



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGON SOUTH

NEWSLETTER

September 2022

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of Term 1 allow me to thank you for sending us such polite, kind, and diligent children. Each day the staff remark how fortunate they feel to be able to work with students who are so dedicated to achievement.

Some recent & upcoming events of interest:

- **International Schools Assessment (Y4, 6, 8) International Primary School Leaving Exam (Y7)**
The purpose of these exams is for us to gather data on how well our students are doing in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics (ISA) compared with other international schools, and assess our English and Mathematics programs (iPSLE). Since results are used to identify strengths and areas of need in our instructional program students need not prepare in advance.
- **Sports Day**
To celebrate the end-of-term we will have a day of House team competitions. Parents are invited to come to campus Monday 17 October and cheer on their children. Further details will be sent home soon. We hope you can join us!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences**
All parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher(s) and arrange for a convenient time within the first two weeks of Term 2 to meet before/after lessons for a brief discussion of the Term 1 Progress Report.
- **Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV)**
Details have already been sent for those students in Year 9 and High School about this exciting outdoor education activity that takes place in Binh Dinh.

Should you have any questions about these or other of the many other interesting and enjoyable learning opportunities on campus please do not hesitate to contact the office or your child's teacher.

Respectfully Yours,

Robert Madden – Principal





Dear Parents,

As time passes by, since the first day of school, the students have been learning for nearly 6 weeks.

After the first week of unfamiliarity with new teachers and new friends, until today, students in each class are familiar with the atmosphere of the class, the voice as well as the lecture of our teachers.

They study together, have fun with their friends in class. Therefore, the classroom is also the second home of the children.

Along with the knowledge that the teachers impart to the children in class. The school is always focus on organizing extra-curricular activities to help the children have fun and enjoy the festivals imbued with Vietnamese cultural identity.

Therefore, in September, the school organized for students to participate in activities in the Full Moon Festival.

Children from grades K1 to 4 carried lanterns around the school. The beautiful little lanterns crafted by students and guided by the form teachers in Art-Craft class were certainly diverse and colorful.

Older students would use their dexterity and creativity, making their own colorful star lantern, displayed in the hall and along the corridors of the school.

The atmosphere of the Mid-Autumn Festival became increasingly exciting with the sound of Lion dance drums when the year 8 & 9 integrated students performed a lion dance at the school yard.

Finally, all students in the school gathered to celebrate the Full moon of August.

Isn't it interesting, little ones?

Wishing all students a happy and exciting Mid-Autumn Festival!

Phung Thi Tuyet Minh
Senior Head of Vietnamese studies



Dear Parents,

I am proud to announce, after a long absence due to covid and lockdown procedures, that Singapore International School @ Saigon South has resumed two key aspects of our holistic educational program: sporting events, and the OBV program.

This week we participated in our first Basketball and Football fixtures for the year, at under-9 to under-15 level, with more fixtures and sports being rotated in termly, as was the case before covid. We also held our first home matches, with the under-9 boys beating SIS under-9 boys at football, 2-0.

Outward Bound Vietnam kicks off with our first trip to Binh Dinh being the Year 9 integrated, IGCSE 1, AS and A level students in late October. Either trips to Binh Dinh or OBV teams coming to the school are planned for all grade levels, and letters will be released to parents in due course. We look forward to continuing our partnership with OBV, an aspect of western education unique to the Kinderworld Group.”

Reminder: The after school care program is available from Term 2 for Kindergarten students, from 3:30PM to 6:00PM. Please contact the school office for information.

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

September has been a busy month in kindergarten. New students have adjusted to an English speaking environment and to the expectations of school. We have established a routine where students are expected to follow the rules, be kind to their friends and be responsible for their actions. Encourage them to become more independent and involved by giving them small tasks such as getting dressed by themselves, helping setting the table for dinner, watering plants etc. Phonics and learning about letter sounds is an important daily lesson in kindergarten enabling our students with early reading skills as they become familiar with new letters, decode simple words blending sounds together and learn to recognize new sight words instantly.

We celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival by getting dressed in Ao Dai and showing off our handmade lanterns in a Lantern Parade around the school courtyard. We loved watching the older students perform the Lion Dance and enjoyed a cake and fruit buffet to end a special day.

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)



Dear Parents,

The new school year is well under way with the end of Term 1 fast approaching. Happy Mid-Autumn Festival to all. We celebrated Mid-Autumn Festival on 9 September by having a Lantern Parade, a Lion Dance performance from our Year 8 & 9 Integrated Classes and students enjoyed a fresh fruit buffet. I sincerely hope you enjoyed a happy and restful festival with your family.

Although our primary students work on literacy throughout the year at school, a bit of extra 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 any additional tips on improving your child's reading skills, please contact your child's form teacher.

Antinena Amon - Head of Studies (Primary)**Dear Parents,**

We are already in the second half of Term 1 and our secondary students have proven that they are ready to learn. The rainy season is not over yet meaning that, unfortunately, sometimes play time and sports activities have to be moved inside. Speaking of which, students have been asked to avoid wearing football boots to school since they are often a bit slippery on tiles.

A few of our students have also chosen to retake the Cambridge exams which start on the 10th of October. Our Year 7 students are also preparing for the iPSLE exams which will take place from the 25th of October to the 4th of November. We wish them the best of luck!

Meanwhile, our Year 9 to A Level students are also preparing to go to Binh Dinh for the Outward-Bound Vietnam course. There are so many exciting activities coming up and we hope that our students make the most of these opportunities to learn useful skills and have fun.

Elri Nieuwenhuis - Head of Studies (Secondary)

Students' activities at school

