



Singapore International School @Halong
NEWSLETTER
August-September 2021-2022

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to in-person learning at our wonderful school!

This past year and a half has been deeply challenging for students, families, and teachers. Fortunately, in Halong, we have been insulated by the raging spread of the virus, and we have coped, delivering quality face-to-face lessons and, at times, online lessons, for our children. Currently, SIS@Halong staff are excited to support your child(ren) in the classroom, and will do everything we can to support a safe, welcoming, and successful learning environment.

Your children's safety will always be our first priority on campus. Our school is working closely with our district, the Quang Ninh Department of Education, and the Department of Public Health to follow health and safety protocols to minimize the risk of transmitting COVID-19. We also will work with you, our students' parents and guardians, to have clear communication and to share important information about students' health that will help keep our whole community safe. I want to encourage all of you to get your vaccines if you have not yet done so, and to get your family members vaccinated when they are eligible.

As students return in person, our staff will be focusing on reconnecting with them and building strong relationships across our campus. This year, the SIS@Halong staff will continue to dedicate our focus on improving student learning for all students. We will continue to work diligently through collaboration to discuss teaching strategies to meet the needs of our students. We will improve student learning through improved instruction focusing on visual teaching methods, strict adherence to the Singapore and MOET aligned curriculums, data collection, and assessment.

I am excited to introduce our talented new teachers joining us at SIS@Halong this year; I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to our SIS@Halong Family:

- Ms. Jamie Lee Dormehl joins us as the teacher for Year 2 and Year 5 Integrated. Ms. Jamie is from South Africa and has been teaching in the Japanese School in Hanoi. Besides being a trained teacher, Ms. Jamie is also a psychologist.
- Mr. Osama Ahmed Rehan comes to us from the Arab Republic of Egypt and has a wealth of International experience around the world. Mr. Rehan will be teaching Year 12 and also the EFL programme. Besides being a trained teacher, Mr. Osama is also an expert events co-ordinator, and hopefully this year we can look forward to better quality events, and even some outdoor or public events, if Covid restrictions allow.
- Ms. Liana Iakupova joins us from the Russia and has had experience in education both in



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Above: Students in Grade 5 performed a traditional Chinese Dance, and this video recording was sent along to the classes to watch as they had their Mid-Autumn Celebrations in class.

Below: Grade 5 students enjoy a "banquet feast" of treats, mooncakes, snacks and sweetmeats as they celebrate the mid-autumn festival in class.



Vietnam and abroad. Ms. Liana will be teaching Year 4, and Year 6 Integrated classes. As a trained teacher, Ms. Liana used to teach English in some of the local schools before joining us.

- Mr. Jakub Vlcek comes to us from the Czech Republic and has worked previously in International Bilingual schools in Vietnam and in Europe. Mr. Jakub will be delivering the ICT and STEM programs to our students.
- We also welcome Ms. Pham Thao Trinh who will be teaching Year 9 in the Vietnamese programme. She comes to us from Vinschool in Hanoi. She will be teaching Mathematics in Year 9 Integrated.

We wish them all every happiness and success in the SIS@Halong community. In closing, I would like to remind us all that students learn best when there is a supportive and effective partnership among school, family, and the student. We remember the words from Hanshu, “Nothing is impossible to a willing mind.” To this end, the entire staff and I look forward to working with you and your children to make the 2021-2022 school year a great success.

Thank you and have a wonderful day ahead,



Mr. Mustafa Fazal
Principal

Upcoming Events— Coming Soon to SIS@Halong

1. Parent-teacher Conference—end of Term 1
2. Vietnamese Women’s Day— 20th October
3. Halloween-31st October
4. Teacher’s Day— 20th November
5. Whole School Experiential Learning Field Trip— Term 2



Above and below: A few of our KIK students posing with their lanterns in front of the General office in their traditional costumes.



Above: Our grade 8 students doing role play and re-enactment during their Literature lessons.



Top and Right : Stem Club students trying out making hinged-cable mobiles that can move and balance on a saddle and rotate on their own.

Top Right: Football Club is back for the k2-Year 3 students, seen here with their coach Mr. Robert, and other teachers.



From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents

During school year 2020-2021, we coped with many challenges due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. However, by the magnanimous efforts of teachers, students and big support from parents, we completed all tasks well. On behalf of teachers, I would like to thank all parents for your sharing, co-operation, and contributions to the school's success.

In school year 2021-2022, revamps in our directives for General Education will be implemented in Grade 1, 2, and 6. For other grades, we will focus on revamping teaching, testing and assessment methods to improve student ability and education quality. In this school year, we will continue face to face learning with difficulties and challenges due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Besides learning and teaching activities, our school will implement methods to prevent the transmission of Covid-19 to ensure a safe environment.

