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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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS families and friends,

Welcome to Term two!

There were many successful events in Term 1 including **Pre-School Pajama Day** and a wonderful **Lantern Festival** with several parents and relatives in attendance. We want to give a **huge thank you** to all of our staff who were involved making it such a wonderful time. As an international school, it is important to us to celebrate and recognize all cultures. Thank you SIS families for partnering with us for it.

We have many more exciting things planned for the near future including **Book Week** in mid-November. There will be activities and themes to remind students about the importance and fun of reading. During Book Week we want to kindly encourage parents to speak to their children at home about reading, and model it. Research shows that children of readers become better readers. Instilling the love of reading is one of the best gifts we can give to our children.

I would like to say a personal thank you from Mr. Regan and I for the support of many parents to our teachers and ATs. Your continued support is always appreciated as we strive to make SIS@BDNC the absolute best it can be.

Kind regards,
MaryKay Gudkova

Principal

LANTERN FESTIVAL

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Lantern Festival. Thanks also to the organizing committee for running such a great event and finally, thanks to the students who entertained us with songs, dances and plays! Check out the photos in this issue of the newsletter.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 23rd-FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
- October 31st-HALLOWEEN (Date to be confirmed)
- December 18th-January 1st-CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- January 2nd-10th 2018-SA 1 EXAMS
- January 19th-LAST DAY OF TERM 2
- January 29th-FIRST DAY OF TERM 3



SA 1 EXAMS

We are now into Term 2 which means exams are not too far away. Please see below for a basic exam schedule. A detailed schedule will be sent home soon. Some key points to remember for the exams;

- Like last year, the exams will start the first week after Christmas holidays so children will need to be prepared.
- International students have exams for all subjects but Integrated students only have English and Chinese exams.
- Year 1 students don't do formal exams in semester 1.

| Week 1 | | Subject |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1 st Jan 2018 (MONDAY) | EPP and Chinese testing done this week | No School |
| 2 nd Jan 2018 (TUESDAY) | | English Paper 1-Speaking (International and Integrated students) |
| 3 rd Jan 2018 (WEDNESDAY) | | English language Paper 2-Writing (International and Integrated students) |
| 4 th Jan 2018 (THURSDAY) | | English Paper 3 –Language & Comprehension (International and Integrated students) |
| 5 th Jan 2018 (FRIDAY) | | |
| Week 2 | | Subject |
| 8 th Jan 2018 (MONDAY) | EPP and Chinese testing done this week | Mathematics (International students) |
| 9 th Jan 2018 (TUESDAY) | | English Paper 4-Listening (International and Integrated students) |
| 10 th Jan 2018 (WEDNESDAY) | | Science (International students) |

Before the exams, we will have a tutorial week at school where students can practice for the exams with their teacher. Exam tutorials will replace clubs.

School will also be running an information session for parents to help you understand the exam process here at SIS. We warmly invite parents to come to the Multi-Purpose Hall at 4.15pm on Tuesday November 14 for a short exam briefing.

EXAM INFORMATION SESSION

WHEN: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

WHERE: SIS@BDNC MULTI-PURPOSE HALL

TIME: 4.15-4.45PM

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SCHOOL WIDE LEARNER GOALS

KinderWorld is continuing to improve how we measure student's achievement and as part of this process the Singapore International School has SCHOOL WIDE LEARNER GOALS that all students can work towards.

The SCHOOL WIDE LEARNER GOALS or SLG's for short and help teachers and students explicitly know what they are aiming for throughout the year. Here is a list of what we are working towards at SIS@BDNC.

Singapore International Schools seek to nurture:

- 1. Academic Achievers** who:
 - a. Meet or exceed year level expectations
 - b. Demonstrate academic growth
 - c. Strive for continuous improvement
- 2. Confident communicators** who:
 - a. Demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening
 - b. Work collaboratively with others
 - c. Use creative forms of expression
- 3. Critical Thinkers** who:
 - a. Apply rational, higher order thinking skills
- 4. Technologically literate students** who:
 - a. Effectively use technology to access, organize, evaluate, create and communicate information
 - b. Understand responsible use of social media, communication and networking tools
- 5. Active and Responsible citizens** who:
 - a. Understand and respect their own and other cultures
 - b. Demonstrate good citizenship and social responsibility through serving others
 - c. Understand the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle
 - d. Understand and demonstrates a set of universal virtues

To help teach the SLGs we have been running competitions for our students throughout the year. Below are the winners of our Active and Responsible Citizens Poster Competition.



Pajamas Day- Preschool

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