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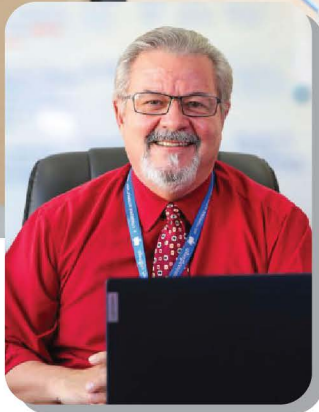
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DIVERSITY RULES



Several years ago, I was the principal of an international school in another country. An English teacher from Uganda, also a dear friend, came to my desk with a pained look on his face. He told me a parent requested her child to be transferred from his English class to another. The reason was absurd: she wanted a white person to teach her child how to speak English. Naturally, I declined the parent's request. I also saw this incident as a potential red flag: could children mimic such misperceptions?



At Southbridge, we follow and adhere to the philosophy that uniting and accepting diversity builds strength and improves the character of our students. SISC has wide experience in providing an inspirational environment to students as well as to keep their commitment to bring quality international education by qualified and certified teachers from various countries of the world. We believe that all people are respected alike regardless of age, race, gender, religion, color, sexual orientation, nationality, and so on. We encourage our students to see other people as people of difference and accept them correspondingly as who they are -- equals. In doing so, the students learn not to judge others, build inner strength to accept all people, and replace fear of the unknown with curiosity to know.

I warmly welcome your precious child to learn diversity.

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

TRICK OR TREAT

THE SPOOKY HALL

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Learning happens in and outside our classroom in Primary and Early Years!

Halloween was a delightfully frightful experience for our young learners. The school was buzzing with an air of excitement as our little ghouls and goblins arrived in their adorable and creative costumes. From superheroes to princesses, witches to funny monsters, our students truly embraced the spirit of Halloween. The Secondary School Prefect helped create atmosphere by decorating our Assembly Hall and even raising some funds for charity purposes. Throughout the day, the classrooms were transformed into eerie wonderlands, adorned with cobwebs, jack-o'-lanterns, and spooky decorations. This Halloween definitely will become the highlight of the year!



By Ms Cindy Yegorova
(EY and Primary principal)



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HALLOWEEN EVENT HOSTED BY PREFECTS

Our small assembly hall was transformed into a spooky mini-carnival where they decorated with all their might, complete with eerie music and creepy decorations. Our students and teachers were dressed in their best costumes who were excited to see what our prefects had up in the now transformed assembly hall. Once inside, they saw the room was filled with mini carnival games, polaroid booths and even delicious mochis for everyone to enjoy. The Polaroid photo booths were a huge hit, with students snapping group photos in front of spooky backdrops. The instant print feature of the cameras added to the excitement and allowed students to take home their memories of the Halloween event. The mini carnival games kept everyone entertained with students and teachers trying their luck in bottle flip, knock down the bottle and candy pong. And let's not forget the mouth-watering mochis that were available at the event. The delicious Japanese treats were a welcome addition to the Halloween festivities and a hit with the students. Overall, it was an occasion to remember with students enjoying a safe and fun Halloween event at school.





SISC Sports

“A historic return to school for Southbridge”

By: Mr. ENG JEAN REMI
Athletics Director



On the occasion of the return of the ISSAPP competitions, the Junior Basketball and Senior Volleyball teams returned to Division B. Although the results were not up to expectations, the players demonstrated impeccable behavior and trained hard.

A historic start for Southbridge with the participation of a senior women's volleyball team in Division A. The teams were really too strong, with a much higher level but the players had the opportunity to compete against the best students from Phnom Penh and we showed some very interesting skills.

I would like to thank all the people who support the sports teams, the parents, the supporters and of course the other schools who are in ISSAPP for allowing us to play sports and have a good sporting weekend.

Greetings, SISC community!

Close to the end of the first term, our high school students delved into the world of higher education and embarked on a journey of academic exploration and opportunity at the Hyatt Hotel exhibition, where they were greeted by 27 US Universities and by the USA Ambassador himself, who graced the event with his presence.

Our young scholars navigated the exhibition with enthusiasm, seeking out information about renowned US universities. They had the chance to interact with representatives from various institutions, explore diverse academic programs, and gather crucial information about admission requirements. Those Tigers left the event with a renewed sense of purpose and excitement for their future endeavors.

As we reflect on this memorable afternoon, we are proud of our TIGERS for their engagement, curiosity, and commitment to their educational pursuits. We look forward to witnessing their continued growth and success as they embark on their academic journeys, fueled by the inspiration they found at the Hyatt US Universities Exhibition.

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By Mr. Daniel Ferreira
College Counselor



Sparkling Smiles: | Brushing Teeth Adventure for EY Students!

This new academic year, we chose to prioritize the oral health of Early Years (EY) students. Recognizing the significance of proper dental care habits at a young age, a new initiative has been introduced to emphasize the importance of brushing teeth. Let's explore the benefits of brushing teeth for EY students and how this initiative can positively impact their dental health.



Building Lifelong Habits: 1



Preventing Dental Issues: 2



Preventing Dental Issues: 3



Making it Fun: 4

By introducing the importance of brushing teeth early on, we lay the foundation for lifelong oral hygiene habits. Teaching EY students about regular brushing not only prevents tooth decay and gum disease but also promotes their overall well-being.

Regular brushing helps prevent dental problems like cavities and plaque buildup. By emphasizing the significance of brushing teeth, we reduce the likelihood of painful dental conditions and the need for extensive treatments in the future.

Introducing brushing teeth as an initiative for EY students fosters independence and responsibility. Encouraging them to care for their own oral health empowers them with essential self-care skills and contributes to their personal growth.

To engage EY students, we make brushing teeth a fun and enjoyable activity. Incorporating creative techniques like songs, games, and colorful toothbrushes can make the brushing experience exciting, motivating students to develop a lifelong habit of oral hygiene.

Introducing the importance of brushing teeth as a new initiative for EY students is a significant step towards promoting good oral health from an early age. We equip children with essential habits that benefit them throughout their lives. This initiative prevents dental issues, fosters independence, and instills a sense of responsibility. Let's encourage our EY students to establish a healthy oral hygiene routine and set them on a path to a lifetime of confident smiles!



By Ms Cindy Yegorova
(EY and Primary principal)

Music is art for your ears, Art is music to your eyes

In Early Years Art classes, children have the opportunity to explore the works of renowned artists such as Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee, Andy Warhol, and Jackson Pollock. The activities are playful and sometimes messy, but always fun! Children get to engage with various mediums, like salt/playdough, colored pencils, crayons, and paint. Additionally, there are some technical activities like cutting, learning proper gluing technique, and drawing shapes, contributing to the development of their fine motor skills.

In Early Years Music classes, every session begins with a special ritual: singing the "welcome song" with Zaza, the singing Zebra. The children also learn to sing rhymes. Through dancing (they love freeze dancing) and listening sessions, they enhance their gross motor skills, coordination, and auditory abilities. They are introduced to the concept of musicianship, exploring elements such as Beat, Rhythm, Tempo, and Dynamics through engaging games and percussion instruments.



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