SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC

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VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

Gamuda Visit

On Monday 25 May, our Year 5 students had a very successful field trip to experience the new Gamuda Gardens KinderWorld school which opens for the new academic year. Our delighted students were given a tour of the new campus with its spacious buildings, sports field, state of the art dining room and kitchens and modern classrooms. They were pleasantly surprised to see the huge new multi-purpose hall that has a stage and a very large area for school productions and physical activities. After all of this, they were taken to the new Gamuda Gardens Clubhouse swimming pool which is only a short distance from the school itself.

Our students left feeling very excited about starting the new academic year in such a wonderful new learning environment.

School Concert

Our annual school concert will take place at the NCC on Saturday 4 July at 1:30pm. Our children and teaching staff have been extremely busy preparing costumes, props and dance routines as well as rehearsing in front of our own students and staff at our weekly assemblies. The theme for this year's concert is 'Decades' and we believe that you are going to thoroughly enjoy a mix of vivid colours, spectacular dance routines, great music and eye catching costumes. The end of school concert comes as a climax to a very busy year and we are all looking forward to seeing as many parents and friends at the NCC to enjoy the fun with us.

International Day

On our last day of Term 3 we had an enormously successful International Day. It started with a parade of nations and a speech from our special guest and neighbor Ms Louise Chamberlain from the UNDP.

Another special guest was the ambassador from Egypt Mr Yousef K Hanna, who complimented the Year 5 D students on their knowledge of Egypt. The classes worked hard to study their country and decorate their room in the country colours and icons. The children

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Welcome Ms Louise Chamberlain from the UNDP in International Day

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Students hold a passport on International Day



Anh Chi, Nga Mi, Tu Anh and Truong Phuc achieve English Olympics awards



A swimming session of Year 2

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were able to be both a host and a traveler on International Day and they learned foreign phrases and many facts about the 'countries' they visited. We thank the many parents who helped support the classes by providing international food or costumes from home countries. Please check the website for some photos of the occasion.

English Olympics

We were delighted with the wonderful results of our students in the recent English Olympics held in Hanoi by Language Links. Over 1000 students entered the competition from across many Hanoi schools. Our four entrants all achieved very high scores and ranked in the top positions.

Congratulations go to Anh Chi, Truong Phuc, Nga Mi, and Tu Anh for their outstanding work to achieve these awards. Also many thanks to the teachers Mr Nigel and Ms Shirley who helped prepare the students for the competition.

Book Club

Many students took the opportunity offered by the Baker Book Club to add to their own book collection. The books have been cleared through customs and were in the hands of the students in time for Children's Day. The school also adds to our library collection every time we have Book Club, with new copies of the most popular fiction and non-fiction.

Swimming program

This year we have been able to take advantage of the new indoor pool across the road in Van Bao. In the first week of swimming the children were tested to measure their skills level and they were placed in a small group (approx. 8) of the same ability with a coach and an observer.

Our swimming program is according to the progression of skills as per the U Swim program. You will find some great videos on their site for developing water confidence in children. It is very important that children learn to swim, to ensure their safety around pools, lakes and beaches, as well as being a very healthy activity that promotes strong lungs and muscles.

English and Vietnamese Exams

In May the teachers of the Vietnamese programme completed the exam process and wrote reports on the children's progress. The English teachers will also complete their exams in the first two weeks of June. Report cards will be provided to parents at the end of the school year.

Our Year 5 students will be departing from us in a Graduation ceremony in the last week of school on Tuesday 7 July. Parents will be invited to the ceremony closer to the time