



NEWSLETTER

October-November 2020

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the October-November Newsletter. It has been a tremendous two months here at SIS@Halong. The children are smiling, working and playing hard and are happy, as they celebrated Halloween, Women's Day, Teacher's Day. We also held Parent-Teacher Conferences and a whole school Stem Field Trip amongst other events and activities in the school.

The students have shown progress in both behavior and attitude towards work, and I have been delighted with their holistic growth and positive thirst for learning. It is truly a joy to see a child happy at school. Through my interactions with the students I found them to be very polite, well-mannered, and well-spoken. This is a reflection of teachers and parents actively communicating to educate our children both at home and at school. I thank you sincerely for helping and partnering us in this educational journey and making a difference.

Halloween Celebrations at SIS@Halong:

We celebrated Halloween in style this year. Almost all of the children had costumes on the day with a few students going the extra mile and crafting their own original designs for the day. Students collaborated with their classmates to make the displays in and out of their classrooms spectacular. Our students participated in the Best Dressed Costume Competition, the Best Decorated Classroom Contest and the Spooky Drawing Contest, with prizes awarded to students at each year level. All the teachers participated too and dressed up in fancy costumes which they designed themselves. The Hall was beautifully decorated, and the classrooms as well. The students were very happy during the celebrations and everyone had a truly fun-filled and memorable day here in school.

Teachers Day Celebrations @ SIS Halong

The 20th of November marks one of the most special celebrations in school. Our Teachers' Day celebrations saw SIS@Halong having a mini-concert and students handing personalized cards, and multiple bouquets of fresh flowers to their beloved teachers in appreciation of all that they had done for them in school. The Teacher's Day Concert kicked off in the Multi Purpose Hall with a fun assembly, which games and performances by the students and teachers. The students and teachers were very happy during the celebrations and



Mr. Mustafa Fazal , Principal



Students on stage posing behind the life-size Styrofoam tombstones,, in our cemetery scene for Halloween



All our teachers on stage dressed up in spooky and fancy costumes during the Halloween Celebrations

everyone had a truly fun-filled and memorable day here in school. To all the parents we would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the flowers and tokens of appreciation we were flooded with on this day.

Afterschool Activities, Vietnamese Tutoring Classes & EFL Classes

This term our students participated in a variety of Afterschool clubs, Vietnamese small group tutoring classes and EFL classes. These take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to give our children a balanced and well-rounded education. We are always looking out for new and innovative ways to increase both academic and extracurricular activities and we would welcome any assistance with suggestions for activities you believe would be enjoyed by our student population. We are very excited about our activities for Term 2 and look forward to receiving feedback on the success of some of our new programs.

SA1 Mid Year Examination Updates

Due to COVID 19 and a delayed school start, the SA1 Exams have been adjusted this year to the last 2 weeks of school before the Christmas break from the 9 – 11th December. SA1 timetables have been sent home to parents on the first week of school in Term 2, along with the TOS or table of specifications which indicates the scope of the chapters covered in the exam.

First Aid Training for Teachers

Several of our teachers underwent an intensive 1 day refresher course on First aid earlier this month to help keep themselves updated on first aid techniques in case of an emergency or injury incurred on the school field. The training was held in Hanoi on a Saturday, and the teachers who underwent the training reported back that it was a helpful and beneficial session for them, and that they felt more confident in the event first aid needed to be administered.

Dyn-Ed English

I would like to appeal to all our parents to help actively encourage and support your children to do Dyn-Ed English at home for at least 30 minutes a day. Many children have reported progress and some have moved on to the next levels and received certificates. It would be most appreciated if you could sit with them on the Computer as they do their Dyn-ed English homework to motivate them and drive their English Learning.

School Prefects

The school has identified twelve student leaders from the secondary and high school section as school prefects. These are students who are good role models for their peers, and who are good situational leaders able to help their teachers and friends, while maintaining a good standard of discipline for the school. The prefects have helped out in Teacher's day celebrations, by performing a concert item and also tokens of appreciation to the teachers on stage. They are now going through a probationary period and will be invested formally soon at a school assembly.



Our Teachers day concert featured performances from students and staff. Thanks to our generous parents who showered us with bouquets of flowers



After-school activities kicked off in Term 2. Seen here are students in the STEM Club (above) and Junior Soccer Club (below)



Parent-Teachers Conference For the K1K, Primary and Secondary Levels

It was truly encouraging to see so many parents attending the parent teacher conferences in school in October. Many of you had the opportunity to meet up with your children's teachers and enquire about their progress in school, both academically and holistically. We thank you for your honest feedback and will endeavor to work on your suggestions to make the school a better place for the children.

Lastly, I would like to say a big thank you to all parents who are doing a big part in helping our students become well-mannered and creative children every day. It is with your support that the teachers and I, here at Singapore International School@Halong, continue to successfully develop your children into being someone who has a good sense of self-awareness, a sound moral compass, who is responsible to his family, community and nation. Someone who appreciates the beauty of the world around him, possesses a healthy mind and body, and has a zest for life and the necessary skills and knowledge to take on challenges of the future.

Thank you.

