



## 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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### Term Break

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October is the last day of term .We hope you and the children have a refreshing break during the holiday week and look forward to seeing you all back in Term 2. School resumes on Monday 9 November.

### Reminder

Please remember that after the break all our integrated classes will swap afternoon and morning times. Students in 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B and 5C will have Vietnamese in the morning and English in the afternoons. These classes, 1C, 2C, 3C, 4C and 5B will have English in the morning and Vietnamese in the afternoons. Teachers will send home timetables so you know their programs.

### Year Three Visit to Era Farm

All the Year Three Classes visited ERA Farm on Tuesday 6 October. The visit was a result of the study that the children had been doing in Social Studies. The children had been researching life cycles of plants and animals. Where better to experience the ways life cycles interact but on a farm.

The children had many first time experiences. They rode a horse, they walked a swing bridge, they planted a tree cutting, they went for a boat ride, they fed farm animals and they got their hands covered in mud while working with clay. Each child has gained confidence and the experiences are building blocks vocabulary development and resources for creativity.

### Book Club

This month the students had the opportunity to purchase books from Baker Books the International School book club. The books are at a range of levels and are of a good quality.

Books generally take about four weeks to be processed through customs and should be available for students just before the Christmas break.



Year 3s at Era House



Year 3s experience on walking a swing bridge



Sports Day

## Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day took place on 30<sup>th</sup> October and under the leadership of our PE teacher Mr. Mike, all our students had a wonderful day of fun, activities, competition and good healthy exercise. It was great to see all the students wearing their team colours and all our teachers joining in the spirit of the day. In the end it was a busy fun filled day and everyone went home happy and a little tired!

## Football

We are rapidly approaching the end of term and our football ASA has been ever popular with Mr. Brad and Mr. Charlie teaching a variety of skills such as passing the ball using both the inside and outside of the foot, trapping the ball, defence, attack and shooting skills. Each session begins with essential warm up exercises and the last 15-20 minutes is a game of two touch football which encourages teamwork and passing skills.

## Science

Science is going on in 5 International! Here in Mr. Brad's class we have compost piles established that contain worms which recycle the vegetable material we add each week. We have our fish tank with colorful fish and we have a tank with five giant snails. One snail produced a brood of eggs that will hatch sometime in the next month or so.

We have been fortunate enough to be able to share our science with other classes. In all it is a rewarding and learning experience for our students.

## Professional Development

All the teachers in SIS & SVIS have regular professional development (PD) to enhance and develop their skills and teaching methods.

Currently our Vietnamese teachers are working on the following activities run by MOET, KinderWorld and Cambridge University.

- Teaching Competition
- Introduction of Group Discussion and Project Work in Vietnamese lessons
- Beginning a CICTDT course (Cambridge International Certificate in Teaching with Digital Technologies)



Year 5I engaged in Science lesson



Group discussion in Vietnamese lessons



## **Operation Smile**



Student Council visit Operation Smile patients



Student Council presents cards to patients



Nate Y5I plays with a baby from Operation Smile

The student council was invited back to visit the Operation Smile Program.

Operation Smile is a non-governmental (NGO) organization that surgically corrects those people born with a cleft palate (especially children). It receives donations to enable doctors from around the world to travel to places like Vietnam to provide surgery free of charge. The doctors are not paid, but perform their work for free to those less fortunate.

This year's student council continues to be involved with this generous life changing organization. We collected toys and made cards for the patients. On Wednesday 7 October 2015 students from student council visited the Operation Smile Clinic and handed out cards and toys. These student council members then presented their experience and shared their thankfulness to the students at SIS Van Phuc during assembly.

*"Operation Smile was a very valuable experience. It showed how fortunate I am and how much I shouldn't complain. I very much appreciated this trip. We gave many toys and played with kids. This was a very memorable experience".*

### **Nate Y5I**

*"Mr Brad took some student council members to visit the children in Vietnam Cuba Hospital who had facial deformities. We visited different rooms. We saw some children had taken the surgery. Some of them were waiting for their surgery. I feel sorry for the children in the hospital because they couldn't eat or drink properly. I feel lucky that I am healthy. We gave them toys. We were happy when saw their smile. We sat on the mat and played with them. It was time to go back to school but we didn't want to leave. I hope they have a healthy life and beautiful smile after the surgery".*

### **Bao Linh 5C**

*"The hospital that I visited was full of children who don't have proper mouths like everyone else. They cannot smile, they cannot laugh and it's very hard for them to eat. I think that if they cannot smile and laugh like other children, it will be very sad. I wish that with the toys of SIS school charity, they will be happier".*

### **My Linh 4B**

## **Christmas Fair and Official Opening of Gamuda Gardens**

All of the schools are joining together to plan for a wonderful joint Christmas Fair at Gamuda Gardens.

There will be games and activities, food and music and of course Santa. Please keep the date 5 December free to join our exciting Fair that benefits the Operation Smile charity. Tickets and coupons will be on sale at school closer to the date.