On 9 August, students came back to school, happily welcomed by their teachers and friends. While Covid-19 has been becoming serious all over the country, it is fortunate that students in Halong are allowed to go to school. However, we must always be cautious in all situations for the safety of students. Parents should remind students to prepare the following carefully before going to school: having enough food; checking body temperature and emotional well-being; bringing masks, disinfectant solution, personal water bottles to school; and being at school on time.

Parents should often check Class Dojo and the Student Handbook to update themselves about the daily activities and homework of students as well as to remind your children to do homework.

A new school year has started, we hope to continue receiving support and co-operation from all parents.

We wish all of you good health, safety, and a successful school year with beautiful memories!

We are always willing to listen to and share with you. Do not hesitate contacting me if you have any questions.

Best regards!

**Deputy Principal of SVIS
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Clockwise from above: Students engaging in various forms of experiential learning, outside the classroom, experimenting with STEM projects, Art, and hands-on lessons in Science.

From The Office Manager

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer! We're really excited about this new school year and looking forward to another fantastic year at SIS Ha Long.

I am proud to be a member of a team that focuses on the whole child, not only through academics but also socially and emotionally. In order for this to be a success we need open communication.

I enjoy working with children because they represent hope and the future to me. Being a part of the growth of a child carries great responsibility and rewards.

Children are so vulnerable, yet so brave. They are energetic and optimistic. They have hope and they are sincere. They believe the best will happen. They are so authentic and show their emotions without fear.

Please know that I am here for everyone and don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or celebrations you might like to share.

I hope that parents and students will keep their spirit of optimism together with the school in the coming time.

On behalf of the staff, thank you for entrusting your child to us!

I wish you all a Very Happy New Academic Year!

Warm regards,

Ms. Bao Trang Hai Quynh

Office Manager of SIS@Halong



Our Operations Manager, Ms. Quynh, helps out students, parents, teachers and staff with all their concerns and queries.



Above: Students checking that they are at least 1m apart in the classroom because of Covid-19 safety precautions.



Above: Students celebrating the Mid-Autumn festival with a class party. Festivities were reduced in scope and size due to constraints set by MOET because of Covid-19 safety precautions.

From The KIK

The kindergarten teachers are pleased to be back at school this month despite the complicated Covid-19 situation around the country. We have four integrated kindergarten classes this school year that welcome children from two to six years old.

Our Nursery "Sunflower" class has Ms. Nguyen Ngoc Mai as the class teacher. Ms. Mai has been teaching at KinderWorld Kindergarten for six years. The co- teacher in Nursery is Ms. Le Thi Du. This is also her sixth year teaching at KinderWorld. Ms Mai says "We both love children and are very excited to teach our youngest students this year".

Our Kindergarten 1 "Lily" class has Ms. Thanh Mai as class teacher and Ms. Thuy Dung as co- teacher. has been working for KinderWorld for six years. has been with us for four years. Ms. Mai notes that "While we have a rigorous curriculum for K1, the teachers also concentrate on the well-being and happiness of each student and that our students enjoy themselves while they are learning".

Ms. Nguyen Thi Uyen Chi is our Kindergarten 2 "Tulip" class teacher this year. This is Ms. Chi's sixth year as a teacher at our kindergarten. Ms Chi's co- teacher is Ms. Ho Phuong Thao. Our K2 teachers are looking forward to a fantastic school year full of fun and learning.

The Preparatory "Orchid" class has Ms. Nguyen Hai Nga as class teacher. Ms. Nga is also the coordinator for the kindergarten's Vietnamese programme. This is Ms. Nga's sixth year teaching at KIK Ha Long. The assistant teacher in Prep is Ms. Tran Thi Hue . Ms. Hue has been teaching for twelve years and joined our kindergarten last year. The Prep teachers are happy to be supporting the children's learning and development and preparing them for primary school.

Our expat teacher is Ms. Andrea Finta who joined KinderWorld Kindergarten in February 2020. She has taught children for over 16 years in a range of educational settings. Ms. Andrea coordinates our kindergarten's English programme and teaches our Prep students. She also delivers EFL lessons to our Nursery, K1 and K2 students. Ms. Andrea values the friendly and supportive team and loves being part of the children's learning journey.



Above: Our Prep teaching team of Ms. Nga, Ms. Andrea, and Ms. Hue



Above: Our K2 teaching team of Ms. Thao and Ms. Chi



Above: Our K2 teaching team of Ms. Mai and Ms. Dung. Below: Our nursery class teachers are Ms. Mai and Ms. Du.



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