

# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ HALONG NEWSLETTER

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## VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

## MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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## School-Wide Learning Goals

At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- **Academic Achievers**
- **Confident Communicators**
- **Critical Thinkers**
- **Technologically literate**
- **Active, Responsible & Global citizens**

## Principal's News

**Dear Parents and Students,**

What an amazing year with much more to come next year! I am proud of our staff and students in what they have achieved and more than pleased with the parental support and the fabulous positivity observed in our constantly growing international school.



There is yet more to be done and much to accomplish but we are on the right path to make this school a "Great School"! However, to achieve this we need your continued support and help as partners with your children and teachers. Teachers need you to make sure that homework and study is taken seriously at home. We need parents to encourage the virtues we teach and for you to take time to listen to your children on a regular basis. In return our school will provide a top quality service that ensures the best possible learning outcomes for your child and a path second to none to reach accredited overseas universities that will allow your children every success in their adult lives.

Please join me in thanking staff and students for the great work done so far and help us reach these premier goals in raising your children to be highly successful adults that are globally minded, highly skilled and empathetic to others.

**Many thanks for a great year at**

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Year 6 and 7 Social Outreach Project

Dear Parents and Students,

This month the Year 6 and 7 classes have focused on understanding the school wide learner goal of being Active, Responsible and Global Citizens by engaging in two projects to support local Ha Long charities.

The Year 6 class worked with Quang Ninh Orphanage while the Year 7 class worked with the Ha Long Animal Shelter. The two classes raised substantial amounts of money through various fundraising activities over two weeks. The students were then able to buy the items the charities needed and visit them to donate the items, as well as give cash donations.

The projects were successful and the students learned important life skills about project management, and the importance of supporting charities whilst looking after their local community. We would like to thank parents, students and the school for supporting this valuable learning experience.



Year 6 and 7 fundraising at school



Year 7 students meeting with an organiser at the Ha Long Animal Shelter



Year 6 students buying items for Quang Ninh Orphanage



TỔ CHỨC PHI LỢI NHUẬN  
**TRẠM CỨU HỘ CHÓ MÈO HẠ LONG**  
**HÀ LONG ANIMAL SHELTER**

ĐC: 521/18 Cao Thắng  
ĐT: 03666 199 88

Donated By 2019 Year 7 Class  
SIS Ha Long

The sign donated by Year 7 to Ha Long Animal Shelter

**Message from KIK**

**Dear Parents and Beloved Students,**

A school year is ending with a lot of memories and useful lessons for Kindergarten students. They had fun excursions, helpful experiences and a memorable year-end concert.

In early June, all KIK students had an excursion to the KidDream children's play centre. This activity celebrated International Children's Day and was an opportunity for our students to exercise and develop their gross motor skills. The excursion ended happily with all students and teachers feeling excited and refreshed!

The end of year concert was also a memorable event this semester. All KIK students had the opportunity to express themselves through the performances. Students were very confident and excited to perform. For Prep students, the concert was also their Kindergarten graduation ceremony which was an important event marking their development and readiness for their Primary years.

Our school year has ended with many memorable events and our students have accomplished much through fabulous learning experiences at SIS Ha Long. We would like to express our deep gratitude to all parents who have supported and accompanied us throughout the school year and wish all parents and students a happy summer holiday and see you again next school year.

**Kind regards,**



*Nursery Students enjoys fresh air through outdoor activities*



*KIK students celebrate Children Day at KidDream Centre*



*Integrated Preparatory Class, School Year 2018 - 2019*

*Prep Graduation above and on the right, students practicing for their graduation*





Robocon team members controlling their robot



Robocon team member holds the cup while his younger brother displays the winner's certificate



The SIS Robocon team receives recognition with the event sponsors

## SIS @ Ha Long Wins First Prize at STEM Competition

Dear Parents and Students,

A team of five students from SIS Ha Long won out over teams from six other local schools to clench the first-place trophy at Robocon 2018-2019, which was held at Quang Ninh Sports Complex on May 25th. A capacity crowd of parents, classmates and community members watched intently as the teams demonstrated robot products intended to address this year's theme of "Smart Robot Solutions for Life". Competitors raced to build their robots the fastest, remotely navigate them along a course, and move them most directly to a prescribed point on a map.

