



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 Guardians,

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Singapore International School @ Gamuda Gardens continues to produce excellent results. Therefore, it is with great honor that I would like to announce the outstanding results achieved by two of our students in the Cambridge International A Level and IGCSE 2019 examinations.

- **Lee Jong In** was awarded High Achievement for A-levels Economics and Top in the Country for A-levels Mathematics.
- **Ngo Hoai Anh** was awarded the Top in the World Award for IGCSE Mathematics.



Congratulations to these students, their parents and our teachers for their dedication, commitment and support.

During July of 2019 our Year 6 students have the option to write the iPSLE (The Singapore International Primary School Examinations) and we are proud to announce that Duong Trieu An of Year 7LB received a Certificate of Outstanding Subject Performance in Mathematics and a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Performance from SEAB. Congratulations go out to Duong Trieu An and her parents.

OBV

On Friday the 8th of November, we held a parent briefing session for our Year 4 and 5 parents as this will be the first time that the Year 4 students are attending an overnighter at school. They are excited and are looking forward to two days of fun activities, learning new skills and bonding with their classmates. Thank you to the parents who took the time to attend our session.



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Our exciting Halloween decorations display in front of the office

DISMISSAL OF STUDENTS

Please be reminded that any student living in Gamuda area or leaving school by Grab or picked up by a driver, has to be approved by you, their parents. No student may leave our school grounds without previously having their parents contact the school and grant approval. Students who are given permission to leave our school will get an exit ticket to show the security guard. The large gate is to be used for buses only in the afternoons. Please pick up your child at the side gate close to Building A.

Thank you for helping us make the school a safe place for your child.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Our students really enjoyed the Halloween celebrations organized for them, they were buddied up with their buddy classes to make Halloween masks and we also held a competition to find the best dressed and most scary costume amongst the students. The following students were the proud winners of the occasion:

Primary	
First Place	Nguyen Hoang Minh Phuc (5A)
Second Place	Kwon Ju Eun (4L)
Third Place	Jang Hyun Seo (3L)
Secondary	
First Place	Choi Hyun Hee (6LB)
Second Place	Nguyen Hai Minh (7B)
Third Place	Le Hieu My (8LB)
High School	
First Place	Pham Quynh Hanh Duyen (GAC)
Second Place	Vo Gia Han (IGCSE 2C)
	Trinh Quoc Dat (IGCSE 2C)
Third Place	High School Korean Team

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

On behalf of myself and all the staff at SIS@Gamuda gardens, I cannot thank you enough for your generosity, we received so many beautiful flowers, gifts and cards that were well-accepted and appreciated by myself and our staff. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

A reminder that our Christmas fair will be held on Saturday, the 7th of December from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. We have many interesting stalls organized by each class, offering things such as scrumptious eats, interesting items to purchase and many games to play. Please bring your children and your family to enjoy this day. The proceeds will be going to the charity organization 'Caritas'.



Students really enjoyed dressing up for Halloween



These are great Halloween costumes



Our High School Korean Team, supported the Halloween competition. Great work Korean students!



Our Buddy Classes teamed up, and enjoyed the collaboration with their buddies to make Halloween masks.



Our AS and Prep students had a lot of fun making their masks for Halloween!

Caritas Vietnam programmes aims to promote integral human development and to deliver emergency assistance. It organises workshops on HIV/AIDS to prevent the spread of the epidemic. The workshops include training and counseling. Caritas Vietnam's social service activities include campaigns to help dioceses boost education and life skills for young people, water projects to improve the health of leprosy patients and support to people living with disabilities. It runs a scholarship programme for poor students. Our special item is The Giving Tree, all donations are welcome.

SPELLING BEE COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Primary School is holding a spelling bee competition, to end the year and the finals will be held in the MPH on the 18th of December at 14:00.

Our students are excited and are preparing for this event.

SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATIONS

The Semester examinations will be taking place between the 9th and 19th of December. You should have the examination schedule by now. If not, please contact us. All Semester 1 report cards will be distributed during the parent teacher conferences, which will be held the week of 10 February.

CHRISTMAS BREAK.

