



KINDERWORLD INTERNATIONAL KINDERGARTEN @ THE MANOR, HANOI

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

Dear Parents,

We are now in our final term for this school year. Teachers and students have been busy with preparations for the school concert and prep graduation as well as beginning to write end of year reports and finalizing student portfolios. Our prep students have been visiting our SIS primary schools and enjoying 'taster mornings' and I hope parents have enjoyed the Information Evenings with the SIS principals regarding enrolling into year 1 for the new school year.

There has been a lot of important information sent home over the last few weeks regarding fees for next school year and deadlines for payments. I would like to draw your attention to the following important dates:

For existing students, School Fees need to be paid by **May 16, 2019**, and parents will receive:

- ✚ Yearly School Fees: a 4% preferential rate
- ✚ Termly School Fees: a 4% preferential rate on Term 1 School Fees only

To confirm your child's enrolment for new school year, payment of School Fees must be paid by **June 14, 2019**.

If you haven't already done so, please make sure you return the **RESPONSE SLIP FOR ENROLMENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2019-2020** as soon as possible.

## **Upcoming Important Dates:**

**May 7 - Parent Information Afternoon at SIS @ Gamuda Gardens (4:15PM – 5:30PM)**

**May 8 - Prep Students to Visit SIS @ Van Phuc**

**May 8 - Water Play program Begins**

**May 9 - Parent Information Evening at SIS @ Van Phuc (6:00PM – 7:30PM)**

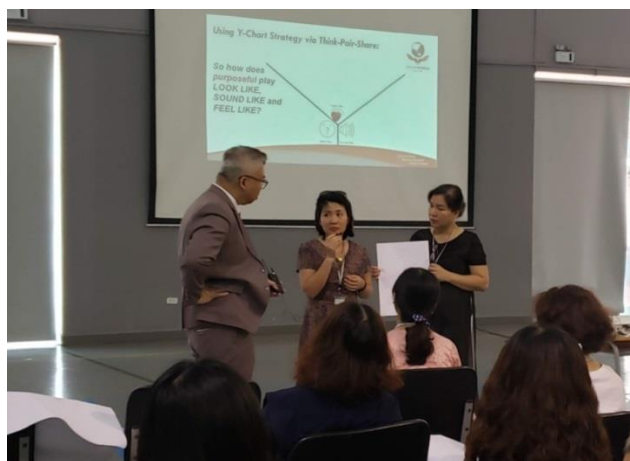
**June 6 - Concert & Prep Graduation Rehearsal**

**June 13 - End of Year Concert & Prep Graduation**

**June 28 - Last day of Academic Year 2018/19**

Estelle Brown  
Head of Kindergarten

# News around the Classrooms



## Water Play Program – Term 4

The warmer weather has finally arrived in Hanoi and our students will soon be enjoying cooling off in the Garden Pools – Landmark 72, Pham Hung, during our water play program. Learning to swim is an important skill for life and the program aims to provide your child with water safety and familiarization as well as exercise and development of gross motor skills.

Here are some tips to help Water Play go smoothly for all:

- ❖ Please send your child to school with a **hat, swimsuit, towel, water bottle** and **sunscreen**. These items should be in a bag **clearly labeled with their name and class** in case of loss.
- ❖ Please make sure your child is at school on time on Water Play day. The buses for the first session will leave **at 9:00am**.
- ❖ Please do not send in any water toys. We have water play toys that the children will use at the pool, and do not want to lose any of the children's personal items.
- ❖ Students who are not joining the activity will remain at school with a different teacher until their class returns.

I do urge parents to allow the children to attend the weekly sessions so that all our children can have the chance to become "water safe" and to develop skills to be able to learn to swim.

## Kindergarten Teachers Attend a Saturday Workshop on "Co-Operative Play"

Last Saturday, 23 teachers from KIK @ The Manor attended a workshop on "Co-operative Play" run by Dr. Thomas Chong who is the Chief Learning Officer for KinderWorld International Group. It was a very informative day and enabled many kindergarten teachers from the North and Centre of Vietnam to come together to discuss and learn more about the importance of 'co-operative play' for our kindergarten students. Cooperative play develops several important skills, such as sharing, taking turns and following instructions, all of which help children get along with others in social situations.





### Water Play Activities in K1 Cricket Class

Water is an important natural material that provides hours of absorbing fun and a multitude of wonderful learning opportunities for our students. Many children enjoy water play, especially outside during the warmer months. Water activities boost children's creativity and imagination, and build the foundation for understanding various scientific concepts. Our STEM boat challenge enabled our students to design and build boats with different kinds of recycled materials. They were very eager to observe and explore if their boat would sink or float in water. This science experiment encouraged them to use their imagination and to develop creative thinking skills.

Exploring frozen wild animal eggs was a fun activity for sensory play and scientific discovery. The students put an animal inside their balloon, carefully filled the balloon with water, tied it off and put them in the freezer. They were surprised to see that the water had changed from liquid to ice. They were able to observe their toy animals trapped in the ice. It was an awesome experience for the children. Engaging in water activities provides fun learning opportunities through hands-on play for our K1 Cricket Class.



### Prep Students Visit SIS @ Gamuda Gardens

On April 10, our Prep students visited SIS @ Gamuda Gardens to get their first primary school experience. The SIS @ Gamuda Gardens principal, Ms Ellis and some staff welcomed us and gave us a tour around the school. The students visited the school's library, sports field, canteen and they got especially excited about the swimming pool. They were happy to join some outdoor activities on the sports field, where they enjoyed fun games as well as the fresh air.

The students especially liked the school library where they joined an interactive storytelling activity.



They were given the opportunity to do an acrylic painting and made beautiful pictures of spring flower fields at the arts & crafts station.



The children were very excited to be around older students and to experience the Primary School atmosphere. Prep teachers were so proud of the students and how well they behaved and involved themselves in the activities. All students are looking forward to Year 1 in their new primary schools.

