

SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL@HALONG

# **NEWSLETTER**

Term 2 2023-2024

#### Message from the Principal

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to update you on some of the exciting events that have taken place at our school in the months of November and December.

Our students and teachers have been working hard to prepare for their English and Vietnamese examinations. To help them prepare, they have been using resources such as English practice tests and Vietnamese extra classes and sessions. This year students will be sitting for their English and Vietnamese exams at the same time, before they go on their two week holiday break.

In the kindergarten section, our students had the opportunity to go on field trips to the Quang Ninh museum. This meaningful trip has allowed them to learn more about the history and culture of our province. At the Quang Ninh museum, they were able to see artifacts and exhibits that showcased the rich cultural heritage of our region, as well as exhibits about Vietnam's natural history.

Our primary and Secondary students went on a field trip to Sun Hill complex, where they were immersed in a heritage field trip show-casing the fort complex and were treated to stories of how Vietnamese soldiers used the fort to repel their enemies during the wars. There was also a bonus lecture on Gratitude by the accomplished speaker, \_\_\_\_\_, on gratitude. The lecture was indeed a moving, emotive session for our children, with some of them bursting into tears as they understood how their parents and teachers dedicated their time effort energy and love to bring them up well.

Finally, our whole school participated in a fantastic Christmas Charity fair. Thanks to the generosity of our students, parents, and staff, we were able to raise a significant amount of money for Caritas Vietnam. The fair was a great success, with students and staff coming together to sell handmade crafts, baked goods, and some funfair games. All proceeds from the fair will be donated to Caritas Vietnam. As we approach the end of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year. We are grateful for your continued support and look forward to another successful year at our school.

Mustafa Fazal Principal







#### Newsletter Term 2









Dear Parents,

As we close the 18th week of school, SIS Ha Long teachers and students traveled half the way through the 2023-2024 school year together. After a semester of hard work and constant striving, the students successfully completed the HKI exam/test and achieved results far beyond the plan, specifically:

Secondary level: subjects and educational activities: 75% successfully completed.

Secondary level: students achieved 66.5%. HSTT reached 28.5%. Along with learning in class, experiential activities and educational activities outside of regular school hours were implemented very actively and effectively by the school. Through practical activities, students promoted their positivity, initiative, self-discipline, and creativity, contributing to supplementing and supporting students' learning activities during regular classes.

On November 28, 2023, Singapore International School had an extremely impressive experience at the SUN HILL COMPLEX (Ha Long). Memorable moments brought many emotions through speaker Hieu Linh's lecture on the topic of GRATITUDE. Her lecture touched the hearts of all SIS teachers and students. The words of love she sent to her children awakened even the stoniest. of hearts that had never shed tears. The tear-filled moments showed the children's understanding after the lecture. We believe that children will become more mature from awareness to behavior to express their GRATITUDE to their parents and teachers. On December 9, 2023, the school organized a Christmas Festival, giving children memorable and meaningful moments to welcome the new year! The festival was like an extremely valuable gift that the school had given to its children after an exam season full of anxiety and stress. The smiles and small fruits as rewards after each game the children participated in marked another wonderful Christmas season at SIS Ha Long house!

Continuing the successes achieved in competitions from the previous school year, recently, the school's students continued to reap proud achievements, specifically:

- (1) City-level Science and Technology Competition: won 02 KK prizes (Thuc Quyen and Anh Duy Y11). Provincial science and technology competition won 02 third prizes (Ta Hung and Nguyen Hung Y10)
- (2) City-level English excellent student competition: won 01 consolation prize (Ta Duy Hung Y9).
- (3) The IOE online English Olympiad won 20 prizes, of which at the school level: 02 First prizes, 5 Second prizes, 3 Third prizes; Provincial level: 3 Third prizes, 2 KK prizes; National level: 02 Second prizes, 03 KK prizes.
- (4) TIMO Math Olympiad National final round: won 20 medals, including 01 gold medal (Nguyen Truong Di Y3), 05 Silver medals, and 14 Bronze medals.
- (5) National AMO American Mathematics Competition won 01 Bronze medal (Nguyen Trong Ap. Y7)

A great effort from both teachers and students. Congratulations on the achievements of the entire school's students. We appreciate the efforts of teachers. We appreciate your family's wholehearted companionship.

