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SCHOOL**
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VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

From Principal

Dear Parents,

October, so far, has been a fast paced and busy month. Our Halloween celebration is revving up to be quite the event. I love all the decorations our children have created for their classrooms and the school in general. As you will have noticed, we have some very talented artists and storytellers in our school. It has been such fun watching our children prepare for this event.

I hope everyone enjoyed the mid-semester break last week. With all the extra-curricular activities that have been in place this term and all the hard academic work that has taken place a well-deserved break was in order.

You will have received your child's class report on the 14th of October. At SIS we use a variety of assessment tools to track and access your child's academic growth.

One of these tools is a formal assessment. Formal assessments are normally used as a standardized measurement of student progress. Teachers use the end-of-unit tests along with daily class work to track how your child is doing in all subject areas alongside our schoolwide learning goals. Formal assessments may be compiled by using multiple choice tests, through short answer questions and when appropriate essays.

Each child has a portfolio which tracks their learning over the term



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Afterschool: Art for life



and throughout the school year. Portfolio assessments focus on long-term learning and allow teachers to see how a child has made progress throughout the year. Portfolio assessments include a variety of authentic learning examples such as first attempts, completed work from all subject areas and of course class assignments and student reflections.

Here at SIS @ Ciputra we have high expectations for all our students, we purposely set the bar high and help each and every student achieve all that they are capable of. We recognize the importance of addressing the whole child and provide continuous assessment, support and feedback to ensure that each child is being given the opportunity to achieve.

As always, your thoughts, suggestions and opinions on all school related matters are appreciated and sought. Please do not hesitate to let me know how you think we are doing.

Warmest wishes,

Dr. Kimberley
Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Welcome to Term 2. I hope the one-week break served as a good refresher for both students and parents alike, and that everyone is ready for an exciting new term.

In Term 2 we continue with our after school activities with the introduction of “Football Club” and “Singapore Maths Club” in addition to the variety of after school clubs offered to students every term. We would like to recommend that your child takes a maximum of 3 activities and no more so that he/she can focus and concentrate on the SA1 Exams which will begin straight after the Christmas Break.

Students and Teachers have worked hard making costumes and class decorations for Halloween Celebrations in the school. This year’s celebrations promise to be fun-filled with lots of activities and prizes. Parents are invited to join in the celebrations as our kids go “trick or treat” visiting other classrooms.

Soon we will be celebrating Literacy Week, where a range of activities relating to reading and literacy will be prepared by the



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teachers and a Book Fair will be organized. Children will also have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite character from a book, on one day of the week. We hope these will cultivate in children a love of reading and inspire them to be life-long learners.

Lastly, I would like to ask for the help of all parents to take some time in helping your children review for the examinations which will begin after the Christmas Break. I would encourage a healthy balance of exam revision time with playtime/leisure during this break to encourage good study habits.

Mr. Mustafa Fazal

Deputy Principal

From Head of Vietnamese

Dear Parents!

In previous weeks, we continued to visit and observe all Integrated classes. We have focused on building 5 lessons based on the theory of Self- study and Learning motivation. Through those lessons, the students have been involved in many rich learning activities, thus forming and developing individual learning motivation. I am impressed to see the progress in some classes, particularly the innovation in teaching methods. We also conducted a teaching festival for teachers to recognize the teachers who have strong expertise and flexibility in teaching methods that are appropriate to students. I believe that these professional activities will provide teachers opportunity to learn and practice professional skills, thus, the quality of education is better suited to the current situation.



Year 3 Int'd student in Maths

To celebrate Vietnamese Women's Day on October 20, students have participated in many activities such as making cards and paper flowers to show their love and respect to their beloved women. It can be said that they are priceless spiritual gifts for female teachers and staff in our school.

I would like to say thank to the teachers and students for their effort and especially to all Parents for continuous support so that going to school every day is fun and meaningful for all of us.

Regards,

Ms Vu Thi Bich Lien

Head of Vietnamese Studies

Important dates:

14 October: Term 1 ends

17-21 October: Term 1 breaks

24 October: Term 2 starts

31 October: Halloween