

### **NEWSLETTER**

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL@HALONG

**TERM 1 2024** 

### Message from the Principal

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome you back to another thrilling school year at Singapore International School Ha Long! As we embark on this learning journey together, we are overjoyed to see our students returning with eager minds and bright smiles. The first two months have been filled with energy, robust learning, and vibrant activities, setting the tone for a successful semester ahead.

On September 17th, we celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival e, a cherished tradition that brings our community together, in style. Our students were delighted to witness a captivating lion dance performance, which filled the air with joy and excitement. It was a memorable day that sparked creativity and a sense of community among our students

As we reflect on the past few weeks, we must address the recent impact of Typhoon Yagi. Our school faced some challenges due to the storm, and many teachers and staff helped to clean up the school. Currently we working diligently to repair some damages and ensure a safe environment for our students. We extend our heartfelt thoughts to all families affected by the typhoon and appreciate your understanding and support during this time.

Looking ahead, I encourage all our students to continue to work hard and strive for excellence. Let's make the best of the upcoming months by meaningfully engaging in learning opportunities and supporting one another. Together, we can look forward to a strong and bright future for our school community.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Here's to a fantastic school year filled with growth, joy, and achievement!

Mustafa Fazal





Our students were delighted by the Lion Dance performance at this year's Mid– Autumn Festival (lantern Festival) 2024



Students of the Month for the Month of August receiving their certificates on stage.

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### Message from Head of Studies

At Singapore International School, we are committed to fostering a culture of compassion and mutual support. We are excited to share our recent charitable initiatives aimed at making a positive impact on the lives of students in need.

Our dedicated staff, teachers, and employees visited Hoa Binh Primary and Secondary School, which has been heavily affected by Typhoon YAGI. In the spirit of giving, we presented meaningful gifts to share our love and support with the school community. We hope these gifts will uplift the spirits of the teachers and students at Hoa Binh, reminding them that they are not alone in their challenges.

In the spirit of unity and compassion, our dedicated staff, teachers, parents, and students came together to make the following generous donations:

- 1,650 boxes of writing equipment: pens, pencils
- 1,905 notebooks
- 65 boxes of color pencils
- 86 old primary school textbooks
- 245 sets of clothing
- 32 backpacks 20 pairs of shoes
- Various other essential items & House hold items

In another significant endeavor, SIS @ Ha Long recently donated 30 computers to Dao Thanh Y ethnic minority students at Bang Ca Primary and Secondary School. Located in the mountainous Bang Ca Commune of Hoanh Bo District, Quang Ninh Province, this school plays a crucial role in the education of its students, 97% of whom belong to the Dao Thanh Y ethnic minority.

We believe that these new computers will enhance the students' learning experience and open up exciting opportunities in the world of technology and innovation. This initiative is part of our ongoing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts to bridge the technological gap between regions in the province.









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Bang Ca Commune faces several challenges, and our heartfelt donation aims to empower these students by providing them with the tools they need for a brighter future. This initiative also aligns with our meaningful volunteer activities, including the "All Your Heart Charity" project at Van Lang Primary, Secondary, and High School, which took place in January 2023.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all parents and students for your enthusiastic participation in these charitable activities. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the education and well-being of students in our community. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jayden Kevan Almirall

Clockwise (from top):
Teachers helping out
in typhoon Yagi
school cleanup, teachers sending donations
for Hoa Bing School,
Y8 Students wit their
mid-autumn crafts.
Y10 students posing
with the Lion Dance
troupe, Y4 students
with the Lion Dance
troupe, KIK students
enjoying the Mid—
Autumn celebrations













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## **VNEXPRESS** Ha Long Marathon 2024

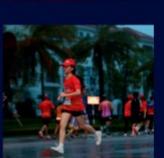
The VNExpress Ha Long Marathon 2024 gathered participants from various backgrounds who challenged themselves despite the difficult conditions. representatives, including Year 12 students, Phuong Linh from Year 3, Ms. Ngan, and Mr. Liam, braved the heavy rain to take part in the 5km event. Mr. Robert and Mr. Pierre deserve special recognition for completing the demanding 10km race, with Mr. Robert even finishing in the top 10 of his age group.

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Despite the less-than-ideal conditions and early start times, all participants crossed the finish line with smiles their faces. showing great resilience and on determination. Congratulations to everyone who completed the race!











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# STORM YAGI

### BY TRAN PHUONG LINH, YEAR 11

STUDENT GEFORE

2024 will be remembered as the year Ha Long faced one of its most formidable natural disasters. Typhoon Yagi, monstrous storm, tore through the tranquil city, leaving a scene of destruction. With fierce wind and rain, it lashed Ha Long's iconic limestone formations and its vibrant cityscape. There was no electricity, no running water, and communication lines were down for days.

Ha Long, renowned for its breathtaking scenery, suffered severe damage. Numerous ships were wrecked, trees were uprooted, and buildings were demolished. In Quảng Ninh province suffered 15 casualties and damages of over \$960 million.





### Hope for the future

Though the storm has passed and the sun has returned, the aftermath remains devastating. Yet, in the face of these hardships, the community has come together. Residents are working side by side to repair damaged infrastructure, clear debris, and restore the area to its former splendour. Their collective efforts will not only help minimize the long-term effects of the disaster but also strengthen the bonds of unity within the Ha Long community.



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### From The KIK Kindergarten

Our KIK Teachers and Staff are thrilled to welcome you to a new academic year of wonder, excitement, and joy at our kindergarten. Our Opening Ceremony was a resounding success, and we couldn't be prouder of our young students as they took their first steps into this exciting educational journey.

It was a magnificent celebration, filled with music, dance, and vibrant colors. Our students beamed with pride as they showcased their talents, from singing to dancing. It was a truly enchanting experience, setting the tone for an amazing year ahead.

To kick off the school year, we treated our students to a day of pure fun at the Big Fun amusement paradise! The excitement was palpable as they explored the indoor entertainment center, laughing and playing with their new friends. Our teachers were delighted to see their students' faces light up as they enjoyed the thrilling rides and games. We also celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival with a spectacular lion dance performance! The students were mesmerized by the colorful costumes and mesmerizing movements of the dancers. Our kindergarten community came together to share in the joy and spirit of this traditional festival.

As we begin this new academic year, we are filled with excitement and anticipation. We are confident that our kindergarten program will provide a nurturing and engaging environment for our young students to grow and thrive.

I believe that it will be an unforgettable year of adventure and discovery. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead.





Our K2 students and teachers pose for a class photograph after the Opening Ceremony Celebrations



"Kindness, Learning, and Joy Fill Our New Academic Year!" "Can't wait to see what adventures await this new school year! Keep bringing your sparkle, Kindergarten Stars!"



Top and Left: Our kindergarten Children were delighted and truly entertained by the Lion Dance performance at this year's Midautumn festival celebrations





























