



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2022

Dear Parents,

Our thanks for participating in the recent Parent Survey. School leadership is currently analyzing your responses to identify areas of need. Part of this process will involve meeting with a small group of parents as a “focus group” in order to gain a better understanding of your commendations and concerns. We will then work with staff to develop action steps towards making improvements.

One of the items on the survey was our Canteen. Please rest assured that we continue to diligently monitor food quality, as well as sanitation and hygiene. Each day a sample of all food served is taken by the school nurse and retained for at least 24 hours. Also, conditions in the kitchen and eating area are continually checked by staff. Already this year we have met with the vendor to share feedback from student surveys and discuss how we might improve meal service for the children.

The School-Wide Learner Goal we will highlight next month is “Critical Thinking”. This refers to the ability to clearly analyze facts, identify problems, develop solutions, and make decisions. When you visit campus for the Christmas Charity Fair on Saturday 10 December from 9:00-11:30 (check with your child’s teacher for further details) please stop at our Learning Goal Gallery to see some samples of student Critical Thinking in action.

For your planning purposes, please be reminded that school will not be in session from 17 December to 2 January, with lessons resuming on Tuesday 3 January for the Christmas/New Year break.

Should you have questions or concerns about anything please contact the school office to make an appointment. We are always happy to meet with and hear from you.

Respectfully Yours,
Robert Madden – Principal



Students listen very attentively during the weekly Assembly



Dear Parents,

“What a busy month November has been in KIK! We have been learning about our families, where we live and discovering other types of homes from around the world. Through the story of “The 3 little pigs” students were exploring materials of different strengths.

They are also becoming quite the letter detectives looking for words beginning with the letters of the week and discovering digraphs such as ff//ll at the end of words. Eg. Off, huff, bell, doll. You can also help at home by looking for all those letters and practicing their sounds.

We participate in whole group reading daily. This is called Shared Reading. This is where we practice concepts such as reading from left to right, blending letter sounds, pointing to individual words and turning pages in the book from front to back.

Students enjoyed preparing cards for their favourite teachers handing them over with excitement showing their appreciation on Teachers’ Day.”

Barbara Borbely - Head of Studies (KIK)

Dear Parents,

November has been a busy yet fun time for the students, with 9 classes participating in their OBV excursions. By all reports, much fun was had by the students. The skills students learn and are exposed to by participating in an outdoor learning course such as OBV cannot be understated. These skills supplement classroom learning and also tie in closely with our School-Wide Learner Goals, enabling students to be even better prepared as Global Citizens when they graduate.

Students are now preparing for the Semester 1 examinations, which will run from the 8th to the 16th of December. The Table of Specifications (TOS) has been sent by our new KinderWorld App to all parents, and serves as a guide to the contents of the examinations and what is being taught. Should you not have access to the TOS, please contact your son/daughter’s class teacher.

We also have the Christmas Charity Fair on the 10th of December, from 9:00AM to 11:30AM. This is very exciting as it will be the first time we can fully operate one of our most loved and longest running event, since pre-Covid. Each class will run a stall at the Fair, there will be games, many delicious foods and drinks, as well as arts and crafts stalls and Christmas themed items on offer. We look forward to seeing you there!

Donovan Neethling – Deputy Principal





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Dear Parents,

Term 2 has begun. It is a great time to start implementing the additional support measures suggested by your child's teachers during our parent-teacher conferences. One of the simplest and more effective ways to support learning at home is by ensuring that your child is reading for enjoyment in addition to reading at school.

According to the Institute for Education at London University, children aged 10-16 who read for pleasure make more progress in math, vocabulary, and spelling than children who do not read outside of school.

RAZ Kids is an excellent reading resource for Prep - Year 5, while older students may enjoy reading the online books on getepic.com, reading on Dyned, or taking a trip to a local bookstore to pick out some interesting new books for their personal book collection.

A big thank you to all students and parents for the lovely cards, gifts, and appreciation messages we received for Teacher's day this year. As we near December we are making preparations for our annual Christmas Charity fair. We look forward to welcoming parents back on Campus, having a great time whilst raising funds for a worthy cause!

Antinena Amon - Head of Studies (Primary)



Dear Parents,

Teachers and students are hard at work preparing for the upcoming Semester 1 exams which will take place in Week 7 and 8. Exam timetables have been sent via the Kinderworld app. We wish our students all the best!

In addition to exam preparations, students are also learning new skills outside of the classroom. Our high school students had great fun at Outward Bound in Quy Nhon and learned many valuable lessons about social awareness, perseverance, and self-knowledge. This is something that our middle school students can look forward to in Term 3 and 4.

Students are working hard and taking a leading role in preparing for the Christmas Charity Fair. By organizing, planning, decorating, and discussing the details of each stall, students have shown that they are working towards achieving our school's schoolwide learner goal of active and responsible citizenship.

We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Charity Fair.

Elri Nieuwenhuis - Head of Studies (Secondary)