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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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Dear Parents,

People say life is a journey. What a journey we have been on this year here at SIS Ciputra. It has been quite a positive experience for me. In eighteen years in education, most of which have been in secondary and upper secondary, I have not experienced such an energetic working environment. The work of our teachers, the support of the parents and the efforts of our students is one that I cherish on a daily basis. Our hallways are full of bright shiny faces that are smiling and happy, and the primary reason for this is because our school community is working together to support one another.

Our teachers inform the parents, the parents are reinforcing the schools mission, vision and core beliefs and the result is a happy and productive staff and student body. Yes, we have had our share of problems, as no school is perfect, but we overcome, adapt and improvise to the challenges that present themselves. As the principal of the school I could not be any happier with the progress that we have made so far. The following newsletter recaps a very wonderful first semester from the people that make things happen so successfully here.

I hope that over the this holiday break that we take some time to reflect on our successes, our loved ones, and look to a New Year with the same level of success that we have had this year. I personally wish all of our students, parents, teachers and office staff the very best of wishes and prosperity for 2018. I'm sure it will be fantastic and look forward to it with great enthusiasm.

*Sincerely,
Timothy Bryan Bikowski
Principal*



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From the Deputy Principal

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Mr. Mustafa Fazal

Deputy Principal



Our Christmas Charity Fair was a huge success with a total of 42 stalls and hundreds of parents, visitors and residents



Our student sand teachers' had fun in their fundraising efforts to help Operation Smile. The fair was organized together with KIK@ Ciputra, KIK @the Manor and KIK@Hanoi Towers.

November and December were busy months for us indeed, with many celebrations and festivities being celebrated here in school. Not too long after our Term 1 break were our "Teachers' Day" Celebrations. The teachers in the teachers Day committee outdid themselves this year with an hour long spectacular show loaded with performances and tributes from their students. All our teachers were honored on stage. Students went the extra mile this year by making paper flowers, acrostic poems and by bringing small tokens and flowers as gifts for our teachers. They also rehearsed their Teacher's Day song which they performed well, as teachers received their flowers on stage. A dinner for the teachers was also organized at 4pm, where teachers had a small gastronomic treat of Bun Cha and Pizzas. Many teachers were given huge bouquets of flowers as tokens of gratitude and appreciation from parents.

We celebrated Literacy Week or Book Week after teacher's day. Students were encouraged to partake in the week's activities, culminating in a Readers' Theatre stage performance by each class about the books they have read. Many students also took part in our diorama competition and the top winners from each grade level were awarded with a book prize during the assembly. The Book Fair that was organized by the teachers in the Literacy Week Committee also was a great hit, with many books from a wide variety of subjects on sale in both English and Vietnamese.

Our last event before the holiday break was the Christmas Charity Fair. This year's fair was better than last years with a huge turnout of parents and guests. We had a total of 42 stalls on site, ranging from games stalls to stalls selling souvenirs and trinkets and X'mas gifts as well as a stall to collect old clothes and shoes for under-privileged children. A section of this year's celebrations featured live performances from our students and the KIK children, singing Christmas Carols and songs to liven up the fair and share in the Christmas spirit. Our Christmas Charity fair was held to support our adopted charity, Operation Smile, which helps children who were born with a cleft lip, with corrective surgery.

The SA 1 Exams have commenced and students will receive their reports after the January break. On behalf of all the teachers and staff, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year.

Mustafa Fazal
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From the Vietnamese Department

Dear Parents,

All our teachers are encouraged to participate in teaching festival with methods of developing students' abilities. It has been very impressive with the progress in some classes, especially the innovation of teaching methods. Our students use their existing knowledge to find new knowledge and develop lesson's content. Students also have the opportunity to self-assess their learning through their teachers, classmates' comments and contribution, which is in compliance with the innovative spirit of primary students' assessment by the Ministry of Education and Training. I believe that the enhances of professional activities will give each teachers an opportunity to learn and improve their professional skills so they are equipped with good teaching knowledge. Students are getting more studious, more confident through these lessons.

Then all students are instructed to review the centered knowledge to complete the Semester I exam. I am so happy that all teachers and students have worked hard and received positive test results.

To celebrate Teacher's Day on November 20th, students participated in many activities such as making cards, flowers. Our Year 4 and 5 students, especially, "published" posters with essays, poems, paintings to show their love and respect to teachers. Students were also very excited to perform in the monthly assembly celebrating Teacher's Day. It can be said that these priceless spiritual gifts are the motivation for teachers to work hard and dedicate to teaching.

We also organized activities to commemorate the formation of Vietnam People's Army to help students learn about our glorious revolutionary tradition, to show their gratitude for the soldiers, especially for who sacrificed for the independence of our country and express their love for the soldiers who are protecting the country. Besides, teachers and students also decorated classrooms with Christmas trees, Santa Claus,...to prepare for the Christmas Charity Fair on December 9th. The fair aimed to raise funds for Operation Smile to bring joy to unfortunate children.



VU THI BICH LIEN
HEAD OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES



Mdm Lien imparting advice and some words of wisdom to students in the Integrated section during the Vietnamese assembly.



