



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ BINH DUONG

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2022

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

- 24th October – Term 2 starts.
- 25 October - 3 November - iPSE exams
- 28 October - Halloween celebrations.
- 21-23 November - Teacher survey
- 30 November - Fire Drill
- 5-7 December - Review days for SA1 exams
- 5-9 December - MOET end Semester exams
- 8-16 December - SA1 exams
- 9 December - Term 2 CBAs completed and recorded on SMS
- 10 December - Christmas Charity Fair.
- 17 December - 2 January - Christmas break

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

We trust that all our families enjoyed the short October break, and we welcome everyone back for what will surely be another busy term.

Students in Year 1-9 will write their semester exams between 8-16 December, and teachers are busy ensuring that the final content of semester 1 syllabi are being completed and that students will be thoroughly prepared for these important exams.

Our Year 1-9 Integrated classes will also write their MOET exams this term, between 5-9 December 2022.

During October we held our Parent Survey. Thank you to all those parents that took the time to respond and complete the survey for us. The school will certainly look at all the responses and make any necessary adjustments, where appropriate and reasonable, in the manner in which learning is conducted and how the school is run. Parents can be assured that we always do what is in the best interests of our students for the development and progress of their children's learning.

This term also sees the resumption of After School Clubs in the KIK section. We thank our dedicated KIK teachers for putting together what looks like a really great programme with many choices for our KIK students to join.

Our IGCSE and AS Level students will be attending their OBV course between 7-11 November, accompanied by Mr. Jonathan and Mr. Chris Oldnall. We hope they have a wonderful time and bring back many great memories. Our Year 4 and Year 5 will attend their 2-day OBV course at school later in November.

In closing, a gentle reminder please for parents to collect their children by 5.00pm at the very latest. Thank you.

Mark Watling
Principal



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PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear parents,

Term 2 has started with a bang!

Welcome to all the “new” students and parents. We wish that you will settle in quickly and that you will be happy in our school. Also, a word of welcome to the rest of our students and parents.

Congratulations to those students, and their parents, who really worked hard and whose children achieved the great academic results they expected. We are very proud of you! Please keep it up. There are also students that need to improve in certain learning areas. Our teachers expect those learners to work harder and they have to make sure they understand the work. This term our students will write a formal exam.

Thank you to the parents that participated in the “Parent Survey”. We value your feedback. If you have not done it yet, PLEASE download the KinderWorld Application. In the near future this will be the official channel for communication between teachers and parents.

The Extra Curricular Activities / Clubs for Term 2 will start in Week 2. This is an opportunity where students can participate in an activity which they want to learn or practice. Our staff running these clubs are very excited. Our students will also receive Spelling Bee lists so that they have enough time to prepare for this year’s Spelling Bee.

Halloween was celebrated on Friday the 28th of October. It was a day that will be remembered for a long time, as students and staff had lots of fun. Thank you for everyone’s efforts to make this a fun day for our students.

Thank you for your unending support.

Mr. Philip van der Walt
Head of Studies - Primary School

INTEGRATED SCHOOL REPORT

This month, all our students finished their first midterm exams. They know where they have done well and what they have not done well. From this point on, they will try their best for the rest of Semester 1. All report cards were sent to parents before break term.

Students celebrated Halloween on 28 October 2022. All students enjoyed it thoroughly.

Next month, Y4 and Y5 will have OBV at school. We wish our students will have nice memories and learn some more life skills.

Ms. Kim Tri
Head of Vietnamese



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HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

We celebrated our first on-premises Halloween in two years on the 28th of October! It is wonderful to see our students and newly elected student council so involved! Thank you to Ms. Catharina van der Walt and the supporting teachers for planning an exciting day.

Our OBV program is about to start for our High School students. I am not sure who is more excited about joining, the students or the teachers. In any event, we are thrilled that our students can make use of this opportunity and I look forward to all the exciting stories and experiences after their return.

This is a very important term on the academic front. Semester exams will be written in early December - for both the MOET and international curriculum subjects. In most cases these results make up 50% of the final evaluation of the year's work. We encourage our students to take these assessments seriously and make full use of the study and review activities offered.

Ms. Lizelle MacLachan
Head of Studies - Secondary

STEM UPDATE

STEM classes this quarter were outstanding. This quarter, SIS students had the opportunity to explore various challenges that improved their ability to think logically, critically, and artistically. The primary students were introduced to various topics concerning our environment and living things. They also use that knowledge to complete tasks with mTiny, Codey Rocky, Neuron, and uKit Advance, while our secondary students are enjoying their first year of using uKit Explore and Microbit with the goal of creating a smart home and smart community. And we anticipate that the coming quarters will be even more exciting for everyone.

STAFF UPDATE

We are happy to welcome Mr. Peter Harwood as our new PE teacher and look forward to the positive contributions he no doubt will make towards the development of skills amongst all our students.

Ms. Nicola Fouche has agreed to continue as our interim English teacher in Year 4 and Year 5 Integrated, until the end of December 2022, whereafter Mr. Alex Richardson, a primary teacher from Australia, will take over to assume responsibility of teaching English as well as Social Studies and Dyned in Year 4 and Year 5 Integrated classes.

Ms. Jamaica Andres has been appointed as one of our new secondary Mathematics teachers and she will start on 7th November 2022. She will hopefully be joined in the Mathematics department by Mr. Matthew Ingle, who we are hoping will join us from Canada early in January 2023.



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STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS – SEPTEMBER 2022

This year we introduced the Student of the Month award, presented to a student in each class who excels in class, at school and in general during each month. Award winners so far this year are:

Class	August	September
Y1	Tre Le Anh Phuc	Momoe Nakano
Y2	Pham Vinh Dat	Doan Quang Hung
Y3	Ngo Le Vy	Tee Kah Fuh Eric
Y4	Ayumi Nakano	Weng Meng Xi
Y5	Pham Hoang Thanh Nguyen	Pham Hoang Thanh Nguyen
Y6	Vo Phuc Nhu Y	Phan Dang Huynh Anh
Y7	Marcia Ancilla Junarta	Cheon Yuri
Y8	Nguyen Ngoc Hoang Yen	Nguyen Bao Dang
IG1	Tran Tieu Phuong	Mao Yue Tai
IG2	No award	Aditya Kumar
AS	No Award	Lam Hung Nhi

Class	October
Y1	Jessica Owen
Y2	Zhang Wen Ze
Y3	Ngoc Thien Kim / Long Rong
Y4	Arya Kumar Satyam
Y5	Khuc Van Anh
Y6	Phan Dang Huynh Anh
Y7	Lam Gia Tue
Y8	Liu Ke Xin / Vuong Pham Ghia Nhu
IG1	Michelle Lau
IG2	No award
AS	No award

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HALLOWEEN

On 28th October 2022, we had a wonderful celebration of Halloween, where our students were able to dress up in their Halloween costumes and also enjoy some fun games and activities. Below is a selection of photos from the day.

