



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

IN THIS ISSUE

Message from the Principal
Message from the Deputy Principal
English Olympics
Book Orders
WASC
STEM Art-Earth Day
Grade 5 Sports Canival Day
Excursions
Upcoming Events

Message from the Principal

During the term break I was very lucky to be able to travel to Japan. While I was there I enjoyed the beautiful spring flowers, and of course the lovely Sakura, or Cherry Blossoms. Spring in Japan is a time of celebration. It is when we appreciate nature, and the enjoyment of being outdoors with nature all around us awakening from the long winter months.

Similarly, I see around the city of Hanoi a celebration of the changing of the season, with the city coming to life in a blaze of colour.

I have been very happy to see the impact our nature clean-up campaign had on our students, and their commitment in making art works from recycled materials for their Earth Day Stem projects. I see in our students a greater appreciation of the natural world around them. I also see a growing sense of responsibility in them for looking after our world in more sustainable ways.

Let's all celebrate the changing of the seasons and welcome the warmer months to come as a time for growth and learning.

Message from the Deputy Principal

We have quickly reached Term 4. We have many activities ahead of us. Soon our students will sit for their Semester 2 Exams. With this in mind, I have prepared some tips for parents and students to feel confident and prepared for the upcoming Exams.

1. Assist your child with homework and ensure that your child is completing all homework assignments.
2. Help your child develop good study habits. Help them develop a regular study routine and find a nice quiet place to study.
3. Get plenty of rest and have a good healthy breakfast. Children require plenty of rest to be alert in school. A good night's sleep helps improve memory, learning and emotions.
4. Have regular attendance at school. Students learn better, build better relationships with their peers and achieve better when they go to school every day.
5. Help foster positive attitudes and interest in your child's day to day classroom activities. Primary students are eager to share what they have learned and how their day went. Setting time aside daily to have a chat with your child about what they are doing in school can build positive attitudes about school.



English Olympics

Special Congratulations to Dao The Anh and Nguyen Thi Ha Anh who earned a spot in the Final Oral round in the English Olympics competition. These students had to compete with over 1000 students from all over Hanoi. We are very proud to announce that both students ranked high in the competition:
Nguyen Thi Ha Anh: Third Place.
Dao The Anh: Fourth place.

Congratulations students.

We also thank Mr. Jean Paul and Ms. Lan Anh for their great work preparing the students in the lead up to the competition.

Book Orders

We were very pleased with the parents and students that turned in their book orders. Books will arrive during our Book Fair 16-17 May. Parents and students are invited to join us and purchase additional books from our book vendors. We look forward to seeing you at our Book Fair.

WASC

The visiting committee from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges returned to visit our campus 25-26, 29 of April. We welcomed Mrs. Janet Koepfel and Mrs. Johanna (Bettie) Bolshoff to our campus. They had the opportunity to speak with parents, students, teachers and school leaders to get an overall picture of our school and its ethos. We hope they enjoyed their visit with us.

STEM Art-Earth Day

In celebration of Earth Day in combination with STEM, all classes at Van Phuc created art pieces using recycled materials. The students enjoyed walking the art gallery which housed all of the wonderful, creative pieces of art. Recycled art is about repurposing and reusing materials. There's no limit to what kinds of materials can be used and no limits to the level of creativity. Our students proved this with their great range of creative two dimensional and three dimensional pieces.



Grade 5 Sports Canival Day

Our Grade 5 students went over to the Gamuda Gardens campus to take part in our annual Sports Carnival Day. The students had a great time. The students competed in teams playing football and basketball. Our students displayed a great show of sportsmanship and cheered the other Van Phuc teams on.



Excursions

Students from years 2 and 3 had an exciting opportunity to put all the things they have been learning about making environmental differences into real action this month. These classes went out to help keep Hanoi clean and did a fantastic job cleaning the park. The students were enthusiastic about doing their part in keeping the environment we all occupy healthy and sustainable.

On April 4th, Grade 1 International had the opportunity to visit the Vietnam Museum of Ethnology in Hanoi. The students were given a guided tour of the museum, and were introduced to Vietnam's vast cultural diversity through various exhibits and craft performances. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day!

On April 11th grade 1B and 1C went to the flower garden in the countryside of Hanoi. They looked at different plants and flowers studied the plant or flower by indicating the leaf, stem, seed, flower and soil. They had a packed picnic lunch we all shared together after our morning activity.

The learners also had the opportunity to play football, hula-hoop and look at different insects in the garden. They had a lovely time exploring the flower garden.



Upcoming Events

Vietnamese Exams
Book Fair
Exams

May 7-May10
May 16-May 17
May 20-May 29