As the winning team, SIS Ha Long will move to the next round of competition in Hanoi for a chance to compete in the championship round to be held in Japan.

Way to go, team!

Respectfully,



Team members and their robots compete against students from other local schools

Brendan Downey

## Years 1 & 2 Primary Excursion

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

SIS Hạ Long has reached another milestone as our third academic year reaches its conclusion and the Summer break has arrived. What a busy time it has been over the last few months for our Primary school students! They have been outstanding! The great news is that **all** of the staff and teachers know that this is just the beginning.

Our students have excelled in all subjects and they have grown in confidence, maturity and have become risk-takers, critical thinkers and are also well on their journey to being *passionate* life-long learners.

Below and left, you can see an example of Lower Primary—helping each other and being risk-takers on our recent trip to VinCom’s ice skating rink. A well know old Army saying is “Work hard,,,play hard!”, and these are great examples of just that. We hope as time passes we can instill in our children this ideal that when we work to achieve excellence then great rewards will also follow so that we can all have great lives in the future.

Kind regards,



*Our students hard at play on the ice!*



*Mr Sean making sure all is good!*



*Learning the fun of what a reduced coefficient of friction can do!*



## EFL and Prep English

Dear Parents and Students,

This term has been a great success in the EFL and Prep classrooms as our English abilities have gone from strength to strength.

Through a varied teaching approach our EFL students have gained confidence in

their every day conversation and ability to ask and answer questions in English with ease. Through the use of videos, music, stories, games, dialogue and written work they worked on and improved a number of skills which will help them to continue their understanding and develop their English in the future.

The Prep classroom has been filled with enthusiastic participants in this terms English lessons. We have covered a number of interesting themes, such as, The Water Cycle and Việt Nam. The students have gained confidence as well as curiosity in English, and love their story telling and “How are you feeling?” morning circle time.

Through song and dance they have learnt their phonics and alphabet. In watching and discussing videos and stories they have learnt their vocabulary. With worksheets they have developed their written work skills.

Overall it has been a fantastic term getting to know these enthusiastic and happy students.



Prep English Class



Physical and Music Education

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

Physical Education played an important role in our students' holistic development. In this subject, they have not only learned things about different sports and games but they have also discovered



their full potential as individuals. In addition, they have explored their strengths and weaknesses when it comes to physical abilities and social skills. PE will leave a vital impact on the students as they feel more confident about their body- strong, flexible, and dynamic. Through various activities like playing sports and swimming, students were given the chance to be physically fit and to be a confident communicator. Thus, achieving our 'School Wide Learning Goals.'

Meanwhile in our Music class, students were developing a sense of appreciation towards music. In this subject, children had the chance to learn how to play musical instruments such as the piano and the ukulele.

As we come to the end of our school year, we hope that the students will apply the knowledge and skills they have learned in real life situations.

Warm regards,



Year 5 Swimming



K2 Playing Tug of War



Giang, Nam Anh, and Han of Year 3 playing ukulele.



*A guide explaining the history of pearl farming*



*Above & below: learning about cultivating pearls*



## SIS Hạ Long Year 3 - 6 Excursion to Ha Long Pearl Co.

Dear Parents and Students,

On Wednesday 26 June, Years 3 to 6 went on a short excursion to Ha Long Pearl. The theme of the excursion was "Working with Nature".

The excursion gave students the opportunity to see first-hand how a local business is using the natural resources of Hạ Long Bay to create fine jewelry, cosmetics, art and stationery. Students learnt about the entire commercial process from oyster to finished pearl, the importance of farming and doing business in a sustainable way.

Students came away with a better understanding of the world around them. A big thank you to all staff involved in putting the excursion together and parents for their continued support.

Warm regards,



**L i a m** *Students exploring the Ha Long Pearl Showroom*