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Upcoming Important Dates:

Apr 10-14: Term Break

Apr 17: Term 4 begins

May 1-3: School closed



1A students Dan Linh and Ngan Ha enjoyed working on a matching activity in the interactive library display about Greek mythology.

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of Term 3, we would like to express our gratitude for your continued support and involvement in our school community. We are proud of our students' achievements over the past few months and look forward to what the final quarter of the school year will bring.

Over the past few months, our students have been actively engaged in various learning activities both inside and outside the classroom. They went on various excursions and have been working hard in their STEM classes in preparation for the STEM day, on April 6th.

Our KIK and SIS students have been dedicated to practicing their sporting skills in preparation for the upcoming SIS Sports Fest on April 3-5. This event will provide them with the opportunity to showcase their sportsmanship and compete for the 2022-2023 Sports Day Trophy. We are thrilled to have unveiled our new sports teams, the Red Dragons, Black Phoenixes, Golden Lions, and Blue Eagles, as part of the Sports Fest. Our students are enthusiastic about representing their teams and displaying their school spirit in this competition and in upcoming events/activities as well.

Looking forward, we are excited about the final quarter of the school year and the opportunities it will bring. We are confident that our students will continue to demonstrate their academic excellence and contribute positively to our school community.

As we approach the Term 3 holidays and Easter, it is important to remember the special nature of this holiday. Easter signifies a time of rebirth and renewal, making it an opportune time for our students to reflect, express gratitude, and spend quality time with loved ones. We encourage our students to take advantage of this opportunity and to come back to school rejuvenated and ready to tackle the last term of our school year.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a safe and enjoyable Term 3 break.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have some exciting events lined up for the upcoming month. On April 3 - 5, we will have Sports Days, where students will participate in a variety of fun and exciting physical activities.

Our annual STEM Day will also occur in the first week of April. In preparation for the event, each class will collaborate on a STEM project which will be shared with the whole school. There will also be various activities designed to promote hands-on learning and engagement.

We would like to congratulate all the participants in the spelling bee competition for their hard work and dedication. The national SIS spelling bee will take place on April 28 and we are very much looking forward to giving our winners the opportunity to compete with students from all over Vietnam.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a great month ahead!

Respectfully,

Ms. Lindsay

Virtues

Self-discipline is getting things done in an orderly and efficient way. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself. 6L students performed a wonderful and educational play designed to share their understanding of the virtue of self-discipline. They acted out the story of Kevin, an boy who slowly learns that he will have to develop self-discipline in order to achieve his goal of winning a marathon.



Optimism is the general disposition to expect the best in all things. Optimism is an attitude that is cheerful and positive. An optimistic person sees the glass as half full rather than half empty.

3L students shared their wonderfully optimistic ideas for how to find the positives in any situation with their presentation based on the proverb, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."



Perseverance is being steadfast and patient. You commit to your goals and overcome obstacles, no matter how long it takes.

Students from 1A performed a lovely skit to help us all learn about how perseverance can help us to push through minor disappointments and continue on the path to success.



SWLGs

The Literacy Team is excited to foster Confident Communicators through a monthly creative writing competition for all students. This month, students have been asked to imagine what they would find behind a magic door.

We watched a short video clip from *The Chronicles of Narnia* to peak interest in the topic and then Mr. Dom shared some ideas and tips on how students can use descriptive language to make their writing more interesting. The winners will receive a new book to keep and share with family and friends. We can't wait to read all of the wonderful stories written by our students!



Student Council



Student Council members embody the School Wide Learner Goals and Virtues of Singapore International School.

These students will work together with Ms. Judy to promote citizenship, scholarship, leadership, human relations, and cultural values.

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council members:

- 4A Hoang Vinh - Treasurer
- 4B Quang Huy
- 4L Si Young
- 5A Trinh Quang Huy
- 5B Khanh Linh - Secretary
- 5L Gong Shu Yang - Vice President
- 6L Gia Han - President



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Spelling Bee

We held our first Spelling Bee on 24 February and it was a great success. We are so proud of all of the contestants who showed outstanding determination and confidence throughout the competition.

Through many rounds of successfully spelling increasingly difficult words, the contestants battled it out until only one student was left standing in each category of the competition.

These three students will go on to represent SIS@Van Phuc in a nationwide Spelling Bee for all SIS schools.



Congratulations to our winners!

Years 3-5 Integrated Programme:

Trinh Quang Huy

Years 3-5 International Programme:

Pham Phuong Linh

Year 6+ International Programme:

Pham Tran Paris Nhat Ha



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🍀 St. Patrick's Day 🍀

Throughout the week leading up to St. Patrick's Day, lucky shamrocks were hidden throughout the school. Students in each class then worked together to find and collect shamrocks to give to their teacher. At the end of the week, the final numbers were counted up and the winning class was awarded a pot of gold coins.

