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*These Academic Achievers from Prep
Have learned their 100 Basic Sight Words already!*

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,

As a parent of two young children, I know how important it is for parents to have some peace and quiet, whether it's at home, while travelling, or at restaurants. I have noticed the increase of screen time for children. (Screen time includes TV, computers, video games, cell phones, et cetera.) . It's all about balance. Too much of anything is not a good thing.

There have been many recent studies about the effects of screen time on young children. Dr. Daniel Fung, Chairman of the Medical Board at the Institute of Mental Health in Singapore, warns about excessive screen time and gives the following advice:

- Parental supervision is needed. The *quality* of what is on the screen matters.
- Violent and aggressive games and movies should absolutely be avoided, (*studies show that children who watch violence often act violently*).
- Parents should check age restriction guide lines.
- Screen time should not affect meals, play or bed time.
- Watch for weight gain or emotional outbursts when screen time is ended or taken away.

<https://kids.youtube.com/> (only child-friendly videos)

<http://www.kiddle.co/> (Kids' Google)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xdTJ8vjhsA0&feature=youtu.be>
(Keeping kids safe online)

I am very happy to speak to you if you'd like more information on this subject.

Kind regards,
MaryKay Gudkova

Principal



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 22nd-31st May SA 2 EXAMS
- Thursday May 25th – PREP TO YEAR 1 PRESENTATION (for parents of prep students)
- June 1st-CHILDREN'S DAY
- June 12th to 16th PRE-SCHOOL PTCS
- June 19th-23rd PRIMARY PTCS
- END OF YEAR CONCERT
- June 26th or 27th HIGH SCHOOL PTCS (Monday or Tuesday)
- June 30th-LAST DAY OF TERM 4
- August 7th-FIRST DAY OF TERM 1



World Water Day

COLOUR RUN

On the last day of Term 3 the first SIS Colour Run was held at SIS@BDNC. Children had a great time whether running, walking or just watching. Thanks to the student council for organizing this event and congratulations on raising over 3 million VND for charity!



SCHOOL WIDE LEARNER GOALS

Here at Binh Duong New City we have been acknowledging the students at school who consistently display our Schoolwide Learner Goals. Many children have received awards and you can see these on our facebook page. For the last few weeks, children have been solving problems to show that they are **CRITICAL THINKERS** and **TECHNOLOGICALLY LITERATE**.

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Congratulations Ms Dong!
Recipient of a Masters' in Education!



PRE-SCHOOL SOAP MAKING DAY
Pre-school enjoyed pretended to be scientists,
Mixing the ingredients to make a bar of soap.

END OF YEAR CONCERT

The End of Year Concert and Graduation will be held on Friday 23 June. The theme of this year's concert is Cultures of the World. The concert begins at 6pm and **we ask all families to be at the Binh Duong Exhibition & Convention Centre by 5.30pm.** Prep students will receive their Graduation Certificates and some very hard-working students will be receiving academic awards. If your child is amongst the awardees, please ensure they come in full dress uniform.

On Friday 23rd classes will end at 1pm. We appreciate your support in picking up all students at lunch time. This will give them time to rest, shower and prepare for the concert.

STAFF UPDATE

As is the nature of International schools, teachers come and go, and it is with sadness that we farewell some teachers at the end of this academic year. However, we are also pleased to announce the arrival of some new staff:

Richard Bates, a UK national, his degrees include a MA (Ed) from the University of Southampton, UK and a Cert. Ed and B. Ed Degree from the University of London, UK. He has experiences as a teacher, principal, and curriculum coordinator in the UK, Thailand, China, and Vietnam.

John O'Keefe a Canadian national, holds a BA in Education from the University of Toronto and has primary teaching, coaching, and leadership experience in Canada, Singapore, China and Thailand.

Michael Thompson is from Canada, and holds a Bachelor of Elementary Education from Simon Fraser University. He has extensive training in the Montessori Teaching Method, with preschoolers and lower primary. He has taught in Canada, Vietnam, and Thailand.

Alexandra Wallace, also from Canada, has two BAs from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and from the University of Toronto, Ontario in Life Sciences. She is currently teaching in Canada.

We are still working on class placements and teacher arrangements for next year. We will have a clearer understanding later next month, as we are still accepting enrollment of new students for next academic year, and waiting for all current students to confirm if they are staying in our school or moving on to a new location.