



NEWSLETTER

August 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! Our commitment at SIS Ciputra is to provide a safe and intellectually challenging environment that will empower students to become innovative thinkers, creative problem solvers and inspired learners prepared to thrive in the twenty-first century.

High standards and expectations for each student in regard to academic performance, co-curricular participation, and responsible citizenship are the foundation of our school. It is with pride that we hold these high standards and ask each of our students with the support of their family, to commit to maintaining the extraordinary record of achievement and contribution that has been the legacy Kinderworld education.

I would like to welcome our new faculty members who have joined us this year:

- Mr. Nguyen Van Nai Head of Vietnamese Studies
- Mr. Daniel Burke teaching Year 4 International
- Ms. Stephanie Montgomery instructing the Year 2 Integrated classes
- Ms. Elaine Coleman delivering the EPP and iPSLE programs to our Year 5 and 6 students as well as supporting the ESL department
- Ms. Jorry Ann Lee who will be teaching ESL across all Year levels, and we welcome back
- Ms. Minh Anh, Year 3 Integrated, Ms. Kim Anh, Year 2 Integrated and Ms. Thanh Thao, Year 3 Integrated to continue the work they started last year in the Vietnamese Department.



Our Principal welcomes our parents for a short briefing prior to the parent-teacher information evening.

We wish them all every happiness and success in the Ciputra community.

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to welcome our Prep International and Year 1 students and our returning Year 2 to Year 6 students and their families.

Much planning, construction and hard work has gone into preparing for a successful school year.

The success of our school and of our students depends upon the continued involvement of our parents. After all, parents are the primary educators of their children. I urge you to consider ways that you can be involved, in a positive way, in helping the school continuously improve.

We are looking forward to a productive year, working closely with you and your children to ensure that they succeed.

Costas Gikas

Principal SIS@Ciputra

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents

Our new school year 2019-2020 at SIS@Ciputra is underway and we are delighted to say “Welcome” to all our new Students, and “Welcome back” to our continuing students and families who have been with us for the past few years.

Our Primary School enrollments have increased this year and we are looking forward to a busy and productive time ahead with lots of new faces. This year also our Kindergarten Prep International Class has moved into the SIS@Ciputra campus.

We have 3 new expat teachers this year in our Primary School. This means we now have teachers from all over the world and collectively, they all bring an international blend of experience and expertise to embrace the school’s aspiration for developing students as well-educated and principled global citizens.

The beginning of the school year is a special time as we come together as a community and your role as parents is vital as we work towards



Teachers meeting their students in the foyer on the first day and bringing them up to their new class



our common goal of assisting our students and your children to achieve their full potential. Parents and family members are encouraged to support Primary School teachers by constantly reminding children that a good education is very important, and that we are all on a significant learning journey together at. Primary School teachers will engage students in a wide variety of experiences focusing on academic, social, physical and emotional development.

This year, I hope that parents will continue to spend time talking with their children to discuss the books their children are reading and about what they are learning at school. Always encourage children to do their best. Please contact me if I can help in any way. All our Primary School teachers look forward to hearing from you and discussing your child’s progress throughout the year.

Mustafa Fazal
Deputy Principal

From the Head of Vietnamese

Dear Students!
Many of you should have read a famous novel, “Heart of a Boy” by the great Italian writer named Edmondo De Amicis. For a start of new school year 2019 – 2020, we would like you all review one of the sections of this immortal work again.

Chapter 8 - At School

Yes, dear Enrico, study is hard, as your mother tells you. Yet, I do not see you go to school with that resolute mind and smiling face, as I would like. You are still stubborn but, listen, think a little how miserable and despicable your days would be if you did not go to school! By the end of the week, you would ask with clasped hands to return, wearied by annoyance and shame, tired of your new toys, and of your own existence.

Everybody studies now, Enrico. Think of the workmen who go to school in the evening after having worked all day; of the women and girls of the laboring class, who go to school on Sunday, after having worked all week; of the soldiers who take up their reading and writing books after they return tired from their drilling; think of the



Excited parents waiting outside the classroom to see their kids safely settled in their new class on the first day.



The Principal answers some questions from parents at the Year 1 Parent Information Evening held on the 2nd of August in the multi-purpose hall.



deaf boys and of the blind, who also study; even prisoners learn to read and write.

Think in the morning, when you go out, that on that very morning, in your own town, there are thirty thousand boys, going like yourself, to shut themselves inside for three hours in order to study. Then again! Think of the countless crowds of boys who go to school about the same hour in all countries.

Think of them in your imagination, while they are going through their village; through noisy streets; along the shores of the sea and of the lakes; through the mist or under the burning sun; in little boats; in countries where there are canals; on horseback through great prairies; in sleighs over the snow; over mountains and hills; through woods and across torrents; up through solitary paths of the mountains; alone, in couples, in groups, in long files. All with books under their arms, clothed in a thousand different costumes, speaking a thousand different tongues, from the remotest schools of Russia, almost lost in the ice, to the remotest schools in Arabia shaded with palm trees. Millions and millions, all going to learn the same things in a hundred different ways.

Imagine these vast multitudes of boys from hundreds of nations, this immense movement which you form a part. Moreover, know that if this movement were to cease, humanity would fall back into barbarism. This movement is the progress, the hope, the glory of the world. Have courage then, you little soldier of this immense army. Your books are your weapons, the whole world your battlefield; and the victory is human civilization. Do not be a cowardly soldier, my Enrico

Your Father.

Heart of a Boy, by Edmondo De Amici (1886)

Mr. Nguyen Van Nai
Head of Vietnamese



Our HOV, Mr. Nai briefing some parents at the Year 1 information evening at our school hall.



(Above and Below) :Our students being welcomed by their new form teacher on the first day of school.



Below (Left and Right) : Excited students meeting with their teacher on the first day of school



CLASSROOM MATTERS

For the first unit in Science, our Year 2AL students studied *“My Wonderful Body”*. We looked at the different parts of the body and how they work together.

Students investigated the functions of the skeleton, the muscles, the heart and lungs, the stomach and the small intestines. We experimented by listening to each other’s heartbeats using stethoscopes both before and after doing some physical exercises. Students used straws and gloves to simulate how the lungs help us to breathe. We looked at how our skeleton keeps our bodies upright and read interactive books from school and home about the workings of the body.

Everyone was excited exploring their bodies and could better identify and talk about the various parts.



CLASSROOM MATTERS

Year 6 has gotten off to a flying start! We have been very busy learning many new things in Mathematics, Science and English. In Science the students have been learning about their Nervous System. They learned all about the brain, the spinal cords and nerves and how they work together to form the Nervous System. The students tested out their 'super fast' reflex actions in an experiment. They had to observe what happened when a paper ball was thrown at them and the students tried to catch a falling ruler as quickly as they could. Maya said "I blinked so much and tried to run away!" Eashaan said "I didn't move but couldn't stop my eyes from blinking!" "The ruler was so hard to catch" said Minh Ngoc "but after practicing I got better!"

This month in English, the Year 6 students have been working on improving their speaking skills. They have been practicing speaking with confidence and clarity. They gave presentations to their class groups about their family and learned about nuclear and extended families. Yen Vy talked about her nuclear family "there are 4 people in my family, my dad, mum, brother and me". Marcelo talked about his little brother "he is very friendly to other people". Alua lives in a nuclear family and said "we have a pet cat and count her as a family member!" Hai talked about spending time with his extended family, "I always have fun with my grandfather, I like to sing for him".



OUR GALLERY