Student Council representatives, Gia Han and Si Young, gave a presentation explaining why St. Patrick's Day is celebrated and explaining the activities that would be happening on campus.



Students who wanted to participate were able to wear green on St. Patrick's Day in exchange for a 10,000VND donation to Student Council. All funds raised by Student Council go towards organizing more events to raise school spirit in the future.



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Students in Year 3 International are enjoying their DynEd learning. They complete activities carefully and are happy to see checkmarks indicating good performance on their iPads.



Students in 1A and 1B were learning about themselves and that their entire being has many different characteristics. They focused on drawing a picture of a boy or a girl that would represent the self. They would split the page in half and create what you see on the inside (emotional) and what you would see on the outside (physical). This poster was to explore and create a deeper understanding of the current theme in SOSE: My Actions Affect My Relationship with Others.



4L students investigated the relative sizes of different unit fractions by making fraction walls and comparing the units side by side.



5B have been developing gymnastics skills in physical education. During the lessons, 5B learnt a variety of different rolls in gymnastics and had lessons on balancing and jumping. In these lessons the student learnt specific techniques, challenges and games to practice.

HPE

Class Projects and Activities



5A students complete a 5 minute speed writing activity 3 times a week. Each time, they are given a different topic to keep students interested, while developing their creative writing skills.



In 1L, students solidified their understanding of repeated addition using manipulatives to visualize quantities before solving problems .

1L students also made a tornado in a jar after a lesson about different types of weather. Seeing the patterns of this weather occurrence in action is a great way to deepen understanding of weather and its effects.



4A students explored different ways to express emotions in this lesson during Student Protection Week.



During a Social Studies lesson about the differences of homes in the past and present, students in 2A and 2B made their very own butter by shaking heavy cream.

Class Projects and Activities

ART



Students in 2A practiced using a variety of shapes to draw a scene nature scene depicting a mushroom and a snail.



The 4B class learned about how texture can be used in artwork when working with tissue paper to create these 3 dimensional flowers.



In 1L, students drew these beautiful heart shapes and experimented with multi-coloured backgrounds.



2L students showed off their colourful firework-inspired paintings.



In 1A, students learned how to use semi-circles to create a dog in a step-by-step drawing lesson.



2B got into the St. Patrick's Day spirit by creating these amazing suncatchers with designs including shamrocks, rainbows, and top hats.

Class Projects and Activities

Excursions



Grade 2L went to Ban Rom ecotourism in Soc Son for their excursion. There they learnt how to harvest rice, plant vegetables, and learn how to catch fish.



The 6L class took an excursion to the Vincom Ice Rink in Royal City. They had so much fun practicing their ice skating skills together.

Chinese



Students in 3A and 3B took an excursion to Pegasus International Collage where they learnt how to make their own Hawaiian pizza and were taught about food hygiene and safety in the kitchen.

1L students learned body parts vocabulary in this lesson. One student was blindfolded while other students gave clues to help her find the correct placement of puzzle pieces.

Language & Literacy - Theme lesson

It's that time of year again, time to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. We all dressed up as one of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters at school. It was a fun and silly way to celebrate this special day.



Nursery students planted the seed and took care of their little plants for the Theme of the week.



KIK students explored many useful and fascinating learning activities in February and March.

With the theme of D. Seuss, our students really enjoyed reading about all the different characters and doing fun activities to learn more about Dr. Seuss and his famous stories for young children around the world.

The children also explored and learned about plants, including vegetables and fruits. They learnt about the name, the characteristics, the use and how to grow and protect plants and trees. Our students also learned to make delicious and healthy dishes such as: vegetable salad and fruit salad, fruit juice, fried sweet potatoes & corn cake. The most interesting activities of this month were our school excursions. Classes visited a variety of fun and educational places, including farms, Bao Son paradise, the Aquarium, and Funnykids.



K1B class reviewed their animal theme, and they chose to visit the Aquarium in Term 3.



The **K2B** class did show & tell about the flowers that they brought to class.



Theme & STEM activities

Prep Lunar leaned about plants and made their own greenhouses during STEM using their engineering skills, candy and sticks. They also did the root and stem experiment using lettuce and food coloring in water, observing over a few days how the colour stains the leaves.



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PN Honeybees class had fun doing the "Apple Boat" STEM activity. With their teachers' support, students played with the boats and observed them moving around. They also learnt that boats are a type of water transportation.



K1A Dragonflies Class

"Mathematics is the art of giving the same name to different things."

- Henri Poincaré



Prep Rockets Class had an exciting lesson as they learned about "The Life Cycle of a Butterfly." The students loved the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle and had a fun group activity by retelling it through this interactive wooden toy!

They also enjoyed doing a Valentine's Day handprint craft which they gave to their parents afterwards.

K2B Bumblebees class pretended to be divers to review the theme vocabulary for, "Water Animals", The students enjoyed diving into the ocean to find water animals. Through this activity students learnt many words about water animals.

