



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL@HALONG NEWSLETTER

Term 3 2023-2024

From the Principal

I am excited to write to you today to share the many wonderful activities and events that took place during Term 3. Our school community truly came together to celebrate learning and growth, and we are so grateful for your continued support and engagement.

To start, we had a fantastic Open House event, where students showcased their learning through presentations and activities. It was a joy to see the pride and excitement on their faces as they shared their work with parents, guardians, and community members.

In addition, we celebrated Reading Week, where students and staff engaged in a range of activities to promote a love of reading. We are thrilled to see the impact of this week on our students' reading skills and habits.

As part of our commitment to environmental education, we also celebrated Earth Day with a range of activities and events. Students learned about the importance of sustainability and took part in initiatives to reduce waste and protect our planet.

Our older students had the opportunity to go on a historical field trip to learn more about Vietnam's history during the war. This was a valuable experience for them to deepen their understanding of the past and its impact on the present.

Some students from our older classes had an opportunity to take part in the Outward Bound Programme in Halong and Binh Dinh. It was an opportunity for them to test their limits and to foster teamwork and collaboration in their groups as they were presented with difficult challenges that they had to overcome.

Meanwhile, our kindergarten students had a fun-filled day at Big C supermarket, where they learned how to make pizza from scratch. This hands-on experience was a great way for them to develop their cooking skills and learn about healthy eating habits. Our kindergarten students also celebrated Easter with an Easter egg hunt and baby Boogie as part of their events. It was a delight to see their excitement and joy during these activities.

Overall, Term 3 has been a busy and successful term for our school community. We are proud of the achievements of our students and the dedication of our staff. We look forward to continuing to work together to provide a high-quality education that inspires a love of learning and prepares our students for a bright future.

Thank you for your support and engagement.

Mustafa Fazal



Some of our activities during Term 3. OBV students seen challenging themselves, in the outdoors, while our y6 class cleaned up a section of Bay Chay Beach as part of Earth Day activities.

From The Deputy Principal

As the 2023-2024 academic year drew to a close, our school community intensified its efforts to complete the curriculum and prepared for the end-of-year examinations for both the International and Vietnamese programs. In addition to academic pursuits, our extracurricular activities continued to be implemented as planned, providing students with opportunities to engage in a variety of experiences that fostered their personal growth and development.

Recently, our students at SIS Ha Long had the opportunity to participate in a picnic at Bach Dang National Monument on March 25, 2024. This event not only allowed them to learn about the historical significance of the Bach Dang Stake Yard, Tran Hung Dao Temple, and Bach Dang River's ancient wharf but also engaged them in interactive games that tested their knowledge and understanding of these cultural and historical landmarks. Our teachers believed that such experiential learning not only enhanced students' mastery of historical knowledge but also instilled in them a sense of responsibility and awareness for preserving and promoting cultural and historical values left by their ancestors.

Furthermore, our students achieved impressive results in the IOE exams at both the district and provincial levels. Specifically, they secured 27 district-level prizes, including 6 first prizes, 9 second prizes, 5 third prizes, and 7 KIK prizes, as well as 22 provincial-level prizes, comprising 5 first prizes, 7 second prizes, 2 third prizes, and 8 KK prizes. Our teachers congratulated and praised the students for their efforts and encouraged them to continue their hard work in preparation for the National Exam scheduled for April 5, 2024.

Additionally, from April 25 to April 28, 2024, our TIMO International Math Team, consisting of 7 students from our school, participated in the International finals in Thailand. We were confident that with the support of parents, careful preparation, and enthusiastic companionship, our students brought honor to the school and pride to their parents.

Term 4 will be a challenging period for both teachers and students, as they must complete the program, review for the second semester exam, and prepare for the Concert at the end of the school year. To successfully complete the key tasks of the school year, we rely not only on the efforts of teachers and students but also on the care and sharing of parents. We respectfully hope that parents will continue to accompany and coordinate with us to ensure that all activities of SIS Ha Long are as effective as expected.

