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Upcoming Important Dates:

- 13 October:** End of Term 1
- 23 October:** Start of Term 2
- 31 October** – Halloween

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we move from September to October, I'm happy to share some notable happenings at our school. Our swimming program for this term has concluded and is set to resume in Term 4, offering our students with essential water safety and swimming skills. We celebrated the Mid-Autumn festival as a whole school community, with students enthusiastically engaging in various activities, with the Lion Dance as a highlight. In addition, our Gaelic Football Team engaged in friendly matches against TH School, demonstrating our spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork. We hope to be engaging our students in further extra-curricular sporting events this year.

As we step into October, our students can look forward to some engaging Space-themed STEM activities for our STEM week, and an enjoyable morning of Sports Carnival activities. We're excited to announce that the school plans to hold a Sports Carnival every term, fostering a passion for sports, promoting healthy competition, and enhancing teamwork skills. Students will have the chance to participate in these events within their newly allocated House Teams.

We kindly remind parents to ensure that students are dressed in the correct school uniform. Uniforms are available for purchase in the school office.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Term 1 break, which will take place from October 14th to October 22nd. When we enter Term 2, progress reports will be sent to parents in Week 1. Furthermore, Parent-Teacher meetings for SIS Primary students are scheduled for Week 2 of Term 2 on Tuesday, October 31st, and Wednesday, November 1st. These meetings provide a wonderful opportunity for parents to connect with their child's teacher, discuss their progress, and actively engage in their educational journey. We encourage all parents to participate and look forward to these meaningful conversations.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school community vibrant and successful.

Sincerely,
Mr. Paul

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are nearing the end of Term 1, and what a busy term it has been! As the students settled into the new school term and prepared for the year ahead, the school hosted its first event, which was enjoyed by both teachers and students. On September 27th, the entire school participated in a lively Mid-Autumn Festival event. Students had the opportunity to engage in traditional activities such as the lion dance, fruit tray displays, and mooncake making.

Additionally, our Y6 International teacher, Mr. Pdraig Gaffney, and his Gaelic Football team competed in a series of games against TH School. Although victory eluded us this time, the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Throughout this term, students have completed numerous assignments and tasks. I encourage them to continue giving their best efforts as we approach the end of the term. I am eagerly looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Respectfully,
Ms. Annie



Mr. Pdraig and the Gaelic Football team. We are very proud of their efforts this term!

Mid-Autumn Festival



Our MCs looked lovely in their traditional dress. Mr. Bob (Music Teacher) and Ms. Uyen (Y2A Teacher) leading the Mid-Autumn Festival assembly.



The Lion Dance was exciting and majestic.



All students really enjoyed the moon cake making experience.



Beautiful fruit tray displays made by students in celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival.

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Virtues Programme

Patience is a valuable virtue that can be defined as the ability to wait for something without getting frustrated or upset. It's not just a skill. It's also an important part of being a good person. Whether it's waiting for our turn in a game, waiting for a surprise, or waiting for our plants to grow, patience helps us handle these situations with a positive attitude. Recently, our friends from Year 2A did a fantastic presentation about patience during our school assembly. They shared some great insights into what patience means and why it's so important in our lives.



SWLGs

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One of our five most important School Wide 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.

Y2A students gave presentations during our weekly assembly to share what they have learned about the virtue of patience. Their teachers and peers were very impressed with this display of confident communication.

Students from the audience displayed their skills of confident communication whilst sharing their knowledge about our school wide learner goals.



Class Projects and Activities

Social Studies

The Year 3A class has been studying landforms in social studies. They learned about the different types of landforms, how they were formed, and the most common type in Vietnam.



Art

Nguyen Minh Tri and Tue Minh blending primary colors. Engaging in hands-on activities like this enhances their understanding and engagement with the subject of color theory.



STEM:

5A students worked in teams to find the intricate balance between the dynamics of height and foundational strength, using recycled plastic cups.



The Four House Teams



This year we have reallocated the students into 4 separate School Houses. We have the Mighty Red Dragons, the powerful Black Phoenixes, the proud Golden Lions and Cunning Blue eagles. Students will be able to earn house points when they demonstrate our weekly virtue or when they work well in class with one another. Lastly they can also earn house points when we have exciting activities like sports days, swimming galas or last Friday activities on campus. At the end of the year we will total up all the points and see which house is the winner!

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In the STEM class, students from grades 5A and 5L are engaged in a fascinating Chromatography experiment. The objective of this experiment is to understand the composition of colors in pens. Despite the final color of a felt-tip marker appearing as a single hue, it is often a blend of various pigments. Chromatography serves as an effective method to separate these constituent colors.