Mr. Mustafa Fazal

Principal

From the Deputy Principal

In the school year of 2020-2021, implementing the policy of innovation the general education program of 2018, innovating in the direction of developing the ability and virtue of students, innovation became the priority of teachers. Through active teaching activities, students initiatively participated in learning activities, to explore and to discover; to work independently, to cooperate, to work in pairs or to join a group activity. In doing so, students discovered their own strengths such as creativity, meticulousness and confidence. At the same time, they could learn skills such as: presentation skills, teamwork skills, synthesis skills then they will know how to systematize information logically and scientifically to apply in solving problems in the daily life as well as in study.

Along with improving the quality of teaching and learning, we always focus on organizing excursions for students. Those excursions will train students about life skills, creativity in learning and in daily life; develop self-activeness, initiative, self-awareness; contribute and support learning activities of students at school.

On October 30, we held the "Halloween - 2020" Festival with many attractive activities set in a mysterious atmosphere. Students had a great time, cosplayed as favorite characters, participated in the game "Trick or Treat" with other students in school; shared gifts that received from the competitions. From what students learnt about the actions and life of Jack



(Above): Many parents attended the Parents teacher meeting held on the 4th of November to check in on their child's progress



(Above); Students engaged in a variety of classroom activities and experiments to reinforce learning

(the character in the legend), students can understand that: we should not be greedy, should be generous, good-hearted, help people in need and we should not be deceitful, do not threaten others. It is probably a very interesting and meaningful experience for all students.

The Green Garden project - The experience activity in Stem education continues to be implemented since the end of October 2020. This is a very meaningful learning environment. It is through such experiential activities that we manage to help children apply theory to practice, educate life skills and the love for nature, associated with environmental protection. Moreover, money derived from these activities, even though not substantial, is the fruitful result of students' work. We are planning to hold a charity activity at the Provincial Orphanage in Term 3. This will help to enrich students' humanity and we hope to continue receive support from all parents to motivate students do much better in the project.

To ensure the students' health, on November 6, 2020, we processed a health check for all students. Periodic medical checks for students is a very necessary task aiding in the prevention of some school diseases, prevention of diseases related to lifestyle, personal hygiene, learning hygiene, life skills. It is really necessary at this time when the epidemic of Covid 19 is still unpredictable.

"Respect to the teachers" is a long precious tradition of the Vietnamese which is practiced for a long period in history. Continuing that tradition, on November 20, we officially organized many exciting and meaningful activities to express students great gratitude to teachers. The SIS students brought to the stage many meticulous and rehearsed performances as meaningful spiritual gifts, as a token of their most sincere expressions of gratitude to the teachers, those activities can help to increase the value "Respect to the teachers" which is practiced in many student generations.

On 26th of November, students had a hands-on excursion activity in Vuon Uom Tai Nang Talinpa at Prof. Ngo Bao Chau's house, Tuan Chau Ward. Students had a wonderful and memorable day.

Time for end of term 1 examinations is coming, students need to review knowledge, practice and work hard to get the best possible results.

Thank you for your always supporting us.

Best Regards,

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Deputy Principal



4 certificates were awarded for Best costume in each year level. There were also prizes and certificates awarded for Best Decorated Classroom, and also 2 certificates per year level for the Best Spooky Drawing



Our talented students tending to our vegetables in our STEM vegetable garden. They sold the vegetables and raised money and donated this to an orphanage.



Our grade 3 Integrated students seen here putting up an entertaining dance performance as part of the Teacher's Day celebration concert on the 20th November 2020

From The Kindergarten (KIK)

Dear Parents,

Time flies when you are having fun! We can't believe that Term 2 is soon coming to an end. We have had a great couple of months with exciting activities and fun learning experiences. This Term saw us celebrate Vietnamese Women's Day, Halloween and Vietnamese Teachers' Day. A big thank you to our families for all the beautiful flowers and acknowledgements! Our KIK children have enjoyed these special occasions especially Halloween where they got to dress up in fancy dress and go trick or treating.

It is wonderful to see the children so happy and settled in our kindergarten and secure in their sense of belonging. The nurturing and trusting relationships they have with their teachers and peers enhance their learning and development. This term has seen our Nursery children further explore sounds, songs and rhythm while our older children have grown their mathematical understanding as well as their knowledge of letters and sounds. We, as teachers, have an aspiration for the children to become competent and confident explorers and communicators who have a real thirst for learning.

We are planning our Term 3 outing to the local fire station currently where the children will have an opportunity to learn about the job these community helpers do. Excursions provide great educational benefits for children as they get to learn through hands-on real-life experiences. We are also excited about our upcoming Christmas Fair that has now become an annual event. We, at KIK Ha Long, wish you and your family a lovely Christmas and relaxing term break!



Ms. Andrea Zsuzsa Finto



Above: Students from Prep Integrated seen here posing for a group photograph, with their teachers, Ms. Andrea and Ms. Nga. The kindergarten children had a fun time during the concert and later during the trick or treat activity.

Students in the KIK are seen here learning through a range of hands-on activities and experiential learning activities in their classroom.. Literacy and Numeracy lessons are fun and engaging

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