

# SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ VAN PHUC NEWSLETTER

March 2021

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### Upcoming Important Dates:

**29 March - 2 April:** Year 6 OBV

**5 - 9 April:** Term 3 Break

**14 - 16 April:** School Photos

**21 April:** King Hung Anniversary

**22 April:** Earth Day/Green Day

**30 April:** Liberation Day



**Year 1B** have been learning about 'Caring for my Body' in Social Studies. Here is Quan Ming working on his healthy eating craft.

## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that Term 3 is over! Thankfully, March has passed without incident and we are slowly moving back into our normal school groove.

This past Sunday, April 4, was Easter Sunday. Easter is traditionally an important celebration in the West and is a time of renewal and regeneration. As we come into Term 4, we hope that our school and our community can continue to renew and regenerate itself, as we step out of the shadow that is Covid. The term ahead promises to be a busy one and there is much to look forward to – Sports Day; Swimming; Exams; School Concert; and more!

As we begin the final quarter of our current school year, our office team have already started preparations for the 2021-2022, new school year. We kindly ask for your support to return the 'Confirmation of Enrollment' form as part of this. Our Kindergarten (KIK) has shown steady growth this year, and for the 2021-2022 new school year, we are looking to introduce three new International classes – a Nursery/K1 combined International class, a K2 International class and hopefully a Prep International class. If you, or someone you know, are interested in learning more about this, please do not hesitate to contact our office team to learn more about this exciting development.

On behalf of the team here at SIS Van Phuc, we hope you and your families have had a happy and safe holiday break, and we look forward to welcoming you back to school for the start of what promises to be a great final Term.

Yours Sincerely,  
Paul Batchelor

## Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Everyone at SIS Van Phuc was delighted to welcome our students back to campus this month. The joyful sight and sound of children playing and learning at school has warmed our hearts and raised our spirits. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all parents and members of the Van Phuc community for your continued support and patience as school life returns to normal. Remember, together we can overcome any challenge!

Happy Holidays!

Best Regards,  
Mr. Ben

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**2B Students** enjoying their STEM activity by making their plant booklets.



**4L Science Students** having fun while experimenting with different forms of energy. Here we see students testing their Popsicle Stick Catapults.

## 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 not allowed to enter campus to drop off students in the morning or pick up students in the afternoon. Regrettably, we are still not permitted to allow parents on campus during special events.

## Schoolwide Learner Goals

If we teach children everything we know, their knowledge is limited to ours. If we teach children to think, their knowledge is limitless. Our ability to succeed in life is directly proportional to our ability to solve the problems we encounter along life's journey.

This month our Schoolwide Learner Goal focus is to encourage our students to become Critical Thinkers. Critical thinking is the ability to think clearly and rationally, understanding the logical connection between ideas. Critical thinking requires deeper analysis during a student's lessons. Deeper analysis produces deeper understanding, resulting in better grades and higher test scores. Critical thinking empowers students to be independent, innovative, and helps them succeed in school and in life.

1L - Nguyen Bao Ngoc Yen Noelle, 1B - Kim RaHeal, 1C - Do Thao Nguyen Hillary, 2L - Do Thien An, 2B - Nguyen Gia Bao, 2C - Nguyen Xuan Bao Nguyen, 3L - Nguyen Minh Tri, 3B - Ta Quang Huy, 3C - Dao Anh Bao Linh, 4L - Pham Tran Paris Nhat Ha, 4B - Doan Thu An, 4C - Nguyen Ngoc Minh Chau, 5L - Thang Duc Tri, 5B - Luu Thuy Minh, 5C - Teo Ming Zhe, 6L - Le Nguyen Bao Ton

**Congratulations to this month's  
Critical Thinkers!**



**ART Club** Students from 1C enjoying their first Art Club lesson while producing their very own masterpieces.



**1L – Starting the day off right** by looking at the date and the weather.



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**Class 1C** - Minh Phuong is working hard on her CVC Word Search.

## Virtues Programme

This month our students focused on the virtues of Self-Discipline and Optimism. Our students have displayed great self-discipline while studying online, attending classes and doing their coursework from home. Now that we are all back together at school, we all share renewed optimism that each day will be better than the last!



**5L Students** are studying the continents and oceans and were working on a 500-piece puzzle on the continents and oceans of the world. Puzzles develop self-confidence, focus, problem solving and reasoning.

## Earth Day/Green Day

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. This means we should all work together to ensure a greener planet and safer future. Young people around the world have the power to make a difference, and our students at SIS Van Phuc are no different.

To align with the company's sustainable goal to be an eco-friendly company, plastic bags will not be given to parents during the sale of school uniforms. Parents should bring their own bag for the purchase of uniforms.

## Writers Workshop

In class 3L we have "Writers Workshop" each week. In Writers Workshop, students learn important writing skills to help strengthen their story writing and bring their characters to life with voice and personality. Students use graphic organizers to help them organize their thinking and create an understandable sequence of events in their story. This week, our students are writing folk tales and learning about how a story can teach us an important life lesson.



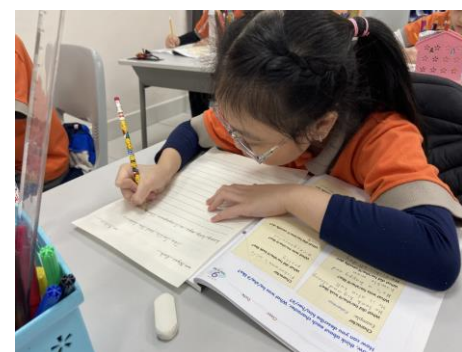
**6L Students** using magnets to paint pictures – showing us what happens when science meets art.



**Mr. Van Hai** our lovely security Guard, with a thank you card from 2L students. Part of our Social Studies Project was to recognize all the people who work in our school community and hand out 'Thank You' cards to them.



**The Students of 4C** putting the finishing touches on their paper mache globes.



**3L Writers Workshop** – practice makes perfect!



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## Show & Tell – Learning about Fruits

Panda students enjoyed our show and tell activity with the topic “Fruits”. Each student brought their favourite fruit along and presented it, sharing the name, colour size, flavour, why they like it, etc. This activity helps our children to improve their communication skills as well as to build their confidence.

KIK explored many useful and fascinating activities in March.

At school, the children explored and learned about plants, vegetables and fruits, and have been learning about the life cycle of a plant growing from a seed. Our students also learned to make delicious and healthy dishes such as: vegetable salad and fruit salad. The most interesting activity of the Plants theme was planting, taking care of and observing the seeds growing each day.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all parents for always trusting and supporting our school with your child's learning activities and experiences.



## Observing Plants and Talking About the Parts of a Plant

K1 Bunny class explored and studied all of the parts of a plant in this fun lesson for kids. Students learned about Roots, Stems, Leaves, Flowers, Seeds and more! They learned how each of these parts function, how they help plants grow and eventually create new plants.



Pre Nursery children planting and observing the seeds that they grew.



K1/K2 Panda enjoyed making healthy and tasty fruit salad for the whole class.



## Making Fruit Smoothies

K2 Giraffe Class was excited while making fruit Smoothies, waiting patiently to sample their delicious creations.