



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGON SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

Dear Parents,

Soon we will experience the end of Term 3 break for 1 week. This term has been challenging for all in our school community, Vietnam and the world too.

Many students and staff have had their term interrupted with covid-19 regulations and periods of isolation at home.

Hybrid learning has allowed students to attend their classes both face to face with their teachers and online at home when needed. Not an easy teaching practice but made possible thanks to our dedicated and committed teaching staff at SIS@SS.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our parents for their ongoing support and cooperation during this challenging time.

Term 4 will no doubt be a busy term as staff prepare students for their second semester examinations and the sending home of end of year reports.

Please continue to read your child's weekly newsletters as teachers will share class information and communication on a weekly basis.

Please enjoy the break. If travelling, be safe.

Best regards,

Mark Priddis – Principal



Dear Parents,

As we enter Term 4 of the school year we must compliment you for demonstrating to your children the importance of having an understanding, flexible attitude. With the many disruptions that have been experienced it would have been easy to show frustration or anxiety, which of course the children would also have sensed. However, it is clear from their behavior on campus - the many smiles and laughs and excitement for learning - that the children are fortunate to have positive role models at home.

Please continue providing activities that promote resilience and optimism. One very effective routine is setting aside time to share positive things from your day together. Making it a priority to talk about our good experiences together models the importance of gratitude and the benefits of opening up to each other. This could happen upon their arrival home from school, your arrival home from work, during meal time, or when preparing for bed.

Regarding the upcoming term, some important dates include:

- Term Break is the week of April 11-15, with 11 April off in lieu of King Hung Anniversary. Classes will resume Monday 18 April.
- We will have a "4-day weekend" at the start of May, as there is no school Monday 2 May (for Liberation Day) or Tuesday 3 May (Labor Day). Hopefully the time can be used for an enjoyable family outing.

As always, should you have any questions about campus goings-on please feel free to contact your child's teacher or the front office.

Warm regards,

Robert Madden
Deputy Principal / Pedagogy Coach



Dear Parents,

This month sees the high school creeping ever closer to the final Cambridge Exams, beginning in full on 28 April. The speaking tests for both English and Chinese will be held on 1 April, followed closely by the ICT practical exams on 20 and 21 April.

Due to ongoing COVID procedures and Government mandated lockdowns this year, our students have not had as much access to the laboratory as they should have. Because of this and in order to ensure the best results for our students, we have secured exemption for both the IGCSE Coordinated Science and AS/A Level practical exams.

Teachers have been working very hard to make sure students have all the grades necessary to get the best grades of which they are capable. We wish students all the best in their final preparations and encourage them to develop and continue good study habits at home as well as in the classroom.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal

**Dear Parents,**

The year is going by so quickly! We're excited to be finishing term 3 soon and looking forward to continuing our focus on developing literacy and vocabulary skills in all grades.

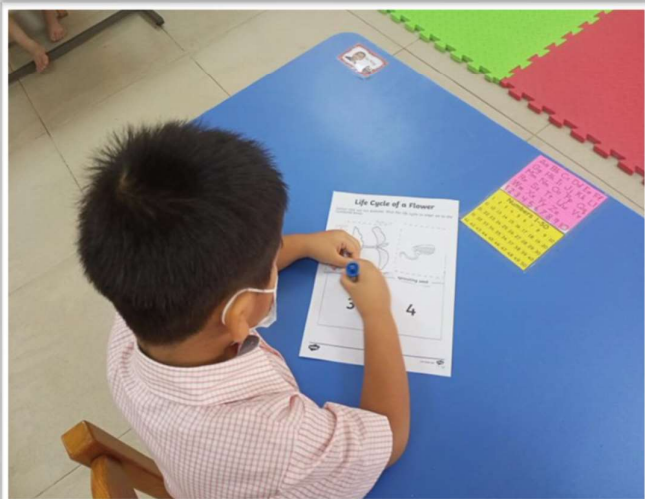
Younger students have been working on learning sight words, phonics and phonological awareness skills while older students are learning more about how to identify main ideas and details, sequence events in a story, and make predictions based on prior knowledge and background information.

When you read with your child, you can support development of these skills by asking questions about story elements such as characters, setting, and plot as well as discussing events that happened, making sure they are putting them in the correct order.

We hope that everyone has a restful Term Break!

We will be working even harder as the end of the year comes and we start preparing for end of year examinations!

Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Year 1-5)



Dear Parents,

In March, KIK classes focused on **Plants**. We explored fruits, vegetables, flowers and the uses of plants by learning how to plant and take care of them, the different parts of the plant as well as through creating beautiful artworks.

We also tried to connect all of our learning areas to plants for example counting how many seeds we planted, how tall or short each plant has grown, how many days it took to grow, what colors, shapes we could see and creating patterns with fruits/vegetables.

Students shared responsibilities of looking after plants, cleaned up messes and worked together cooperating with each other. We explored stories such as The Enormous Turnip, The Giving Tree and followed The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle to explore how a seed grows into a plant.

Our youngest, K1 students adjusted to the everyday routine of life at school fast. They have been excited to learn about farm, jungle and ocean animals and enjoyed exploring phonics with the Letter land characters Sammy Snake, Annie Apple and their friends.

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)



KIK classes focused on **Plants**

Students' activities at school

