

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC NEWSLETTER

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Teacher's Day Performances



The Principal's Message

Over the last four months I have watched our new teaching and learning wing take shape amidst clouds of dust and construction noise. It has been a nervous time, with the safety of the students, parents and staff always on my mind. I am now beginning to see the final form of the building as it rushes towards completion. We are now only weeks away from the handover, and have begun planning the process of moving our International classes into their new home rooms. I want to take the opportunity to thank all the parents, staff and students for their patience and forbearance during the course of the project. SIS Van Phuc is a far better school as a result.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Mr. Ed

Message from the Deputy Principal

November has been an eventful month for us here at SIS Van Phuc. Since the last Newsletter came out students were able to take part in some Halloween fun, thanks to the organisational skills of our Student Council; we celebrated Teacher's Day as a school; and Year 4 and 5 students took part in the two-day, school-based OBV programme.

Soon we will be holding our Christmas Charity Fair, our Christmas Concert, and the students will undertake their Semester One Exams. The students have been diligently preparing for these and we wish them the best success during this time.

The Christmas Holidays will be upon us shortly, with the last day of classes being the 20th of December. School will commence again after two weeks, on the 6th of January.

We would like to wish all of our SIS Van Phuc families a happy and safe Christmas break. Thank your continuing support and from all of us here at SIS Van Phuc, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Warm Regards,

Mr. Paul

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Christmas Charity Fair

As you know, our Christmas Charity Fair will be on this Saturday, the 7th of December. The Fair will be from 9am-12pm and we are raising money for Caritas Vietnam. Students can buy tickets at school during the week, on the day.

If you would like to donate towards our Raffle, then please contact our lovely ladies in the Office. We are also taking donations for our Trash and Treasure stall, which can be sent to school with your child.

Thank you for your generosity and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair.

Christmas Concert

Ms. Chelsea, our highly-talented music teacher, has been busily preparing students for the annual Christmas Concert. This will be held on Thursday the 19th of December. We would like to invite all parents to come and watch their children perform. There will be three separate concerts:

1. KIK: 8.45 – 9.15am
2. Year 1-2: 9.30 – 10.00am
3. Year 3-6: 10.15 – 10.45am

Semester One Exams

The examination schedule is below for your information. Please note that Year 1 students do not undertake English examinations in Semester 1.

Examinations	Day	Date
English Paper 1 (Speaking)	Mon-Wed	9-11 Dec
English Paper 2 (Writing)	Thurs.	12-Dec
English Paper 3 (Language and Comprehension)	Fri.	13-Dec
VN Literature	Mon.	16-Dec
International Mathematics	Mon.	16-Dec
International Science	Tues.	17-Dec
VN Mathematics	Tues.	17-Dec
English Paper 4 (Listening)	Wed.	18-Dec
VN Science	Tues.	07-Jan
VN Geography/History	Wed.	08-Jan

Year 4&5 OBV Programme



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Halloween

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The students had a wonderful time on Halloween. Activities included trick-or-treating, a costume parade and prizes for the best-dressed. We would like to say a special thanks to Mr. Todd and the Student Council for their planning of this day.

Teacher's Day

Teacher's Day is always a special event on our yearly calendar - a time when we have the opportunity to say thank you to our wonderful and dedicated staff and to the individuals who help shape our children into the leaders of tomorrow. We had a special whole school assembly, which also included our KIK students. The staff were treated to some special performances by students, were given flowers and had the opportunity to enjoy a lovely meal with their colleagues in the evening. Thank you to the generosity of parents who helped make this day that little bit more special for the staff.

Outward Bound Vietnam

The Year 4 and 5 students successfully completed their overnight OBV programme at school. Students had a fantastic time, learning about the importance of teamwork and the skills necessary to work effectively together; communication; and self-responsibility. Thank you to the teachers and staff of OBV who helped to make this programme the success it was. We look forward to this time next year, when students will undertake an OBV course once again.

Our Wonderful Integrated Teachers



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School Uniform

A reminder for students to wear their school uniforms when at school, and now that it is getting colder, their winter uniforms. We have just received new stock for our uniform store and have ample supply of all uniforms– Winter, Summer and PE. Please take special note of the Winter SIS Uniform Policy, which can be found on page 7 of the Student Handbook. We would also like to ask parents to please name and label all items of clothing, as our lost and found basket is very full of items of clothing without any names.



Kindergarten News from HOV Kindergarten.

Prep, K2 and K1 students had a thoroughly enjoyable excursion to VinKE Time City. They learnt all about the different occupations in our community and had the opportunity to pretend to do the different jobs, such as being doctors, firefighters, soldiers, farmers and chefs. They also enjoyed playing some exciting games and watching a 5D movie.



Our Nursery class had the opportunity to go to KidsPlay at Vinhomes Metropolis for their excursion, which had many stimulating play areas. The students enjoyed playing in the ball pools, climbing, crawling, running and exploring the different gym equipment.

The importance of play at this age cannot be overstated and it's important to give them ample opportunities to explore new environments, and develop both their gross and fine motor skills.

KIK celebrated a special Teacher's Day assembly with the SIS students. This was the first experience for KIK to join with SIS in a whole school assembly. We received a lot of love and care from parents and students alike and we are thankful to our parents who always trust us!



Our Lovely KIK Teachers