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Congratulations to our Young Tigers who won the football match against Concordia team.

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.

Parent Teacher interviews

We have been delighted to have so many of our parents attend the Parent Teacher interviews. Overall the Vietnamese and Expat teachers had excellent conversations concerning your children. It was a great opportunity to share information about their progress and how they learn.

Teachers are always happy to talk with parents at other times however we ask that you make an appointment as teachers have a range of meetings and clubs that they are responsible for. We are very happy to share and help suggest additional ways to enrich learning.

You may be interested in these websites and apps to encourage student interest and provide extra stimulation.

APMOPS – Asian Pacific Mathematical Olympiad for Primary Schools

Kinderworld is a key sponsor of the APMOPS competition and recently the registration was held here at Van Phuc. The first round will be held at Cau Giay on 11 April. Students who are among the top eight qualifiers from the First Round will be invited to participate in the Final Invitation Round and Prize Presentation Ceremony to be held on Saturday, 30 May 2015 at Hwa Chong Institution in Singapore. KinderWorld Education Group will sponsor the 8 top participants with return air fares International

Assembly and Class Visit

As part of the build up to our highly anticipated International Day on April 22nd, we have invited some special guests to our assemblies to talk about their culture and promote international awareness and tolerance. Our first guest was Major David Temple United States Air Force, who is part of a special team attached to the U.S. Embassy to help promote the already good Vietnamese-U.S. relations in several practical and humanitarian ways. Major Temple spoke at our assembly before visiting two of our international classes and took many interesting questions from our students, one of which was "Have you ever eaten snake's blood?"

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Major David Temple -United States Air Force talked about his culture and promote international awareness and tolerance in assembly



Mr. Charles with students in cooking class



Students learn how to make and decorate juice.

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Football matches between SIS@VanPhuc and Concordia Hanoi.

On Tuesday 17th March. Our mixed boys and girls football team played a game with Concordia Hanoi. The game was evenly balanced with the score 1-1 just before half time. The game ended in a splendid 2-3 win to the young tigers who played with all their hearts against a very determined and talented Concordia side. Very well done to both teams!

After School Activities Van Phuc

We have record numbers joining and participating in our after school clubs here at SIS Van Phuc! Children are learning to cook awesome food in PIU's cooking class, and the food is nutritious, fresh, and tasty. Just ask the kids, and Mr. Charlie. A new club is Ultimate Frisbee, where students are learning a new field game that is played with the ever popular spinning disc. In this game, one team competes against another team as they throw, catch, and strategize to ultimately catch the Frisbee disc in the goal end zone. Basketball, football, and badminton continue to offer students competitive and skills development. Our Art club is getting more popular as we have three teachers enjoying helping the kids create amazing art. Mr. Mark has so many students interested in music that he offers an afterschool club and also has many kids coming every lunch time to play music. We have more clubs, more kids, and our staff is really enthusiastic in working with the students. Stay tuned for Term 4 clubs!

Year 5 Excursions

Year 5 International had an exciting start to school and headed off to the Vietnam Museum of Natural History. Investigating artifacts from before 2500 BC that have been found in Vietnam at a variety of archeological digs helped the students establish an understanding of the unique and ancient culture of Vietnam. The trip was an opportunity to supplement the Year 5 English study on Ancient Cultures.

All of the Year 5 students have spent time with the Pegasus staff learning how to make a special drink and learn special beverage decorations. The students made their own drink and then enjoyed a social time together as they enjoyed what they had made. Some thought the drink was too sour, some thought it was too sweet but all agreed it was delicious and they would love another one.

5B and 5C went on a half day excursion to Hanoi Star Bowling Center just prior to the Tet holiday. Students enjoyed a good time, learned some new skills, and participated in a healthy competition. Bowling was a new activity for many and they really had to use brains and brawn as they learned to bowl down the alley and check the score.

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Year 5 International excursion to Vietnam Museum of Natural History



Year 5B and 5C excursion to Hanoi Bowling center

Student Council

Van Phuc Student Council has kept themselves very busy over the past couple of months. After wrapping up the book donation drive and collecting over 400 English and Vietnamese books that will soon be delivered to a less fortunate school outside of Hanoi the Council then voted unanimously to do something for Valentine's Day. The decision was made to make our own drop box for each classroom and then sell cards over the lunch period. The event was the first attempt for students to try something new.

We sold cards that were mostly bought to give to parents and bought by teachers for their significant others. Overall it was a big success and a very exciting and entertaining event for all those that participated.

With barely even a school day off to rest, the Student Council immediately began organizing Van Phuc's Got Talent. Hours have already been spent developing judging criteria and sitting through dozens of auditions and we are on schedule for the big show coming up on April 4th. Be sure to purchase your tickets as soon as they go on sale!

Interns at Van Phuc

Kinderworld has developed partnerships with local universities and uses our experienced teachers to act as mentors to the education students. While the beginning teachers are at our school they help and observe teachers in the classrooms as assist in the development of events. We currently have seven classroom teachers and four PE interns working with both the Vietnamese and Expat staff.

Vietnamese Lessons for International Students

At the beginning of term 3 we began afternoon lessons for the Vietnamese students in their mother tongue. This is to conform with the government regulations to ensure that all Vietnamese students have access to learning and literature about their native language.

The lessons are taken by Vietnamese staff who will report to parents on the student progress.

Activities in the Vietnamese Program

On 16 March, 39 students of Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 attended a Handwriting contest held by Vietnam Singapore primary school. The contest aims to raise the talent of students on handwriting.

On 26 March, Young Pioneer Induction was held at Ho Chi Minh Museum. This is our yearly event and Year 3 students are looking forward this ceremony. Students have practiced a song and practiced the ceremony from the beginning of the month. They also learnt about history of Young Pioneers. Congratulations to all the Year 3 students with red scarves on. We hope you will always be good children of Uncle Ho and good pioneers of Ho Chi Minh Young Pioneer Union.

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