



# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Important Dates:

**17 October:** End of Term 1

**24 October:** Start of Term 2

**31 October** – Halloween

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our new and continuing parents as we embark on a new school year! It has been a wonderful start to the year and there is a positive and joyful atmosphere about the school. The buzz of children around school – learning, playing, and enjoying being with their friends and classmates – has been fantastic to hear.

Our students have been busily settling into school these past 2 months – learning the class and school routines, and making headway on their academic studies. Our Term 1 swimming programme started with a splash and from watching the students, we can see that they are making some real progress, which is great to see!

We were happy to welcome parents to school for our Parent Information Evening. The communication and coordination between the school, teachers and parents is a critical component of your child's success at school. We encourage parents to please read and respond to the emails sent by class teachers and to contact teachers or the school, should you have any questions or concerns – we are here in service and are more than happy to help and support.

In September, our students started their After School Activities, which have been fun; We had a special celebration and activities for the Mid-Autumn Festival; and the 'My KinderWorld' app was also launched – if you haven't done so already, please do download this my the Apple or Google App store.

Looking forward, our Grade 4, Grade 5 and Grade 6 students have their Outward Bound Programmes to look forward to in Term 2, as well as some special fun on Halloween, and the Christmas Charity Fare in December.

We hope you and your child(ren) have had a lovely start to the school year, and are looking forward to what is going to be a great school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Batchelor

## Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the start of an exciting new school year for SIS @ Van Phuc. I am so grateful for the warm welcome I have received since arriving here. Prior to coming to Van Phuc, I spent seven years at SIS @ Saigon South where I was the Head of Studies for Kindergarten, Primary, and Middle School. My background and experience are in early years and primary education and I am certified in the U.S to teach preschool through grade 6. I have an M.Ed. in Instructional Leadership and an M.A. in Teaching English as a Second or Other Language.

In the short time that I have been here, I have been impressed with the cheerful, confident, and wonderfully well-behaved students. I'm very much looking forward to getting to know them and you better over the coming months.

Respectfully,

Ms. Lindsay Stanford

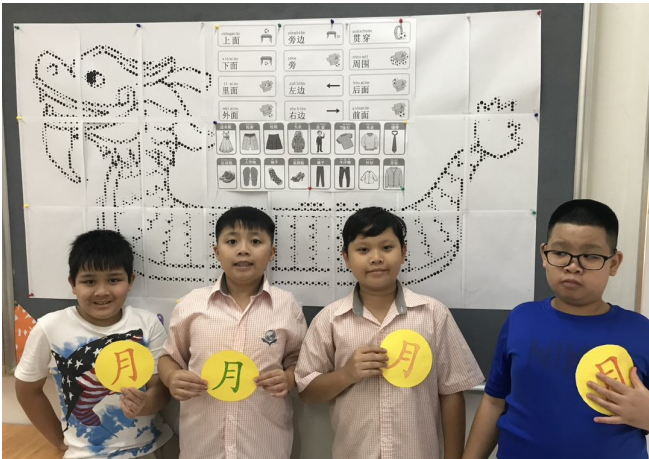


Lien Huong from 3L with a mooncake she made during the Mid-Autumn Festival





## Mid-Autumn Festival



Students in 5B created paper moons for an art project.



The Lion Dance was exciting and majestic.



6L students enjoyed learning how to make mooncakes.



Viviane and Hana of 1L joined their friends in the bamboo dance.



The tug-of-war and sack race games were a big hit with everyone.





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## Schoolwide Learner Goals:

We believe that the Schoolwide Learner Goals encompass important 21st century skills for our students to develop so that they can be successful and productive global citizens. The progress of your child(ren) towards the attainment of these goals will be reported on each Semester and a portfolio will be completed by students to demonstrate their progress toward acquiring these skills. The skills, knowledge and understanding all students should have upon graduation from Singapore International Schools are:



## SCHOOLWIDE LEARNER GOALS

**Our Schools Seek To Nurture:**

### **CRITICAL THINKERS who:**

- Apply rational, higher order thinking skills

### **TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE STUDENTS who:**

- Effectively use technology to access, organise, evaluate, create and communicate information
- Understand responsible use of social media, communication and networking tools

### **CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS who:**

- Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Work collaboratively with others
- Use creative forms of expression

### **ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS who:**

- Meet or exceed year level expectations
- Demonstrate academic growth
- Strive for continuous improvement

### **ACTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS who:**

- Understand and respect other cultures
- Demonstrate good citizenship and social responsibility through serving others
- Understand the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle
- Understand and demonstrate universal virtues

