



SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ LE CHAN, HAI PHONG

# NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024

## VISION

To be an educational institution of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern Values with an International education to produce global citizens.

## MISSION

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment, embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 01-04 October – MOET Assessments Term 1
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Term 1 progress reports and MOET Mid-Semester reports issued
- 12<sup>th</sup> October – Term 1 holidays start
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Vietnamese Woman's Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – Term 2 starts
- 23-25 October – Parent-Teacher meetings
- 31<sup>st</sup> October – Halloween

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear SIS Parents, Caregivers, Family and Friends

We had a very successful and fruitful learning month during September, despite the interruptions caused by Typhoon Yagi. It is wonderful to see how well all our students have settled into school life and routines. Everyday our beautiful students arrive happy and with broad smiles, and they leave with the same smiles every day. This is a sign that their days are filled with positive learning experiences and interactions with their peers and their teachers. We thank all our students, teachers, co-teachers and support staff for their dedication and hard work.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September we celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival where the children were entertained with a play by our teachers, as well as receiving gifts. It was a wonderful celebration, a day when the true meaning of Mid-Autumn Festival was in full display, especially considering the recent devastation caused in northern Vietnam resulting from the typhoon. More details and photos on the Mid-Autumn celebrations can be read and seen on the following pages of the newsletter.

As we approach the end of Term 1, the students and teachers are busy with assessments for all subjects, and we wish all students great success – our desire is that they all simply just always try their best. We look forward to handing out progress reports soon as well as arranging personal one-on-one meetings between teachers and parents later in October to discuss each child's progress and development, their strong points as well as areas where they can strive for improvement

On 25<sup>th</sup> September we had our first practice Fire and Evacuation drill that went exceptionally well. It is important that our students and staff are fully aware of what to do in the unfortunate occurrence of a fire or emergency evacuation need and we were extremely impressed how quickly our students managed to evacuate the building. Well done all.

Wishing everyone joy and happiness for the remainder of the 2024 calendar year. Take care and stay safe.

Sincerely,  
Mark Watling  
Head Teacher



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## HOV PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Valued Parents,

First of all, on behalf of the teachers at Singapore International School, I would like to extend my warmest greetings, best wishes for health, and heartfelt thanks to the parents for your understanding and support during the week-long recovery process following the recent storm.

We are delighted to see the students happily returning to school, safe and healthy, participating in all their learning and training activities once the school was deemed safe.

According to the September plan, the teachers had invited parents to join us in organizing the Mid-Autumn Festival for the students at school. However, due to the unexpected natural disaster that has devastated several provinces in the northern regions of our country, causing severe damage—floods, landslides, homes, and properties swept away, and even the loss of lives in mountainous areas, including many children—we only held a “Loving Mid-Autumn Festival” internally.

Through this, the students learned about the meaning of the Mid-Autumn Festival, the legend of Uncle Cuội and Ms. Hằng, and the famous toys and food enjoyed during the Full Moon Festival. This was done through a system of questions, illustrative images, and creating pet animals from different fruits for the students. The children also painted and colored beautiful masks, while we incorporated lessons on the spirit of sharing and solidarity with the flood-affected communities. Additionally, the children shared what they experienced during the storm and received advice on how to protect themselves and their loved ones. Unfortunately, we could not invite parents to join this event, and we sincerely hope for your understanding.

In October, besides the midterm assessments for collaborative subjects, we also plan to organize events such as field trips for the students, a celebration of Vietnamese Women’s Day, and a Halloween Festival. These activities will help the children learn more about different cultures, provide a fun space, and develop their English communication skills, creativity, and decision-making when choosing class decorations and suitable costumes.

To ensure the timely progress and quality of education, we have organize make-up classes on the following Saturdays:

- Saturday, September 28 – follow Monday's schedule
- Saturday, October 5 – follow Tuesday's schedule
- Saturday, October 12 – follow Wednesday's schedule
- Saturday, October 26 – follow Thursday's schedule
- Saturday, November 2 – follow Friday's schedule

This plan may not align with the schedules of some parents, and we sincerely thank you for your understanding, support, and cooperation in ensuring that the students attend these make-up days.

Thank you very much!

Ms. Minh Ha  
Head of Vietnamese



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## OTHER NEWS

1. Excursions for all classes will start in October. Class teachers will communicate all the details and venues and processes soon, so please be on the lookout for communication from them.
2. After School Curricular Activities and Clubs for both KIK and Primary students will commence in the second week of Term 2. The school will send out communication before the term break in the middle of October with detailed information of what activities students can participate in and on which days and times etc.
3. One of the focal points of learning and developing for our students is in their Social-Emotional learning. At KIK and SIS we run a Virtues programme where students learn about things like honesty, caring, generosity, teamwork, confidence and diligence just to mention a few. During assemblies and morning Form Time our teachers discuss the Virtue of the week with students so as to ensure they become the best person they can.
4. All primary students are busy completing their assessments for Term 1. The MOET programme subjects will be completed by 4 October 2024, whilst the International programme subjects will be completed by 10 October 2024.
5. Term 1 progress reports for primary classes for both the MOET and the International programme subjects will be issued to parents on the last day of Term 1.
6. Term 2 events/programme:
  - i) The end of semester exams for Primary classes for International subjects will take place in the first week of December 2024.
  - ii) The end of semester exams for MOET programme subjects will take place at the end of November into early December 2024.
  - iii) Term 2 will be a busy term in terms of celebrating events, as follows:-
    - a) Halloween – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.
    - b) Christmas Charity Fair – tentative date is 7 December 2024. More details will be sent to parents and students towards the end of October 2024.
  - iv) Term 2 will also see the celebration of Vietnamese Woman's Day on 20 October 2024, when the school will honour the lives and work of all our female members.

To finish off, gentle reminders to note:

1. Children must wear correct uniform every day as well as closed shoes (for primary students) to school, with PE uniform to be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays when all classes have PE.
2. Drop off times for KIK students in the morning is 7.45am onwards, and for primary it is 8.00am.
3. Pick up times – we encourage parents to collect children by 4.15pm daily please.



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## PHOTO GALLERY – MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 2024





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## PHOTO GALLERY – FIRE EVACUATION PRACTICE - SEPTEMBER 2024

