



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ SAIGONSOUTH

# NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

**Dear Parents,**

With the conclusion of Semester Exams, please feel free to arrange to meet with your child's teachers at your convenience, to discuss their progress, as well as plans for further improvement. Please know that you are welcome to schedule such meetings at any time throughout the year, whether to share concerns or receive updates.

To celebrate Tet all families were invited to campus for our Tet Festival on Thursday 23 January. Building on the success of last year's festival we included more games as well as arts & crafts activities. While some of these were traditional, such as making chung Tet or Gourd-crab-shrimp-fish, we also had printing with our 3-D pens and watching videos.

A link to the Annual Parent survey has been sent to all parents, via e-mail and also our MyKinderWorld App. Your feedback is very valuable to us, we hope you can help us by sending us your thoughts and opinions on a range of student and school related topics.

In celebration of your continued commitment and loyalty to SIS @ Saigon South, we are offering a special promotion on next year's school fees. Please refer to the email sent, or view the promotion through the MyKinderWorld App for this appealing promotion.



For your planning, there will be no lessons from Monday 27 January to Friday 7 February, with lessons resuming on Monday 10 February

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please contact the Office to set an appointment.

We wish you a healthy and prosperous Year of the Snake.

Warmest regards,

**Donovan Neethling**  
**Principal**

Singapore International School @ Saigon South



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Our students have completed their Semester I examinations. The results of the Vietnamese Program have already been shared with parents upon the student's return to school after the Christmas break. We hope you are pleased with your child's efforts and will continue to support and encourage them as they embark on the journey of Semester II.

As the weather grows cooler and the festive atmosphere of Tet begins to fill the streets, we are delighted to announce that the school will host a **Tet Fair** on **January 23, 2025** for all students to enjoy. The fair will feature a variety of traditional Tet-themed games and activities. Along with providing entertainment, the event aims to deepen the student's understanding of the rich cultural heritage associated with the Lunar New Year celebration.

As we approach this joyous occasion, we would like to extend our heartfelt wishes to you and your family for good health, happiness, and prosperity in the New Year!

**Vuong Y Binh – Head of Vietnamese**

Everybody has come back refreshed from the Christmas break and have enjoyed getting stuck into their lessons again!

The school has been decorated for the upcoming Tet celebrations and everybody is looking forward to celebrating the New Year. During assemblies, we will be focusing on traditional concepts associated with Tet, such as respect for our elders and also the importance of having a fresh start which is symbolized by cleaning one's home.

Many classes have enjoyed school trips to a variety of locations since returning to school and have represented the school in a very mature and respectable manner. As everyone begins working towards their Semester 2 exams, please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns you think I can help you with! Chuc mung nam moi, have a wonderful Tet holiday!

**Billy Hare – Head of Studies (Primary)**





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## Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been incredibly rewarding to collaborate with our students on various school events and in preparing for the recent semester exams in December. Their dedication and perseverance have yielded outstanding results, setting a strong foundation for continued success in the second semester.

As we embark on Term 3, January has already brought numerous opportunities for growth and celebration. A key highlight this month is our STEM Fair, scheduled for January 21st, where students will showcase their creativity, innovation, and problem-solving skills. This event underscores our commitment to fostering curiosity and hands-on learning across all disciplines.

We are also excited to host a confirmation ceremony for the Student Leadership Council early next month. This event will recognize those students who expressed interest during Semester 1 and have since demonstrated exemplary commitment to their roles, earning their official membership. Their contributions have been instrumental in driving positive change and enriching our school community.

Looking ahead, the remainder of the academic year promises to be both dynamic and inspiring. With Cambridge exams on the horizon, registrations are currently underway, and students are entering the critical preparation phase to ensure their success.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Together, we are creating an environment where every student can thrive.

Warm regards,

**Joshua Lowery - Head of Studies - Secondary**





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## Happy New Year, KIK Families!

As we welcome 2025, we are excited to celebrate the vibrant and joyous occasion of Tet, the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. This month, our focus is on the rich traditions, delicious foods, colorful costumes, and engaging activities that make Tet a special time for everyone.

The children will learn how to make Chung Cake with sticky rice, mung beans, and pork, all wrapped in banana

leaves, symbolizing the Earth. They will also discover Bánh Tét, a cylindrical version of Bánh Chưng, is popular in southern Vietnam and represents the harmony between heaven and earth. We will also share stories and memories of past Tet celebrations to help children understand and appreciate their cultural heritage.

In our Art and Craft activities, the children will use various materials to create Tet decorations, such as paper lanterns, peach blossom branches, lucky money envelopes, and many more.

For our usual First Friday House activity, kids are encouraged to wear their house team color and had fun participating Red Light & Green Light games, which fosters teamwork and school spirit.

Please mark your calendar and join us for a day of traditional games and activities at our Tet Fair on January 23. Students will enjoy games like Bàu Tôm Cua Cá (a traditional Vietnamese dice game) and Đập Niêu (pot smashing), along with other fun cultural activities.

We look forward to celebrating Tet with our KIK community and making this January a memorable and fun experience for all. Wishing you and your families a happy and prosperous new year!

Warm regards,

**Le Trang Nhung**  
Lead Teacher (Kindergarten)

