



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VUNG TAU

# NEWSLETTER

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

A very warm welcome back to all our students, parents and teachers. Although this is a short few weeks we will be back, it is a busy time with many activities.

We have the preparation for the Tet celebrations as well as many awards and certificates for student achievements. We also have STEM Day, Semester 1 reports and parent teacher meetings.

As ever, we would like to thank all the staff and parents for all their hard work and support in all these activities during January and the rest of this year.

Happy New Year and we wish you all the best for Tet.

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## CHUNG MUNG NAM MOI

To our Students, parents and Staff, we wish you great health, prosperity and peace as we enter the Tet (lunar New Year) holidays.

Thank you for the unconditional support always and please stay safe during this period.

## STUDENT OF THE TERM



Our Student of the Term Award for Term 2 was held during Assembly on 13 January 2021. As part of our adherence to our School Wide Learning Goals, all awards for this school year will be based on the Active & Responsible Citizen criteria. Winners of this award exemplify unique traits in the form of altruism, ethics, etiquette and empathy. This is a non-academic award as this SWLG measures the student's relationship within the school community. This award encourages our students to be a part of their community by performing good deeds. All teachers nominate students who have displayed the abovementioned values; the student with the most nomination wins.

## KIK- PREPARATION FOR TET



We have all had a relaxing Christmas Break and now we are back at school for another 5 weeks before we have a break again. The students are all excited about the upcoming celebration at school - TET (Lunar New Year) - it is the Vietnamese New Year and is the most important festival and public holiday in Vietnam. Our KIK students are practicing very hard for the performance. K1G & L are doing the "Trong com" dance. They will be wearing beautiful colourful costumes - the traditional Ao Dai. The teachers around the school are all busy with decorations for TET.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to invite parents to this festivity which will take place on Friday 5 February at school. We will however, upload photos and some videos for parents to have a look at.

## REFURBISHED MUSIC ROOM



KinderWorld is continuing to invest in the classes and facilities within the school with a completely refurbished music room. The newly refurbished music room offers better acoustics and sound proofing. The room also has better lighting and storage for the instruments.

## IOE ENGLISH OLYMPIC



Students from SIS have performed very well in the English Olympiad in Vietnam with several students winning top prizes. The names of the students and their prizes are listed below

Phạm Nguyễn Khang 3G TOP 10 in Provincial round

Đậu Châu Anh 4G First prize in school round

Phạm Minh Quang 5G First prize in school round

Lê Minh Khuê 6G First prize in provincial round Third prize in National round

Anthony Nguyễn Sĩth Ratanavong 7G TOP 10 in Provincial round

Congratulations and well done – we are proud of their achievements and trust that we will continue to see the excellent growth.

### Reminders:

- **School closes for Tet Holidays on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**
- **School reopens for students on Monday 22 February 2021**

## DYNED CERTIFICATES



Last week, many students from SIS VT were given DynEd certificates for their hard work and commitment to the program. These students have successfully completed their study level and moved on to the next one. As a result, certificates were passed out as qualifications for completing their level. These certificates were directly issued by DynEd headquarters themselves in California, USA. They are proof of the students' fluency in English.

Anyone can get a DynEd certificate if they are willing to put in the hard work. Students just need to do the program for 30 minutes every day for 5 days every week. During this studying process, the students need to stay committed by using all of the program's functions (e.g repeating, voice recording, listen to the record, etc). Their study score will improve as a reward for following these steps correctly. Maintaining a good study score helps the students to progress through the study level faster. By the end, they will need to finish at least 80% for all of the modules and pass an exit exam to gain the certificate.

Working on DynEd will always gain more than just a certificate as it is our goal to build English skills to support our students with their future endeavors. We hope that our students will continue their hard work and always do their best.

## SECONDARY ENGLISH



This year Secondary English students have been utilizing a range of constructive displays and learning mats. These help to scaffold the usage of structural language like connectives, verbs, adverbs and adjectives to name but a few. The displays act as 'stations' that the students can visit for help at key points in writing production. The learning mats give individual help at their tables. Along with teacher direction this leads to greater fluency in writing as students memorize language structures and begin to intuitively apply them in their work.

## HOUR OF CODE



Students in year 4 and 5 received their certificates for participation in the hour of code. Hour of Code is a global initiative in over 180 countries. It is designed to be an introduction to coding for younger students. As part of the hour of code students learn about coding using lots of fun activities. The hour of code is designed to demystify coding and make it more accessible to students.



## ORPHANAGE DONATIONS



As an annual tradition, the IGCSE students will represent the entire school by visiting a local orphanage in our area. Unlike the previous years, they did not visit the children during Christmas, but instead, are visiting during Tet.

Tet is the most important holiday for all Vietnamese citizens, because it is the time for families to reunite and celebrate. However, these children are not as fortunate, since they do not have the same opportunity as others. Therefore, the IGCSE students want to bring joy to the orphanage by delivering donations and hosting fun activities. They aim to brighten the atmosphere and create a memorable Tet celebration for all of the children at the orphanage.

The students will go to the orphanage on the morning of the 4 February, 2021 to deliver the donations, li xi, and to host an arts & crafts activity. Similar to the previous years, we encourage parents and students to make contributions through donations in the following weeks leading up to TET. The prefects will be collecting packaged food, and some examples of donations that you can send are: rice, milk, canned food, snacks, noodles, sweets, and other items such as toys or stationery. Tet is a very special holiday for all of us, and we hope that we can all share a piece of our happiness with the children, not only as a school, but as a family. In the end, it is the little things that make a big difference. We're looking forward to your contributions!

