# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC

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### 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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Rode a horse at Era House

#### **Student Council Activities**

Student Council are currently working on two activities. One is collecting good quality used toys to deliver to the children in hospital to have their Smile fixed. These children are from the outer provinces in poorer areas. On November 17 some members of the Council will go to the Vietnam – Cuba hospital to visit the children.

The second activity is some fundraising for Operation Smile by having fun celebrating Halloween. A letter was sent home to inform parents of the events.

One year 3 student has already indicated her interest in the Council and has written a very mature letter asking to be considered. Well done Minh Chau of 3C - this shows great initiative.

#### Next Coffee Date - Assessment Night

Our next Coffee Date will be held in early November and parents will be invited to discuss and share information around how the Assessment and Reporting is conducted. Parents will receive another copy of the Table of Specifics (ToS) and the rubrics for marking writing pieces.

Teachers will explain the question types and how students can prepare.

Please be aware that due to Tet falling so close to Christmas break, the exams will start immediately that students return from the holiday. Their first exam will be oral English and is an individual speaking and reading task one-on-one with the teacher.

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Cooking class at PIU



Decorating a pot at Bat Trang Ceramic Village



Sports Day

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## Excursions

This month we have had classes visit Bat Trang Ceramic Village to learn about how ceramics are made and to try decorating a pot.

Year 3 classes all went to Era farm and planted seedlings, rode a horse and saw how our food is produced.

Classes have also been visiting the kitchens at PIU to make some delicious pizzas.

## Breakfast

Quite a few parents have taken the opportunity to have children eat breakfast at school. This was started in the last week of October and students seem to be enjoying their soup and noodles. Many thanks to PIU for their cooperating and help in getting the program running.

### **Annual Sports Day**

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October SIS Van Phuc held its annual Sports Day for students in Years 1 to 5.

It was a great day for everyone. In the morning session Years 1 and 2 participated in activities including a Mat Tunnel Race, an Obstacle Course Relay, Bean Bag Tossing and Racquet/ball Balancing Race, and Years 3, 4 and 5 participated in Dodge Ball, Big Ball Race, and the Obstacle Relay Race.

All students and teachers were allocated a House and colour for the day and all students did their best to earn points for their House by participating, showing good sportsmanship and having fun!!!!

It was a close competition but in the end there was only one winning House –Yellow!!!!!

All students received a ribbon for participating and congratulations to all those students in YELLOW!!!!

## Early Leaving from School

Parents need to be aware that if they are removing students from school before the end of the school day then they need to get an Early Leaving form from the class teacher, nurse, or office staff. The school should be informed of any need to withdraw students early and must have the parents express permission to release students to any other person.

Any arrangements for social events like parties, visiting friends, swimming etc must be arranged in advance and the school informed by parents of any change in travel or pickup plans.

The security will ask for the form to explain any child leaving the school grounds.