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Prize winning parents and Prep students on Open Day

#### **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.

### **Student Council Book Drive**

Student Council ran a Vietnamese book drive for donations, and continued to do so throughout the month for good used Vietnamese books to be donated to a school outside Hanoi in Hoa Binh province, which has few resources.

These books would help assist students with their learning in many areas and provide a richer education and understanding of the world around us.

We attended a local school outside Hanoi, called Luong My for the donation and presentation by members of the Student Council and presented the books to a welcoming school in need of resources. They were greatly appreciated by the school, as well as the students and teachers.

Our students, parents, classes, and teachers have been a positive inspiration motivating Student Council to give in kindness and observe the benefits of helping others first hand. These activities and donations positively support our 'Learning Goal to be Active and Responsible citizens at SIS.

We, as Student Council, thank all participants in their support and generosity!

Sincerely,

Student Council - SIS @Van Phuc

#### **Open Day**

Saturday 26 March we welcomed visitors and Prep parents to the school to celebrate some Easter activities and hear information about the Year 1 program. Students hunted for the hidden markers that they exchanged for Easter eggs, made masks and Easter bags as well played Easter activities on the school tablets. Teachers accompanied and enjoyed the activities with the children while their parents met with the school leadership and classroom teachers.

At the end of the day a lucky draw was held for registered parents. Congratulations go to Lim Hayun who won the very cute Bunny prize.

If you need further information about enrolling in Year 1 please contact Ms Giang on <a href="mailto:giang.tranthu@vanphuc.sis.edu.vn">giang.tranthu@vanphuc.sis.edu.vn</a>.



Young Pioneers at Ho Chi Minh Museum



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WASC team meet up with parents

# Young Pioneer Ceremony

The Young Pioneer ceremony took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of March with all the students looking smart in their school uniforms.

The Opening Ceremony included Mr. Nguyen Van Nai and Ms. Pham Huyen Trang from SVIS, and Ms. Sue and Mr. Charlie from SIS. Also present was a representative of the Young Pioneer Council Ms. Pham Thu Le (Young Pioneer General) and teachers and parents from the Year 3 classes.

After a short presentation by Ms. Le on the history of the Young Pioneers, red scarves were presented to new Young Pioneers who then recited the YP Promise. Speeches from Mr. Nai and Ms. Sue encouraged the students to uphold the principles of the Young Pioneers as they went through life. After the photographs, all teachers and students visited the Ho Chi Minh museum.

## **English Olympics**

On Saturday 26 March four of our students Quynh Anh, Hoang Tu, Trung Nguyen, Nhat Minh, attended the first round of the Ba Dinh district English Olympics competition. They have been training with Ms Shirley and Mr Nigel in preparation for this event. As yet we do not have the results, however we thank them for their dedication and commitment and for being confident and responsible representatives of our school.

This is a Hanoi wide competition (over 1100 competitors) and only the top 10% advance to the second round of oral testing.

#### **WASC** visit

From 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> March our school was visited by a team from The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The team comprised of educators from schools in Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand and the USA. After a week of classroom visitation and talking with staff the team concluded that SIS Van Phuc:

Provides a strong and balanced curriculum with good extracurricular activities.

Encourage parental involvement both in and out of school to enhance student learning

ICT is being integrated into the students learning cycle

Our school delivers effective Vietnamese and Mandarin instruction All our staff are highly qualified, committed and motivated teachers, supporting all students.

While the WASC team noted a number of recommendations for future improvement, the team observed that the atmosphere in the school was conducive to learning and students and teachers were happy and generated a positive learning environment.

The WASC team are confident that the management team at SIS Van Phuc will include these recommendations when drawing up an effective 5 year plan that addresses all the team's suggestions for continued improvement.

#### **International Day**

Teachers and classes are preparing and learning about different countries in the world in preparation for International Day on 22 April. Your class teacher will inform you of their country. We ask if parents are able to support with any information, pictures, or artifacts from these countries to please communicate with the class teacher.