



NEWSLETTER

January –February 2021

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Chúc Mừng Năm Mới

Welcome back to our third term. It is indeed a challenging time for everyone in Vietnam as we celebrated TET holidays with news of the resurgence of Covid –19. The trepidation is especially more so in Halong, which neighbours the epicenter of this year's outbreak. We have been conducting our online classes and our children have resettled into their online school routines and are gaining ground day by day, while following the regular timetables. We hope to have the partnership and support of parents to help us closely monitor and encourage our children to learn and use their time effectively, monitoring their learning progress and discipline, and minimizing distractions while online learning takes place.

Since our last newsletter, students completed their Semester 1 Examinations, celebrated Christmas and also Tet. In the SA1, there have been some tremendous results and we are proud of our children, our teachers and staff who make SIS @ Halong a great school to attend. Education is a partnership and as a team, we continue to support the improved learning outcomes for our children.

Before the end of the Christmas holidays, students and staff celebrated the Christmas cheer by having a Christmas Charity Fair. Although celebrated as an internal event, with no parents and external vendors (due to Covid-19 concerns), our staff and students had much fun and we managed to raise close to 30 million VND for charity. Many thanks to parents and staff for their support in making this a success.

In the last week of January, students and staff prepared and celebrated TET in school. The teachers and students decorated the hall, and on Friday 25 January, we celebrated with an Assembly, highlighting our many talented students and then a morning of some Vietnamese traditional games.

We also were pleased to meet our parents during the parent teacher meetings, held in early January. Many parents had a chance to meet their child's teacher and discuss their SA1 Exam performance, individual strengths and weaknesses and how we could build further on this learning partnership. Thank you for your participation with Parent-Teacher conferences. We were very happy to see so many of you at school.



Mr. Mustafa Fazal , Principal



Above: Students dressed in their traditional Ao dai's and performed at the Tet Mini-concert.

Below: Students also wore their santa outfits for the Christmas Charity Fair. Gifts have also delivered to Kindergarten by Santa Clause



A University talk was also held for senior students in our school. 4 Universities from Hanoi– British University Vietnam, Fulbright University, Elmhurst College and Pegasus International College, participated in this event. Parents and students had an opportunity to enquire about the various courses provided by these universities and had an insight into University life at these campuses.

Five of our students received their 7 Dyned certificates at assembly. These students worked extremely hard and completed their course levels with good scores. Two of our students had gone the extra mile and completed 2 levels of Dyned. We are very proud of this achievement, and would like to see many more of our students receiving their certificates at the assemblies.

As always, our children's, safety, health, happiness and academic growth are what we concentrate on each day and we appreciate all the support you as parents provide us. We have enjoyed working with all of you and look forward to your continued support and help, especially during online learning, where close monitoring of children to see that they are on-task and learning well takes place.

Mr. Mustafa Fazal

Principal

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents

Semester 1 of SY 2020-2021 has ended with many memorable activities. Following the Government's guideline on education renovation dated 2018, oriented innovation to students' abilities, teachers made many changes to lessons. Instead of passive learning, during periods in class, students actively participate in activities to study, explore, work individually, discuss in groups, ... Thanks to the continuous effort, students well completed Semester 1 Examinations with results as expected, as detailed below:

- Primary: 60% of students are excellent
- Secondary: 60.1% of students are excellent; 29.2% of students are good

Besides, SIS@Halong also organized many experiential and extracurricular activities. Participating in these activities can help students improve their creativity and self-consciousness, contributing to academic growth.

On 18 December, the Christmas Charity Fair took place at school with memorable moments to welcome a new year! This event was a big present for students after exam. Smiles on faces and small gifts and prizes won in



Above: Our grade 8,9 and 11 students along with their parents attend the University talk in the MPH. They had a chance to answer many questions about University courses.



Above: The Christmas Charity Fair concert Below: Students posing for a foto at the STEM field trip at Quang La Flower Paradise



games created one more wonderful Christmas in our beloved SIS@Halong!

On 21st Jan 2021, SIS@Halong organized an outdoor activity (also called “Classrooms without walls”) for students to Quang La Flower Paradise in Hoanh Bo ward aptly themed “Experiencing STEM education – Seeding love for Science”. Various experiential activities attracted students such as team building, “Mat Sumo”, designing and competing rockets from straws etc. Especially at the research station on physics, applying knowledge of propulsive forces, students discussed and offered solutions to design a flood-proof house so that it could float, balance and be strong. The excursion provided students with not only helpful scientific knowledge but also a chance to communicate with nature and enjoy many kinds of flowers like sun flowers, white/yellow canola flowers, buckwheat flowers and so forth. Through the trip, children can experience practical models; practice the knowledge learned; expand, improve their understanding of culture, society life.

On 27 Jan 2021, SIS@Halong organized an event named “We make Banh Chung for Tet holiday together” in order to help students know the meaning of Banh Chung and improve their love for Vietnamese cultural customs. Students were really excited and happy to join in this activity. Besides, they had opportunity to join in many folk games like tug of war, throwing hoops, and so forth. It can be said that this is really a practical activity, helping students understand better, improve love and preserve the cultural beauty of the nation.

Due to the resurgence of Covid-19 in Halong and some other regions, from 28 Jan 2021, students were not allowed to go to school. Being always ready to face with Covid, right after receiving official guideline from the Government, SIS@Halong conducted an online learning program. Thanks to good skills in applying modern technologies into teaching, students could interact with teachers very well. In order for each online lesson to be more effective, it is necessary to have the support from parents. We hope that parents are our partnership to arrange quiet rooms for students during online learning periods, remind students to follow a good daily routine at home, to wake up and eat on time to ensure uninterrupted learning ... On behalf of the school, I would like to thank you for your partnership and support so far.

Another new year has come while the Covid epidemic is still very complicated. At this special moment, on behalf of school, I wish you safety, good health and happiness!

We are always willing to listen and share with you!

Best regards,

Mdm. Lieu

Deputy Principal



Grade 3 students seen here in their Ao Dai's performing for us at the Tet performance at our Tet mini-concert



Our Students seen here taking part in the tug-of-war game as part of the TET games to welcome in the new year.



Our students are seen here making Banh Chung in the MPH, as part of the Tet celebrations. Teachers demonstrated how these were made and students had a go afterwards.

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TET CELEBRATIONS

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STEM FIELD TRIP