The new year 2024 is here again. In this special moment, on behalf of the school, we would like to wish our parents a year of AN KHANG, PEACE, GOOD HEALTH, AND HAPPINESS!

We always listen and share with you! Sincerely,

### Message from Head of Studies - Secondary

We would like to take a moment to celebrate the upcoming holiday season and extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. December brings with it a well-deserved break for our students, and we hope it will be a time of joy, relaxation, and togetherness.

We are excited to announce that our school will be closed for a two-week holiday from 16th December 2023 to 1st January 2024. This break will provide an opportunity for our students to recharge their batteries, spend quality time with loved ones, and create lasting memories.

During this holiday season, we encourage you to embrace the spirit of giving and gratitude. It is a time to reflect on the blessings we have and to extend kindness to those around us. Let us teach our children the importance of empathy, compassion, and generosity, as these values are at the heart of the holiday season.

As we bid farewell to this year and welcome the new one, we wish you all a Merry Christmas filled with love, laughter, and cherished moments. May the joy of the season bring warmth to your homes and hearts. We also want to extend our heartfelt wishes for a Happy New Year, filled with hope, success, and new opportunities.

During this holiday break, we encourage you to engage in activities that bring you closer as a family. Whether it's baking cookies, watching holiday movies, or simply enjoying each other's company, these shared experiences create lasting bonds and treasured memories.

We also encourage our students to continue their love for learning during this break. Reading books, exploring new hobbies, or engaging in educational games can be a fun and enriching way to keep their minds active and curious.

Once again, we wish you all a wonderful holiday season, filled with love, joy, and peace. May the coming year be one of growth, success, and happiness for your entire family.

Jayden Kevan Almirall Head of Studies (Secondary)

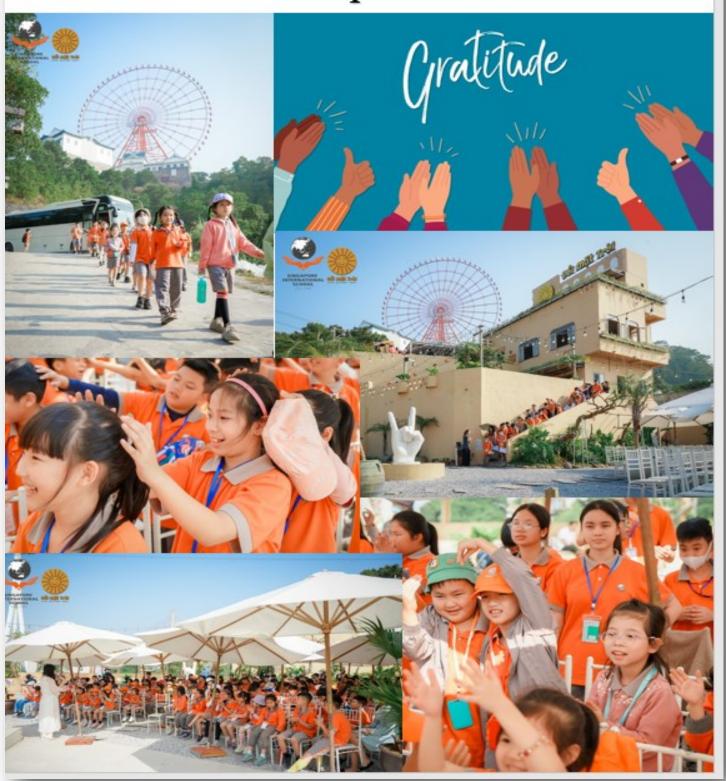








## Sun Hill Complex Excursion



# Christmas Charity Fair

