



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BINH DUONG NEW CITY

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER - 2024

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- STEM Day
- Outward Bound program

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I would like to provide you with an overview of the school's Virtues Programme for this year:

- **Term 1:**

Theme: Getting Along

Virtues: Care, Integrity, Patience, Generosity, Teamwork

- **Term 2:**

Theme: Organization

Virtues: Cooperation, Responsibility, Service, Diligence, Flexibility

- **Term 3:**

Theme: Perseverance

Virtues: Perseverance, Honesty, Self-Discipline, Optimism, Commitment

- **Term 4:**

Theme: Confidence

Virtues: Confidence, Excellence, Self-Reliance, Creativity, Assertiveness

All Year: Respect

Virtue presentations will take place weekly during primary and secondary assemblies at SIS@BDNC.

I would also like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation from all staff to parents who gave up their time to attend the recent parent teacher conferences.

Always a great opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teachers to discuss and reflect on student progress thus far in the academic year.

It is great to experience so many students trying so hard and achieving positive learning success.

Yours in learning,

Mr Mark.



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

As I look back at October, I am grateful for everything our learners and parents and teachers had achieved together. It is truly a privilege to see such dedicated support from all, working toward preparing our children for their future dreams.

We ended Term 1 on a high note with our annual STEM Day and International Space Week as the theme. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, and our learners and teachers approached their projects with enthusiasm and creativity, resulting in an impressive display of high-quality work. This event encourages our students to think critically and creatively.

After a refreshing weeks' vacation, it seems everyone was eager to return for the start of Term 2. In the first week, our primary parents met with teachers to discuss their children's progress. Congratulations to those learners who achieved excellent results! For many, there is still room to grow—focus on the areas your teachers have suggested. Keep in mind that this term will conclude with semester exams, so don't hesitate to ask questions in class if you need further explanation.

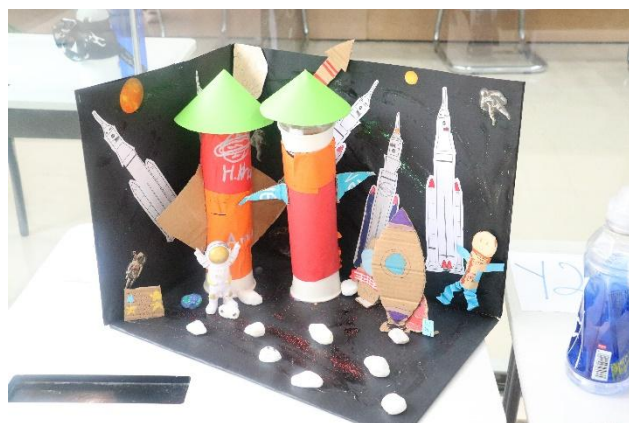
Our after-school clubs will resume in Week 5, following the Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTCs). Please note that clubs will be paused during Weeks 7 and 8 due to tutorial and exam weeks.

One of our School-Wide Learner Goals is to become confident communicators. Our students' English language skills will continue to improve if they speak English more often throughout the school day, not just in English lessons. Please encourage your child to speak English at school, as this aligns with practices in most international schools.

Wishing everyone a successful and fulfilling term ahead.

Kind regards,

Philip van der Walt





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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Parents

As we begin this new term, we are currently holding meetings with parents to discuss their child's progress. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to book a meeting, I encourage you to reach out to your child's form teacher to schedule an appointment. These meetings provide valuable insights into your child's development and learning journey.

This term, we are excited to announce that five of our classes will participate in the much-anticipated Outward Bound program. This week-long, mainly outdoor experience allows students to develop essential life skills while being accompanied by both teachers and qualified Outward Bound Vietnam instructors. It is always an enriching and transformative experience for all involved, and we look forward to the students gaining from this opportunity.

It is important to note that Term 2 is very much focused on academics, with the Cambridge mock exams beginning in Week 6, the Integrated Semester exams in Week 7 and the SIS Semester exams beginning in Week 8. In addition to preparing for these exams, students are also expected to keep up with regular classroom-based assessments, as these are an integral part of the review process and overall evaluation.

For those who wish to seek additional support, we will be offering a "Tutorial Week" in the week preceding the SIS exams. Although attendance during this week is not mandatory, it provides an excellent opportunity for students to receive extra guidance and preparation assistance.

As always, we appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child remains focused and engaged this term. Together, we can make this a productive and successful period of learning for all our students.

Wishing everyone a focused and successful term ahead!

Warm regards,
Ms Lizelle MacLachlan
Head of Studies (Secondary)





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INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

This month, all our students completed their first midterm exam. This will allow them to know what they have done well, and where there is room for improvement. Hopefully this will encourage them to try their best for the rest of the semester. Mid-term reports have been sent to parents. Parents and teachers have had the opportunity to meet to discuss the students' progress.

Our students did very well in STEM Day on 11 October 2024. Each class prepared their work and both teachers and students had an amazing time.

Please see photos of students activities and learning during the past month.

Ms. Kim Tri.



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STEM UPDATE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Term 1 draws to a close, we're thrilled to highlight the exciting developments in our STEM program.

This term, our Coding and Robotics Club has been a great success, with students using the VEX IQ kit to build and program robots, honing their coding and problem-solving skills.

Our students have also made incredible progress with their CREST projects, and we are excited to see their work on STEM Day on October 11th.

This event is part of our Space Week celebrations, where students will explore space-themed challenges and activities.

In the coming weeks, we will be participating in the National Robotics Competition, where our students will demonstrate their skills on a competitive stage.

Looking ahead to Term 2, we will continue our focus on coding and robotics, with even more engaging projects that foster creativity, teamwork, and innovation.

Best regards,
Jolin Richardson
STEM Coordinator





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STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Visit to Vietnamese-German University

On October 31st, the Student Council of SIS@BDNC took an important step toward building our school's environmental initiatives by visiting the Vietnamese-German University. The students attended an insightful presentation and tour focused on the university's international award-winning recycling and sustainability practices.

This visit aligns with the Student Council's commitment to their yearly project aimed at initiating basic recycling processes within our school. By engaging with a team that has successfully implemented sustainable practices, our students built meaningful connections and gathered valuable ideas.

They returned inspired and eager to make a meaningful impact within the SIS@BDNC community. With new insights, the Student Council aims to introduce meaningful and relevant recycling changes that will benefit our school and set a precedent for future environmental efforts.

We are proud of our students for their dedication to sustainability and look forward to supporting their initiatives to foster a greener campus.



Thank you





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PHASE 3 – PROJECT PROGRESS

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that construction on Phase 3 of SIS @ BDNC has begun!

The initial phase involves crucial foundation work for Block 3A and 3B. This includes inspecting and driving piles into the ground to ensure a strong and stable base for the new structures.

These important steps will lay the groundwork for a safe and modern learning environment for our students.

We look forward to sharing more updates as the project progresses.

Phase 3 Components

- Block 3A: Admin Office
- Block 3B: Canteen, Multipurpose Hall (New), Broadcasting Studio (New), Science Lab (New)
- Block 3C: Classrooms, STEM Room, Library (New), Music Room (New), Art Room
- Outdoor facilities: Basketball field (New), Playground (New)



Phase 3 building project of SIS @ Binh Duong New City.
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PROJECT PROGRESS



Inspection of the piles



Piles is in progress for
Block 3A and 3B