



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ CIPUTRA NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Parents

It has certainly has been busy here at SIS@Ciputra. We had our first semester sports day just before the break. The purpose of the sports day was to reinforce the ideas of sportsmanship, team work and collaboration with all grade levels, teachers and houses. Our houses this year are the Dragons who took third place, the Unicorns who took second place and the mighty Turtles who were the champions of the day. The day was an eventful one to say the least. Many parents showed up to cheer on the houses and take lots of photos. The students really had a great time. Although it was a lot of work for our teachers, they had a great time as well and got to know a lot of students that they do not have in their own classes. This provided everyone a chance to extend their relationships in the community through solidarity of the house and the spirit of sportsmanship. So in short, the day was very productive and a success. There is no doubt that we are all looking forward to the semester two sports day. I am sure it will be just as fun.

As soon as we came back from the winter break the student body started the Semester 1 exams (SA1). I am pleased to say that our students have done very well on the tests and below this letter you can see the honor roll for each class. Just to clarify, being on the high honor-roll means that the student has achieved a grade point average of a 95% or higher and honors is a grade point average of 88%. It goes without saying that I am proud of all the students here at SIS@Ciputra. They all work so hard, but I have to tip my hat especially to these students for doing so well in their studies.

We have a lot of great events coming up this semester; International day, Earth day, the end of the year concert just to name a few. I look forward to seeing you at all of these events. I hope that this Lunar New Year is a prosperous one for all of you and I wish you all have safe and peaceful TET Holiday.



TIMOTHY BRYAN BIKOWSKI
PRINCIPAL



Mr. Tim motivating and thanking some student volunteers who helped clean up the school on Sports Day. The volunteers were treated to a pizza party for their efforts.

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Honour Roll (High Honours):

Tom Hoang Teune (2 International)
Park Jae Ah (2 International)

Dang Tri Nam (3 International)
Bae Young Jun (3 International)
Tran Dang Phong Anh (3 International)
Don Nguyen (3 International)

Ngo Chau Anh (3 Integrated)
Pham Minh Hoang (3 Integrated)
Kang Ji Hu (3 International)
Lee Jun Gyu (3 International)
Shotaro Matsuzaki (3 International)

Cung Xuan Khanh 4 NTGD
Yim Xin Yee (4 Integrated)
Tran Nam Anh (4 Integrated)

Johannes Nguyen Romauch (6 International)
Matthew Myburgh (6 International)
Prithviraj Omkar Patil (6 International)

Honour Roll:

Vu Hoang Long Quan (2 Integrated)
Park Seo Jun (2 International)

Nguyen Hoang Minh Phuc (3 Integrated)
Nguyen Nam Hoang (3 Integrated)
Nur Alisya Elenna Bte Rosmaini (3 International)
Alisya Nur Munirah Binti Ahmad Syaaza (3 INTL)
Quan Roy Macfarlane (3 International)
Pham Minh Hoang (3 Integrated)
Pham Nguyen Thai An (3 Integrated)

Nguyen Nguyen Anh (4 Integrated)
Bui Chi Kien (4 Integrated)
Doan Duc Thanh (4 Integrated)
Azzura Liu My Tue (4 Integrated)
Nguyen Ngoc Huyen Chau (4 Integrated)



The Turtle (Green) Team emerged victorious after a day's competition on Sports Day



The Dragon (Red) Team emerged victorious after a day's competition on Sports Day



Students from Grade 3 receiving their awards for the School Honor Roll at assembly



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Eashaan Yadav (4A International)
Nguyen Tran Bao Tran (4A International)
Shreyan Pathak (4B International)

Kavisha Nalleah (5 Integrated)
Ngo Tan Kiet (5 Integrated)
Phan Nguyen Dieu Anh (5 Integrated)
Pham Hoang Khue (5 International)
Park Yong Jun (5 International)
Min Chae Eul (6 International)

Sincerely,

Timothy Bryan Bikowski
Principal



Min Chae Eul, Johannes Romauch and Matthew Myburgh from Grade 6 International receiving their certificates for the Honour Roll.

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome to our January newsletter.

Education is a partnership and as a team we are proud to continue to support the academic and holistic development of your child here at SIS@Ciputra.

