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All the best,
Mr. Larry Ross Synclair
Head of School



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of SISC's second semester. Now is the time for your child to return to studying, but we need to do this carefully and sensibly. With the teachers and you working together, your child will get all the support that's needed. You can help your child to gain confidence and feel more motivated by giving lots of praise and opportunities to practice lessons. It's easier for children to learn when they get encouragement at home. For some parents assisting their child, this could be an opportunity to learn something together like English. If you are enthusiastic about learning the language, your child will be eager too.



Naturally there are questions about studying at home. Very simply: learn little and often. Regular, but moderate, routine intervals are best. Don't think that studying hard at home will generate positive results. Actually, it could create burnout. Limit study time at home. However, if your child is enjoying working on their own, let them control their own study time.



Always instill ways to build your child's confidence. Children are sometimes afraid of making mistakes in front of their classmates. They often feel more comfortable trying things out with their parents. Praise them to create a sense of success and encourage them when they take "risks."

Another suggestion is to focus on your child's interests: teachers prepare lessons that they hope will interest the whole class, whereas you can really focus on your child's interests. Choose materials together that your child will enjoy the most, whether it has to be about dinosaurs, dolls, or dancing.

Rewards can sometimes produce one-time actions rather than developing long-term study skills. It's really important to praise effort, not just results and intelligence. This means praising your child for being persistent in studying when it was perceived to be something hard, or personally found a way to solve a problem. Research shows that children who receive this type of praise make the best progress in their studies. When it comes to rewards, parents have many options – and the rewards don't have to cost anything. For example, you could try the following: 1) Activity rewards: your child earns extra free time

to do their favorite activities; 2) Social rewards: your child earns extra quality time together with family and friends; and 3) Asking your child to think about how they would like their effort to be recognized. Their ideas may surprise you.

You, as parents, play a vital role by giving your child the courage and confidence to do their work, providing encouragement and helping them develop study skills.

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Nursery Picnic

By Ms. KESHMIA
Nursery Teacher

The nursery class picnic was a wonderful experience where the children had the opportunity to explore nature and enjoy outdoor activities. They delighted in playing games, sharing snacks, and bonding with their classmates in a relaxed and joyful environment.



Cesar Guevara

I am Cesar Guevara from El Salvador, Central America. I am a science teacher working with grade 6. I am biologist with specialization in microbiology and molecular biology.



Back in my country, I worked for the Institute of Marine Sciences and Limnology and the Institute of Vulcanology as a research associate. Eight years ago, I moved to Cambodia to collaborate at the Royal University of Phnom Penh as an adjunct professor to teach in the biology department and before I enrolled at SISC I was working for Diagnostic Microbiology Development Program an American organization from the government of the United States that works with Medical Microbiology, later on I joined the American University of Phnom Penh as a biology professor and also to AUPP High School Foxcroft Academy as a chemistry and biology teacher.



My interest in teaching at SISC is to help develop a good foundation of science in Cambodian students because I believe that a science teacher not only helps answer questions, but also inspires their students to seek out the answers for themselves.

By Mr. CESAR GUEVARA
Science Teacher

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Junior Boy Football team friendly match at SISC

our junior boys football squad received the home game friendly match Beijing International Academy-BIA, and they have demonstrated their preparation for the next Match in the ISSAPP tournament.



By Mr. ENG JEAN REMI
Athletic Director

AMO Competition

Academic quality is a way of describing how well the learning opportunities available to students help them to achieve their award. It is assessed by a standard test or examination to measure if students are qualified enough to achieve any certificate or award as a bonus for their academic lives. At Southbridge International School Cambodia



(SISC), the term 'academic quality' is always in our daily thoughts in measuring how we can perform. With the trust from the American Mathematics Olympiads (AMO) Board for its facility and standard, SISC is able to cooperate with AMO committee to conduct the competition at SISC campus this school year, held November 18, 2023 with a remarkable number of students registered for this important challenge. For your information, The AMO is a prestigious mathematics competition held annually around the world. The medals winners are entitled to join Singapore International Math Olympiad Challenge (SIMOC) in Singapore and IJMO in Bali Indonesia.

That was a golden opportunity for SISC students to sign their talents. STAY TUNE FOR THE RESULT.



By Mr. THOL PICH
Khmer Program Principal

Grade 1 Student Imran Aydogdu (Grade 1 Cheetah)

Wow, this school year so far has been so much fun! I learned so many new things in my classes. We learned how to read and write words, and I even made some new friends. My teacher was really nice and helped me when I didn't understand something. We did lots of cool art projects and played fun games during recess. Sometimes it was hard to pay attention in class, but I tried my best. I'm excited for the next semester to learn even more cool stuff! I also loved doing science experiments in class. We made bacteria cultures and learned about plants and animals. Maths was a bit tricky sometimes, but I practiced adding and subtracting numbers, and it got easier. I can't wait to show my parents all the things I've learned this semester during our school end-of-semester science fair!