Our school will close on 20 December for our Christmas break and will resume on 6 January 2020. I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas and Happy New year. Enjoy the festive time with your families and if you are traveling, I wish you safe travels and a speedy return.

I'm looking forward to a continued great year and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me at lorraine.els@gmaudagardens.sis.edu.vn should you have any queries or positive contributions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Lorraine Els



Our Sport Captains receiving their Sports Captain's badges during assembly

Message from Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students,

It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the school year! As always we have our Christmas fair on the 7th of December which is always a wonderful event before our holidays. This year our students are incorporating elements of STEM into their Christmas stall! We have given them the ability to direct their own learning through project-based inquiry, we are truly excited to see the results of this creative and educational endeavor.



You can contact me at the following email address if you have any ideas or suggestions: michael.ogden@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Michael Ogden

Message from Primary Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Students:

I'd like to take a few moments to write about children and the amount of sleep they need. According to the medical experts, primary school-aged children should be sleeping ten or eleven hours nightly for their brains and bodies to fully develop. Children who sleep for ten or eleven hours nightly perform better in school and have fewer behaviour problems, such as inattentiveness. On school nights, this means to get ten hours of sleep, your child should be turning the lights off by 9 PM in order to get up at 7 AM in the morning to go to school. This may seem like a lot, but the experts agree that children need this amount of sleep for their physical and mental development.



Please examine your child's sleep routine and ensure they have the hours needed to help them succeed in school and grow both their minds and bodies.

Regards,
Julie Schaefer



The Red Dragons and Black Phoenix Houses playing soccer against one another.



Fun activities amongst our houses, Black Phoenix, Red Dragon and Golden Lion

Message from SVIS Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and our beloved students,

November has come to an end! This was the month that students prepare for their Semester 1 Exam. Please remind your children to review their lessons so that they can do their best in their tests. We will only have one test per day so that students can rest and prepare for the next one. Below is the Semester 1 Exam Schedule for SVIS:

Middle School: from 26th November to 7th December 2019

Primary School: from 4th December to 7th December 2019.

Please arrange your family's travel plans without overlapping with the examination schedule. All tests must be written and please do not arrange to take a holiday during this time. Parents please ensure that your children follow good routines in order to grow mentally and physically..

Students should adhere to the following suggestions in order to obtain the best results in the tests:

- Study all the lessons carefully from the subjects' reviewing booklets.
- Sleep early and eat regularly, healthy meals
- Spend less time playing computer games.
- Read the instructions carefully.
- Do the easy exercise first and the difficult one later.
- Show your best work.
- Please do not erase too much in your tests.
- Use pen and ruler to cross out your mistakes and write your answers below.
- Spend the last 5 minutes checking the tests before submitting.

We celebrated a special day, November 20th, Teacher's Day, the day that we honor and appreciate our teachers for all the best work they have done! We would like to thank you all for beautiful flowers and meaningful cards on this 36th anniversary of Teacher's Day!

I wish you health, happiness and success! I trust our students will do their very best during the Semester 1 Examinations!

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any concerns or suggestions. Please email me on:

nghi.duongthanh@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn

Regards,
Duong Thanh Nghi.

Message from KIK Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents and our beloved students,

Term 1 passed by so fast and Term 2 started with a variety of special events. The first event was the Sport Day when students from Nursery class to Prep, were all excited and eager to participate in water activities. The second memorable event was Halloween. This was a time for children to dress up in characters such as Spiderman, Batman, a Witch and even Snow White. They demonstrated confidence in their costume performances and had a great time playing Trick and Treat.

Term 2 has started with many interesting lessons and themes such as Animal World, Jobs, Transportation and Christmas, as well as weekly STEM activities.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me via my email:

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Regards,
Vu Thi Thuy



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Our house points are very competitive! The next sports event will be held in January.

Message from Head of Studies - Primary

Greetings to all of the Primary Parents!

We have been having a very exciting time here in the primary school.

A lot of the classes have been on different excursions away from the school. This is great for students to learn away from the classroom. There is so much to be gained from visiting new places and people.

We have been working very hard getting ready for our exams and I know the students will do their best.