Sincerely,

Mdm. Nguyen Thi Lieu



OUTWARD BOUND VIETNAM

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share with you the wonderful experiences our students had during the Outward Bound Vietnam (OBV) program in Term 3 of the current school year. OBV provided our students with valuable opportunities to bond, learn life skills, and explore the great outdoors beyond the confines of the classroom.

Throughout the term, numerous classes participated in OBV activities, fostering stronger connections among students while developing essential life skills. The program aimed to instill values of teamwork, resilience, and responsibility in our students, preparing them to become confident and competent individuals in an ever-changing world.

Activities and Adventures:

Students engaged in a wide range of exhilarating activities during their OBV adventures, including:

- Hiking through picturesque landscapes.
- Building rafts and testing them on the water.
- Exploring caves and discovering hidden wonders.
- Kayaking along scenic waterways.
- Learning the art of abseiling down rocky cliffs.



Students take a moment to catch their breath on the rocks after hiking, while the instructor provides guidance on their next destination.



Students are acquiring the skills to set up tents proficiently and collaborating to establish their base camp for the night.



Students are fully engaged in creating a poster showcasing their OBV activities and outdoor experiences.



Students are actively involved in food preparation, mastering safe handling of cutlery & utensils while ensuring cleanliness during cooking.

Team Building and Group Games:

In addition to outdoor adventures, students participated in various group games designed to enhance teamwork and communication skills. Some of the exciting group games included:

- Gutter ball
- Loop-de-loop
- Human entanglement
- Blindfold shapes
- Sherpa walk
- Mini-Olympics
- Electric fence, and many more!

Learning and Growth:

Participating in OBV not only provided students with thrilling experiences but also enabled them to develop important virtues such as confidence, respect, and responsibility. By overcoming challenges and working together as a team, students gained a deeper understanding of themselves and their peers, fostering a sense of camaraderie and mutual respect.

Becoming Responsible Global Citizens:

Through OBV, students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature, gain a greater appreciation for the environment, and cultivate a sense of stewardship for the world around them. By embracing the principles of sustainability and conservation, students are taking steps towards becoming responsible global citizens, ready to make a positive impact on the world.

We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and growth during their OBV experiences. We look forward to continuing to provide them with opportunities for adventure, learning, and personal development in the years to come.

Warm regards,

Jayden Almirall
Head of Studies



Students are actively participating in weaving activities, honing their skills in the art of weaving during their OBV course.



Students stand in line outside the cave, meticulously checking their gear and safety procedures before embarking on their exploration and learning journey within.

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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share with you the wonderful experiences from our recent school excursion to Bach Dang National Monument in Quang Yen, which took place on the 25th of March. It was a day filled with exploration, learning, and appreciation of Vietnam's rich historical and cultural heritage.

Highlights of the Excursion:

Historical Relics Exploration: Our students had the opportunity to immerse themselves in history as they explored and observed the historical relics at Bach Dang National Monument. This hands-on experience allowed them to connect with the past and gain a deeper understanding of Vietnam's heritage.

Temple Visit - Trần Hưng Đạo: At the Trần Hưng Đạo Temple, our students engaged in emotional upliftment and delved into the study of history. Guided by a knowledgeable MC, they learned about the temple's significance and the heroic tales associated with it.

Cultural Heritage Appreciation: The excursion aimed to foster an appreciation for Vietnam's cultural heritage among our students. They learned about the history of the temple of Saint Tran Hung Dao, Ba Temple, Bach Dang River's ancient wharf, the banyan tree planted by Vo Nguyen Giap, and the art of calligraphy.

Promotion of Patriotism: Through the exploration of historical sites and stories, our students were encouraged to develop a deep love for their country. Learning about Vietnam's resistance against China during the war provided them with valuable insights into the bravery and sacrifices of our ancestors.

Interactive Activities: To make the excursion even more engaging, students participated in trivia questions about history and completed a questionnaire. These activities allowed them to test their knowledge and understanding of the topics covered during the excursion.

The excursion was a tremendous success, and we are grateful for the opportunity to provide our students with such enriching experiences. We believe that these hands-on learning opportunities are invaluable in shaping well-rounded individuals who are proud of their heritage and committed to preserving it.

