



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.

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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.

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From the Principal:

Dear Parents and community,

Welcome to the November edition of the Singapore International at Ciputra school newsletter. This month has been very busy with many events. Term 2 began on 10 November and with the start of a new term teachers are intensifying the learning of each student. As academic studies increase, students are being prepared for the Semester 1 exams which will take place in January.

In preparation for the end of the second semester please be aware that at the beginning of Semester 2 integrated students from Year 1 to Year 5 will switch the English instruction time. All A classes will study in the afternoon and all B classes will study in the mornings. This has been a common practice here at SIS@Ciputra. On 20 November we celebrated "Teachers Day". It was so nice to see each of you as we celebrated our teachers that daily teach the students and keep their focus on making sure each student achieves their full learning goals. Coming up in December we will be promoting "Literacy Week". Ms. Petro, Year 3 international will be sending information to you shortly concerning the activities and how you as parents can be involved in this event.

Research has shown that students whose parents encourage them to read as well as read with them do better in school and make better grades. I encourage you as parents to read with your child each night. Have them read to you a couple of pages then stop and have a conversation with them about what they just read. Make sure they understand the story and can re-tell what they have learned. This will not only help your child but will give you precious time with your child and memoirs that will last forever.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. You will see in the following pages information concerning the student council, curriculum,

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Mr. Will teaching students in Physical Education



Students enjoying Model Making afterschool club

WASC as well as the recent "Parents come to Work" day. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your teacher or myself.

Thank you for your support and being part of this amazing school.

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

School News

It is hard to believe that we have already passed our first term and have begun the second. The students have been exemplary this past term and I have been delighted with their dedication and growth. Our students continue to demonstrate global citizenship and have embraced the virtues of Singapore International School. As the Deputy Principal I have seen many positive changes take place within our student population and have been very happy with the decrease in incidents on the playground. Now that the second term has begun I look forward to the next chapter in the adventures of Singapore International School @ Ciputra.

Curriculum Updates

Over the past few weeks the staff at SIS has been continuing to work on professional development in differentiated instruction and lesson planning and through these strategies we have been able to increase student success with our curriculum. The curriculum at SIS remains the same as it has always been but through careful analysis we have begun the process of aligning our curriculum and implementing it into a new curriculum portal. The Curriculum Portal is a new professional tool that all of the Singapore Schools are able to use to assist in streamlining the effectiveness of our teaching and increase student achievement. As an institute of education and learning we are always seeking out new way in which to improve our effectiveness and assist our children reach their full potential.

Afterschool Activities

Last term we had great participation and many of the students were pleased with the options they were given. This term we hope to surpass those expectations and increase the participation of all our students. We are always looking out for new and innovative ways to increase both academic and extracurricular activities and we would welcome any assistance with suggestions for activities you believe would be enjoyed by our student population.

Although this term is shorter than the first, it is our hope that it



Learning the art of Taekwondo

WASC



will be that much more fun for all who are participating. We are very excited about our activities for Term 2 and look forward to receiving feedback on the success of some of our new programs.

WASC

The process for WASC accreditation continues on schedule and is in its final stages of review and submission. Through this process we have been able to pinpoint areas that needed our attention and through careful analysis we have made several modifications to our educational processes that have increased our student achievement. I am very satisfied with the results we have been receiving from our collection of data and I am pleased to say that we are well on our way to receiving full accreditation. We will continue to diligently work on all aspect of our school so that we can become an example to others that are seeking the same accreditation.

Mr. Gregory R.van Goidtsnoven , Deputy Principal

Student Council at SIS Ciputra

The Student Council Bake Sale during the Book Fair was a success. We appreciate all the support we had from parents, teachers and school staff. We collected a total of 6,860,000 VND. Most of the funds will be donated to the Girl's Foster Home, along with some baked goods and other items that were not used in the bake sale. The remaining part of the funds will be kept as petty cash to sponsor future events. This was a decision made by the members. We will also be hosting a donation of clothes at SIS@Ciputra for the Girl's Foster Home so we can take this along with the money and the rest of the goods. All the members of the Student Council will be going on Wednesday, 26 November 26 to the Girl's Foster Home to deliver all donations collected (money, food and clothes).

