



# NEWSLETTER

November 2019

Dear Parents,

For so many in the International school community December is a very busy month as we prepare for Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to share a few school events and celebrations.

## **SA1 Examinations.**

In weeks 8 and 9 of Term 2 the students from Year 1 to 9 at SIS@SS will participate in Semester 1 examinations.

Cambridge end of semester exams. Examination timetables have been shared and students are encouraged to study hard and prepare well for their examinations.

Semester reports will go home to parents early in Term 3 at Parent - Teacher Conference time.

## **Christmas Charity Fair.**

A reminder that the Christmas Charity Fair will be celebrated at SIS@SS on Saturday morning the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. Class information and notes have already been sent home sharing class stall information and what help is needed. Save the date as this is always a wonderful enjoyable learning experience for all.

## **OBV.**

Outward Bound learning experiences for students at SIS@SS continues in December. IGCSE 1, AS, A, GAC will attend OBV in the early weeks of December.

OBV continues to be a very popular with students and photos are often shared with the school community in the school newsletter and on the noticeboard display in the school canteen.

On behalf of SIS@SS I would like to wish all in our school community a very safe and merry Christmas.

Yours in learning,

**Mark Priddis – Principal**

Dear Parents,

Singapore International School is developing a school-wide STEM focus. This means students learn and apply skills related to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Throughout the year there will be many lessons and activities to continue and support this effort.

However, learning such as this does not have to take place only at school. There are many ways you can have your child continue to explore, discover, and apply knowledge at home. Some suggestions for how to do that can be found at:

- Café Mom – 5 Fun STEAM Projects and Activities Kids Can DO At Home  
[https://thestir.cafemom.com/big\\_kid/220797/steam-projects-kids-can-do-at-home](https://thestir.cafemom.com/big_kid/220797/steam-projects-kids-can-do-at-home)
- Perfection Pending – 19 STEM Activities for Kids You Can Do at Home  
<https://perfectionpending.net/19-stem-activities-for-kids-you-can-do-at-home/>
- STEAM Powered Family – Ultimate Guide to STEM Activities  
<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/stem-activities/>

With school and home working together, we can ensure that all of the children reach their highest potential as students and citizens, making their families proud and their communities better.

Respectfully,

**Robert Madden - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).**



Students enjoyed participating in the OBV's course at Saigon South



Dear Parents,

November is always such a special month with the lead up to Christmas festivities and the celebration of Teacher's Day. Once again, our parents showed their respect and appreciation to our teaching staff at Saigon South on this special day. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents and children for their kind wishes on Teacher's Day!

Also in November, SIS at Saigon South took time to celebrate United Nations Day. In many countries around the world, people celebrate United Nations Day with national costumes, flags, and musical performances.

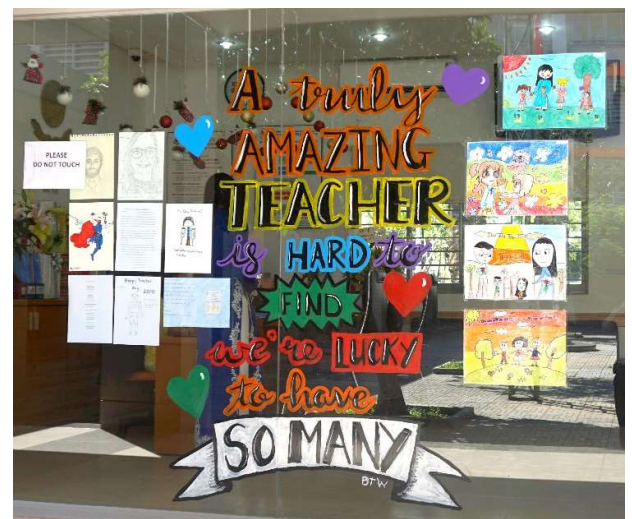
For our UN Day celebration, each class learned about an UNESCO World Heritage site. Then, they shared what they learned with other classes throughout the school. We celebrated with music, performances, and beautiful decorations. It was a special learning celebration for all of our students.

Once again we look forward to our annual Christmas Charity Fair.