In this partnership, as teachers, we are not just responsible for the education of your children but also to give some advice to parents on how best to steer their child's learning at home. I believe that our combined efforts in this partnership will prove effective. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to provide you with 4 short pointers about how you can help your children avoid distractions at home by monitoring and controlling their use of the Internet, so that they can strike a healthy and meaningful balance between work and play.



*Mr. Mustafa Fazal
Deputy Principal*



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Pointer 1. Step into their cyber world

Parents have to get involved. Just as they know every detail of the playground - the jungle gym, the swings - they need to know their kids' online playground as well. It may be hard to keep your eyes open after visiting what seems like the 100th website devoted to Barbie or LEGO NINJAGO, but playing copilot to your child is the best way to make sure he/she gets a smooth ride. By the time they are 7, you won't need to be glued to his/her side, but you should be somewhere in the room or checking in frequently.



Pointer 2. Set house rules

Decide how much time you're comfortable with your children being online and which sites they may go to. You might post a short list or even a signed contract next to the computer. So that there's no confusion, talk about the rules - and the consequences for breaking them. A good practice of Internet house rules is to allow your child half an hour to one hour of computer time on weekdays and to allow them up to 2 hours on the weekend.

Pointer 3. Teach them to protect their privacy

While they won't fully understand the consequences of revealing personal information online, you should still make sure your children know:

- Never to give their name, phone number, e-mail address, password, postal address, school, or picture without your permission
- Not to open e-mail from people they don't know
- Not to respond to hurtful or disturbing messages
- Not to get together with anyone they "meet" online.



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Pointer 4. Be their go-to buddy

Instruct your child to come straight to you when he/she sees anything that makes him/her uncomfortable, and assure her that you won't overreact, blame, or immediately rescind their online privileges.

I hope this short list of pointers helps with controlling your child's internet usage at home and helps them with minimizing distractions and balancing their time properly. I will be sure to include more tips on "Controlling Internet Use in a safe environment for your child" in the newsletters ahead.

Tet is a time for families and friends to come together to enjoy traditional Vietnamese dishes and share the happiness and joy of the New Year with one another, and what better way to

kick off the celebrations than to start right here in school. At present, our students and staff are busily preparing for the TET celebrations in school and the TET Holidays. The hallways and notice boards have been superbly decorated in anticipation of this event, and on Friday 9 February, we will celebrate Tet here in school. We will kick-off with a Cultural information presentation about TET, followed by performances by students and a morning of Vietnamese traditional games and food.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for your continued support and dedication to SIS@Ciputra, and wish you all the best for the upcoming TET Holiday and Break.

Chúc mừng năm mới 2018!

Mr. Mustafa Fazal
Deputy Principal



Students taking part in traditional games as part of the TET Celebrations in school



Students trying the traditional bamboo dance during the school's TET celebrations.



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**VU THI BICH LIEN
HEAD OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES**

From the Vietnamese Department

Hello parents!

In the first semester of the academic year 2017-2018, we all focused on our academic studies. Our students and staff had together experienced many memorable life-lessons littered with a lot of pleasant memories and commendable results. Vietnamese teachers and their students had contributed positively to that achievement.

Our students actively participated in school activities under their teachers' guidance to experience first-hand what good team work is, to deal with problem-solving seminars and to participate in learning games. They tried to discover new knowledge and information on their own. Some students had improved in their ability to concentrate in class. Their writing has improved a lot.

provided for grade 4 and 5. Students under our teacher's supervision and results:

In Math: the "Excellent" grade was the cohort;
in Vietnamese: the "Excellent" grade 18.5% of the cohort

To welcome the Year of Dog 2018, teachers have decorated school and spectacularly and immaculately. The festival with many activities such as games of throwing cotton balls, Bamboo Bridge, and the bamboo

In January, our students took the SA1 exam. Mathematics and Vietnamese examinations were provided for grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, while Science, History & Geography exams were taken. The rigorous test they achieved amazing



achieved by 55% of
was achieved by

the students and
classrooms
school celebrated TET
singing, dancing,
walking on the
dance, to name a few.

Students from Grade 2 Integrated perform a song and dance during TET celebrations in School

With the combined cooperation and strong support of parents, the school, teachers and students will have an enjoyable and successful semester.



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Best regards,
Vu Thi Bich Lien