By Grade 1 Student Imran Aydogdu
Grade 1 Cheetah

STEAM DAY

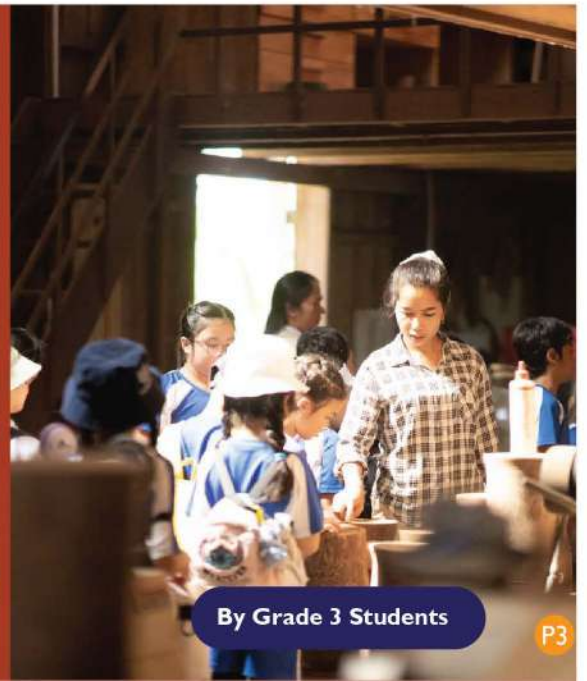
Today, the school was buzzing with excitement as students celebrated their accomplishments at the STEAM event! The day was packed with a lively project exhibition, displaying the students' creativity and innovation. The projects showcased the diverse talents fostered through the STEAM program. But that's not all! The day ended with a stunning fashion design competition, where students confidently strutted down the runway. The runway sparkled with dazzling creations, featuring unique styles crafted from sustainable materials. Congratulations to all the participants who shared their talents and made the STEAM day an unforgettable event! Our students had an amazing time at the STEAM event today! They showed off their cool science, art, and tech projects, and even had a fashion show at the end. The designs were awesome, and they used eco-friendly materials too! Big congrats to all the talented students who made STEAM day so special!



By Ms. YANA
Middle School English Teacher/
Humanities & Fine Arts Manager

Smiling Gecko Field Trip

One day we went on a field trip. We had to be at school at 5:50 am because the bus takes two hours to arrive! When we arrived at Smiling Gecko, we ate breakfast and then went to the farm and learned about the plants that they grow there. We saw how they grow vanilla beans and saw so many cute fish at their lake. Going to see the woodworking warehouse was really cool because they made the designs nice and smooth! One hard thing was there was some mud that we walked in! The nice thing about Smiling Gecko is the school teaches students whose families do not have a lot of money, they even get to eat lunch that the school gives them. We had so much fun!



By Grade 3 Students



SISC Christmas Charity fair

01 Our Christmas Charity Fair ended smoothly, and these were special performances of our students who had put their effort to perform well to show their abilities, talents, braveries, and adorability.

02 We decorated a Christmas Hall and organized an outdoor night movie, a painting venue, and circus performances inside the school campus as entertaining, fun, and

03 Food and drink stalls, souvenir stalls, sponsor booths, playgrounds and the event participants from inside and outside our communities made our last week's Christmas Charity Fair Night Market

The event was hosted to raise funds to help the Cambodia Kantha Bopha Foundation. Your contributions were a huge part to help Cambodian children in need. Thanks very much for your participation and contributions. "We care and share love and hope for the children."

memorable activities for young children, students and parents in our Christmas Charity Fair Event. Uncountable smiles on the faces of our young adorable children, the parents, and all participants in this whole event make this event an unforgettable memory for the end of 2023.

filled with crowd, fun and relaxing weekend. This was the most attractive fun activity of the night market that played a big part of our whole meaningful event.

By Mr. SAKY SEEM
Marketing Manager



Christmas Event Secondary

Reflecting on the enchanting Christmas celebrations at Southbridge International School, our primary students showcased their creative flair by making beautiful Christmas tree decorations, igniting the holiday spirit. Santa Claus visited, bringing joy as students eagerly shared their Christmas wishes and received small gifts. A delightful Christmas concert showcased our talented students' musical prowess, filling the room with applause and smiles. To bid adieu to 2023, primary classes celebrated their accomplishments with fun-filled activities, games, and special moments, fostering strong bonds. We extend our gratitude to the students, teachers, and staff for making this year's Christmas celebrations magical. As we enter 2024, let us carry the joy and togetherness of school, wishing for growth, happiness, and memorable experiences for all.



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Primary Christmas Festivities

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By Ms. Courtney Webster
Primary Coordinator

Early Year Christmas Festivities

We are thrilled to share the heartwarming Christmas celebrations in our Early Years department. Our little stars from Nursery, K1, K2, and K3 had a magical experience with festive activities. They made sustainable Christmas trees by painting water bottles. The school was beautifully decorated, and a Secret Santa event brought the community together. Grade levels performed singing and dancing, and interactive games created lasting memories. Santa Claus made a special appearance, delivering gifts to the children. We're proud of our students' creativity, enthusiasm, and spirit of giving. Wishing our SISC families a joyful and peaceful holiday season. Happy New Year!



By Ms. Chusnul Chotimah
E.Y Coordinator

