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*“Winning isn’t everything,
but wanting to win is”*

Vince Lombardi

Be Ambitious!

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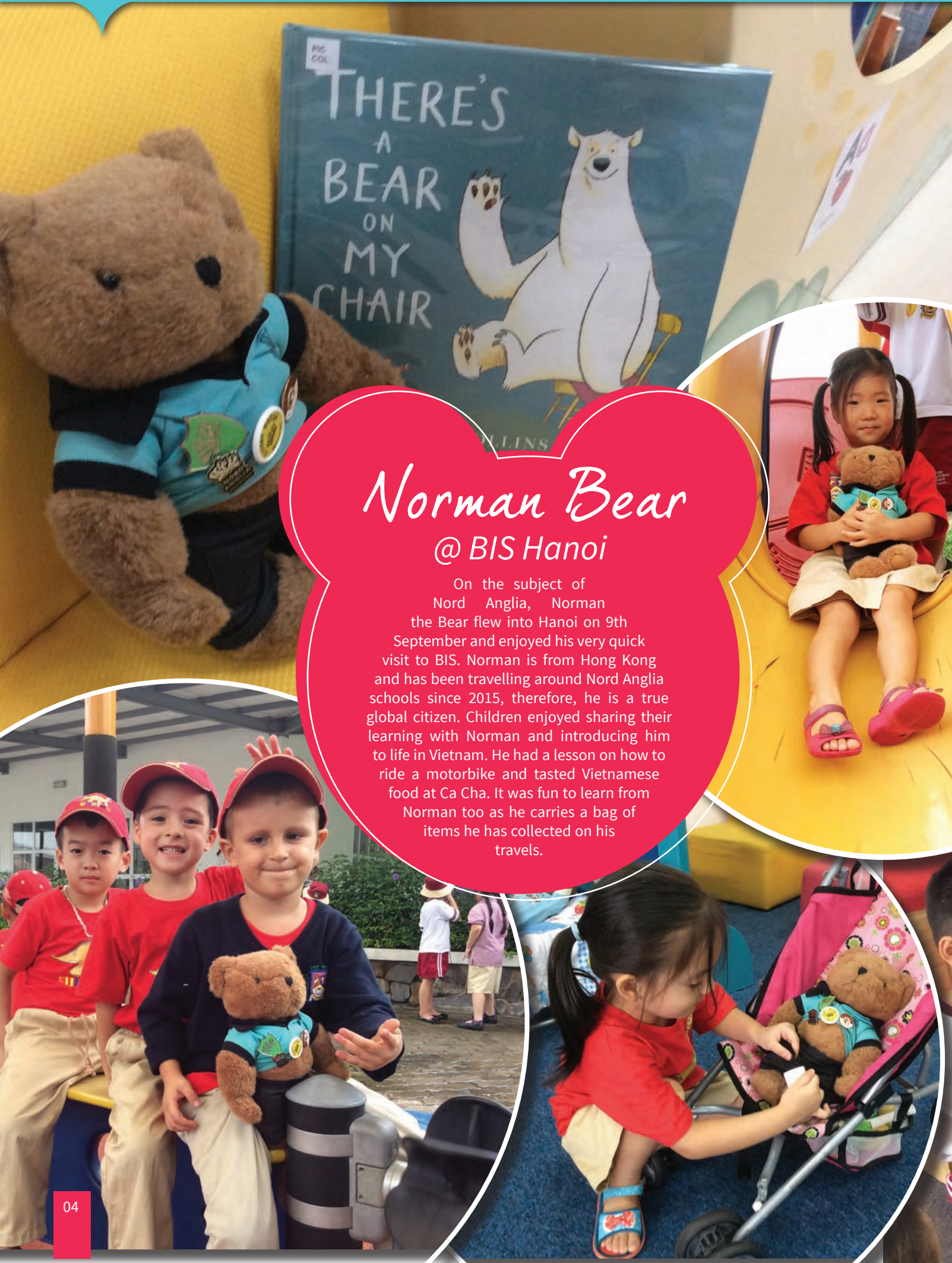
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New Students Induction Day

It was wonderful to welcome everyone back to BIS on Wednesday 24 August 2017 for our new school year. This year, we have four additional classes in our Primary so we would like to give a special welcome to our many new families and new staff.