During exams, please make sure that your children are sleeping properly. Sleeping is very important for learning and for being able to show what you've learnt. So for our little ones, please make sure they get at least 10 hours sleep in years 1-3 and 9 hours for years 4 and 5. Right now, the more they sleep the better. This helps their bodies develop along with their minds.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the families attend our Christmas Fair. The students have put a lot of effort into their booths, so please come and show your support on this festive holiday.

We are also getting ready for our students to start their OBV experiences. The year 4 classes are going to have their first experience of sleeping away from their families so this is a big step for them. And the year 5 students have only done this one other time, so please reassure them that everything will be fine and they are going to have a great time!

Please remember that if you ever have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me directly and I'll be glad to help you in any way that I can.

Regards,
Paul McKenney

Message from Head of Studies - Year 6

Dear Parents and Students,

We would like to congratulate the following students for passing the **In-School AP-MOPS (Asia Pacific Mathematical Olympiad For Primary Schools) Elimination Round** conducted last 23 September 2019.

There were 44 students participated on the said elimination. And, 17 students passed the test. Students work were incredible and we are so proud of this first step.



One of our Christmas Charity items is to donate money and get a voucher, the students then write their names on the voucher and hung it on the giving dress.



The Giving Tree is filling up.

	Name	Class		Name	Class
1	Alfred Goh Yu Yang	6LB	10	Nguyen Thu An	6LA
2	Dang Minh Chau	6B	11	Pham Minh Phuong	6B
3	Dao Ba Khoi	6LB	12	Pham Quang Huy	6C
4	Duong Minh Duc	6LB	13	Quach Dieu Linh	6B
5	Han Junu	6LA	14	Tran Chau Anh	6B
6	Hoang Ba Nghia	6LA	15	Tran Quang Dung	6LA
7	Nguyen Hoang Viet Anh	6C	16	Trinh Duy Nguyen	6LA
8	Nguyen Quoc Trong	6C	17	Vo Nguyen An Vy	6LB
9	Nguyen Thi Ha Anh	6LB			

Beginning Term 2, these students have started working during their APMOPS club sessions to prepare themselves for the upcoming competition come April 2020.

Also, this term 2, the Mathematics Department is going to conduct an Inter-Level Mathematics Competition for Middle School students. It is divided into 2 rounds. The first round will be a written competition among their classmates; and the final round is going to be an oral competition by grade level. This final round will be held in front of the whole school. We wish them the best of luck!

Should you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me through my email address: maria.batac@gamugardens.sis.edu.com

Kind Regards

Maria Batac



Students receiving a certificate for the "Most Valuable Player" Sports award,



The year 4L students doing their assembly presentation. They are becoming confident communicators.



Duong Trieu An received certificates for her excellent IPSLE results



Our teams continue to play sports league against other schools Great team work is witnessed.



Ciputra Year 5 Boys played soccer against our Year 5 Boys with great enthusiasm.

Message from Head of Studies (Year 7)

Dear Parents,

This year, SIS Gamuda is in the Hanoi Sports league with 4 international Schools.

In the beginning, this league will promote year-round basketball and football for boys and girls, with the hope to grow and develop in the coming years. It is a good opportunity for our students to play some competitive games.



Concerning the art, the art department will sell some cards during the Christmas Charity fair. They will also have a display during that event. The school is also looking to have another "Night of the Arts" during term 3.

Our students continue to play in the Basketball and Soccer League. They are doing us proud and win many of their matches. Well done SIS!

Please email me at yoann.labrue@gamudagardens.sis.edu.vn to address any general concerns you have.

Regards,
Yoann Labrue

Message from Head of Studies (IGCSE 1 & 2)

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy month at school and teachers are working hard to prepare our students for their upcoming semester exams beginning on Monday 9th December. I have been getting around to different classes and have seen some of the great work that students are producing in lessons. This is great to see and I hope it continues.



It is great to see our sports teams performing in the Hanoi Sports League with different schools in the city. I hope they continue to have great success. Extra-curricular activities such as these really help our students to become global citizens.

You should have received the semester exam timetable which I emailed to you, please contact me if you did not receive it.

Regards,
Sean Stokes