



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU NEWSLETTER

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September Edition

The school year is rolling nicely, the students are now in positive learning routines, and the weather is growing ever more beautiful. This September at SIS we are doing some exciting things both in and outside of the classroom.

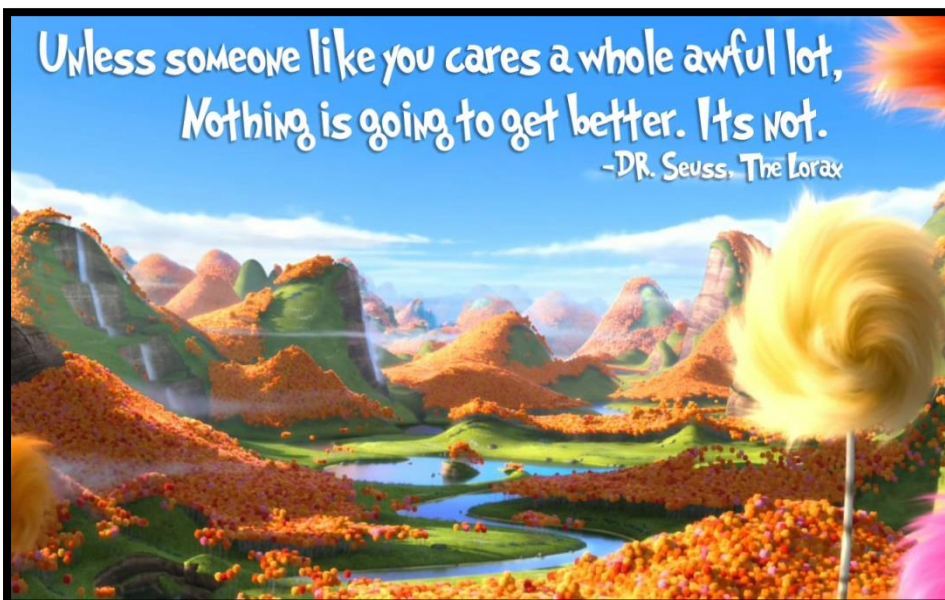
Eco-agenda

The times they are a changing, technology is advancing, and our world is becoming more connected than ever. But with all these advances, it has become increasingly obvious the toll it is taking on our beautiful Earth. Pollution is at an all-time high, and the consumption of one time use plastic is at a rate we cannot keep up with. It is projected that by 2050 the oceans will contain more plastic than fish by weight. So, we must do what we have been doing for centuries, and that is adapt, or we too shall go the way of the dinosaurs.

Here at SIS Vung Tau we want to prepare Eco-conscious students, as change cannot happen in the future. It must start now. Together we can, and will, make a difference.

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Adopt-a-spot

SIS Vung Tau has joined “Adopt a Spot” a social enterprise campaign which has been organised by the anti-litter group **Clean Up Vietnam**. Last school year, Head of Studies, Mr. Reuben took the initiative to organize this for our school. He selected an in-need spot in Vung Tau, which is now our plot of land to groom every fortnight. And so, as the school year has started every second week, one class has enthusiastically cleaned our spot, and will continue to do so for the rest of the school year. So far year 5L and 6L have participated.



