



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

As I sit in my office, I am privileged to watch the students of this school at play. Often as a teacher or as a leader, I see students at their desks attending to their studies. Watching them at play allows you see the other side of their nature, the creative, inventive, spontaneous side. There are thrills and spills on the playground. There is fierce competition; dizzying heights of success, abysmal disappointments as well. When someone is hurt though, the action stops. This is the moment that I enjoy the most. This is the time when friends and classmates come to comfort, assist, and offer support. This is the time when you see the values which we aspire to teach the children become evident. This is the time when I love what I do. I hope you do too.

## Message from the Deputy Principal

Welcome to Term 2! I hope everyone had a restful break and ready to be in full gear as Semester 1 exams will be coming up soon.

During Term 2 we will see the weather change and students will start to wear the Winter Uniform which includes:

### **Female Students**

School pull over jumper with logo

School track suit pants (grey)

School wind breaker jacket with logo and school name

School grey skirt with grey, white or black colored tights

### **Male Students**

School pull over jumper with logo

School track suit pants (grey)

School wind breaker jacket with logo and school name



Students may not wear jeans, other patterned or color tights under their uniform. The Winter Uniform is currently in stock and available for students to purchase. Please see the front office staff.

## Early Leaving from School

Parents need to be aware that if they are removing students from school before the end of the school day they will need to get an Early Leaving form from the front office, or school nurse. This form must be signed by the Principal.



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## STEM

Our first STEM Week was held from the 8th to the 12th of October. Students and teachers created, tested and redesigned products from the following categories: Bridging the Gap (design and create different bridge types), Ready Set Launch (students created different types of catapults), Bots (students designed and built robots), Air & Movement (students created machines that used air to power them). On the 11th of October we had our STEM fair. Students from Grades 1-5 explained what they created, displayed the final products, and presented the successes and failures they encountered while working on their projects. We look forward to parents and visitors stopping in to see our Term 2 STEM Day in late January. Information will be sent home to parents with exact day and time.

## Sports Day

Earlier this month we had a fun-filled Sports Day. The teaching staff arranged a very exciting day for everyone. In the morning session Years 1 and 2 participated in a variety of fun-filled games and activities and the afternoon session Years 3, 4 and 5 did the same.

All students and teachers were allocated a House (team) and color for the day. Students did their best to encourage their team members, persevere even when things got tough and show good sportsmanship throughout the day. Certificates were awarded to the students who best displayed these important virtues. It was a close competition but in the end there was only one winning House – YELLOW!!!

All students in the Yellow House received a gold medal for their outstanding performance.

## Football Club

Boys and girls from Years 2 and 3 from Gamuda, Ciputra and Van Phuc took to the playing fields for football. All of the children enjoyed 3 games. The results for Van Phuc teams: 1 win, 1 loss and 1 draw. Van Phuc boys tried hard and are looking forward to the next invitation to Gamuda.



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## Coffee Date – Assessment Night

Our 1st Coffee Date of the year will be held Wednesday, 05 December 2018. Parents will be invited to discuss and share information around how the Assessment and Reporting is conducted. Parents will receive another copy of the Table of Specifications (ToS) and the rubrics for marking writing pieces.

We will explain the question types and how students can prepare. More information will be sent to parents coming soon.



**Medical Check for students in Integrated Program**

## Halloween

The 2018 Halloween Costume contest was celebrated in style this year. Many of the children wore costumes and participated in the Costume contest. Our winners were:

- Grade 1**    Trinh Khanh An – Y1B  
              Dao Anh Bao Linh – Y1C  
              Lexton Yu Jie Tchong – Y1L
- Grade 2**    Do Bao Chau – Y2B  
              Ngo Phung Anh – Y2C  
              Vu Minh Anh – Y2L
- Grade 3**    Pham Duc Minh – Y3B  
              Nguyen Duc Anh A – Y3C  
              Lee Chan Hyeok – Y3L
- Grade 4**    Vu Thu Ky – Y4B  
              Nguyen Minh Hieu – Y4C  
              Archisha Dutta – Y4L
- Grade 5**    Duong Minh Duc – Y5B  
              Le Bao Linh – Y5C  
              Zahra & Samin – Y5L

We also had many great entries for our poster contest this year. It was such a hard decision, but this years winners for the Halloween Poster contest lower grades were :

- Grade 1-3**    Tran Nu Tue Minh – Y1B  
                  Phi Khanh Chi – Y3L
- Grade 4-5**    Semin & Linh – Y5L  
                  Dang Minh Chau – Y5C

Great job on your creativity.

This is our second year hosting a Halloween Poetry Contest. Many students did a great job creating spooky, zany and funny poems this year. Our winners of the Halloween Poetry contest lower grades were:

- Grade 1-3**    Noh Se Yeon – Y3L  
                  Park Kyung Min – Y3L
- Grade 4-5**    Do Tran Thuc Anh – Y4L  
                  Semin & Linh – Y5L

Congratulations to you and to all of those who participated.



# Halloween Contest