This year, our fair will be held on Saturday, 14 December 2019, 9:30am – 11:30am. Lots of fun activities and games are planned! The students will enjoy art and craft activities and games. Delicious food and beverages will also be available. All are welcome, so bring your friends and family to celebrate this festive season with us!

Warm regards,

**Caroline Atkinson – Deputy Principal**



Activities for Teacher's Day such as Drawing Teachers, Flower arrangement, and Writing poems

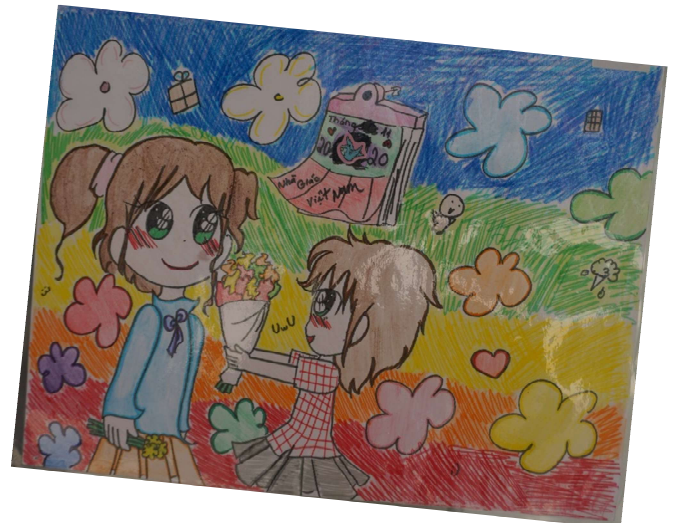
Dear Parents,

Over the next couple weeks, the KIK classes will be focusing on learning about time and date. They will be learning lots of new theme-related vocabulary, singing songs about time and making their own clocks to use during class activities. Understanding the passage of time can be challenging for young children and it can often take years to master the concepts of elapsed time and reading clocks. You can help your child to develop these skills at home by talking to them about activities that happen at different times of day or comparing the different amounts of time needed to complete different activities. It can also be helpful for children to start thinking about sequences of events by answering questions such as, "What did you do after breakfast?" or to talk about their favorite time of day and why they like it.

**Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)**



Year 9 Integrated students received 4 prizes in the District English Proficiency Competition (1 First Prize I, 2 Second Prizes and 1 Third Prize). They won for the 4 beautiful flowers that the students gave to teachers at SIS@SS during the Teacher's Day.



Classes' decoration for Teacher's Day

Dear Parents,

Our first SISAC Championship Week of the year kicked off this term, as such students have been very busy competing all over the city.

Our U11 boys and girls football teams, competed well, both finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in their respective pools, well done!

At U14 level, the boys' basketball team came 5<sup>th</sup> in their highly competitive pool and the girls finished in an impressive 3<sup>rd</sup> place, against some tough competition, congratulations!

We hosted the city U19 table tennis Championship and came out as champions in the top pool for a third year in a row, a fantastic achievement!

Finally our U19 Volleyball teams finished their season strongly, with the girls coming in at 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the boys winning a tough four set semifinal, followed by a convincing final win to be crowned the city wide Champions for the first time, amazing result!

**Allaster Field – PE Teacher**



Teachers and Students at SIS@SS with the STEAM project

Dear Parents,

The Student Council's October **UNESCO World Heritage** presentations and bulletin boards took us around the globe to visit the steamy jungle of Tikal in Guatemala, the lovely lanterns of Hoi An, Vietnam and as far north as St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow, Russia. We look forward to getting input on how best to develop this activity even further in years to come.

As December approaches, the Student Council shares the beautiful, ancient tradition of Origami, Japanese paper folding. We are busy with some pre-made designs to sell, as well preparing to teach you how to fold and make your own creations. Please visit our booth and have a look at our crafts during the **Christmas Charity Fair, Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:30 to 11:30.**

Keep your eyes, ears and hearts open for **Friendship Day, February 14, 2020!** Stay tuned. . .

**Victoria Gillespie – Student Council**



OBV's Activities for Year 4 & 5  
students



# CHRISTMAS CHARITY FAIR 2019

SINGAPORE  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL  
SAIGON SOUTH

Games  
Crafts  
Food & Drinks  
Prizes!

SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER  
9:30 - 11:30 AM  
ALL WELCOME!

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