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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,

September has been a real exciting month here at SIS@Ciputra. We had our first students of the month awards. These awards are not just for academics. These awards focus on the social, behavioral and virtuous acts that the students express in and out of the classroom as an individual. The awards reinforce the positive behaviors teachers want to see in the classroom. These awards also reinforce the idea that teachers are always observing how the students behave, treat each other and interact with each other. In short, these awards are evidence that the teaching, parenting and student learning school triangle is working well. Once again, I congratulate all those that have won an award for the month of August.

In other news, SIS@Ciputra held its first ever elections for student council in 4th 5th and 6th grade. In the past the teachers nominated the Student Council representatives; however, this year the students held campaigns to run as a candidate for their positions. All of the candidates had to give a speech at the Monday assembly in front of their classmates. They all had to answer the following question: **“How can I make the SIS@Ciputra Community better as a student council member?”** Quite the challenging question for our little cherubs. As hard as it might have been they all did a wonderful job speaking publicly as a candidate for the first time. My hat is off to all of those that ran for positions and those that gained a seat on the Student Council. We have a lot of exciting work ahead of us.

As the Principal I have been reading the weekly letters home from all the teachers and see that our students are very busy and have exciting learning opportunities in their classes. Now that we are really now in full swing your child will be coming home with more homework. It is important that homework time be structured. Here are 10 tips to make homework time successful:

1. Know the teachers — and what they're looking for. Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies and how you should be involved.



Matthew Myburgh giving his election speech to the School at the Assembly on Monday



Kim Seun Yu concentrating on quality individual work in class



Students from Y3 International finishing up a collaborative group project together

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Students putting up their "foldables" onto their notice boards for display



Members for the School Band practicing



Mr. Ethan teaching members of the after school basketball club how to shoot the basket

2. Set up a homework-friendly area. Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies — paper, pencils, glue, scissors — within reach.
3. Schedule a regular study time. Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.
4. Help them make a plan. On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
5. Keep distractions to a minimum. This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
6. Make sure kids do their own work. They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions. But it's a kid's job to do the learning.
7. Be a motivator and monitor. Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
8. Set a good example. Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents' examples than their advice.
9. Praise their work and efforts. Post an aced test or art project on the refrigerator. Mention academic achievements to relatives.
10. If there are continuing problems with homework, get help. Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder

I hope these help. It has been an exciting month and I am really looking forward to October as we have some really fun events coming up, least of which is the Mid-Autumn or Moon festival. It should be great fun. I wish you and yours all the best over the course of the next month.

Sincerely,

Timothy Bryan Bikowski



“Young Picassos” at work with their brushes and canvas during “Art for life”



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From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the September edition of the Singapore International at Ciputra school newsletter. Soon we will see the end of the first Term of school and our well-deserved 1 week break in October.

Our after school program has kicked off to a good start with a high rate of participation this Term. Students are enjoying these activities as part of their holistic learning experience here at SIS Ciputra, striking a balance between academics and Co-Curricular pursuits and sports.

This year, with increased enrollment numbers we have seen



The foyer and corridors were filled with student decorations for the Mid-Autumn Festival.

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2 separate sessions during the Monday assemblies and meal times for the Upper Primary and Lower Primary Students. This has helped students at these times attend the assemblies and dine in the canteen more comfortably.

Students from our Lower Primary classes have started their excursions to Pegasus where they have been taught to make culinary delights like Mini Bolognese and sweetcorn pizzas as well as chocolate fingers, amongst other items. We hope that the excursions to Pegasus will help the kids to have more confidence and will also volunteer to help you out at home, with some of the knowledge they have acquired here.

Our Student Council elections have just ended and we have a new Student Council committee with representatives from the Upper Primary Classes. We hope that this year the Student Council can continue to serve the school and lead by example to contribute to both the school and the community.

We will be celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival soon on the 4th of October, in their traditional costumes. Children in both the International and Integrated classes have been busy making and decorating lanterns as well as masks for this event. As usual this year's celebration will be spearheaded by the Vietnamese department and we invite parents to come and celebrate this significant event with us.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. 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. Mustafa Fazal

Deputy Principal



Mr. Ethan with the elected members of the Student Council Committee



Y1 International' masks for the Mid-Autumn festival



Mr. Timothy and Ms. Lien welcoming Year 1 integrated students into the hall in the first Vietnamese Assembly



Welcoming new school year of Integrated students in the Vietnamese Assembly



VU THI BICH LIEN
HEAD OF VIETNAMESE STUDIES

From the Head of Vietnamese Studies

Dear Parents,

We have continued to do all Integrated classes' observation and visit in last few weeks. Generally, the teaching activities have been plentifully, lively held, which suite to age characteristics of students.

Applied innovative teaching methods of teachers during academic lessons, students actively participate in learning. They also had opportunities to experience many activities and improve creative and critical thinking. They have used their prior knowledge to find new knowledge and develop lesson content. Students also had the opportunity to self-assess and evaluate each other through comments and assessments of their classmates and teachers. This is also an innovation in the assessment of primary students of Vietnam's Ministry of Education and Training such as Maths in grade 3 and grade 5.

Congratulations to all the students who have embarked on the learning activities quickly since the beginning of the school year. I am impressed to see the progress in all

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The foyer was decorated for the Mid-Autumn Festival



Integrated students are singing the National song in the Vietnamese Assembly



Ms. Sharon in Year 1 Integrated organizing a hands-on activity for the students during their English lesson

classes following the second time of class observation. Many teachers have adjusted themselves, renewed the methodology, organized teaching activities, experiential activities in the teaching process as well as students' group discussion, self-evaluation with teachers' help, orientation to know students' efforts and improvement to motivate them via teachers' guidance and support.

In addition, the school also helped students to understand the traditional values and the beauty of the Vietnamese culture through the events. September assembly was very dignified to commemorate the 72nd anniversary of the National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

With many activities, the school held the Mid-Autumn Festival on Wednesday 4th October 2017. Teachers and students watched the Lion Dance performance and joined the lantern parade. To prepare for the festival, students made paper lanterns and learnt the legend related to the Mid-Autumn Festival. Students also participate in classroom activities to gain insights into this traditional event.

All of us had a Mid-Autumn Festival full of joys and meaning. I believe that we all continue to enjoy the excitement of the upcoming events in this school year.

With the enthusiasm, passion and profession of teachers, the regular and continuous support of parents and the active learning of students, I believe that we will have a great year ahead with many exciting experiences.

Sincerely,

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