



NEWSLETTER

April-May 2019

From the Principal

Dear parents,

Welcome to our April/May combined school newsletter.

It has been quite busy for us here at SIS Ciputra over the last two months.

Our Student Council organized a “Healthy Eating” week and provided healthy snacks to all classes. Our Senior Basketball team travelled to Gamuda Garden and participated in a mix basketball tournament. We sent our year 5 and 6 students over to the Gamuda campus to take part in the Sports Carnival Day and competed in a tri-school SIS tournament with Van Phuc, Ciputra and Gamuda. Our senior football team won the final after a great team effort. Well done boys!

A range of STEM classroom-learning activities that are multidisciplinary and designed to promote critical thinking and build problem-solving skills took place during the last week of term 3. Some amazing work by our students.

We finished our WASC report and this was sent for review. The WASC Visiting Committee inspected our school and we are confident that our hard work will result in another accreditation. Thank you everyone who contributed to the review process.

On our first day back for the start of Term 4, we commenced our Swimming program – “Water Awareness” and all classes are attending the various sessions

We have had many activities and excursion in May and all our student were engaged in revision preparing for their Semester 2 examinations. All students have tried their best and I am confident that they will reap the rewards of their hard work when they receive the yearly report at the end of the year.

Our annual School Concert “Planet Earth” will be performed on Sunday, 16 June at the NCC. We will forward more



Students in the Multi-Purpose Hall at the awards assembly receiving their Student of the Month Certificates from the Principl

information closer to the day.

Sincerely,

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Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the April-May edition of the Singapore International School, Ciputra newsletter. This period was filled with exciting events and competitions. As a learning community, we encourage all of our students to do their best and reach for the stars.

Our Swimming Program kicked off at the beginning of this term, with students participating in outdoor swimming and water awareness lessons held at the P1/ L1 pool in Ciputra. It was a welcome respite from the scorching heat the months of April and May are notorious for. Under the supervision of our PE teacher, Mr. Modie, two additional swim coaches, two pool lifeguards and the class teacher/teaching assistant, we ensured our students' progress with their swimming and their safety.

To highlight the amazing achievements of our students, I would like to mention two of our student's recent accomplishments. Yim Xin Yee and Tran Nam Anh from Year 5 Integrated took part in the English Language Olympiad at District and City Levels and did us proud by being awarded 2nd place at the City Level. During this competition, our students competed against students from other International schools as well as public and private schools in Hanoi.

Our Year 5 and 6 students also took part in the Sports Day held at the Gamuda Gardens Campus. Our teams from Grades 5 and 6 did well, bringing home the SIS Cup Championship trophy for yet another year by winning the Football Competition with very



Our Grade 1 Children were treated to a hands on pottery workshop when they visited Bat Trang Pottery Village. Here they are seen moulding their clay shapes using a potter's wheel.



Our Grade 1 students on their excursion to Bat Trang Pottery Village had a marvelous time crafting little miniature clay figurines and baking them in the dragon kiln.

convincing wins for both the A and B teams, and coming in runners up in the basketball competition. Congratulations to all the players who took part and showed great sportsmanship and team spirit.

Our Student Council also led the school in educating the children about healthy eating habits during their “Healthy Eating Week”. Members of the Student Council went around to different classes and provided an array of healthy eating choices, including some servings of fruit to the classes to encourage and educate them to adopt healthy eating habits in their daily meals.

I hope you enjoy reading the April-May Newsletter. We still have many activities over the next month culminating with our annual concert on Sunday 16 June. I hope we see each of you during the scheduled events. Thank you for your ongoing support in our efforts to help each child reach their full potential.

Mr. Mustafa Fazal
Deputy Principal



Our Basketball students emerged runners up in the Sports Day Event held at Gamuda Gardens for Grades 5 and 6.



Our football team going for goal at the Sports Day. The footballers clinched the first Spot and brought back the winning trophy once again after convincing wins against SISGamauda and SIS Van Phuc

From the Vietnamese Department

Dear Parents,

We have worked extremely hard with the teaching and learning thus far, and have obtained encouraging results as indicated by the evaluation of the Education and Training Department of Tay Ho district. The school has completed the teaching program and has started planning for the start of the new school year with professional development and new activities.

In addition to completing the educational courses according to the prescribed program, the teachers also organized many field trips for Grade 1 to Grade 5, taking students to the Bat Trang Ceramic Village and also made it possible for the students to visit endangered animals by visiting the Sun and Moon Bear Sanctuary, to name just a few. These activities have provided the children with the opportunity to understand more about the endangered animals in Vietnam and the world around them. It has deepened their knowledge on environmental issues as well



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as contributed to valuing education and understanding of their social responsibilities and national traditions.

Our students have had to work hard to be able to complete both programs at the same time. Besides their personal progress and achievement, parents also have greatly contributed to their success with their ongoing support. In addition to the teachers' enthusiasm in working hard for the benefit of students, they are always striving to improve themselves and their knowledge, by updating new methods to improve the quality of teaching and students' learning outcomes in all grade levels.

As a result, the Integrated students achieved excellent results in the English Language Olympiad for 5th graders in the District and City Level. SIS Ciputra was awarded with one 1st prize, three 2nd prizes, and two 3rd prizes at District level. At City Level, we were very proud as two of our students won the 2nd overall Prize, Yim Xin Yee, and Tran Nam Anh from Year 5 Integrated.

These achievements reinforce the confidence we expect from our students and teachers and the quality of education we provide at SIS Ciputra.

Thank you to all teachers, parents and our lovely students from the Integrated program, who have helped contribute to the success of the school year 2018 -19. We will all work together to promote our school and ensure that in the new school year we have many more successes.

Vu Thi Bich Lien
Head of Vietnamese Studies



In the English Olympiad this year, we were very proud as two of our students won the 2nd overall Prize, Yim Xin Yee, and Tran Nam Anh from Year 5 Integrated.



Students from Year 4 Integrated put up a stunning performance at the last Vietnamese assembly of the year.



Students from 1 Integrated receiving awards from Madam Lien for good academic achievement in the Integrated Programme at our Vietnamese Assembly

Hanoi Primary English Olympic Contest

On May 4th 2019, the 16th Hanoi Primary English Olympic Contest, organized by Language Link Vietnam Education along with the Hanoi Education Department, was held at the Hanoi Union University. It brought together over 1300 contestants from 472 primary schools from in and around Hanoi.

Currently, this is the only English contest designed according to international standards while assessing all four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

Each contestant had a maximum of 45 minutes to complete Listening, Reading, and Writing part of the test, and five to ten minutes to complete the Speaking part with a native teacher provided by Language Link. This contest does not only encourage students to practise and interact with the English language, but also prepares them for upcoming national and international exams.

After two intense rounds, organizers selected 216 individuals with outstanding performances. Among them, SIS Ciputra's own Year 5 Integrated students: **Tran Nam Anh and Yim Xin Yee** both received 2nd overall place prizes – impressive achievements indeed!

In class, both Nam Anh and Xin Yee have always been excellent students with fantastic English skills, wonderful personalities, and contagious curiosities. We are confident that with this accomplishment, they will continue to reach for the best and inspire others!



Yim Xin Yee and Tran Nam Anh receiving their certificates and plaques for coming in overall 2nd in the English Olympiad. from The Principal and The HOV at a Vietnamese school assembly.

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