*Eastern Values, Western Education, Global Citizens*

## Schoolwide Learner Goals

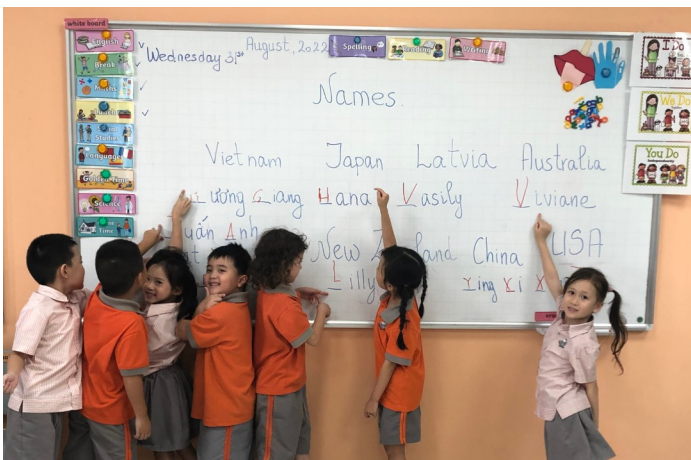
One of our five most important Schoolwide Learner Goals is that of becoming **Confident Communicators**.

Our school seeks to nurture confident communicators who demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Our students are encouraged to use creative forms of expression and to work collaboratively with others.

5A and 4L students gave presentations during our weekly assembly to share what they have learned about the virtues of patience and integrity. Their teachers and peers were very impressed with this display of confident communication.



## Class Projects and Activities



1L students explored their countries of origin.



Students of 2L made lovely lanterns for the festival.



Noelle and Lien Huong in 3L with their landscape artwork.





The students of 1B were challenged to make the longest paper chain with a single piece of paper. Students experimented with all different types of rings to find out which would provide the best results.



In 1L, students learned how to make secondary colours by mixing primary colours together using water bottles in a fun magic show.



Recently class 5B worked on a STEM project where they had to design, build and test a bridge made for limited materials such as card and tape.



Students in 5L did fingerprinting for Forensics. This unit was showing how every fingerprint is unique and that we can identify people by their fingerprints.



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## Primary Photo Gallery

### STEM

Students have been developing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills in the STEM Lab.



### ICT

ICT Lessons focus on helping students to build their technological literacy. Students are taught to consider and reflect on the implications of using ICT hardware and software.



### English

Explicit instruction supports the development of phonological awareness and phonics skills that enable students to become strong and confident readers.



### HPE

Swim lessons are a great way to exercise and build endurance while learning a highly valuable skill.



### Music

Creating and performing music helps students to improve their listening and fine motor skills as well as their ability to think creatively.



### Playtime

Physical activity during recess allows children a way to exert energy in a healthy way and take a break from the academic rigor of the classroom.





## KIK Photo Gallery

### Library Time

Prep Lunar loves reading time at the library.



### Art & Craft

Prep Lunar also enjoyed art and craft time, making the letter 'N' for Nest.



Prep Rockets were thrilled with our Fairy Tale theme: Jack and the Beanstalk.

Khai Minh and Quang Duong tried to stack the tallest tower they can make just like in the story!



### STEM

Prep Rockets and K1 students enjoyed doing STEM experiments.



### Theme activities

K2 Ladybirds had fun with a little dramatic play set up, using three different sized bowls, spoons and some materials found around our classroom.



K1/K2 students learnt about The Great Big Turnip. We pretended to push and pull but we could not get it out!





## Mid-Autumn Festival

**K2 Ladybirds class** enjoyed attending in all Mid-Autumn Festival activities.



## Maths Activity

**K1 Dragonflies class** learnt about the colour green. The children collected some toys and books in the classroom and took turns finding green objects.



## Maths Activity

**K1/K2 Caterpillars** learnt about number 7.



In September, KIK students have been engaging in many different activities in each learning area such as: STEM, Maths, Language & Literacy, Art & Craft, Music, PE, Social Virtues and Vietnamese. One of the most fun and interesting experiences for KIK students was the many different games & activities to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival at school. We saw happy faces throughout the event. This celebration would not be possible without your effort and support. We are very grateful for that.

Our Kindergarten is growing bigger day by day. Thank you parents for trusting us and sending your child to our KIK@ Van Phuc for their important early education. We are glad to see how much the children enjoy school each day. October is coming and we are so excited for our new theme & activities.



**Huyen Anh**  
(K2) playing a game.



**Louisa-Anh (PN/N)**  
making a car.



## STEM Activity

**K2 Bumble Bees** made blooming flowers.

## Mid-Autumn Festival

**Prep International & K1/K2 classes** enjoyed attending in Mid-Autumn Festival activities.



## Maths Activity

**K2 Ladybirds class** experimented with using different amounts of baking soda to blow up balloons without using their mouths. This was a great way to encourage inquiry, observation skills, and critical thinking skills for our students.



## STEM Activity

**Prep Lunar** designed boats.