



# NEWSLETTER

September 2020

**Dear Parents,**

It is hard to imagine that very soon it will be the end of Term 1. I will take this opportunity to remind Parents of the important school events and celebrations experienced by students at SIS@SS.

A few important reminders are also highlighted for Parents:

**Recent Mid-Autumn festival celebrations.**

This Newsletter will highlight a number of photos from our recent successful Mid-Autumn festival celebrated at SIS@SS.

The STEM activities shared and experienced by the students was positively enjoyed by all students. A huge thank you to Madame Minh and her team for coordinating the celebration.

**Meet and greet week at SIS@SS.**

The virtual online Meet and Greet was a great success.

Students lead the way showing their Parents how to navigate the Microsoft Teams app.

Parents are reminded to please contact their child's classroom teacher if there are any concerns or more information is needed.

**Reminders.**

Please check the school calendar. Updates and changes have been made. OBV dates and communication will go home very soon.

**Covid -19 procedures.**

Safety processes and procedures for the Coronavirus continue at SIS@SS. Social distancing, temperature checks, wearing of masks, cleaning hands will continue until changes are notified by the authorities.

Discussing and sharing at home is great reinforcement for students.

**Parents pick up time.**

Please remember prompt afternoon pickup of students is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all parents for your continued cooperation and assistance.

Yours in learning,

**Mark Priddis – Principal**

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**Dear Parents,**

We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding with this unusual start of the school year. I am sure you will agree that the children are happy and productive, enjoying their time on campus while making great strides in their studies.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities (ECAs)**

Though these were slightly delayed, you should have received the list of ECAs being offered for Semester 1. If your child was unable to sign up for their preferred activity no need to worry; they will have another opportunity in Semester 2.

### **Reading**

Regardless of the subject area, improved reading skills will help students to succeed. You can help by encouraging your child to read for enjoyment (not a textbook or homework assignment, but a book they are interested in) at least 15-20 minutes per day. And it would be even better if you could join them!

### **STEM**

SIS has received additional resources to support the “STEM 2.0” initiative. At present we are focusing on teacher training, with a transition to delivering high quality, engaging, and challenging lessons to all students. From Term 2 onwards every class will have at least 1 lesson per week in the new STEM Room.

### **Term Break**

The break between Terms 1 and 2 will be shorter this year, with school closed only Thursday October 15 and Friday October 16.

Should you have questions or concerns about any aspect of the school program please feel free to contact the office and make an appointment.

Respectfully,

**Robert Madden - Deputy Principal (Pedagogy Coach).**

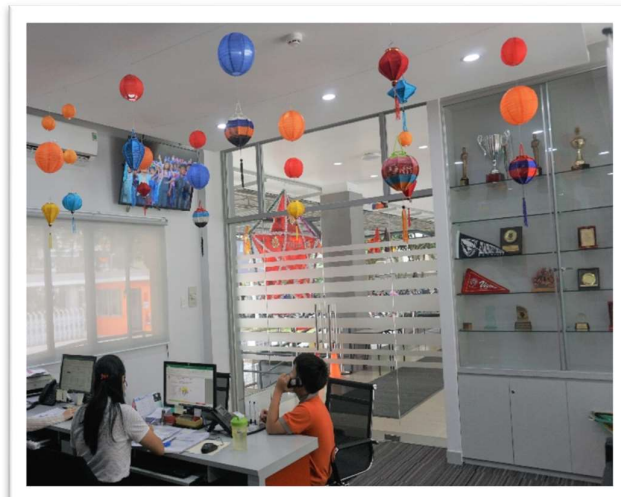


**Dear Parents,**

The new school year is well under way now with the end of Term 1 fast approaching. September has been a busy month with learning focusing on School-wide Learner Goals. Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated on 30 September and we celebrated with a Lantern Parade, Lion Dance and performances from our Year 2-4 Integrated Classes. It has been an exciting month as we look towards finishing the second half of Term 1!

We had such an enjoyable time celebrating Mid-Autumn Festival this year! The students were all so proud of the lanterns they handmade and showed them off in our parade around the Courtyard, in addition to those hanging proudly out front. Our school also greatly enjoyed the Lion Dance from Year 8 and 9 students. The Students enjoyed school-wide celebrations with Moon Cakes, songs, and friends. It was a wonderful time! I sincerely hope you enjoyed a happy, and restful holiday with your family.

**Caroline Atkinson – Deputy Principal**



**Dear Parents,**

Time passes quickly. Since the first day of school, the students have been studying for nearly 9 weeks. After the first week of getting acquainted with new teachers and new friends, up to now, the students of each class are very familiar with the atmosphere of the classroom, as well as the personality and style of each teacher. They study and play together with friends in the class. Therefore, the classroom is also their second beloved home.

The school is always interested in organizing extracurricular activities to help children enjoy Vietnamese cultural festivals. Therefore, in September, the school organized Mid-Autumn Festival for students from Kindergarten to High School to participate in. For Kindergarten students, they brought their lanterns around the school such as Star lights, carp lights, butterfly lights, lotus lights ... The lanterns of the students are very diverse and colorful.

Older students used materials provided by school to make their own colorful star lights, displayed in the hall and along the school corridors. The Mid-Autumn Festival atmosphere was joyful with lyrics, singing and dancing of students in grade 2,3,4 Integrated and filled with the drum sounds of Lion Dance of students in grade 8-9 Integrated. All the students in the whole school were gathered to join Mid-Autumn party together.

I hope you all had a happy and exciting Mid-Autumn Festival!

**Mdm. Phung Thi Tuyet Minh**  
**Senior Head of Vietnamese Studies**





**Dear Parents,**

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival! We are so excited to be nearing the end of Term 1.

All of our KIK classes work on literacy throughout the year but support at home makes a huge difference in the development of these important skills.

There are many fun and interesting ways that you can help your child to make connections to written words. The best one is to make a little time to read together every day. Move your finger across the page as you read and model reading with expression.

To improve comprehension, ask your child to make predictions about what will happen next in a story or to think about characters' thoughts and feelings.

Learning to read is an amazing time in a young child's life and we are so happy to be able to share in this experience with all of our wonderful students.

If you would like to know more tips for reading at home, please speak with your child's form teacher.

**Lindsay Stanford - Head of Studies (Kindergarten)**