Student work and learning objectives proudly displayed in our hallways here at SIS@Ciputra

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There were many books for sale at the book fair, including fiction, non-fiction and Vietnamese books to cater for the interests of every child.



In the Readers Theatre segment, students impressed parents and members of the audience with their literary performances on stage. In full costumes. Here we see Xin Yee from 4 Integrated, and the 3 blind mice from 1 International delivering their monologues.

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With unremitting efforts and positive and constructive cooperation from both teachers, students and parents, we had a memorable semester with joy and commendable results.

I would like to thank all teachers and students for their efforts, and parents for their continuous support so that going to school every day is fun and meaningful for all of us.

Sincerely,

Vu Thi Bich Lien
 Head of Vietnamese Studies

From the Literacy Week Committee:

Literacy Week was held from the 27th November – 1st of December and what a fantastic week it was!

We began the week with a series of short plays and Reader's Theater performances. All grade levels were involved and it was a wonderful opportunity for parents to come and enjoy the student's work. Grades 1 and 2 performed fairy tales and nursery rhymes, Grades 3 and 4 focused on myths and legends and grades 5 and 6 performed biographies. The students had a lot of fun reading, creating and performing their scripts.

As the week progressed, all of the students enjoyed the daily Drop Everything and Read sessions. Making time to open a book and read for enjoyment is such an important part of inspiring children to read and it is so nice to take a break and let our imaginations wander through the pages of a book!

The dioramas that students made were impressive in their creativity and led to many students asking where they could find copies of the books depicted. It has been wonderful to see all grade levels participating in this activity this year. This is a creative way to explore the themes and characters in a favourite book. Congratulations to the winners from each grade level:

Grade 1: The Three Little Pigs by Thu Ngan

Grade 2: The Wizard of Oz by Lee Ju Won



Many students participated in the Diorama Competition with prizes for each grade level. Many students went to the library to look for the books depicted by the dioramas.



Parents came down early to shop for suitable books for their children at the Literacy Week Book Fair



Teachers were called onto stage to receive their mystery prizes— academy awards style.

Grade 3: Little Red Riding Hood by Paula Gonzalez
Grade 4: The Fox and the Grapes by Shi Lin
Grade 5: Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Pedro Fialho & Jamiel Masangkay
Grade 6: The Goose who Laid a Golden Egg by Arka Mandal

The highlight of the week was, of course the book fair. There was an excellent range of books on offer to families and it was a good opportunity to update the home library.

Engaging in reading is a way to ignite the imagination, escape into other worlds, learn from the experiences of others and discover possibilities you didn't know were there. A love of reading is the best gift any person can receive and I am sure that the fun and engaging activities of Literacy Week have provided many students with a renewed passion for books and reading.

From The Teachers Day Committee

Teachers Day at SIS was celebrated on November 20th, 2017. All the staff members had an exciting day and were very delighted by the programme organized for them.

Students always look forward to Teachers Day with a lot of anticipation, for the sheer spirit of the occasion. It requires a lot of hard work and dedication to be a good teacher and earn the affection of students at the same time. Teachers, on this day, are reminded of their school days and feel nostalgic. All in all, it was celebration mode for everyone!

Teachers play a major role in making their students responsible citizens of tomorrow and good human beings. It is impossible to imagine our lives without teachers. They are the cornerstone of our future. We can never thank teachers enough for their immense contribution in students' lives.

Teachers Day is celebrated to show our acknowledgement and recognition of the hard work put in by our teachers towards our development.

Everyone was treated to a grand programme organised by the

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In the grand finale, teachers were showered with flowers and gifts on stage as the children sang the “Teachers Day” Song.



SIS Ciputra Academic and Non-Academic Staff pose for a photograph before a well-deserved teachers day “Bun Cha and Pizza” dinner and get together.



Year 3 Integrated students performing a song for their teachers on stage on Teachers Day, as their choreographer and teacher, Ms. Ha looks on.

skits, poetry, video presentations, songs, gift giving and speeches performed by students, teachers and parents. The school band honored the teachers with a special Teachers Day song called “This Is The Day”, arranged by our music teacher, Mr. Rikki with the whole school singing along with the band. Students voted for their favorite group of teachers prior to the event and teachers were felicitated with prizes for various categories like the Most Energetic Teachers, Smartest Teachers, Most Mysterious Teachers and The Friendliest Teachers.

The programme started with our Year 6 Student Council Representatives, Matthew and Chae-Eul welcoming everyone to the event and acting as the masters of ceremonies. The Year 1 & 2 International students sang “What a Wonderful World”, setting the tone for a spectacular event and bringing together a diverse array of people.

Our Deputy Principal, Mr. Mustafa, created a slide show of teachers’ baby pictures, and students had to guess which pictures matched the teachers. It was quite entertaining to see who the students thought the pictures were of. Mr. John, our English Foreign Language (EFL) teacher together with the student council members interviewed teachers to the “Would You Rather” game questions, prepared in accordance to the teachers personalities and interests.

They had to choose between two options and explain their answers in detail.

