



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL@HALONG NEWSLETTER

January –February 2023

From the Principal

Welcome to our January-February Newsletter.

The months of January and February, despite being short months because of the long Tet breaks, have been eventful and filled with lots of activities and competitions. Our students have completed Term 2 and Semester 1 Exams have been completed as well. It is wonderful to see that so many students did an outstanding job and achieved excellent results. Congratulations to all the students who showed their determination to succeed.

After-School-Activities (ASAs) in Term 2 were well-patronised with students choosing from a wide selection of activities. It was great to see families encouraging children to participate in ASAs. Our ASAs provide a great opportunity for value-adding to children's holistic education and personal growth with a wealth of social, health and intellectual benefits; attributes that are becoming more and more important in today's dynamic world of constant change. We look forward to our students enjoying another round of exciting and engaging ASAs coming soon in Term 3.

Two friendly matches were organized between SIS@Halong's ASA footballers (Juniors and Seniors) and QSI International. I am proud of our teams performance and sportsmanship displayed. Our juniors drew 1-1 and our Senior team came home victorious with a 1-0 win.

Our Christmas Charity Fair was a huge success and staff, students and parents joined in happily with all the activities while helping to raise funds for the CARITAS Vietnam organization; over 60,000,000VND was raised in coupon sales. We would like to thank the parents for their generous support by participating and patronizing this event.



Over at the KIK kindergarten, we celebrated 3 new and unique events– The Baby Boogie, a Raz– kids workshop for parents to understand how to use this platform and monitor their children’s reading at home, and also an event modelled after International Day, “Teddy’s Adventures around the World”, which involved students visiting different countries, and getting their passports stamped. These events were again, well-patronized and open to members of the public. We have had good participation rates for these events, and we would like to thank the parents for taking a bit of time off their busy schedules to accompany their children on Saturdays, and also to join in the fun.

Our Team of Dang Tung Lam and Quang Anh, clinched the 2nd spot at the Halong City Level Science and Technology Competition. Their STEM Project featured a motion sensor energy saving device, which switches lights on/off when people enter or leave a room or corridor, thereby saving electricity consumption.

In the English Olympiad we saw students from SIS@Halong clinch 21 prizes, of which 7 first prizes, 7 second prizes, 8 third prizes.

In the National Level TIMO (Thailand International Math Olympiad) our students won 20 medals, of which 3 were gold medals, 10 silver medals and 7 bronze medals.

Last but not least, a Students vs. Staff soccer match was organized which saw students from the senior classes play their teachers for the annual trophy. It was a great opportunity for the students to see their teachers in action, beyond the classroom. The score was 1-1. A fantastic goal was scored by Mr. Jayden from a free kick, from before the half way line.

We also had a pleasant surprise– a visit from Republic Polytechnic, Singapore. Senior management of Republic Polytechnic viewed our facilities and OBV, where exchange programmes for RP and Singapore University of Social Sciences undergraduates are being planned.

Above (top): Primary Spelling Bee students

Our in house Spelling Bee was also conducted in Feb. It was a challenging and exciting event, and our primary and Secondary champions will compete in the regional contest and national competition in Mar/April.

I hope you will enjoy the articles and pictures in the pages ahead.

Mustafa Fazal



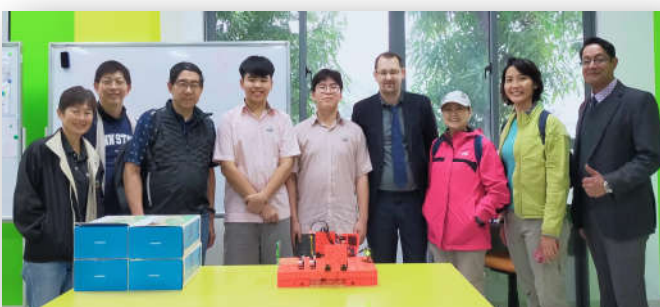
Above: Bánh Chung Making as part of Tet celebrations– the primary students seen here being guided by their teachers.



