



## 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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### From the Principal

#### Soft Skills

Parents often talk to me about Soft Skills, however when a discussion begins, I find there is a difference in understanding about what this means.

Our teachers introduce and teach students to work on their soft skills (as we understand them) during many lessons. Our Virtues lessons cover many soft skills.

In a classroom the soft skills are behaviours like

- Communication Skills ( written and spoken)
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills
- Team Work
- Life-Long Learning & Information Management Skill
- Perseverance
- Patience
- Responsibility

However, parents often mean Personal Safety which may include Body Awareness and Development, Self-Protection from injury, Road Safety, First Aid etc. All these first topics are covered in either the English, Vietnamese or both programs.

#### From the Deputy Principal

It has been an amazing and eventful first term for me here at SIS Van Phuc. As the new Deputy Principal here not only have I learned a lot from Ms. Sue and Ms. Trang, but I've learned a great deal from the students. It has been a heck of a lot of fun for me to get to know the kids and observe the boundless joy they have both coming to school and living each moment of it - each day. We can all learn a lot from primary students: Have a little fun each day, hug a friend like you mean it, bounce the ball, kick the ball, give high-fives, learn something new, eat a great lunch, laugh a lot, and simply be in the moment (as they always seem to be). I think I have the best job in the world – being a very small part of your child's life. I look forward to the remaining three terms.



Team work



### Sports Day

The teaching staff arranged a very exciting Sports Day which took place on Friday October 13 (last day of Term1).

Children wore the colour of their Team (House) on this day.

Congratulations goes to the big winner [Blue house](#).

All the students had a great time cheering and playing.



### Mid- Autumn Festival

This was celebrated at school on the morning of 4 October. Children watched the Lion Dance then took part in many fun activities.

Prior to this the Integrated classes made some fruit animal displays and masks. The fruit displays were gathered to make a joint arrangement.

Please see photos on the website.

Sports Day

### Club Football Matches at Gamuda

In the first game Gamuda faced Ciputra and our two teams watched as Ciputra scored 2 great goals. We looked very nervous and Ciputra looked very good. Eventually though Gamuda fought back and won 3 - 2.

Next it was our turn. Team Van Phuc A faced Van Phuc B and it was a close affair with only a penalty scored by Gia Minh separating them with a minute to play. A dramatic last minute turn around though as up steps Duc Anh A, with a goal to equalise. Then moments later he scores a tremendous winner. Van Phuc A win 2 - 1.

After that, it was our first game against another school. Our Van Phuc A team took to the field still sweating and panting from the first game and showed Gamuda how we do things up here. Another goal from Duc Anh A got us started early on, then a goal from Gia Hung and finally Quoc Huy rounded off a tremendous 3 - 0 win. Suffice to say, they went a little bit wild with the excitement.

In the next game it became clear that Ciputra were far too organised, however we acquitted ourselves well and snatched an early goal on the counter before defending like wild men. However, the pressure mounted and mounted until eventually Van Phuc B crumbled letting in two late goals. A valiant effort nonetheless. A 2-1 loss.



Mid-Autumn Festival



Club football matches

Next came the turn of Van Phuc B against Gamuda. (Van Phuc A were very worried they wouldn't get to play again but did not complain and still cheered on their friends like Champions) they remained on the field again sweaty and panting from their dogged battle against a very good Ciputra side. Gia Minh took the game by the scruff of the neck early on and scored a tremendous penalty after Gia Hung was fouled in the area. He went on to score 2 more goals for the team making them 3 - 0 winners with a worthy man of the match performance.

Van Phuc A were visually scared as they took to the field with Ciputra. After some tinkering with the team as some of the really little ones got tired, we looked very good at 0 - 0 with 2 minutes to play. We defended so well, as we stopped shot after shot and made tackle after tackle. Unfortunately though, with about 30 seconds to play, the deadlock was broken and we were beaten, 1 - 0. However, the boys were so excited about playing football all morning they probably didn't even notice they lost.

Overall, the morning was a resounding success and the boys from the football team did us proud, beating Gamuda Gardens hands down and actually Van Phuc A finishing as the joint top team thanks to Gamuda beating Ciputra. Not only that but showing tremendous team spirit and perfect behaviour throughout the morning.



### Halloween Parade

The 2017 Halloween Costume contest and parade originated with the Student Council and grew as the North American teachers got excited. Students donated 20,000 VND each to participate in the free dress or costume contest with all of the money raised by student council to benefit victims of the flooding in North Vietnam. After the final count, over 5,000,000 VND was raised! Thank you parents and students.



Happy Halloween

The Costume Contest and Parade was held in the gymnasium where a panel of respected judges picked a boy and girl winner from each class. Students wore amazing costumes that reflected their personalities which were scary, zany, and often hilarious, Overall everyone had a great time as the classes took turns parading around the gym in front of teachers, peers and our exceptionally qualified judges. Great music, great costumes, dancing teachers, and lots of great fun made for a memorable event for everyone.