



**SINGAPORE
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**
Since 1986

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.

MISSION

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 and community,

Welcome to the October issue of the Singapore International School newsletter. Each month we send important information to you in letters, emails and the monthly newsletter. I encourage you to read each letter or email to understand and to be updated on events and key elements that affect your child.

It was a pleasure seeing each of you during the recent Parent Open House. As stated many times when parents are involved in their child's education children make better grades, enjoy school more, behaviour problems are lower and the student feels self-worth.

To keep you updated I would like to provide you with a few ways we work and assess your children's academic growth. We use a varied array of assessments at SIS@Ciputra. One of those assessments is formal assessments. Formal assessments are typically used as a standardized measurement of student progress. Teachers use the learning objectives and content from the Active English and PRIME Mathematics after each class has finished a section in the textbook to create assessments. Formal assessments are typically multiple choice exams, though short answer questions and essays may be included in some instances.

Additionally, we keep portfolios on each student. Portfolios track a student's learning over time, often throughout the entire school year. Portfolio assessments focus on long-term learning gains and allow teachers to see how a child has made progress throughout the year. Portfolio assessments often include rough drafts and final works, graphic organizers, classroom assignments and student reflections.



Report books

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Student writing sample

Here at SIS@Ciputra we have very high expectations for all of our students. According to the Association of Colleges and Universities, raising expectations can lead to higher achievement, and numerous studies show that students with high expectations perform at a higher level than those with low expectations, even when their abilities are equal. High expectations can even transform a student's belief and behaviour and turn a low-performing student into a successful learner.

Several factors can project higher expectations to students. First, we create an environment conducive to learning in our classroom. Increase the input we give to students, because expending more time and effort shows that you expect more. Finally, we encourage students to give responses and increased output; students will do the work you expect them to do if they feel you support them.

In closing, as you can see SIS@Ciputra is continuing to make our learning community a place where all children learn and enjoy their education. Come join us on this journey of improvement and support your children to be lifelong learners.

Truly,
Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

Halloween

We had a wonderful Halloween celebration on Friday 30 October. Seeing the children dressed in their Halloween costumes was a real treat for us all and they seemed to greatly enjoy the activities that were taking place on campus. The Trick or Treating in the administrative offices gave the office staff great pleasure and the students were simply adorable. What a great way to end the month of October, filled with treats, candy, spooky faces and smiling children.



Halloween celebration on Friday 30 October

Student Council at SIS Ciputra

The Student Council is a representative structure, through which students can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management, staff and parents for the benefit of the school and its students. We have started the year with great participation from students in Year 4 and Year 5. Students who are members of the Student Council here at SIS, are those who: academically perform really well, are responsible and reliable, are helpful to everyone, and have integrity and respect for all members of the community.



A Bake Sale to collect funds for the Operation Smile



Excursion to Viet Nam Cuba Hospital



Hanoi Activities Conference (HAC) T-Ball Festival
Se Hoo, Yeonghun, Zubaria, Hieu Minh, Viet Hoang, Hye Won, Hari, Mimi, Gia Linh, Nguyen Khang, Duc Tung, Colin, Jin Yong, Giang Huy, Kevin, Saleh, Aryan & Min Gu.

I am proud to present the Student Council:

Zubaria Jicheng Khong, Jang HaRi, Nguyen Thuc Anh (Mi Mi), Carmen Cortizas Fontan, Franka Rose Kornelia Pohl, Nguyen Gia Linh, Ha Lan, Thao Hien, Khang Duy, Hai Yen, Quynh Nhi, Dong Ah (Victoria), Artem Dalkarov, Hansana Bandara, Minh Chau, Hoi Tran.

A Bake Sale will also be part of this project in order to collect funds for the Operation Smile. I am happy and proud to see the commitment of students, and to support them throughout this year of leadership.

On 08, October 2015 six student council members travelled to the hospital to interact with Vietnamese children awaiting a cleft lip & palate operation. Unfortunately many of the parents cannot afford this operation so they solely depend on donations. It was heartwarming to see how grateful the parents were for our visit and playing with their children before the operation. The students took toys to share and the patients thoroughly enjoyed the interaction with our students and the new toys. We'll have a follow up visit later this year. During the second visit students will be able to observe the new look after the operation.

Ms Petro
Year 4 International
SC Liaison

Hanoi Activities Conference (HAC) T-Ball Festival

On 8 October 2015, The Hanoi Activities Conference (HAC) conducted a T-Ball Festival at UNIS were 5 international schools (SIS, BIS, BVIS, UNIS, & SPAS) grace the event.

Students who joined the event were from Year 4 and 5 who made an impressive game besting all the other schools/ teams in our bracket. The team achieved 3 wins – 1 draw score card.

We still have a lot of competition in different disciplines lined-up for this year. We have football, basketball, tennis, and touch rugby. Currently, we are preparing our team for these events.

Mr. Reywel
PE teacher

From the Vietnamese Department

Dear Parents

In the cool weather of the autumn, the assembly of Singapore Vietnam International School was held with the pride and tradition of the people of Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. 61 years ago, the people of the capital witnessed the unforgettable historic event: our victorious army took over the capital, ending the occupation of the French. Hanoi was completely liberated. Teachers and students in Singapore Vietnam International School have together reviewed the historical tradition, thereby promoting the love and pride of the country, for students.



Visit and observe lessons

Recently, we have continued to visit and observe lessons in every classes in the Vietnamese Program. In general, the teaching and learning activities were plentiful and made up colourful and interesting lessons. Some teachers used teaching methods appropriate to the age of the students such as Q&A, grouping, educational games. Students had opportunities to self-assess their learning as well as their classmates. I recognized that teachers always encouraged the efforts and progress of students as well as helped them to overcome the challenges that they might face in learning process. Designing and teaching those lessons perfectly matched with innovations in assessment of the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training.

I would like to congratulate all the students on their advances in study routine. Thanks to all the teachers that always try to create fun and effective learning activities for students.



Year 1 visited Bao Son Paradise

Students in Years 1 and 2 had interesting experiences to be involved in the excursion trips organized by the school. Year 1 visited Bao Son Paradise to learn about the lives of animals. They were especially interested in looking at the animals that live in the ocean. Meanwhile, Year 2 learnt how to cook pizza at Pegasus. They were very excited to enjoy eating pizza. I am sure that they had such a great time and a wonderful experience.

Along with many activities, we launched the movement "Write and draw our beloved women" to celebrate the Vietnamese Women's Day. Students responded very enthusiastically with many touching articles and creative pictures. I believe they are the most precious gifts to dedicate to the women that have an important role in their life.

With all the results that we have achieved, I fully believe that we will have a successful school year.

Regards,

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Important dates in September & October:

30 Oct: Halloween

30 Oct: Term 1 ends

9 Nov: Term 2 starts

09 Nov: Student progress report

05 Dec: Christmas Chairity Fair at SIS @ Gamuda

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