



VISION

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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From the Principal:

Dear Parents and community,

Welcome to the December addition to the Singapore International School Ciputra newsletter. It is hard to believe that it is already December and time for our Christmas break. However, leading up to the end of the year many exciting events have happened here at the school. During this time of year it is always good to stop and reflect on giving to others. Recently, members of the staff have been very active in humanitarian efforts here in Hanoi. I would like to share with you some of the amazing outreach programs that are happening here at the school.

Mr. John Shoulders, 5A integrated teacher and Mr. Will Twigg, PE teacher have been working with the Blue Dragon Charity. Blue Dragon Foundation is a local Hanoi charity which helps street kids and children at risk in Hanoi and many other parts of Vietnam. <http://www.bluedragon.org/>

To bring awareness to this humanitarian effort our teachers as well as men across the world have grown beards to help bring awareness to this charity. During the first week of December, Mr. John and Mr. Will organized different events to help educate our students on how to reach out and help others. During this charity awareness, students and parents were encouraged to become part of this effort in donating food, clothing or money. After the donations were counted 18.500.000 VND was collected as well as many items of



Together we can make a difference.



Students actively participating in our humanitarian efforts to assist those that are less fortunate.

clothing. Mr. John and Mr. Will then delivered the donations to the Blue Dragon Foundation.

Thank you to everyone that participated in this event.

Another humanitarian effort was conducted by Ms. Maia, 4A integrated teacher, who is also the Student Council coordinator. She has been working with the students to educate them with our featured humanitarian organization Operation Smile <http://www.operationsmile.org.vn/>. Our student council visited the Viet Nam Cu Ba hospital here in Hanoi where the surgeries are performed on children that are born with cleft palate. Additionally, all proceeds made from the Christmas Charity event were sent to the operation smile foundation.

In addition to Operation Smile the student council has been having bakes sales, food drives, and clothing donations to deliver to the Hanoi girls foster home. Students left the school in two school buses and made their way to the girl's home loaded with clothing, toys as well as the money donations. As the Principal it was a joy to see the students excited to be part of making our world a better place.

As you can see, not only do we educate our students but we promote Global Citizenship. We can change the world we live in. We as educators have this amazing opportunity to work with each student who will be the leaders of our world in the future.

Thank you for your support, your loyalty and being part of our school. Have a very Merry Christmas, and in this season of giving take the time to help others who are less fortunate.

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

From Deputy Principal:

Over the past few weeks we have been actively involved in preparation for the Christmas Charity Fair. Teachers and students have been creating holiday crafts and the school has become a true representation of the holiday season. we took a closer look at Literacy and had a Literacy Week where we

continued to support our students in developing their reading and reading comprehension skills. SA1 Exams are coming soon and teachers and students have started making preparations for the scheduled date of January 12-23, 2015.

Curriculum:

The curriculum at SIS continues to be looked at and through our staff professional development; teachers have been implementing new and exciting strategies to increase student achievement. Through alternative PowerPoint presentations to new programs such as the “Leader in Me” our students continue to receive the latest in educational research. Our teacher resources and curriculum portal continue to grow and I feel confident that as the year progresses you will soon see the beneficial impact these programs have on your child’s education.

WASC

WASC accreditation continues to move forward and the final document has started to come together. Through the assistance of parents, teachers and students we have been able to gather all the necessary data to compile a comprehensive document that represents the quality education that is offered at Singapore International School.

Christmas Charity Fair:

On Saturday 13 December we held our annual Christmas Charity fair. With “Operation Smile” as our focus the day was filled with laughter and holiday cheer. Children were enthusiastically involved in all the fun activities and the myriad of vendors that came gave us all a great opportunity to do some holiday shopping. Pegasus offered us a delicious buffet lunch and with the Fairy Floss as an additional treat we were all full and satisfied.

The event was a success and we are delighted that we were able to support Operation Smile in their efforts to help those



Pin the nose of Rudolph was a great success.



“The little Gym” was a great addition to our Christmas Charity Fair celebration.



Students had lots of fun at the fishing pool.



Incredible crafts with playdough were purchased by many children



The winning football team of SIS @ Ciputra

Go Panthers!

children less fortunate than ourselves. Next year we have a new benchmark to meet and I am sure that when the opportunity arises we will step up to the challenge.

Happy Holidays!

Mr. Gregory R.van Goidtsnoven , Deputy Principal

News from Mr. William Twigg, PE Teacher

Our football teams have had a great start to the 2014-2015 year. During Term 1 the teams displayed amazing football skills with team work the center of their success.