Norman Bear @ BIS Hanoi

On the subject of Nord Anglia, Norman the Bear flew into Hanoi on 9th September and enjoyed his very quick visit to BIS. Norman is from Hong Kong and has been travelling around Nord Anglia schools since 2015, therefore, he is a true global citizen. Children enjoyed sharing their learning with Norman and introducing him to life in Vietnam. He had a lesson on how to ride a motorbike and tasted Vietnamese food at Ca Cha. It was fun to learn from Norman too as he carries a bag of items he has collected on his travels.



Meet *The Teacher*

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents to school for Term 1's Parent Teacher Consultations. These meetings are a vital part of our reporting and communication procedures, giving both teachers and parents an opportunity to discuss ways in which we can work together to support children's learning and development. When it comes to children's education we are all on the same side, working to secure the best possible learning outcomes for each and every child.





MOON FESTIVAL

On 16th September, we held our Moon Festival celebrations which started with a special assembly in the Auditorium. For this event, we were flown into space and actually experienced the festival on the moon! It was a very enjoyable and colourful event with great performances from a large number of our students culminating with an exciting Dragon Dance. Thank you to all the staff and students who worked so hard to make it such a wonderful event. Additionally, we would like to thank the 200+ parents who attended and supported this very special day in our calendar.





Maths Week

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 $4 \times \pi \times r^2$ $a+b=c$
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 $V=5,000$ $\Gamma(x) = r x (\int_0^{\infty} e^{-rt} t^{x-1} dt)$
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 $1. \quad |-a| = |a|$
 $2. \quad |a| \geq 0$

'Top Trump Tuesday' was not only a busy, exciting day with a maths focus; it was a chance for all of our students to learn together.

Children arrived at school to find a motorbike inside their classroom which immediately created a buzz and lots of excellent questions were raised. They were then ushered to the Auditorium where children from Foundation Stage 1 upwards were addressed by Mr. Adams and Mr. Kennedy, our Primary Maths Leader and Head of Secondary Maths. Wearing a helmet and seated on a motorbike, Mr Adams described the day ahead which centered on the theme of the game Top Trumps. The challenge was set: each team had to get as many stars for their Top Trump cards as possible and the way to earn the stars was to complete lots of maths problems.

We would like to congratulate Mr. Adams and Mr. Kennedy for organizing this spectacular event. The Secondary students were also amazing. They demonstrated a caring attitude and perseverance in helping our younger students learn more maths and complete their questions.



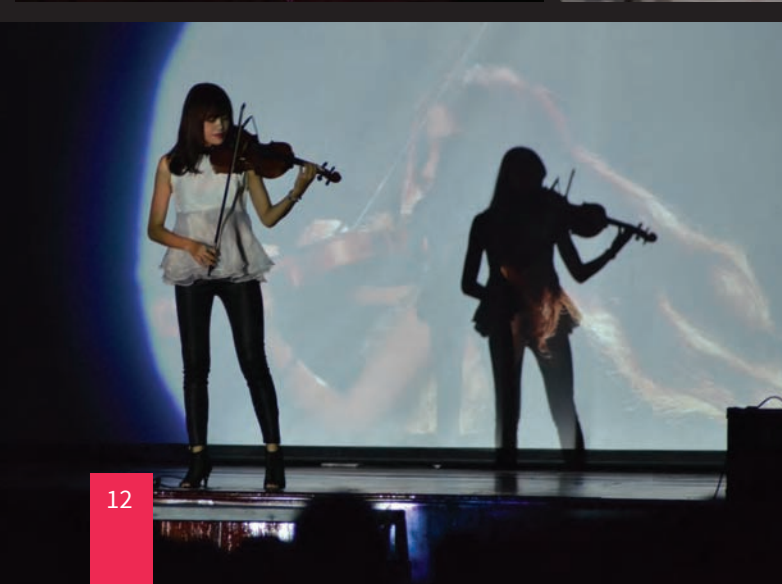


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Juilliard Collaboration Launch

We were pleased that Mr. Nguyen Viet Tu, a well-known and superbly talented Entertainment Producer, started proceedings for us on 30th September by giving an insightful outline of the "Importance of Performing Arts". He and his wife Ms. Diu, are really supportive parents of the school and fully recognise the value of our collaboration with Juilliard School. Next, came beautiful performances from our students and we were all mesmerized. In between these outstanding performances Ms Laura Rea, who organised this magnificent event, provided us with information about the Juilliard programme and the collaboration with BIS Hanoi. We are very grateful to Ms Rea for her hard work and we would also thank all the parents who came to support the Juilliard Collaboration Launch with us.



