



NEWSLETTER

September 2019

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have had another exciting month with much learning and fun.

Our after school activities program started very successfully and we hope to offer even more activities next term. The students have selected their class representatives and our new Student Council has already had meetings and made some insightful recommendations.

We started our Water Awareness program and all students from Year 2 to Year 6 are participating.

A number of assemblies celebrating our student's achievements with "Student of the Month" awards as well as assemblies celebration school and cultural events have taken place.

Our Vietnamese students had a special assembly celebrating the start of the new academic year as well as National Day. However, the most fun was celebrating The Mid-Autumn Festival. Students took great enjoyment in our Food Tray Decoration competition and some of the displays were beyond expectations. They took great delight with our assembly highlighted with a Lion Dance performance.

Festivals promote diversity, they bring a community into dialogue, they increase creativity, they offer opportunities for civic pride, and they improve our general psychological well-being. In short, they make communities better places to live.

We look forward to celebrating more cultural and national events in the future.

At the end of the term, all students will receive an Interim Progress Report. This is a snapshot of the academic, social and emotional progress that each student has made during the term.

I wish you all a happy month ahead.

Costas Gikas

Principal SIS@Ciputra



Our Principal viewing and judging the entries for the Vietnamese Fruit Tray Competition as part of the Mid Autumn Festival Celebrations .



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From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the September edition of the newsletter.

Our After School Activities program has kicked off to a good start with outstanding rates of participation this Term. With some 21 activities to choose from, our students had a chance to choose Gaelic Football as one of their new choices of afterschool activities as well as Judo, Girls Football, Creative Writing and Exploring Fairytales. Our students here at Ciputra are enjoying these many activities as part of their holistic learning experience, striking a good and healthy balance between academics and Co-Curricular pursuits and sports.

Students from our Lower Primary classes have started their excursions to Pegasus IU, where they have learnt how to make culinary delights such as Mini Pizzas and sweet desserts like chocolate fingers, among other items. We hope that the excursions to Pegasus will help the students to show more confidence in the kitchen and also be more keen to volunteer to help mum and dad out at home, with some of the culinary knowledge and skills they have acquired during the Pegasus field trips.



Our Student Council elections took place 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, with the help of their teacher in charge, Ms. Aoife Downes.

The 12 student council members elected for this year are:

- **Eashaan Yadav(6L), Tanishka Pangoankar(6L), Nguyen Tran Bao Tran(Kitty)(6L)**
- **Vu Ha Thu (5N), Ngo Chau Anh(5N), Hyun Seong Won(Roy)(5L), Yong Jun Bae (5L)**
- **Nguyen Hoang Quan (4N), Nguyen Ngoc Bao Anh(4N), Vun Huu Vuong(4L), Bae Jong Oh (Jimmy)(4L), Doan Thi Tram Anh(4L)**

We celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival in school on Friday 13 September. Our children came dressed in their traditional costumes and were entertained by a Lion Dance Performance, participated in a contest decorating Vietnamese Fruit Trays as well as class parties to welcome in this special occasion. Children in both the International and Integrated classes were busy making and decorating lanterns, masks and joined in in other cultural activities for this event.

I hope you have enjoyed reading and looking at the colorful photographs of our students and teachers in action in this newsletter.

Thank you for your support and being part of this amazing school.

Mustafa Fazal

Deputy Principal

From the Head of Vietnamese

On September 5, along with millions of students from all over the country, our SIS students were pleased to celebrate the new school year 2019 – 2020. They respectfully welcomed the Letter from the General Secretary, President Nguyen Phu Trong sent to all officials, teachers, staff and students for the start of new school year. In the letter, the General Secretary and President Nguyen Phu Trong kindly mentioned the importance of education and advised the students to continue the dreams their fathers and grandfathers started for the well-being of the nation

On September 13, together with parents, grandparents, teachers, staff and students, Singapore International School successfully organized the Mid-Autumn Festival 2019. This year's festival left a special impression thanks to the beautifully artistic fruit decorated trays created by students. The judging committee chose the best-decorated tray in each year group and representatives from their class received a congratulatory certificate during the assembly on the day. The winning grades were; Prep International 1 Integrated, 2A Integrated, 3B Integrated, 4 Integrated, 5 Integrated and 6 International.



Excited students posing with their creations for the judging of the Vietnamese Fruit tray contest



One of the creative entries from the Integrated classes in the Vietnamese Fruit Tray Competition



Mid-Autumn Festival does not only brings joy and happiness to the students but also has great educational significance. A student's parent asked a teacher to read to the students a fairy tale about the Moon Cake Tale. I am pleased to quote the full story.

"Once upon a time, everything was enclosed by the bright light of the sun, making all living beings exhausted by dehydration, they had no strength, they could not sleep, and many were starving because of the long drought. A mother, who did not want her children to die, decided to go and find the Sun God. She went on and on until she collapsed exhausted in the mountains. A white rabbit passing by saw that she was in trouble, and gave her some water.

Listening to her story, the white rabbit kindly led her to the Sun God. She told the Sun God of the sufferings of humankind and begged him to turn off the sun a few hours every day so everyone could have a good sleep and also prayed to the Sun God for some rain.

The Sun God looked down on the world and was surprised to find that the human world was dull; everything was hot and miserable. The Sun God told that if the demon of the darkness and misery reigns, the demon would be in control.

In order to save the world, a person must sacrifice their life and transform into a small light at night to guide people to avoid evil. The mother accepted this sacrifice right away. The Sun God gave her one day to go back to her family and say her final goodbyes. That day was the Full Moon of August. She and her children joyfully made baked cakes and cakes together. Then a Spirit instructed her to go to the front of the house and face the sun. Suddenly she felt her body was light and soaring into the air. She found herself transformed into a gentle shimmering light looking down at the world, seeing the small house where her dear children lived. That shimmer, known as the Moonlight, shines brightest on the night of the 15th and 16th lunar month - the reunion day of the mother and her children. From then until the full moon in August, all her children made baked cakes and cakes to offer to their mother, later called Moon cakes."

It turns out that the Mid-Autumn Festival for Vietnamese people is not only a festival for parents to bring joy and happiness to their children, but also a message of love, sacrifice and gratitude the children want to show their parents.

From the depths of our hearts, let us all think of the everlasting memories of the Mid-Autumn Festival, and remember the Hang Sister, Uncle Cuoi and the Banyan tree with the moon cakes filled with love!

Nguyen Van Nai

Head of Vietnamese Studies



Our students were treated to a Lion Dance performance as part of the Mid Autumn celebrations



One of the displays for the Vietnamese Fruit Tray Competition



Top and Bottom: Students receiving their certificates for the Best decorated Fruit Tray contest at the special assembly to mark Mid-Autumn festival



OUR GALLERY



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