Our PE teacher, Mr. Modi hosted a charades game show where teachers had to perform a skit. Mr. David imitated Froggie from the Muppets, Mr. Ethan imitated a famous basketball player, Stephen Curry, Ms. Sara imitated Elsa from Frozen and the best imitation was saved for last when our principal, Mr. Tim imitated Donald Trump complete with hair, facial expressions and body language. This was undeniably the best Trump imitation and Mr. Tim won first prize. Ms. Vien’s Year 1 Integrated students entertained us with dance moves and music from Bruno Mars’ “Uptown

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*Funk” and Ms. Ha’s Year 3 Integrated students
performed a song and dance in both English and
Vietnamese called “Chalk*

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Year 1 International's amazing performance during Teacher's Day. Students made their own costumes with colourful hand prints and paints on white T-shirts.



Student Council members passionately attending to the hungry crowd with smiles and lots of patience—all in the name of raising funds for Operation Smile



Student council members combined with the KIK to set up a trash or treasure stall for donations of old clothes to our designated charity, Operation Smile

Dust”.

A special speech was given by Ms. Theresa Yen, the head of our school's Korean Mom's Association wishing all staff a Happy Teacher's Day and presenting us with traditional Vietnamese hand painted mugs. Their kind gesture and support is noted and highly appreciated.

Some of our Year 1 EFL students under the supervision of Ms. Susana read an acrostic poem especially dedicated to our teachers and touched our hearts as the students expressed their heart felt gratitude to their teachers.

And then the finale, where all staff was showered with flowers and cards with personalized messages from each and every student touched our hearts and brought our programme to a close, but we still had the whole day to celebrate with special thanks from our SIS Ciputra parents and students.

From the Student Council

It's been an active and fruitful year for the 2017-18 SIS Ciputra Student Council so far. Class representatives for the school were elected by popular vote within their classrooms after a one-week campaign period in August. During this period, they made posters to promote their candidacy, and also spoke in front of the entire school at assembly to answer the question, "What can I do to improve the SIS community?" This year, a Council of 7 students representing grades 4-6 was elected with the mission of leading projects and communication within and between classes in service to the whole school.

During the first semester of the school year, Student Council was highly active in both fundraisers and assisting teachers and students at special events. For Teacher's Day, they served as MCs for our assembly and handed out flowers to teachers, while also working behind the scenes to write, edit, and assign funny questions to ask each teacher on video. Teacher's responses were captured on tape with help from staff, and shown at the assembly. To promote Literacy Week, they planned

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The Student Council Bake Sale Members (1st shift) poses for a photo before the start of the bake sale with Ms. Thom

created an outstanding bulletin board to inform the student body of literacy activities, organized and ran a bake sale (raising over 5 million VND), and communicated in the classroom to ensure student participation. They ran a Christmas card table at the Christmas Charity Fair and used rubrics to choose a winner of the Halloween poster contest. To accomplish all of this in service to the school, they sacrificed 10 recess periods and additional time at home, while still managing their normal school work.

In 2018, look for surveys that the Student Council is preparing to learn more about what the student body thinks and wants to see happen at the school. They will also be investigating local environmental charities to determine which one would be the best for us to donate to. If you have questions or comments, you can contact the Student Council sponsor Mr. Ethan at ethan.vlah@ciputra.sis.edu.vn

FOOTBALL SUCCESSES



FOOTBALL TUESDAY: SIS CIPUTRA beat SIS GAMUDA 3 - 0 on a friendly football match for Junior (Primary) Teams last December 5, 2017 here at SIS Ciputra Green Field

The 4th graders of SIS Ciputra have been successful in their campaign to win matches against other international schools in the city held at the football field of St. Paul American School last November 17, 2017. Coached by Mr. Caleb John Lahoud, the boys held their ground against these schools. It was also a farewell match for striker Marat Gatin of Year 4 International class who will settle in another country.

With the inception of an all-girls team in Hanoi Activities Conference, SIS Ciputra formed a team composed of year 4 girls from International and Integrated classes. With just a week of practice, our girls team played their hearts out though not winning any of their matches but they bravely showed that they can face any team no matter what. Cheered on by Ms. Kelly Baxter, she motivated and cheered the girls on to keep on going until they finished all the matches. It was such an unforgettable first time experience for our girls team.



The Principal (Mr. Tim Bikowski) recognizing the team's effort in one of the school's assemblies.

Meanwhile, our Junior Football Team composed of Year 1 – 3 had a taste of victory against SIS Gamuda during a friendly football match last December 5, 2017 held here in

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Our A Team boys at half time with Mr. Caleb



Our Teams arriving at the Hanoi Activities Conference football Tournament with Ms. Kelly and Mr. Caleb

our school. The match ended with a 3 – 0 victory against our sister school. With most of the players from Year 1, our kiddy footballers played an intense game with all the cheers from their schoolmates and parents who were present during the match. Through the instructions of Mr. Modie Masangkay an early goal was awarded by Trung Minh Tri by a penalty kick followed by goals from Nguyen Gia Hien and Bae Jong Oh (Jimmy) respectively.

The Principal (Mr. Tim Bikowski) recognized the team’s effort in one of the school’s assemblies later.

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