



Singapore International School @Halong
NEWSLETTER
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From the Principal

Dear Parents

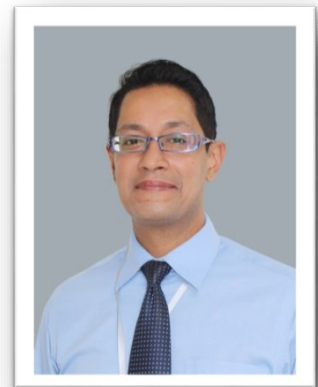
Welcome to the October-December edition of the Singapore International School at Halong.

These past months have been very busy months with many events being celebrated. As academic preparation for the Semester 1 exams (which will be held in January), students and staff took a break from rigorous classroom study to celebrate Halloween, Teacher's Day and a mock fire rescue drill.

On the 1st of November, we celebrated Halloween, straight after a week long Term 1 break.. The multi-purpose hall was set up with a catwalk for students and staff to show off their costumes. Prizes and certificates were awarded for Best costume per class, best decorated classroom, and the best "Spooky Drawing", in the Spooky Drawing contest. This year we saw great participation from students and staff, with many photographs being taken to capture this memorable celebration.

On 20 November we celebrated "Teachers' Day". It was so nice to see many of you as we celebrated and expressed our appreciation to our teachers. We received many bouquets of flowers and small tokens of appreciation and we would like to thank the parents for their efforts to make the teachers feel loved and appreciated. Our team of dedicated teachers keeps their focus on making sure each student achieves their full potential in learning, helping each child to discover new ideas and concepts taught in school, in a fun and engaging way. I would like to thank you whole-heartedly for your efforts to recognize and appreciate their efforts in educating your child.

Another significant event was the Fire and Rescue drill, conducted by the fire-fighting Police. Some 50 staff and students were tasked to re-enact scenarios of fire evacuation, with role plays of steps that need to be taken in evacuating



Mr. Mustafa Fazal, Principal



Students in lower primary receiving the awards for Best Halloween Costume"



Teaching Staff members seen here taking the catwalk on Halloween. Comic book hero "Deadpool" (Mr. Jakub Vlicek, ICT) shows off his super hero moves much to the delight of the crowd.

some students trapped in the building. We also tested the bell, and the range of fire hoses to check that they would be able to contain a fire if one breaks out.

As a way of improving your child's language skills at home, I would like to encourage each parent to help set aside time at home for your child to read in English. Research has shown that students whose parents encourage them to read as well as read with them do better in school and make better grades. A good practice is for parents to read with your children each night. Have them read to you a couple of pages then stop and have a conversation with them about what they just read. Make sure they understand the story and can re-tell what they have learned. This will not only help your child but will give you precious time with your child and memories that will last forever.

Lastly, as we are learning to live with the virus, I encourage all parents to instill in your children at home the practice of the 5Ks- and to move about and interact with care and caution. At the school, we have done our best to ensure that children observe social distancing and wear masks everywhere. Students have staggered dining, with some having their lunch brought into their classrooms. The student's desks are placed far apart from each other, and hand sanitizers are available in each class and in the office, common rooms, and school entrance.

I hope you will enjoy reading through the pages of our newsletter and looking at the photographs of the events we have celebrated in the school in the gallery pages at the end of the newsletter. Do let us know if you have any suggestions. My email is mustafa.fazal@halong.sis.edu.vn. I welcome suggestions from parents in both English and Vietnamese.

Enjoy the pages ahead!

Mustafa Fazal



Our Teachers taking part in the Fire Drill exercise



Above : our KIK and Primary students participating in Halloween activities.

Below: Year 3 students put up an amazing performance on teachers day. Members of staff posing for a Photo on stage.



From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents

Time flies so fast... we have mostly reached the end of Semester 1. School year 2021-2022 continues to be so challenging due to Covid 19. However, thanks to the Authorities' direction along with the discipline of Halong citizens in following safety rules for Covid 19 (including our teachers and students), we are lucky enough to be allowed to go to school and join excursions while many other areas must conduct online learning. Living with Covid makes us realize that simple things also become valuable!

In school year 2021 – 2022, teachers continue prioritizing the revisiting of teaching methods according to The Secondary Education Development Project 2018. By organizing positive teaching activities, students can show individual strong points, creativity, self-confidence and develop skills like presentation, collaboration and team work.

On 1 November, the school organized "Halloween – 2021" with interesting activities in a mysterious setting. In this occasion, students had happy moments; dressed up like favorite characters, played "Trick or Treat" with friends, and shared awards. Actions and life story of Jack o' Lantern (a Halloween character) teaches us that people should not be greedy but kind and helpful; people should not cheat or threaten others, ... This is very meaningful experience for students.

In our STEM Garden project, which is an ongoing experimental activity in Stem education, started from September 2021. This is an ideal learning environment, which helps students to apply Science concepts and theories into practice, develop their life skills and love for nature. Income from this project, though not a big amount, was sent to Quang Ninh Orphanage at the end of previous school year. At the end of this school year, school will organize the second visit to Quang Ninh orphanage. We wish you will continue supporting us. This is a meaningful education activity.

So far, Vietnamese has a valuable custom of respecting teachers and education. On 20 November, school organized many exciting activities for students to show their gratefulness to teachers. SIS students had many beautiful performances as a meaningful gift to their teachers.

On 19 November, school has organized firefighting and prevention activities for students, teachers and staff with the instruction by



Quang Ninh Fire Fighting Police. This annual activity is aimed at giving students essential knowledge, skills in firefighting and fire prevention, including: evacuating from fires, extinguishing fires with fire extinguishers, handling fire incidents in some school areas. This is a really meaningful and practical activity for students.

The end of Term 1 examination is coming; students should prepare well to have results as expected.

We wish for the support of all parents in the future

We are always here to listen and share with you!

Best regards!

Nguyen Thi Lieu

From The KIK

Last school year our kindergarten students from K1 to Prep have started using Letterland - a multisensory approach to learning phonics through music, movement, song, art, games and role-play. In this approach, each of the letters is assigned a character to enable children to easily relate to the concept of letter sounds.

Our KIK children really enjoy the Letterland programme and learning about these interesting characters (letters) living in an imaginary place called Letterland. Each character has its own story, sign and song and the programme includes a range of multi-sensory resources. Though various activities and experiences, Letterland is helping our children learn foundational literacy skills in a fun and engaging manner. Our Prep children are not only identifying letters and sounds but are acquiring the skill to segment the sounds (verbally say each sound separately) and then blend the sounds together to read the word.

Halloween and Teachers' Day

For Halloween, our kindergarten organized trick- or- treating for the children. Everyone wore their special costumes and went from classroom to classroom to gather their treats. There was great excitement and this activity remains a favourite with the children every year.

Our Halloween school celebration saw some of our K2 and Prep students perform a zombie dance. Every child participated in the Halloween fashion show where they got to walk the catwalk showing off their amazing costumes! Some of the children received "best dressed" certificates for their special look.

Our kindergarten children also performed well in the drawing competition winning several prizes. Halloween is such a popular event at our school and this year was no different!

We had a lovely Teachers' Day celebration in November where some of our kindergarten teachers performed a Vietnamese dance. Their dance was very well received with everyone showing their appreciation with loud applause.



Our Prep students engaging in hands-on activities during Literacy lessons



Our KIK teachers showcasing a traditional Vietnamese dance as part of teachers day celebrations.



Our Kindergarten children posing for a photo in front of the school office.



Ms. Dung and KIK dancers pose for a photograph before performing on stage.

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