In the "Plant Detectives" STEM lesson, second-grade 2L students delve into the world of plants. This educational journey allows them to comprehend the growth process of plants, examine a variety of plant species, and distinguish the differences among them.

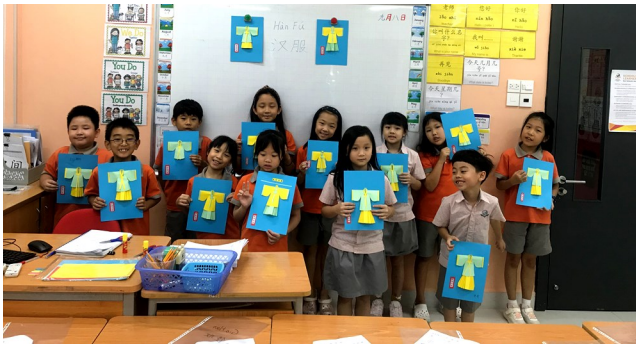
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Primary Photo Gallery

Chinese

3L students learned clothing-themed vocabulary and related expressions. Students made a paper Hanfu of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644AD) featuring a long coat and MaMian (Horse face skirt).



HPE

Swimming lessons are a great way to exercise and build endurance while learning a highly valuable skill. Students demonstrating the swimming skills they have learned this term.



Art

4L enjoyed sketching self-portraits as well as learning about the world of surrealism through the works of Joan Miro. Art is thoroughly enjoyed by the children as it is a fantastic way to express themselves and to relax.



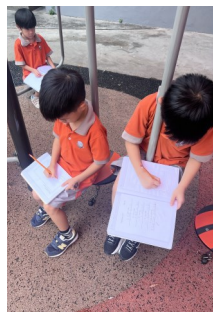
Social Studies

As part of Geography, 3L students are learning about what causes various formations, structures, and physical changes to land. This led to an interesting broader class discussion about our planet.



English

Explicit instruction supports the development of phonological awareness and phonics skills that enable students to become strong and confident readers. Here are some of the Y1A/B students working on their phonics sounds.



KIK Photo Gallery

Theme activity

K1/K2 Lilies The K1/K2 Lilies students absolutely adore creating Handprints Friendship Tree art. What could be more enjoyable than dipping our hands in paint? This activity not only brings joy but also fosters collaboration among the children as they work together to create something unique. By placing their handprints on the tree, they symbolize their friendship and create a beautiful visual representation of their bond.



Minh Hung, Nhat Nam, Ha An, Tu Anh
K1/2 Lilies



KIK

In September, KIK students at our kindergarten have been actively participating in various engaging activities across different learning areas, including STEM, Maths, Language & Literacy, Art & Craft, Music, PE, Social Virtues, and Vietnamese. One exciting highlight was their first excursion trip, where they had the opportunity to explore different learning experiments.

Moreover, the students also had a great time taking part in traditional activities during the Mid-Autumn festival in the last week of September. You can find all the event photos on Class Dojo and the KinderWorld app. We sincerely appreciate your support and effort in making this celebration a success.

We are delighted to see our kindergarten growing each day, and we extend our gratitude to the parents for entrusting us with your child's early education at KIK@ Van Phuc. It brings us joy to witness how much the children enjoy their time at school.



Excursion activities

K1/2 Violets planted seeds to grow food for the animals, the instructor showed us their garden and explained how seeds grow.

Theme Activity

This week, the K2 Sunflower class had a blast with exciting outdoor activities that fostered friendship building in a fun way! The students thoroughly enjoyed engaging in games like "Move like your friends" and "Keep it up," which not only brought joy but also helped develop their understanding of personal space.



Gia Bao, Meika, Quynh Nha & Minh Quan
K2 Sunflowers



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K1/2 Violets - Excursion activities

We also made some pottery; the students got their hands dirty while playing with clay which strengthens their fine motor skills.



Prep Daffodils - Phonics activity

Prep Daffodils students enjoying a literacy game, listening to the sounds & finding the correct letter.



Prep Lotuses - Excursion activities.

Prep Class (Lotus) went on a wonderful excursion to Erahouse! The children did many activities including visiting and feeding the animals, going on a boat ride, and playing traditional games. They also enjoyed doing activities for the Mid-Autumn Festival including making star lanterns, moon cakes, and dancing with a dragon! It was a great day out!



**Minh Duc, Duc Minh & An An
Pre-Nursery Roes - Excursion to Play'n'Learn**