

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Important Dates:

- **4 December** - Last day of Term 2 ASA
- **9 - 16 December** - Semester 1 Exams
- **18 December** - Christmas Charity Fair
- **22 December** - Christmas Concert / Term 2 Ends
- **23 December** - Christmas and New Year Break Begins



Mr. Paul leading our school's Halloween celebrations

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

November has been an eventful month for us here at SIS Van Phuc. Since the last Newsletter came out students were able to take part in some Halloween fun, and we celebrated and showed our appreciation to our amazing staff on Teacher's Day with some wonderful performances by students. Our staff were overwhelmed and humbled by the support shown by students and parents, and I would like to say a special thank you to you all for your kindness on this day.

Soon we will be holding our Christmas Charity Fair, our Christmas Concert, and the students will undertake their Semester One Exams. The students have been diligently preparing for these and we wish them the best success during this time.

The Christmas Holidays will be upon us shortly, with the last day of classes being the 22nd of December. School will commence again after two weeks, on the 5th of January.

We would like to wish all of our SIS Van Phuc families a happy and safe Christmas break. Thank you for your continuing support and from all of us here at SIS Van Phuc, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best Wishes,
Mr. Paul

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For all of us at SIS Van Phuc, November has been a month full of changes, challenges and successes.

Our students started off the month with a wide variety of new after school activities – challenging themselves physically, creatively, and intellectually. In preparation for Teachers' Day, our students worked hard to perfect their songs, dances, and performances to show their incredible talent and appreciation for our teachers.

With talented students like ours, I can't wait to see what they will do next month!

Best regards,
Mr. Benjamin

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4B Assembly Presentation on the Virtue Responsibility where each student spoke about how they show responsibility in their daily lives.



4L's Katie and Ji Min using the iPad to control 'Codey Rocky' during a STEM lesson.

COVID-19 Measures at School

I would like to remind parents that anyone entering our campus must have their temperature checked and a mask is to be worn when on the premises. As per the guidance of our local authorities, parents are allowed on campus to pick up students in the afternoon, but are asked to leave campus promptly. Regrettably, we are still not permitted to allow parents on campus during special events.

Schoolwide Learner Goals

This month our Schoolwide Learner Goal focus was to encourage our students to become more Technologically Literate. Our students are learning to effectively use technology to access, organize, evaluate, create and communicate information. During our morning assembly, we recognized our most technologically literate students with an award as follows:

1L - VU NGUYEN TINA, 1B - DAO THANH DUONG, 1C - NGUYEN Y AN, 2L - KEI SHIMADA, 2B - VU DUC NHAT NAM, 2C - LE HO BAO TRAM, 3L - YUSAKU SUEMASA, 3B - LE BINH MINH, 3C - DAM HAI NAM, 4L - LE KHOI NGUYEN, 4B - HA TUE MINH, 4C - NGO PHUNG ANH, 5L - PARK DO YUN, 5B - NGUYEN CHI ANH, 5C - THAI DUY ANH, 6L - PARK SE HUN

Congratulations to our most Technologically Literate Students!



Year 1B students are becoming technologically literate while learning to read on iPads.



Class 3L is working on a STEM project about camouflage. They are learning about how patterns can help animals blend with their surroundings and hide from predators. To try and figure out HOW they do it, students selected their own butterfly patterns to draw and created a background image to help their butterfly blend with the background!



November 20th Teachers' Day Celebration

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Ms. Hang and our KIK teachers dressed to perfection on Teachers' Day.



1L Students join "Puzzle Pals" Working together to make a masterpiece . . . one puzzle at a time!



5B students planted seedlings We definitely have some green-fingered children among us!

Virtues Programme

This month our students focused on the virtues of Responsibility and Diligence, with classes 4B and 5C presenting these virtues during our morning assemblies. Our virtues program is a vital component of our students' overall education; it promotes the development of strong character traits which will benefit our students throughout their lives.

Teachers' Day

On November 20th, SIS Van Phuc celebrated Teachers' Day with wonderful student and teacher performances. We would like to thank students and parents for all the beautiful flowers, cards, and signs of appreciation. Teaching is truly an important profession, and this wonderful day of celebration brought a smile to everyone's face.

Christmas Charity Fair

As many of you know, our school will be holding a Christmas Charity Fair on Friday, December 18th. This event will seek to earn money to donate to Veritas Vietnam, a charitable organization that assists poor and marginalized people. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile cause, please contact our school's office.

Due to the current government imposed COVID-19 restrictions, I regret to inform you that this year's Christmas Charity Fair will be for students and SIS Van Phuc staff *only*. Parents, students' family members, and outside vendors are not permitted to attend. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation with these necessary precautions.



3L Drawing flowers for butterfly



1C Students showing their love for teachers



Year 1C learners are proud to show off their world maps.

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KIK

November has passed so quickly, a month has left us with strong impressions, unforgettable memories in the hearts of each of us as well as each of our students.



Every day, we can see our lovely young students coming to school to study and participate enthusiastically in all our class and school activities. I find that our students seem much more confident, energetic, friendly, and much more mature than they were at the start of the year. We are delighted and proud of our students.

Please be sure to check your child(s) updated class story on ClassDojo for further information.

K2 - Giraffe Class: "Do you like building blocks? Do you like playing outside? How about giving this chance to all of students in KIK at Van Phuc? K2 Giraffe really enjoyed these moments together. Through this, our students learn how to share blocks with each other, and to negotiate and cooperate to build a great project. This is also a great way to teach children to be patient when they are waiting for their turn."



Happy Teachers' Day to all lovely KIK teachers at SIS Van Phuc.



Prep - Cheetah Class:

Vegetables are not only good for our health, but they can also be used in making Art. Prep Cheetah has many lessons related to vegetables in the last week of November. One of them was printing fruit and vegetables to make artwork.

Pre Nursery - Parrot Class - Hands-on Activity: Parrot students had so much fun exploring the oil and water science experiment. They were excited to use a dropper to squirt colored water into the oil and to watch how it behaved when mixed together.

