



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

After a wonderful Halloween celebration to end of October, the month of November also had some important events.

2 classes had trips to OBV. The IGCSE 2 class had a wonderful trip with clear skies and good weather throughout. The Y8 International trip did have a night of heavy rain, but otherwise also a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Please note, because of Typhoon Yagi, earlier this year, our OBV centre in Hai Phong is still recovering. Some of our scheduled OBV visits to the North have had to be delayed until 2025.



As part of our constant vigilance and self-improvement to do with child safety, you will start to notice some changes to the front gate of the school and its surroundings. Areas and walkways for children have been clearly demarcated, to prevent the mixing of foot traffic and vehicle traffic. Assembly areas for each class have also been painted outside the school gate, in case of emergency and fire. This month we also held two fire drills to practice emergency exit procedures. One of these was conducted by school leadership, and the other by the local fire department themselves. The younger students always love when the fire department visits, and the fire department put on a great water show for us, whilst demonstrating to students what safe practices are in emergencies.

Teacher's day was held on 20 November, and once again on behalf of all our staff I would like to thank all parents and students for the wonderful support and appreciation they showed to staff on this special day. Both teachers and students enjoyed the day and had lots of fun. The beautiful Non La's that students created for their teachers will be on display in the school hall in the future, if you did not get a chance to see them on Teacher's day.

Looking forward, December will be a busy month.

- **2 – 6 December**, parents of international students are invited to book appointments and meet with their student's teachers.
- Semester 1 exams fast approach us, running from the **13th to the 19th of December**.
- We also have our annual Christmas Celebration and Charity Fair, on Saturday, **14 December**. We hope to see all of you there!

Warm regards,

Donovan Neethling - Principal



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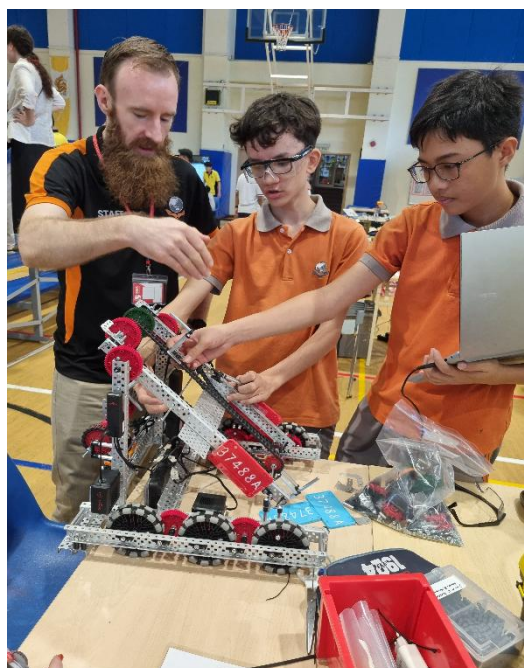
As we progress through the school year, I am delighted to share the fantastic developments happening in our secondary school. Our students continue to lead by example, embracing opportunities to grow as learners and as community members.

Our weekly assemblies have taken on a vibrant new format, with the Student Leadership Council (SLC) stepping up to handle some of the MC duties. This change has been met with enthusiasm, as it allows student leaders to take ownership of the event and develop their public speaking skills. Meanwhile, our class presentations have become more engaging than ever, with students now showcasing live performances that highlight their understanding of the Schoolwide Learner Goals and Virtues. These moments are a wonderful testament to their creativity and dedication.

Additionally, preparations for the Christmas Charity Fair are already in full swing. It is heartwarming to see the effort and passion our students pour into this event, as they work together to make a meaningful impact. These activities not only develop essential teamwork skills but also instill a deep sense of empathy and community responsibility.

Your continued support and encouragement of these endeavors make all the difference. Thank you for working with us to guide your children in making the most of these valuable opportunities.

Sincerely,
Joshua Lowery
Head of Studies (Secondary)





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This month the students have enjoyed a variety of wonderful events, such as during Halloween and also Teacher's Day. These days provided a nice break from the students working their way through their Units in preparation for their exams.

The Kindergarten and Middle School students have been thinking about 'respect' a lot this term, and the ways in which students can show respect to their teachers and friends in a variety of situations. We are focusing on this to ensure that Singapore International School is not only creating intelligent students, but also caring and polite citizens too. As a result, many students have taken home certificates to thank them for their efforts!

Classes have been experimenting in various ways during STEM lessons, with Year 5 exploring the effects of yeast, sugar and different temperature water. We have also welcomed a new teacher, Mr. Abbas, who is from Birmingham, England, to our school.

Billy Hare – Head of Studies (Primary)



On Teacher's Day, the Student Council organized a vibrant series of activities, including conical hat decoration, fashion shows, and trivia games, which were enthusiastically participated in by all teachers and students. The whole school enjoyed a lively and engaging time together. Congratulations and heartfelt thanks to the Student Council—your talents, confidence, and creativity truly shine.

The end of November also the time when students focus on reviewing and preparing for the upcoming end-of-semester exams. Wishing all students success in their preparations and confidence as they approach this important milestone in the academic year!

Vuong Y Binh – Head of Vietnamese



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Kindergarten News: Curriculum and Parent Support November 2024



Dear Kindergarten Families,

November has been a delightful month in our kindergarten classes as we explore the theme of **My Family and My House**. We have engaged in fun activities that help students learn about our families and the special places we live!

As part of our theme, students are encouraged to bring a photo from home for our Show & Tell session. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to share stories about their families and the special things in their homes. We have also been busy with exciting STEM challenges, including building bridges, creating a wall for Humpty Dumpty, and constructing houses for the three little pigs.

In our Art and Craft activities, the children used various materials to create their own dream houses and cityscape collages. This month, we focused on the virtue of being responsible at home and school, discussing how taking care of our belongings and helping our families contributes to a content home environment.

We successfully conducted a Fire Drill practice, where the children learned the importance of safety and how to respond calmly in emergencies. They did an amazing job following directions!

Another highlight of this month was our **Teacher Day** celebration, filled with creativity and joy! The children participated in **Conical Hat Decoration** and showcased their beautiful outfits in an **Ao Dai Fashion Show**.



As we move into December, we will continue to explore more about family traditions and celebrations. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our classroom activities!

Warm regards,

Le Trang Nhung
Lead Teacher (Kindergarten)