Spooky BIS

The “Ghoul Council” organised a Fright Night on 28th October party for Halloween. The auditorium was filled with witches and wizards, ghosts and ghouls, pumpkins and skeletons...



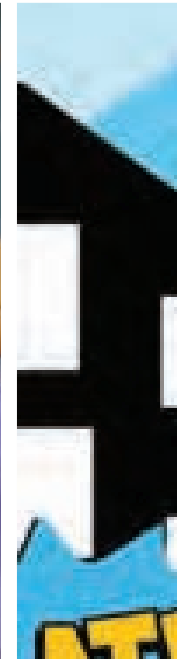
Book Week

Superheroes were out in force during Book Week in Primary! In fact, all of our superheroes surprised the Secondary School from 3rd to 8th October when they took part in an enormous flash mob. The secondary students were seated in their assembly when Mr Webb was interrupted by 3 of our Year 6 pupils. This was the cue for all of the children, from F1 to Year 6, to charge into the auditorium and take their places. The poem 'If I was a Superhero' was recited, accompanied by our very own actions. The secondary students were certainly surprised as they were surrounded by a fantastic array of superheroes of all heights and ages. Congratulations Primary children and staff – you really did a tremendous job!

On Monday and Tuesday, we enjoyed a visit from Ciaran Murtagh, a very successful author from the UK. Not only does he write books, he also writes TV shows and has recently been involved with scripting. Children were truly inspired and they started writing their own stories with one of our superheroes as their main character. We will be publishing some of these stories in our own library and placing them in classrooms for everyone to enjoy.

All week we were visited by our very own BIS Superheroes: Poppy Perseverance, Captain Care, Reflection Rebecca, Respectagain, The Questionator and Indiana Integrity who were keen to talk to children about their special powers and how they love reading so, 'Drop and Read' everyone!







Inspired Talks from Our Honoured Visitors to Secondary students

In September and October 2017 our Secondary students had a great opportunity to listen to enthralling talks from our guests. The school warmly welcomed Mrs. Andrea Leadsom - UK Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Mr. Giles Lever - British Ambassador in Vietnam; Ms. Cherry Gough - Director of the British Council; Ms. Eleanor Laing - British Member of Parliament; and Mr. Le Van Cong - Vietnamese Paralympian Gold Medalist.





Secondary Talent Show

This year we watched 8 fantastic acts battle it out to be crowned the Secondary Talent Show Champion 2016! We were transported to the musical worlds of Opera and Korean Pop. We visited the Wild Wild West and paid homage to Justin Bieber. We watched in awe at the virtuosic skills displayed on piano and the deceiving world of magic. In second place, we were amazed at the talent of our student - Ana Clara, who performed an incredibly well rehearsed and professional rendition of 'All That Jazz...' But the champion title this year goes to Susan, Ye Rim and Chae Won for their exceptional, intricate and fascinating K-Pop dance showcase. A lovely event which not only displayed the high quality of performing artists within our school, but also the determination, hard work ethic and confident attitudes of our students. A huge congratulation to all involved!







