



SINGAPORE
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SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ GAMUDA GARDENS

NEWSLETTER

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VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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At Singapore International School we seek to nurture students who are:

- **Academic Achievers**
- **Confident Communicators**
- **Critical Thinkers**
- **Technologically literate**
- **Active and Responsible citizens**

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Students,

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you very much for the wonderful support and participation in making our Christmas Fair a huge success this year. You continue to bless us with your support and commitment to SIS @ Gamuda Gardens; we all enjoyed the day, despite the cooler weather, as your positive attitude and friendliness warmed our hearts.

We managed to raise a whopping 78,955,599 VND, which will be donated to Operation Smile. Through the "Giving Tree" we raised 9,000,000 VND for the Blue Dragon Foundation, thank you again for your continued support in helping the less privileged.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Parents, thank you for your support in attending the Christmas concerts for KIK and the primary school. The students and teachers worked hard on their performances - what a great way to begin the Winter Break!



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SIS READS:

SIS Reads was a fabulous success the last week before the holidays. It was awesome to see children excited to read! The focus on reading was promoted by using different strategies each day, which in turn hopefully helped to ignite a strong spark of interest in reading for pleasure, curiosity and research. We have some fantastic pictures as always in the newsletter, of our children enjoying their reading. At SIS we aim to, "Catch them at being good!"



Our Christmas Fair was filled with exciting stores and activities.



Students loved participating in the events planned by the classes



Food was a great hit and enjoyed by many.



Students made their own fruit sticks



Robotics was offered and this fascinated the students

STAFFING

We are happy to welcome Mr. Anthony Durnford to our SIS family. Mr. Durnford will be teaching English to replace Mr. Ronald Sietz. I'm sure Mr. Durnford will love Vietnam just as much as we do.

FUTURE @ SIS

Whilst in other events we have seen more sporting and academic debating competitions occur or being planned and this is our focus to help children grow in all areas as a truly holistic school. The schoolwide learner goals are in full swing and both teachers and students are putting them into practice so that we can achieve the mission and vision of SIS.

We continue to encourage parents and caregivers to contact us with any concerns, comments or suggestions. The partnership we have seen from many parents is remarkable and our role here is to help support your child grow into balanced and successful adults. A wholesome childhood and adolescence usually lead to successful careers, relationships and quality in life.

With your help, we aspire to reach our dream of providing a top quality educational service and hope to see the school grow and mature.

Should you be thinking of sending your child abroad to study before they have completed their high school, please STOP, think and think again. Your children are still children and need you in their lives, at all times. You are the best role models for your children, don't deprive them of that.

EXAMINATIONS

Examinations have started this week, and parents and teacher conferences will be hold in February to discuss your child's results.

Staff and management wish you a festive season and happy 2019.

**Seasons Greetings,
Senior Management Team**



SIS Reading Week was a huge success



Our students were reading in and out of classrooms



Students participated in D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read)



Our junior students were buddied up with the older students to form reading buddies.



The students love the interaction and reading time together.



Our year 1 students participated in the "Hats Off" to Reading



Snuggle up and read time.



The book exchange was huge success



Reading is a valuable skills



Students earned hot chocolate for "Catch me Reading"

Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear parents and our beloved students,

I'm pleased to inform you that our SVIS students have completed the Vietnamese program's Semester Examinations. The teachers are marking and completing their HKI scores which will be available at our parent teacher conferences in the second Semester.

As for International program of SVIS, students will participate in the exams after the Christmas holidays!

In the midst of the examination, the students of the whole school - both International, SIS and integrated SVIS actively participated in other meaningful and interesting academic activities, we strive to provide the children with a holistic education.

During our **2018 Christmas Fair**, we raised funds for Operation Smile, thank you for your support.

During our **SIS Reading Week** we aimed to encourage our children to read, broaden their knowledge - gradually avoid playing games and spending too much time on their electronics.

The atmosphere at our school during the first 2 weeks of December, 2018 was very exciting, always full of joy for both teachers and students. The photos speak for themselves. Ms. Lorraine Els, the Principal instructed the students to exchange their old books for other books, we gave all our students reading bookmarks; if the students received 3 teachers' signatures for "catch and read" and could share the content of the books which they had finished, they received hot chocolate and marshmallows.

We also enjoyed a buddy reading lesson, where the high school students read stories in English to the elementary and grade 6 students! What a great festival day!

Christmas and New Year 2019 has come and gone us and I wish you all have a good 2019.

Sincerely,

Duong Thanh Nghi



Our KIK students participated in the Christmas Concert



Prep students singing their Christmas song.



Students enjoyed singing in the Christmas Concert.