



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL@HALONG

NEWSLETTER

October—November 2022

From the Principal

Welcome to our October– November Newsletter.

It truly has been a quick and eventful couple of months for both the Kindergarten and the Primary/Secondary school. In these months, students enjoyed their 4-day Term 1 break, after sitting for their Vietnamese exams. We had 2 major events this month- Reading Day at the KIK and Halloween, our mega-event, in the SIS main building.

In early October, Children from our kindergarten had an enjoyable Reading Day as part of Literacy extension activities. Teachers helped to set up the outdoor areas with tables and a variety of interesting books from our Library for children to walk about and pick up a book that interests them. This year we had the involvement of some Secondary students and teachers who came over from the main school and helped the children to read their stories. Everyone had a good time celebrating Reading Day at the KIK.

All students and staff celebrated Halloween again this year with great enthusiasm. Leading up to the event, we had students submit their spooky drawings for the “Spooky Drawing Contest 2022”. Out of the 70 entries received, our judges had 20 top drawings identified and artists were awarded with certificates for their spooky yet highly-artistic creations. We also had the Best Decorated Class competition and the Best Costume Competition for both students and teachers. Many thanks to the parents for helping with decoration costs and also to those parents who came on the day to help with make-up and costumes for their children and their fellow classmates, before the event.

Our next Mega- events is the Christmas Charity Fair. We hope to involve parents and members of the community in this event. The KIK also has some interesting stay and play activities for parents and students lined up- namely Baby Boogie, and Travelling Teddy’s Adventure. More information on these activities will be announced shortly through your child’s form teacher and also on the Kinderworld app.

I hope you enjoy the stories and photos in the next few pages.

Mustafa Fazal



From above: Halloween celebrations in school featured a cat-walk for students to show off their costumes, Reading Day at the KIK with older students helping out the Kinderwonders, and a hike through the woods to the hilltop pagoda in our OBV Programme

From The Deputy Principal

Halloween is a traditional festival originating from England, held on October 31 every year. On this day, children will dress up in weird and funny costumes. With that mystery and attraction, Halloween has become a highly anticipated special cultural event at SIS Ha Long in order to bring moments of entertainment for students in addition to the regular school lessons. Not only can children play and have fun with friends, they are also encouraged to be creative, proactive, and practice collective solidarity through activities. That is the foundation for each SIS student to develop holistically and confidently integrate with the world. The children had a great time; dressed up as favorite characters, participating in the game "Trick or Treat" with students in the school.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the project of growing clean vegetables had to be put on pause for the whole school year 2021-2022. In this school year, the project of growing clean vegetables - Experimental activities in Stem education will continue to be implemented from the end of October 2022. Through experiential activities, children can apply theory into practice, develop life skills and love nature, in order to protect our environment. Contributing to the success of the project, the school would like to continue to receive enthusiastic support from all parents.

To encourage the spirit of learning as well as create opportunities for children to try their hand at some competitions organized by all levels, this year Singapore International School has planned to organize for students to attend a number of events. competition. Currently, the children have participated in 3 competitions:

(1) City Swimming Competition: Grade 7 Lee Chang Linh won 2 Silver medals and 1 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.

The time to prepare for the final exam of term 1 is also approaching, you need to prepare your mind well, actively review knowledge, be ready for the test to have the expected learning results.

The school wishes to continue to receive the support and companionship of all parents. Wishing you and your families health, peace and happiness!

We always listen and share with you!



Top: Halloween celebrations in school saw many excited children celebrate in their Halloween costumes



Top: Y7 Student Lee Chang Lin does the school proud clinching 2 Silver Medals and 1 Bronze medal at the Provincial Level (All Quang Ninh)



Dear Parents

Students and teachers are all very excited to be back at school after a little break, welcome back everyone. Now students and teachers are all well rested and excited and ready for the new term and all the exciting activities which are in store for all the students in The Kindergarten (KIK) and Singapore International School as a whole.

The first term ended on a very high note, students in KIK made good progress in their learning and development through having fun and learning together, they did writing of letters and patterns and developing the skills to hold a pencil and write well, colouring, reading letters and making sounds and participating in shared and group reading practices. Students did arts and crafts, including painting, paper mache, drawing, cutting, and gluing and so much more. The teachers are proud to see the progress students have made.

Students will continue to learn and develop these foundational skills in accordance with their developmental levels, which are imperative for their development and success through the rest of this year, as well as through the development of their educational careers. It is a well-researched fact that these developmental years of a student's life are of extreme importance in a child's future success as it becomes the developmental building blocks of a student's future. Fortunately in Ha Long Bay, KIK the teachers are very well skilled and have a great knowledge of the developmental building blocks of students as well as knowledge of the best pedagogy and teaching methods which are most appropriate and in alignment with exciting new models of teaching and learning in the 21st century.

Students covered some exciting themes over the last term and there are more wonderful adventures in store. Students will build on these skills through integrated learning and the introduction of exciting new themes. This term will focus on "My Family" where students will learn about family members as well as their homes, what's inside the house, rooms and safety.

Students will also learn about the exciting theme of transportation, covering forms of transport; land, air, water, sea and the rules of the road, this will be lots of fun. The term will end with leaning about Christmas and then TET, the traditions, customs, and special foods during this time. Great celebrations will be had, there is so much to learn and so much fun to be had this term.



Top: Halloween celebrations in school featuring our kindergarten children posing for photographs on the catwalk, in the audience and outside their spookily-decorated classrooms

FROM THE KIK

There are some exciting events in store for KIK this term too. Last term KIK had a successful and fun Letter Land event, teachers and students had a wonderful time learning through play and adventure. This is the best way for young students to develop their skills because they learn more easily when they do not think they are learning, their brilliant young minds absorb knowledge so easily.

The term ended on a high note with a successful reading day where students from the secondary school joined the kindergarten and everyone had a great time learning and reading together, this is important for all the levels of students involved as it builds on their skills in a tremendous way. Singapore International School in Ha Long Bay and KIK are planning to have many more entertaining, educational, and exciting events for students' development and enjoyment in term 2.

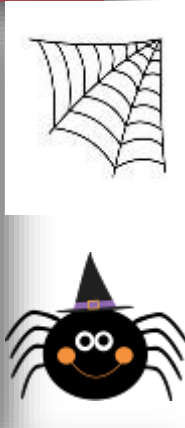
The first exciting event we will be having is the Halloween event, there is much preparation and practicing underway to prepare for this exciting event. It is going to be an incredible event for all involved. Students will learn about different cultures and open their minds to various perspectives, and it will be a great deal of spooky fun and laughter.

Other exciting events being planned this term include Teacher's Day, The Christmas Fair and a wonderful TET celebration, as well as other days which will be catered specifically towards the KIK students because teachers understand the importance of fun and integrated learning, and plan to create the best situations for the student's success. All the events promise to be fun and include skill development for all involved. There is much to look forward to.

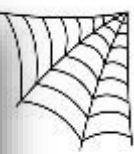
So, term 2 has begun on a high note and it promises much excitement and learning. Teachers are grateful for the parents who support the school and events and assist KIK to be the best possible place for students to be. KIK staff encourage parents to join us in open-school events and thank all those who have been involved and assisted. It is the hopes of KIK staff that there will continue to be a reciprocal and good relationship between parents, teachers and students as we all work together to create the very best environment in learning, development and fun for these beautiful budding young students who are all so wonderful and capable.



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