Thank you for your continued support in enriching our students' educational journey.

Warm regards,

Jayden Almirall
Head of Studies



The MC led the students during the school excursion in a group game, guiding them through movements based on given instructions.



SIS Ha Long students from Year 1 to Year 12 gathered for a group photo outside the temple in Quang Yen.



Throughout the school excursion, students wore smiles on their faces as they relished the opportunity to forge stronger bonds with friends while enjoying each other's company.

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Y4 & Y6 BEACH CLEANUP





EARTH DAY



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Y11 EXCURSION

Year 11 Takes Hospitality to New Heights: A Day at FLC Grand Hotel Ha Long!

On Friday, April 5th, the Year 11 class embarked on a thrilling excursion to the FLC Grand Hotel Ha Long! This exciting trip provided a fantastic opportunity to bridge the gap between classroom learning and real-world practices.

The FLC Grand Hotel Ha Long warmly welcomed our students. The day began with a comprehensive tour of the stunning resort, golf course and luxurious villas. Students were captivated by the breathtaking views and impeccable design.

Following the tour, the learning truly came alive! Students delved into the inner workings of the hotel, gaining valuable insights into the front-of-house operations and the crucial check-in process. This provided a fascinating glimpse into the first impression a hotel makes on its guests.

Next, the focus shifted to the art of guest room preparation. The housekeeping team generously shared their expertise, demonstrating how they create immaculate and inviting spaces for guests. Students even had the chance to try their hand at preparing a room themselves, gaining a newfound appreciation for the meticulous attention to detail required.

But the learning didn't stop there! The FLC Grand Hotel Ha Long also treated our students to a crash course in coffee-making. Now, they're not just textbook experts – they are highly skilled baristas!

To top it all off, the students were introduced to the art of table setting for both Western and Asian fine dining experiences. From proper cutlery placement to napkin folding techniques, they learned the intricate details that elevate a meal into a truly memorable occasion.

A huge thank you to the school, parents, and the incredible staff at FLC Grand Hotel Ha Long for making this excursion possible. This unique and engaging experience allowed our Year 11 students to see their studies come to life, equipping them with invaluable knowledge for their future careers. The excursion not only provided an informative look at hotel operations but also fostered teamwork and communication skills, while also encouraging students to explore potential career paths within the exciting hospitality industry.



After learning about the hotel where they were undergoing training,



Arrival briefing: Discover the hotel's amenities and features.



Students received detailed instructions on folding the "Birds of Paradise" table napkins.

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From The KIK

In Term 3, our KIK students have been engaged in a variety of enriching experiences. Recently, they had the opportunity to embark on a field trip to GO Mart, where they immersed themselves in "A Day in the Life of a Baker." The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the students eagerly participated in baking pizzas within the supermarket setting, followed by the delight of tasting their creations. Additionally, they enjoyed window shopping and engaged in team-building activities such as Tug of War, which not only tested their physical strength but also provided opportunities to win prizes.

April was a month filled with memorable events for our KIK students, as they enthusiastically participated in three theme-based activities. Despite the scorching heat, the Easter Egg Hunt adventure proved to be a fun and engaging way for our students to celebrate Easter. Armed with their problem-solving skills, they explored and discovered hidden Easter Egg cutouts, all in pursuit of winning delicious Chocolate Easter Eggs.

Furthermore, our KIK students recently partook in a Kindergarten-based camping experience within the tranquil surroundings of the KIK garden. This unique opportunity allowed them to engage in exciting activities while immersing themselves in the joys of connecting with nature.

KIK EXCURSION



Our KinderKids testing each other's strength in the Tag of War game



During the afternoon of the Camping Day event, our students commemorated Earth Day. They gained an understanding of fundamental environmental concepts and learned to appreciate the natural world. Applying the principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (the 3Rs), they engaged in arts and crafts projects utilizing recycled materials.

Dr. Marystella Amaldas.



Our Kindergarten enjoying themselves at our



Our Kindergarten enjoying themselves at our KIK Earth Day event.



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