

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Important Dates:

28 June-02July: Reports Sent Home

2 July: Term 4 Ends

05 – 30 July: Summer Holiday



Doan Thu An from 4B produced a poster of a Critical Thinker for our SWLG poster competition. Here she is looking ever so proud of her creation, and rightly so.

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We've been engaged in online learning for over 4 weeks now, and I am so proud of the efforts being made by our students during these challenging times.

It is wonderful to see students putting our School Wide Learner Goals (SWLGs) into action as they navigate the demands of online learning:

- Students are demonstrating that they are Technologically Literate;
- They are Communicating Confidently;
- They are being Active and Responsible Citizens by taking responsibility for their learning, and doing the right thing by being prepared, participating in lessons and completing their work;
- They are Academic Achievers, who despite the challenges, are demonstrating academic growth and striving for continuous improvement.

We would like to express our gratitude to you all, for the support you've been providing your children while they are doing online learning. We understand that online learning presents its own unique challenges and that our parents are doing the best they can under the circumstances. Parents can further support their children by ensuring that their learning space is quiet and free from distractions (such as TV and loud noises), and that children are prepared and have all of their necessary books with them for easy access. If students are studying in a common environment (i.e. kitchen or living room), they should have a pair of headphones with a microphone to easily hear and respond to the teacher. We strongly encourage parents to take a proactive role in their children's learning — it is important to discuss with them what they are doing and to check that they are completing their work. Routines are also very important for students, especially during times like these. As such, we encourage parents to have students dress in their school uniform daily, to get students into the correct mindset that they are attending school.

There is light at the end of the tunnel and we will get through these challenging times, together. On behalf of the staff at Van Phuc, we hope you and your families are safe and well.

Yours Sincerely, Paul Batchelor

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we near the end of the school year, I wanted to share my gratitude with parents and let you know how proud I am of our students.

As we all know, learning online can be quite challenging at times, yet every day I see our students trying their best and maintaining a positive attitude in their studies. In every class, I am proud to see the continuing adaptability, perseverance, and resiliency of our students. With these attitudes, our students are bound for success!

I am grateful for your continued support and look forward to seeing your children back on campus soon.

Best Regards, Mr. Ben



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5L Students were asked to draw what they saw through a Keyhole for Art. Many interesting Art lessons take place as a part of online learning and our students take this opportunity to share their creativity and talent. Hyun (above) and DoYun (below) provide two of our best.



COVID-19 Measures at School

As per the guidance of our local authorities, our campus remains temporarily closed to students and we are to continue with online learning. Parents wishing to come into the office are asked to make an appointment to visit the campus. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school soon!

Virtues Programme

This month our students focused on the virtues of Assertiveness, Excellence, and Creativity.

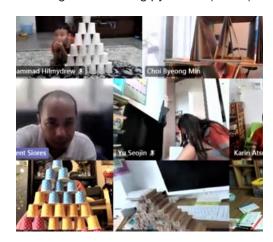
Our students learned to show their assertiveness by sharing their opinions, learning to disagree respectfully, and to speak up for themselves and others.

Striving for excellence has always been an important part of our school culture and is evidenced every day in our students' many achievements.

Creativity builds broader appreciation for the joys of life and offers a variety of opportunities for self-expression. This can be seen in all subjects and through projects such as drawings and writings.



2C Students are happy to learn English with their supportive teacher Ms. Danni (above) while Mr. Vincent teaches our **2L** students to improve their coordination by balancing household objects to make amazing free-standing pyramids (below).





HPE with the Students of 4C - showing a very impressive yoga pose!



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Tan Quan Ming, in class 1B, is showing his creative monster to the class for 'Show and Tell'.



3L students are working on this week's STEM challenge, to create a marble run so that the marble moves to the end of it in 20 seconds or more. During the online lesson, 3L students began collecting recycled materials, plastic materials, like toys or legos, and other objects to help them create the marble run they envision. This project will be a great opportunity for critical thinking!

Schoolwide Learner Goals

Every month, we have focused on one of our five Schoolwide Learner Goals. However, this month and next we are broadening our focus to include and celebrate *all* of our Schoolwide Learner Goals:

This month's winners have shown a variety of skills such as the ability to apply thinking skills, use technology effectively, work collaboratively with others, demonstrate academic growth, and respect other cultures.

CRITICAL THINKERS: 1L - Nguyen Gia Huy, 3B - Cao An Phu, 6L - Hanh Tien TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE STUDENTS: 4B - Mai Phuong Linh CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS: 1C-Nguyen Ha Anh, 2L - Nguyen Ha Gia Linh, 4L - Vu Minh Anh, 5B - Le Xuan Phong Nha ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS: 1B - Le Minh Chau, 2B - Pham Le Linh Chi, 2C - Luong Hoang Vinh, 3C - Tran Ngoc Linh, 3L - Kim Seong Yoon (Simon), 4C – Nguyen Dinh Tuan Hung, 5C - Kim RaHee ACTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS: 5L - Khanh Chi Phi

Congratulations to this month's WINNERS!



Tue Nhi sings Good Morning to all of her classmates in 3C. This is a lovely way to start the day and sets a fun tone for our online learning!



1L Music Students are clapping their hands, tapping the table with sticks or makeshift instruments to demonstrate the beat of the song their teacher is playing.



Wonderful 3-D hand creations made by 4L students. These skillful optical illusions show our students' talent and creativity during their online Art lessons.