



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.

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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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From the Principal **Assessment Night**

Earlier this month (9 November) we held our annual Assessment Night to inform parents about the exams, the format and to suggest ways to help and support their students.

The Table of Specification that has been sent home on two occasions and has detailed information about the exam question types, length and dates.

A larger part of the information was about the writing rubric and how parents could use this to help have an understanding of how writing is marked, and where they can help their child improve. All the information from the Assessment Night was emailed home to parents.

If you can't find your current copy of the ToS then check on the website.

From the Deputy Principal

Much anticipation is shared among the students and teachers as the Christmas season approaches. The student toy drive for "Operation Smile" has been very successful for SIS Van Phuc and the Student Council has raised a keen awareness that the season has arrived. Students are seeing holiday decorations pop up on doors and windows and Santa Claus is rumored to be taking careful notes on who's naughty and nice. The Christmas Concert promises to be amazing as Ms. Chelsea, our music teacher, has produced a fun and musical filled show full of holiday cheer. In addition, the Christmas Fair has all the teachers and staff working in excited whispers as they plot and scheme over 20 fun and challenging activities for the students. Parents are of course welcome to come and enjoy the concert and to cheer their kids on during the fair. Student council will have some healthy snacks and drinks for sale with all of the proceeds to go to 'Operation Smile'. We look forward to seeing all of you and Happy Holidays!!!



Assessment Night



Year 3 Sports Day

Healthy Sports Day

Throughout Term 2 in the Year 3 Social Studies Programme, the children have been learning about living a healthy lifestyle. We have been using the 'My Pals are Here! Health Education books' and discussing the importance of a nutritious diet and the necessity for exercise. The students have completed a number of activities incorporating the English and Social Studies curriculum throughout the term. Our goal has been for students to enjoy learning about beneficial habits in their pursuit of a healthy life. Hygiene, posture and dental care have also been discussed and we hope that the knowledge they gain will have a lasting impact on their lives and on the lives of their families.

To conclude our unit on Health, we have organized a school excursion to the local health centre where the children will take part in a number of sport activities. These will range from basketball, tennis, football and hockey. The children will only be allowed to take water and fruit as their snack. We hope that this experience will inspire many of the children to join a health centre close to their home and that they will appreciate the importance of a healthy life.

Football Tournament

Mr Nathan is arranging a Football Tournament for the older club students who are learning to play football. They will visit Gamuda Gardens and play against the students there. The games will be on Thursday 14 December. Permission forms will be sent home next week.

SIS Student Councils Joint Venture

A number of the SIS schools and Kindergartens joined together to help support a Boarding School in the northern Province of Ha Giang. All the donated goods were gathered in Gamuda and loaded onto trucks by the Gamuda Gardens Student Council. Some of these are past pupils of Van Phuc.

After a long drive over rough roads they arrived at Niem Son and the teachers helped to distribute and play with the students from the school. Every child received a new jacket and school bag as well as food supplies to help support the students. Please see photos on the website.

Operation Smile

During the month of November, members from the Junior & Senior Student Council collected used toys to give away to the children participating in Operation Smile. These toys were collected, sorted, and delivered to the patients in the hospital by the members of the student council. The students were able to collect a wide variety of toys for different genders and age groups.



New jackets for a warm winter



Toy drive for “Operation Smile”



Fire Drill

On Wednesday, November 29 six students from the two student councils delivered the toys to the students in the hospital. The children were excited and very much appreciated receiving a toy while they were in the hospital! Thank you so much for allowing your child to participate in the toy drive! SIS Van Phuc has so many generous students. Please see our website for more pictures and also view about Operation Smile: <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=operation+smile&&view=detail&mid=2B61CC88B9F6EBD484EE2B61CC88B9F6EBD484EE&FORM=VRDGAR>

Fire Drill

This month we have had a fire drill in conjunction with the Fire Department. All the student evacuated the building while the Fire Department ran in their hoses and sprayed down part of the building. This was to demonstrate to the students the department’s role in a fire. On this occasion we did not leave the school grounds, however later in the year we intend to take the students further offsite, so they are aware of the need to be removed from the school altogether.

Our intention for the next drill is to move the children around the corner into Van Phuc where there is a wider open footpath to gather. This path means they will not have to cross traffic, and can move quickly to a safer area in the case of an emergency.

Our plans and drill were commended by the Fire Department and they commented at length about how quickly the child moved and that they knew what to do.

Christmas Activities

This year SIS @Van Phuc will have both the Christmas Concert and the Christmas Fair during school time. This will be on Wednesday 13 December. Closer to the Fair we will be selling the Christmas coupons with a value of 10,000vnd in books of 10. There is no limit on how many books are to be purchased.

Children will use the coupons to pay for a variety of fun games and activities, with all profits going to Operation Smile. More information will be sent home to parents next week.

Exams

Please remember that exams will begin as soon as children return from Christmas holidays. The teachers will send home a package of review tasks which is optional. However I suggest that students make a little time each day to complete a task or read a book, as the two weeks break is often enough time for them to forget some information. We generally find that children have the most difficulty with Open Ended questions, and writing stories in past tense. Practice in these areas will be very valuable.

If you will be late back from holidays – you must inform the Principal so alternate plans can be made.