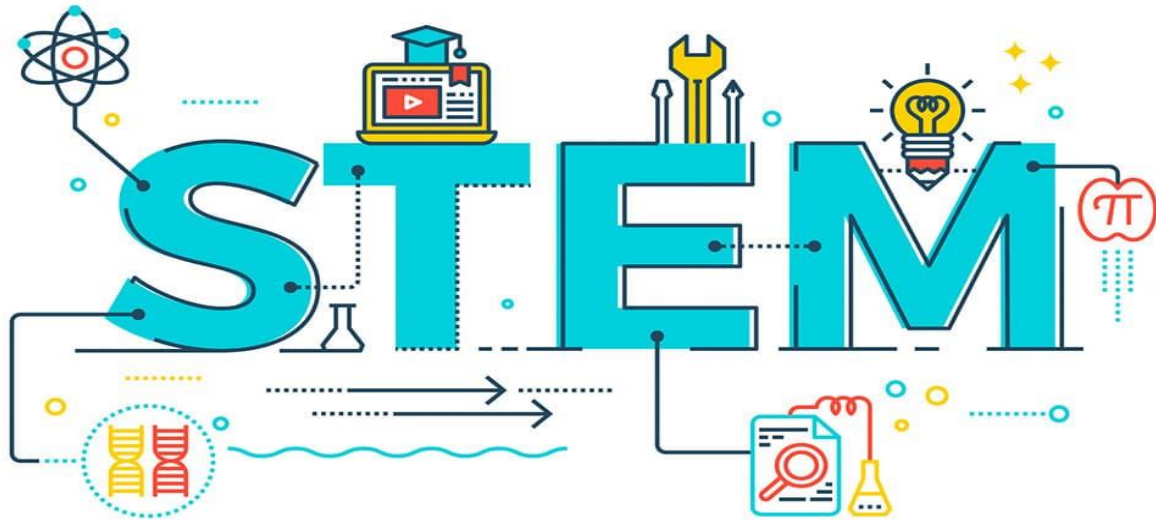
Pictured above: Year 5 International

Eco-Bricks

What are Ecobricks?

Ecobricks are empty disposable plastic bottles packed with plastic waste. Once compressed, these bottles become hard, and an ideal building material. It is our goal to collect as many completed bricks as possible. After collected we will donate the bricks to an organization called IR4C- a voluntary club of International Relations Faculty at University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Ho Chi Minh. This group is touring around the local secondary schools, to raise environmental awareness and teach students the power of Ecobricking. The students have started their Ecobricking mission last school year, and will carry on with gusto this school year as well. If you would like more information on our Ecobricking project, or would like to contribute, kindly inquire with Ms. Brittany.





What is STEM?

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than teach the four disciplines as separate and discrete subjects, STEM integrates them into a cohesive learning paradigm based on real-world applications.

All of this effort is to meet a need. According to a report by the website STEMconnector.org, by 2018, projections estimate the need for 8.65 million workers in STEM-related jobs.

What separates STEM from the traditional science and math education is the blended learning environment and showing students how the scientific method can be applied to everyday life. It teaches students computational thinking and focuses on the real world applications of problem solving.

Our wonderful Head of STEM, Ms. Anna has been working hard to develop STEM lessons for the students. Just last week Ms. Anna trained our teaching staff to incorporate upcycled items for STEM projects, which is both inventive and great for the environment. We are happy to introduce this new learning approach in our school and think the students will enjoy it as well.



Student Council

Our student council members here at SIS are a lovely group of elected students working in collaboration with Mr. Samy, Ms. Anna, and Mr. Mark. The group works together to create enjoyable events, and contribute to the school spirit and overall community welfare. Student council is a great platform for students to develop their leadership skills. Pictured to the left are the Student Council members for the 2018-2019 school year.

Back row: An 6L, Tina IGCSE1, Emily 9G, Lisa 7G
Front row: Johnny 6G, Jin 7L, Daniel IGCSE2, John 8G, Fiona 8L

Mid-Autumn Festival

Monday the 24th of September marked this year's Mid-Autumn Festival and SIS Vung Tau kept celebrations quite simple this year. This is in lieu of the untimely death of dear President Tran Dai Quang. Before he passed away he wrote a letter to the children of Vietnam urging them to continue studying and working hard and contributing to building Vietnam into a strong and wealthy nation. The students enjoyed a few dance performances, creating lanterns, eating mooncake, and dressing in traditional Ao Dai, and respectfully took time to honour the fallen leader. May he rest peacefully.



Upcoming Events

As September is coming to a close, we have Term 1 break to look forward to. **Term 1 concludes on the 12th of October, and will resume Monday October 22nd.** This month has been filled with new activities, celebrations, and hard work. As always, thank you parents for your kind support.

