



# NEWSLETTER

October - November 2020

## **From the Principal**

Dear Parents,

October brings us to Term 2, cooler weather and the countdown to Semester 1 Singapore exams. It will be an eventful few months ahead and before we know it, it will be Christmas break. Teachers and students continue working very hard to keep up a solid pace as they head towards the exam period.

Also, we have started After-School-Activities (ASAs) with a well-patronised selection of activities. Thank you to all the families who have supported the ASAs and provided the opportunity for your child(ren) to value-add to their education as global and well-rounded citizens. ASAs provide a wealth of social, health and intellectual benefits which are becoming more important in today's dynamic world. We hope your children enjoy the ASAs.

DynEd is a new initiative this year offering great opportunities for our students to advance their English language development. If your child has become part of the DynEd programme, it is important that he/she spends dedicated time at home working on the computer to complete DynEd assignments. DynEd assignments need constant practice so parents are encouraged to support your child(ren) as often as possible with DynEd assignments and to monitor and discuss your child's use of DynEd.

I am pleased to say that I am enjoying my role as the new principal at SIS@Ciputra and would like to thank all the families, students and staff who have welcomed me and continue to make me feel a valued part of the community. I appreciate your support and ongoing contributions to our school programmes. Unfortunately, COVID-19 is still exerting its presence despite Vietnam's impressive effort to curtail its impact. At school, we are remaining vigilant with taking temperatures daily, wearing face masks, sanitizing hands, social distancing and implementing an abundance of caution to avoid any possibility of transmission. Also, because of border closures, the usual pool of international staff has been shut down and schools all over the country have struggled to replace departing teachers.



**SIS@Ciputra Principal Dr. Noel Geoghegan**

I must mention that I am constantly impressed by the calibre of students at SIS@Ciputra. Through my interactions with children, I have developed huge admiration for their parents. I am a firm believer that mum and dad are a child's most significant teachers and it is abundantly apparent in our school that mums and dads are doing an excellent job in developing courteous, respectful, creative, enthusiastic, well-mannered and studious children. Thank you to all the parents for doing your part in making SIS@Ciputra a special place for learning and growing; you are a big part of helping our students become world-class, well-informed and well-equipped global citizens. Together, we have a lot to offer the children.

I wish everyone a calm, peaceful and productive lead up to the Singapore exams in early December.

**Dr Noel**  
**Principal**

**SIS@Ciputra**



**October Students of the Month**

# Classroom Matters

## This Month's Feature Class:

### Year 4L

Year 4L (Year 4 International) is the biggest class at SIS@Ciputra. Their teacher, Mr. John has been at SIS@Ciputra for five years and knows how to develop a challenging and vibrant classroom for his students. He has students from Australia, Austria, Malaysia, the Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, and Vietnam.

Year 4L have been busy learning about the life cycle of plants, protection of the environment and the problems of human impact on the world. Students have been exploring English language quantifiers and connectors to make compound sentences as part of Mr. John's English acquisition curriculum. Moreover, DynEd and its computer-based learning has also become an important part of the weekly English Language learning schedule.

Year 4L students have individual work portfolios stored on the OneDrive to document their school experiences and students are encouraged to add to their portfolios as documentary evidence of their progress.

Mr. John likes to emphasize the importance of respecting the environment and instills the virtue of respect in his students; respect for each other, ourselves, and the environment. He encourages all children to play their part in making the world a cleaner and better place to live.

Year 4L also use ClassDojo to communicate amongst families and create a progressive technology-driven classroom.

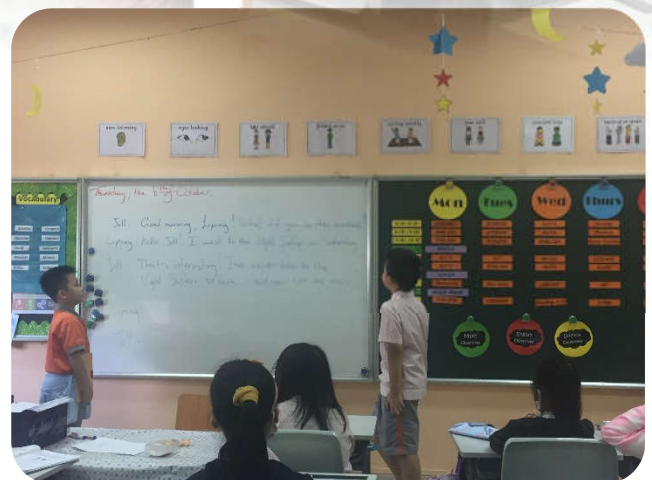
Recently, the kids loved using their hands to solve mathematical problems too and as can be seen in the photos in this Newsletter, Year 4L are having a great time learning about the real world together.

Year 4L were also lucky to participate in a STEM demonstration of the new coding and robotics materials and curriculum being initiated within the school.

Thanks Mr. John! Go Year 4L.









# Mid-Autumn Festival - It was a beautifully spectacular event.









# Halloween was so much fun!



