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**Happy at Play on our
New Playground**



The Principal's Message

There have been many especially happy faces on the playground in the last few weeks, as the children explored and played on their new playground equipment. It has been great to see that they are playing responsibly, and are sharing and caring of their classmates. We are still awaiting the installation of the play equipment for the older students and expect the work to be completed by early December.

The start of the new term has also seen the start of new After School Activities. We are excited to be offering Choir for the first time, as well continuing some of our always favorite activities such as soccer and Futsal. The new term brings new challenges as well, with the older students beginning their STEM projects in Vietnamese classes. Our student-gardeners have been enthusiastically planting their seedlings in the hydroponic buckets and tending them every day. All classes will continue to be engaged in STEM challenges during the term ahead, and we will keep you posted as to how their projects are progressing.

Looking ahead we will have Outward Bound Vietnam for Years 4, 5 and 6, the Christmas Charity Fair, and of course, end of Semester Exams to prepare for. It will be quite a busy term for everyone.

Best wishes,
Mr. Ed

Message from the Deputy Principal

It is full steam ahead for Term 2, and as Mr. Ed has said it is a busy one for us all, with many exciting events coming our way. In addition to these, we also look forward to the completion of our new International classes building and our swimming pool, as well as the construction of the playground for the SIS students.

Students, in this last week of October, are set to have some fun on Halloween, with a special Halloween Fun Day being organized by our fabulous Student Council members.

Every week Ms. Kath has been organizing a weekly quiz for all students - who have been having a lot of fun and learning some new and interesting facts in the process. One of the more memorable weeks' activities was the Where's Wally hunt - where classes had to find a number of Where's Wally's that Ms. Kath had hidden around the school. The students searched high and low and everyone had a grand time participating – thanks to Ms. Kath for this positive contribution to our school.

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Ms. Tran Phuong Ngoc
- Administrator



Ms. Emma Jane Greene
- Year 4 Integrated



Ms. Anokhi Chatterjee
- EFL/Discovery

Welcome to New Staff

This month we have had three new staff members join us. Please extend a very warm welcome to: Ms. Ngoc, our new Office Administrator, who has taken over from Ms. Lan; Ms. Emma, our new Year 4 Integrated teacher, and Ms. Kiki, our new EFL and Discovery teacher.

STEM Day

On October 11th, we had our first STEM day, which was a showcase of students' STEM projects from years 1-6. The projects were proudly put on display in our SIS and KIK libraries and all classes had a scheduled time to come and interact with all of the amazing projects. These included habitat construction, Viking ships, secret decodable messages, stop animation, earthquake construction and so much more. I would like to congratulate the students on their outstanding projects and thank the teachers for all of their hard work in getting these done. Special thanks also to Mr. JP and our STEM Committee, who helped organize this event. We are eagerly awaiting our second STEM day, which will take place in January at the end of Term 2, and we look forward to inviting parents to take part in this event as well.

Outward Bound Vietnam

In November, the year four to six students will be taking part in the annual Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) program. The year four and five students will be taking part in a special overnight program at school, and the year six students will be embarking on an exciting 5-day program to OBV Ha Long. We encourage all students to take part in these exciting programs that are designed to help participants realise that they can do more than what they think they can, thereby igniting their passion, unlocking their potential, and lighting up their future.

Kindergarten News from HOV Kindergarten

We are glad to inform you that we have received a large order of imported toys and teaching materials for our lovely Kindergarten children. The children (as well as the teachers) have all enjoyed playing with these new, high-quality toys and much time has been spent exploring and learning new skills with these exciting additions to the classrooms.

We are also very happy to be able to play on our amazing new outdoor playground this term. The children have been very excited to play on this equipment every day, as part of their daily lessons. This daily form of play is extremely important for the development of the children's gross motor skills. We monitor the weather closely and if it is not a good day, the children still have the opportunity to play in KIK PE room and develop their skills.



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SIS Students Interacting with the STEM Projects



1L Basketball Superstars!



Where's Wally Fun?



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KIK Students Playing in the New Playground

