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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the final term of the year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past month at our school.

In early April, our students had a fantastic time celebrating STEM day, Easter, and our Annual Sports Day. It was wonderful to see our students come together and engage in these activities, showcasing their talents and team spirit.

As we move into Term 4, students are already busy preparing for their upcoming exams, which will be taking place from May 25th - June 2nd. I encourage our students to stay focused and determined as they prepare for these important assessments.

In addition to their studies, our students are also preparing for the End-of-School Concert, which will be held on June 17th at the National Convention Center. We will be sending out more information closer to the date, but we are all looking forward to seeing our students' talents and hard work on display.

Lastly, I want to congratulate our students on a successful Book Week celebration. Our students truly got into the spirit by dressing up as their favorite book characters and engaging in fun reading activities.

As always, thank you for your continued support, and I wish all our students the best of luck in their upcoming exams.

Sincerely,

Paul Batchelor

Principal

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. April was an exciting month for us here at SIS @ Van Phuc as we had a lot of fun and educational activities for our students. We were very excited to resume our annual Sports Fest for the first time in several years. We've also enjoyed assorted Easter activities, had a fantastic STEM Day, and learned how to make some special treats for the Cold Food Festival.

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to remind you of the importance of preparing your children for their end-of-year exams. These exams are a crucial part of our students' education and will help determine their progress and success in the upcoming academic year. Our teachers have been working hard to ensure that our students are well-prepared for their exams. We are so grateful for your support in helping ensure that your children stay focused and motivated during this critical time.

Respectfully,

Ms. Lindsay

Upcoming Important Dates:

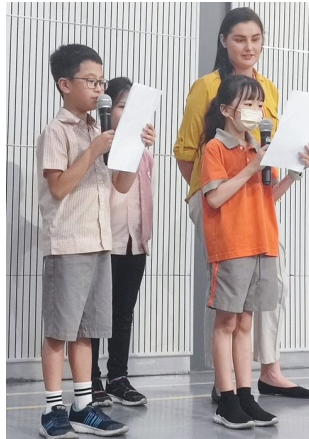
May 1-3: School closed

May 25: Semester 2 Exams begin



Deip Chi (1L) scores a point for her House Team during Sports Fest.

Virtues



Commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is deciding carefully what you want to do, then giving it your all, without holding anything back.

To commit, you must give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. You finish what you start and you keep your promises.

Year 3A helped everyone to understand this concept of by acting out a discussion between a parent and child regarding the commitment required when owning a dog.

SWLGs



Congratulations to the *Confident Communicators* who won our "Magic Door" creative writing competition. These students received the highest marks in their year levels for their use of figurative language and vivid imagery in a fictional narrative.

- Year 1L - Viviane Batchelor
- Year 2A - Ngo Phuoc Nam
- Year 3L - Pham Koi Nguyen Leo
- Year 4L - Kei Shimada
- Year 5A - Nguyen Bui Yen Nhi



This month, we awarded 20 DynEd certificates to *Academic Achievers* across all year levels. DynEd Certifications are systems for recognizing and confirming student proficiency levels in English based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages or CEFR. Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you for your hard work!

STEM Day



All throughout Term 3, students have been hard at work on their interactive STEM projects. On STEM Day, each class put their completed projects on display so that their peers could come by and see what they have been learning.

We had a wonderful time trying out all of the activities and we can't wait for our next STEM event!



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SPORTS FEST

Sports Fest was a great success with students competing for the first time in their new house teams. Students worked together in a series of relay events as they attempted to wrack up the greatest overall number of points for their team.

The competition was fierce, but after scores from all events on both days, the Black Phoenixes were victorious. At the end of the week, Mr. Vincent presented the Sports Fest trophy for 2022-2023 to Pham Tran Paris Nhat Ha, the Black Phoenix captain.





EASTER

In the weeks before Easter, students were given the chance to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win an Easter basket. The winners were presented with their baskets during a special school assembly event. Student Council members also gave teachers with bags of Easter treats to share with their classes and students had the chance to participate in a fun Easter Egg Hunt with their classmates.



Book Week

The last week in April was Book Week. Students had so much fun dressing up as characters from their favourite stories, shopping for books at the Book Fair, and a special library activity, and lots of other fun literacy activities. Teachers also got to join in the fun by visiting different classes to read aloud for them.



Class Projects and Activities



The 4A students showed us their paintings of lavender flowers and explained how they used a special combination of dots and brush strokes to make the shapes look so realistic.



In 1L, students are learning to tell time to the hour and half-hour. They've been practicing using the words, "o'clock" and "half past" and relating times to events in a day.

Online safety is very important. In ICT class, students learnt about online safety and the Internet Traffic Light.



The traffic light activity teaches students how to identify "just right" content, giving them the green light to learn, play, and explore the internet safely.



Students of 5L went on an excursion to an Escape Room. Students in 5L often do escape rooms in their various subjects in class. It was a great team building experience to visit an actual escape room.



In Chinese lessons, 1L students practice using Pinyin to improve their pronunciation and tones.



These 4B students collaborated on an interactive activity designed to improve their ability to write compound and complex sentences.

Class Projects and Activities

Students in 2A and 2B took an excursion to Vietnam's National Fine Art Museum.

While there, students were able to create their own Dong Ho picture. The Dong Ho activity allowed them to explore the traditional method of printing in Vietnam.

The class also had a tour guide who shared information about the artwork on display while walking through the gallery.



6L spent several weeks working on these amazingly detailed and realistic drawings. They used a combination of oil pastels and paint.

Students in 5A learned about the use of perspective in drawing. They started in the middle of their papers and worked outwards to achieve the desired effect.



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KIK We are now in the last term of this school year and teachers and children are all looking forward to a successful Term 4 with many interesting and important learning activities and events.

K2B students learned about the planet, and we practice doing Show and Tell activity to develop their vocabulary and presentation skills.

Prep Rockets had an exciting week learning about the Solar System! We got to experience the “outer space” in our classroom; had great discussions and did various activities about solar system.



The K1K students were excited to learn about and participate in many fun Easter traditions. Many of the classes dyed, painted, and decorated eggs. The students were amazed to watch the eggs change color when they put them in water and food coloring! The classes also made beautiful Easter baskets to put their Easter chocolate eggs in. Most of the classes did an Easter egg hunt at our school yard. The students were so focused when looking for the eggs and were so excited when they found one! All the students received some chocolate eggs to take home as a gift from the school.



The K1A Dragonflies Class did an experiment after their STEM activity last Friday about Day and Night. It was a fun way to develop their understanding of the Earth's rotation.

K2B students painted eggs to celebrate Easter and later participated in an Easter Egg Hunt.



The Pre-nursery class felt so proud of their dyed eggs on Easter day. They were also excited to hunt for eggs with friends.



Thanh Trung & Thuc Dat in K2B enjoyed participating in a balloon rocket science experiment.