lead up to the break this year we enjoyed many opportunities to share customs and traditions from around the world. We even had a visit from a portly gentleman dressed in red who looked a lot like the Principal, who came to share candy with all the students. The warmth and sense of shared belonging to this school community was the greatest gift one could have as we headed off on the break.

I am happy to see the students and many of their parents returning to school refreshed and excited to be back in class. I am also happy to see the staff return, eager to finish off Term Two, and full stories of their adventures during the break. Let us continue to build on that sense of belonging to a caring and giving community of learners as we head into the new year.

## Message from the Deputy Principal

Thank you to all of our parents for your support and encouragement to your children during our time of school exams. The students worked very hard and were well-focused on their tasks.

Beginning the third week after Tet, we will be having our parent-teacher conferences where the teachers will review the reports and discuss the exam results with parents. Teachers will contact the parents to arrange times to meet and we will have one late evening of meetings to accommodate parents who work until later.

Thank you for all of your support.

## Outstanding Learner Results

Singapore International School @ Van Phuc joins with Kinderworld Vietnam to congratulate SIS Gamuda Gardens students for their great achievements in the Cambridge, June 2018 examination series. Students from Singapore International School @ Gamuda Gardens received the following awards:

### **Jong In Lee - AS Level**

Top in the World

Mathematics

(He achieved an impressive 100% for Mathematics.)

Best Across All Four Subjects

### **Shrija Pathak - Cambridge IGCSE**

Top in Country

Global Perspectives

These awards recognize the talent, dedication and commitment of both students and staff.

Congratulations!



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PRE-NURSERY TO UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION PROGRAMME  
INTERNATIONAL AND INTEGRATED PROGRAMME

2018	2018	2018
<b>TOP IN THE WORLD</b>	<b>TOP IN VIETNAM</b>	<b>TOP IN VIETNAM</b>
<b>LEE JONG IN</b>	<b>SHRIJA PATHAK</b>	<b>NGUYEN HIEN MUOI</b>
AS LEVEL MATHEMATICS	IGCSE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES	IGCSE INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
<b>Best Across</b> - AS Level Mathematics - AS Level Physics	- AS Level Economics - AS Level Computer Science	

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## Christmas Concert

The students of Van Phuc held their annual Christmas Concert Thursday 13 December. Prep-Year 2 performed their "Rockin' Christmas" concert narrated by Park SoHyeon (Y5L) & Nguyen Tra Vien (Y5L). The Year 3 – Year 5 performed their "The Spirit of the Season" concert narrated by Noh Semin (5L) & Kim Jaeseo (5L). Thank you to all of the parents that attended the concert.



## Christmas Charity Fair

Many thanks to all of the families who helped us support our Christmas Charity Fair and raise money for the charity 'Operation Smile'. The Christmas Fair was full of fun and energy which was great to see. Students from both Hanoi Towers and SIS@Van Phuc enjoyed many games and activities with their friends. The teachers did an incredible job being creative and decorating their stalls. A special thanks to Mr. Todd and the student council for their time in designing and promoting a special, student managed stall.





## Grade 2 Shop Day

Our Grade 2 classes made lovely, hand crafted gifts to sale during their 'shop day'. Each group organized their classroom shop and sold their items within their grade level. The classes then donated the money earned to the Blue Dragon charity whose purpose is to provide exceptional care to Vietnamese children and families in crisis while creating long-term change for a better world. Thank you Grade 2 for making a difference in your community.

## Hour of Code

ICT Students @Van Phuc participated in the annual Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Its objective is to get students enthused and excited about learning computer coding/programming.

The students had great fun working on a variety of challenging programs which are specifically designed to develop their problem solving competencies and to encourage them to become logical thinkers. The coding activities give students a strong foundation in computational thinking which can subsequently be transferred to other curricula areas. This is particularly useful with regard to the STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) that are currently being implemented in the school.

While coding is an integral part of the computing curriculum at SIS, for some students this was a first opportunity to work on a coding project. It is always a great pleasure to see the students collaborating to solve problems while simultaneously mastering new skills.



## Term 3 Clubs

The new ASA offerings for Term 3 have been sent home. After school activities will begin the 2nd week after we return from TET.

## Fire Training

Our entire staff and student body took part in a fire safety training session. Students and teachers learned how to properly use fire safety equipment and how to exit a building in the event of smoke.





## TET

The children are getting excited about the coming of Tet. The teachers, students and office have been very busy planning Tet celebration, decorating and preparing for Tet.

We wish you all a very happy time with your families and the Van Phuc family sends greetings to you for a new year full of health, wealth and happiness.

Happy New Year !

## Upcoming Events Calendar

January 28 - Feb 8	Term Break & TET Holiday
February 11	Return to school
February 18	Start ASA
February 19 & 21	ISA Testing (Grades 3 & 5)
February 26 - March 1	Parent-teacher interviews



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