

NEWSLETTER

September 2019

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of Term 1 2019, I would like to bring to your attention that students from IGCSE2 have already completed their OBV programs. OBV programs aim to help students recognize their true potential through adventure, challenges, service and discovery. Our school Newsletters each month will aim to inform all parents of the OBV programs being offered and the classes that will attend. Communication and information will be sent home soon for all students attending OBV. Positive and rewarding learning experiences for all in our school community.

The recently celebrated Mid-Autumn festival was an enjoyable success for all who participated. This edition of the school Newsletter will highlight many photos from the festival.

A special feature of the celebrations were the STEAM focus on lantern designs and fruit construction displays. Class noticeboards were very creatively designed around the festival theme. A big thank you to Mdm. Minh and her hardworking committee for the success of the festival.

Parents are reminded that end of Term Progress Reports will go home early next term, followed by Parent Teacher Interviews. Dates and times of the interviews will be shared with all families early in Term 2, 2019.

Yours in learning,

Mark Priddis – Principal



**Classes from Year 6 to Highschool
make fruit baskets**

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of Term 1 we are pleased to see the children happy and working hard. You should feel quite proud of their efforts and accomplishments so far, with many more to come.

I am sure you are aware that there will be no school October 14-18, during our break between Term 1 and Term 2. The office will remain open during usual hours, though, in case you need to come to campus.

For your planning, please be advised that we will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences week 3 of Term 2. You will receive more information about these as they get nearer, but please know that prior to that grade reports will be sent home so that you will be able to review the progress and proficiency of your child. A notice will then come home inviting you to make an appointment with any teachers with whom you would like to meet. These one-to-one meetings of approximately 15 minutes are to excellent opportunities to discuss the strengths and weaknesses

You do not need to wait for officially scheduled conference weeks, however, and are welcome to set an appointment with teachers whenever you have questions, concerns, or compliments you'd like to share.

Thank you again for your continued support as we work together to help all of the children learn and grow.

Respectfully,

Robert Madden - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).



**Classes from Year 4 to Highschool
make lanterns**



Dear Parents,

This month we sent the first round of students to the Outward Bound Vietnam educational outdoors field trip. IGCSE 2 went for one whole week, which included three nights of camping outdoors. Students got to learn a lot about how to survive in nature, how to correctly walk and climb, safety procedures when outdoors and many other practical experiences.

Before the trip began many students were worried about how they could possibly complete 3 days of walking, setting up their own tents and cooking their own food, but by the last day all of them were happy, far more confident, and sad they had to leave.

It must be remembered that the skills a child can learn and develop from such a course, have no substitutes in a classroom setting, and are vital to a child's physical and cognitive development.

I encourage all the students who will be attending future trips to OBV this year to approach it with excitement and an open mind, and you will come away with a very educational and enjoyable experience.

Donovan Neethling - Head of Studies (High School)

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of Term 1, we are so impressed to see how much our KIK students have learned since the beginning of the year! Every classroom has their routines established and the children know what to do when they get to school. We want to thank each students' parents and caregivers for making sure that the children arrive on time and ready to start the day.

We are also excited to begin preparations for our upcoming United Nations Day event in Term 2. Your child's class has been assigned a particular country and UNESCO World Heritage Site which they will study for the next several weeks. We hope that you will enjoy talking with your child about what they have learned and helping them to understand the importance of human rights, cultural respect, and the goal of world peace.

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)



**Classes from K1 to Year 3
parade their lanterns**



**Lion Dance Performance
by Year 5 Integrated and Year 6 Integrated**

Dear Parents and Students,

In September, the school organized Mid-Autumn Festival for students from Kindergarten to High School. There are a lot of activities for students to participate. The students from Kindergarten 1 to Year 3 will show up their lanterns which they made by themselves on the stage at the Assembly. There are kind of lanterns such as star lights, carp lights, butterfly lights, lotus lights. The lanterns are very diverse and colorful. Students from Year 4 to High School will use their hands and make colorful star lights by themselves, display fruit trays. The atmosphere of the Mid-Autumn Festival will be filled with unicorn drums when Year 6 students perform the Lion Dance. All of the students are excited.

Wishing you and your family happy Mid-Autumn Festival season!

Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies



Dear Parents,

Welcome to September!

We've only just begun the school year but it feels like we have accomplished a lot already. The K1K children have settled well in the school environment, such as forming friendships amongst teachers and friends, displaying more independence in life-skills, gaining more confidence in joining in class activities, and showing progress in expressing their thoughts and feelings to others. We know that this is something big for the little ones, so let us all congratulate them for a job well done! ☺

A glimpse in K1-K2 International class:

In K1-K2 class, the children have reached several milestones in the first seven weeks. Friendships old and new have blossomed which displays their developing social skills. And not only are they learning about numbers, letters, and themes, they are also practicing good values such as sharing, taking turns (patience), and using kind words to one another which is also vital in the children's growth.

We look forward to even more achievements as we progress through the school year.

Tanya Balmaceda – K1K2 International Teacher

Dear Parents,

The season one sports are in full swing already this year. We have U19 boys and girls volleyball teams, a U19 table tennis team, U14 boys and girls basketball teams, U11 boys and girls football teams, and two U9 boys football teams.

The U19 boys and girls volleyball teams have had two matches vs BVIS and AMIS and both teams won both of them 2-0. Both teams look to build on last year success in the tournament and have high expectations. The U14 boys and girls basketball teams have had 1 match vs BVIS. Both teams were easily victorious with a lot of experience and skill between the players. The U11 boys and girls football teams have had matches vs BVIS and SSIS. The teams have had mixed results with the boys winning both and the girls splitting the matches. Both teams have a lot of talent and are working on their team chemistry.

Eric Horton - Athletic Coordinator

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to introduce the 2019-2020 Student Council members, who will bring new ideas and innovations to our school community.

Melon - Y5 Integrated
Jackson - Y5 International
Khoi - Y6 Integrated
Andy - Y6 International
Lily – Y7 Integrated
Arushi – Y7 International
Eric – Y8 Integrated
Sophia – Y8 International
Han – Y9 Integrated
Alex – IGCSE 1
Eng Meng – IGCSE 2
Tom – As Level
CK – A Level
Hannah – GAC

Each of these students informs a younger form class of the Student Council activities, as well as their own year-level form class.

Leading our students is the Teacher Advisory Team: Ms. Caroline, Deputy Principal, Ms. Thao, Ms. Long, Ms. Elri and Ms. Victoria.

We will be celebrating UNESCO World Heritage and Culture in October. More information will be available next newsletter.



Victoria Gillespie – Student Council