The Student Council was proud to be the judge in the Halloween Picture Contest, and was able to give a small prize to each classroom's winner.

Other tasks this month and for the future include:

- **Promoting Teacher's Day** at SIS@Ciputra with posters recognizing the importance of teachers, and a short play (skit) that will be presented in the assembly on Thursday, November 20.
- **Operation Smile:** The student council officers will be going to see what Operation Smile does, so that we can plan a fund raiser in December to support this wonderful organization. More information coming soon.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Ms. Maia Bassett
Student Council Coordinator



SIS students council delivering money and clothing to the Ha Noi girls forster home



News from Teachers

In Semester 1 the Year 4 students were learning about occupations and status. This was a topic covered in Unit 3 in their English textbook. One of the activities organized by the teachers was to give opportunities to some of our parents to share what they do in their jobs to the students.

We were so happy that some parents made the sacrifice to come to school and give a talk to our students. Lots of information was delivered, many new things were learnt by both students and teachers, inspirational messages and advice were passed on. Amongst our speakers was Mr. Diego owner and director of Chula. Mr. Diego is a very creative and innovative designer who not just only designs clothes, but finds passion in incorporating various themes such as: food, sports, music, sea, animals, countries and so forth in his unique collection.

Another one of our special guests was Mr. Habibullah an engineer/developer. A very enthusiastic dad who loves to design and build houses, schools, condominiums, shopping centres etc...Mr. Habibullah decided to become an engineer because he always dreamt of building his own house since he was a child. His word of wisdom 'Dream, Plan, Act' and do it with passion. One of the latest projects of Mr. Habibullah is the Asia Trade City that opened in January of this year.

We also had Mrs. Hue the Office Manager at our school. Mrs. Hue has worked for the company for 8 years now and she loves making sure that the students and parents of our school are always happy with the service provided.

She has to make sure the environment is always safe, the right equipment are in place and the right job is being done by the people responsible. Lately the school received a new water fountains thanks to the support from Mrs. Hue.

Lastly we had father of two children and regardless of his children not attending our school, he was happy to come talk

about his job. Mr. Powell is a Colonel as well as the only Air force attached representing United States of America in Vietnam. He has been in the air force for about 30 years and he serves his country with great honour and respect. Together with his department they work with the Vietnamese Air force in collaboration to improve.

The Year 4 teachers, students as well as the Principal are all thankful to everyone who took part in helping and teaching our students about occupations and status, in order to develop their understanding about the unit and inspire them for their own future career.

Ms. Lucina Gabriel, Year 4 International teacher





Vietnamese teachers making the classrooms exciting and educational



From the Vietnamese Department:

We continue to make class visits to all bilingual classes. We have focused on building five lessons from Year 1 to Year 5 on oriented social construct. The teaching activities are organized with vivid colors to create the understanding, in accordance with the characteristics of the age of the students.

With the subtle use of teaching methods of some teachers in some classes, students are talking more, do more and are engaged to experience many different activities. They have used their prior knowledge in order to develop new knowledge and learning content. Students also have the opportunity to self-assess their learning through the comments, evaluation of teachers and classmates, in the spirit of innovation assessing primary students of Ministry of Education and Training created. I am also impressed to see clear progress in some classes, particularly innovation in teaching methods in the teacher during class observation this time. I believe that the promotion of professional activities for each teacher will have the opportunity to learn, hone professional skills, thereby ensuring the quality of education has been the best.

The students also participated in many activities to celebrate Teacher's Day in Vietnam. Students made cards and flowers and Year 4 and 5 have their own newspaper. In the newspaper they reported with essays, poems, paintings by the children. Students produced drawings to show affection and respect for their teachers. The children were very excited about performing arts repertoire as part of the program that celebrated Teachers' Day in Vietnam. It can be said that the priceless gift of motivation is for the teachers to strive hard in educating students.

Thanks to the efforts of all the students, the teachers and especially for the attention and support of the parents. To go to school every day is a day of joy and meaning to all of us.

Sincerely,

Vu Thi Bich Lien , Head of Vietnamese Studies

Important dates in December:

13 December : Christmas Fair.

16 December : End of Semester 1 Math Test

17 December : End of Semester 1 Vietnamese Test

From 22 December to 2 January: Christmas and New Years Break .