Students from Year 2 On their field trip to the Hoang Bo flower gardens



Primary Spelling Bee students compete to be the overall Spelling Bee champion.



Above: Delegates from Republic Polytechnic and Singapore University of Social Sciences previewing our Prize-winning stem project on motion sensor lights to save electricity.

From The Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

To encourage the spirit of learning as well as create opportunities for children to try their hand at some playgrounds organized by all levels, the school year 2022-2023 Singapore International School has planned to organize for students to attend a number of events. competition. Currently, the children have participated in several competitions and achieved encouraging results.

(1) City Swimming Competition: Grade 7 Lee Chang Linh won 02 Silver medals and 01 Bronze medal.

(2) Online soccer tournament with Robot: Truong Anh Duy and Nguyen Thi Thuc Quyen – Grade 10 excellently won the runner-up prize – Team competition table

(3) National Qualifier for TIMO International Math Olympiad. The school has the results from the Organizing Committee. (total number of students participating in 38 students, of which 26 students passed the qualifying round. The students who passed the qualifying round will continue to practice to participate in the National Final round on 11/12/2022.

(4) City-level Science and Technology Competition: won 02 third prizes (Dang Tung Lam and Le Quang Anh Y9).

(5) City-level English competition for excellent students: won 01 Consolation prize (Ta Duy Hung Y9).

(6) IOE online English Olympiad at school level: won 21 prizes, of which 7 first prizes, 7 second prizes, 8 third prizes. In particular, 04 prizes ranked in the whole province: Nguyen An Nhat Nguyen Y6 – Second prize and 03 students won the Consolation prize.

(7) TIMO Math Olympiad National Final round: 20 medals won, of which 03 gold medals (Pham Phung Nguyen, Nguyen Nam Khanh Y5, Nguyen Tri Duc Y4), 10 silver medals and 7 bronze medals .

A semester with the expected results. Congratulations on the achievements of all students. Appreciate the hard work of the teachers. Appreciate the support of the family.

Mdm. Nguyen Thi Lieu

Deputy Principal



From Above: Tet celebrations saw our students come in dressed in their traditional ao dai's, and making traditional chung cakes or Banh Chung.

FROM THE KIK

Dear Parents

The teachers from KIK are very happy as we look back at all the progress students have made and the wonderful experiences we have had in the last few months. We have established a stable and exciting foundation for the students as well as KIK. The learning we provide for our students goes beyond the classroom, an engaging and fun space where students learn to read, write and discover basic mathematic arithmetic. Much of a child's learning is through play and discovery. We provide this inside the classroom and outside.

It has been a pleasure to have parents and grandparents engaged in this learning and development as they join our events. It was wonderful to meet parents and show them how clever their children are when we met for **'stay and play'**, students loved showing their skills and knowledge to parents. Students expressed great joy at the Christmas fair, where they played games, won prizes, and had endless fun. Teachers and parents had fun too, there was laughter, dancing and singing. Students explored different countries around the world and developed their knowledge and skills through creative art and physical play, at the 'Teddy Bear's Adventures around the World'. We played games, made clothes, danced, prepared delicious snacks and so much more. It was a wonderful day shared with the KIK friends and family and we appreciate the parents and guardians who made efforts to embark on this great learning adventure with us. We ended the semester celebrating the Traditional TET which is very meaningful for the Vietnamese culture. There was a sense of friendship and comradery, as students worked together to make Chung cake and decorations in preparation for their TET celebrations. We shared gratitude for what we have learnt, achieved and received and we made goals for the next semester.

KIK teachers are very pleased with the success and wonderful experiences we have enjoyed this year already. We aim to create an environment which allows our students to develop as holistic learners; socially, emotionally, academically and physically. We will continue to guide students to discover their innate capabilities and shine their bright and beautiful lights. Thank you to the parents and guardians for their continuous support, of course, none of this would be possible without you. We look forward to many more events, adventures and diverse opportunities to develop and grow in the next semester.



From above: banh Chung making as part of Tet celebrations, and Kinderwonders making a Mexican sombrero during the KIK event "Teddy's adventures around the world"



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