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Mid-Autumn Festival Lion Dance

The Principal's Message

The leaves are beginning to turn, and as they do I feel that old sense of nostalgia that comes with the changing of the season. Things are changing at Van Phuc as well. The construction work on the new wing has recommenced, and the playground relocation work is scheduled to begin shortly. Soon all the noise and dislocation caused by the renovations and construction will be a distant memory and the playground will again be filled with happy, playful students.

As we come to the close of the first term students have been busy with formative assessments and classroom activities designed to measure their learning. These activities are designed to lessen the pressure felt by students in their semester exams and to inform instruction in the new term. Please support your children by reviewing with them the grading rubrics which teachers will send home. This will help them know and understand what is expected of them.

Term Two is fast approaching and we look forward to introducing some fun and exciting After School Activities for students to enjoy. We are also looking forward to some informative and enjoyable excursions for the different classes. In the meantime we have a STEM Day to prepare for and Vietnamese Exams to study for.

Best wishes,
Mr. Ed

Message from the Deputy Principal

The end of the first term is quickly approaching and I am happy to report about the exciting things taking place around our school. The teachers are working with their students on some great STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) based projects, in preparation for STEM day on October 11th. Students are completing the first round of formative assessments for the term, which will help inform the Term One Progress Reports that will be sent home to parents on October 10th. The Term One After School Clubs are finishing up shortly and the sign-up letters will be sent home before the end of term, for the new After School Club offerings in Term Two. Great work to all of our teachers and students involved in these activities - We hope that more students will be involved and take advantage of all the activities our campus have to offer. The Student Council members have been chosen and did a fantastic job in their first school assembly presentation, which was on bullying. I would like to encourage you to discuss this with your children and they can tell you all about the steps students have been encouraged to take when being faced with bullying behavior – Stop; Walk; Talk.

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Students Lining up for Fire Drill

Fire Drill

This month we had our first practice Fire Drill in order to be prepared for a real emergency. Children used both internal and the fire escape stairs so we could exit the building quickly. We were able to evacuate all of the students and staff in under 5 minutes. In the event of a real emergency, the students will be taken off of the property to assemble in Pho Van Phuc near the Japanese Embassy. Children will NOT need to cross any streets to safely assemble there.

STEM Day

On October 11th, we will have our first STEM day of the year. Students and teachers are busy working on inquiry-based projects that include the Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Math. Many STEM lessons involve building models and simulating situations. Students are encouraged to ask questions about their projects that may change the outcome or results. A good STEM lesson ensures that students understand the concept and the connection to the real world.

Mid-Autumn Festival

The Mid-Autumn Festival was such a delight for students and teachers. Both enjoyed watching the always exciting Lion Dance and took part some fun activities in their classes after.

Kindergarten News

This month saw the opening of our second Prep class – Prep Penguins, which is wonderful news for our growing school. We would like to welcome Ms. Tam, from KIK Ciputra, who will be their new teacher.

Earlier in the month, the Prep Dolphin class were able to participate in the fun and classic cabbage leaves experiment. This exciting STEM lesson saw the students experimenting with cabbage leaves and water and they were able to witness the dramatic and beautiful changes that would occur to the cabbage water, when different ingredients were added.

The K2 Students had a wonderful time exploring the colours of the rainbow through the hands-on, sensory play STEM activity – Rainbow Rice Bins. The students loved sorting the rice into the zip-lock bags and then helping to mix the colours in with their teacher. They were able to use the rice for many engaging activities such as letter writing and 'seek & find' activities.



Discovery Class – Working with Shadows



Prep Dolphins – Cabbage Experiment

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K2 – Coloured Rice STEM Activity



5B Playing Football



Mid-Autumn Festival



3C on the run



4L Geography Hunt