SIS@Ciputra football teams have been involved in two competitions: The first competition was the Hanoi International Schools Activities Association (HISAA) which is a league that has been created by the PE department in collaboration with United Nations International School UNIS and Hanoi International School. SIS@Ciputra students played 6 games in that tournament. Our teams won four of the six games and demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship.

The second competition was the SIS Cup which is played between SIS@Van Phuc and SIS@Ciputra campuses. We played several games including Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Open Boys and Open Girls teams. Our strength in football has been improving. In Term 2 the HISAA Football tournament was held again was held between The tournament consisted of 8 teams BVIS, BIS, SIS@Ciputra, UNIS and HIS. The mighty Ciputra Panthers came prepared in their sporting uniforms for a great day of football.

The SIS@Ciputra teams played a combined number of 6 football matches and didn't lose one! Through determination, team work and great fitness. Overall our SIS Panthers football team scored an amazing 23 goals in 6 matches.. SIS@Ciputra then was awarded the championship of the competition.

Not only did our students perform well but they displayed outstanding sportsmanship and kindness on the day.



Mr. William Twigg stands proudly with our football winning team.



Mr. John Shoulders is very proud of his girls football teams accomplishments.



Outstanding Student Achievement at SIS@Cau Giay

Our coaches Mr. John Shoulders, Mr. Reywel Francisco and Mr. Will Twigg couldn't have been happier with the results.

Mr. William Twigg, PE Teacher

Outstanding Student Achievement at SIS@Cau Giay

We continue to provide an excellent academic pathway that enables high achievement among our students. Recent student results from SIS@Cau Giay are outstanding.

SIS@Cau Giay achieved four Top in Vietnam Awards with the release of the Cambridge results.

- IGCSE Global Perspectives - Nguyen Hoang Minh Anh
- First Language English - Nguyen Hoang Minh Anh
- AS Level High Achievement Award – Mathematics Bach Quoc Trung
- A Level Sociology – Dang My Linh

Every year our Year 6 students sit for the iPSLE examination. Recent results from July 2014 indicate Vu Hai Nhi obtained an A for both English and Mathematics and a B for Science, Tran Nguyen Nam Anh obtained an A* for Mathematics and an A for both English and Science and Tran Quynh Anh obtained an A for English, A* for Mathematics and a B for Science.

Both Tran Nguyen Nam Anh and Tran Quynh Anh were awarded Certificates of Outstanding Subject Performance by the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board. We are very proud of all of the students who sat these examinations.

These are wonderful results for iPSLE and Cambridge that reflect conscientiousness and hard work among our students, a focus on quality teaching and a strong curriculum through our Singapore subjects and our Cambridge programmes.

From the Vietnamese Department

This month, we were honored to welcome the leaders and experts of the Tay Ho Department of Education and Training to our school. We reported the school activities and plans for the school year 2014-2015.



Christmas gave teachers the opportunity to be creative.



Students are actively participating in their lessons about Vietnam.



Christmas decorations on the bulletin boards.
Great Work!

I am very excited to share with you the positive comments about the school from the visitors: Classes were decorated in accordance with primary students, teachers planned and prepared carefully and teaching methods were innovative so observed lessons were evaluated efficiently. All members of the inspection agreed that the school operation is professional, the school plans are structured, highly realistic and able to bring a successful learning school year. Students in the integrated classes have completed reviews and periodic exams for Semester 1. Results of the tests as well as assessment of the capacity, quality of students will be reported to parents in the upcoming time.

The school has organized activities to commemorate 70 years since the establishment of the People's Army of Vietnam, which helped students learn about the glorious revolutionary tradition of our country. To show the gratitude to the soldiers, especially those who died for the independence of the country and expressed the love for the troops guarding our islands, students in 5A had practiced passionately and presented the song about the troops guarding our islands with all the affection and gratitude of children. The warm and cheerful Christmas atmosphere filled up all the classrooms and campus. Students decorated classes with Santa Claus, snowmen and snowflakes, made in art lessons. This helps make the school look better and brings joy to students. It also makes them feel more love and pride for our school.

I am also sure that parents, students, teachers and staff had a meaningful Saturday morning participated in the Charity Fair organized by the school on 13 December, which not only brought joy to those who attended, but also helped a lot for people in difficult circumstances.

Thanks for the attention and companionship of parents. I would like to wish you and your family a happy Christmas vacation.

Vu Thi Bich Lien , Head of Vietnamese Studies



Important dates in January

5 January: Term 3 Start School resumes after Christmas and New Year Break

From 5 to 9 January: SA1 Review

From 5 to 9 January: Class photos

From 12 to 16 January: SA1 Exam

From 26 to 30 January: Sport - Inter- House Basketball