BBGV FUN RUN

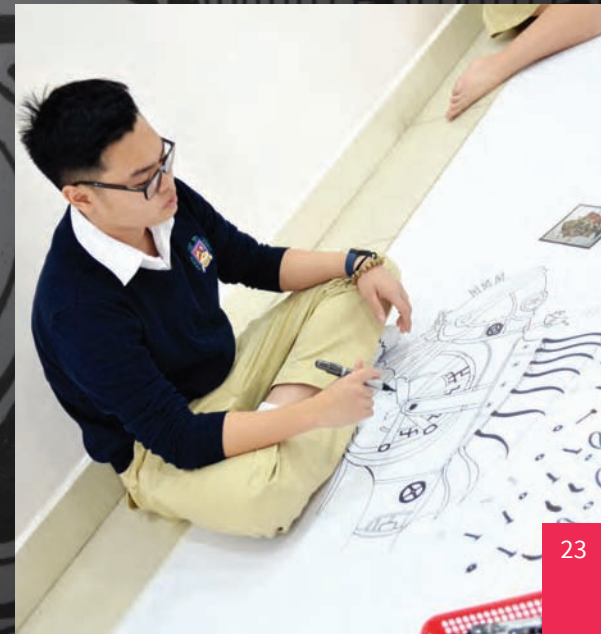
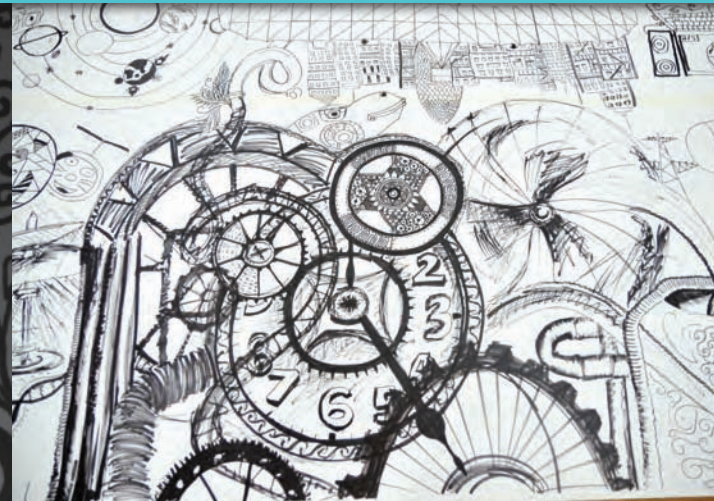
The Eco Park was awash with red, white and blue on Sunday 6th November. This could only mean one thing, the annual BGV (The British Business Group Vietnam) Fun Run. It was lovely to see the tremendous support from our BIS families, all wearing the Union Jack t-shirts and having fun with their friends and family as they made their way around the 5km course.



BIG DRAW

BIS Hanoi hosted the Big Draw with two incredible collaborative drawing activity days for Primary and Secondary School students. The Big Draw is an annual event organised by the Campaign for Drawing in the UK with thousands of schools, galleries and museums from all over the world taking part. The theme for this year is STEAM Powered so students were encouraged to think creatively about different inventions and the importance and relevance of Art within Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths





INTERNATIONAL WEEK



What an absolutely fantastic International Week we experienced at the British International School Hanoi! The International Week was amazing this year, partly due to the involvement of our community of parents who worked so closely with our teachers and teaching assistants. The theme of this year's International Week was 'The Alternative Olympic Games' – games which would never make the authentic Olympics! Parents from Poland, Russia, South Korea, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, UK, South Africa, Albania, Belgium, Kuwait, Canada and Japan have taught us first-hand how to play traditional games from their own countries. They also shared craft activities and made sure that we learned some languages and facts about their culture.

The Secondary students from Y7 to Y10 spent the week learning about and celebrating a diverse range of cultures from around the world. On Friday 18th November, they proved that they are truly global citizens by helping to fight four global challenges we face today. Activities included building sustainable water filters, creating social media marketing campaigns, creating art out of plastic trash, making gender neutral apps and Hollywood movie trailers, and taking part in a live criminal trial re-enactment!





International Festival

On 27 November 2016, we hosted our first International Festival to celebrate different cultures represented at the school and to raise money to support the school's community partners. The event included traditional and modern games and interesting activities such as a bouncy castle, face painting, henna painting, sand art painting, live music and performances, handicraft workshops, international food and drink stalls and much more. This was an opportunity for families and friends to come together and have an enjoyable time but also to experience the vibrancy of the cultures represented at BIS Hanoi through all the activities.







Winter Showcase

The Winter Showcase was a great success, displaying the hard work and development of the Performing Arts Students. One hundred and forty students auditioned to be part of the event which is a great testament to the drive, commitment and confidence of our students at BIS. All students performed as professional musicians; the support and encouragement for each other was very special.



Performance from Ms. Stephanie Song
Juilliard artist



EYC Festive Concert

The EYFS's performance in the EYC certainly left us feeling festive! The children, some as young as 2 years of age, were so brave as they stood proudly in front of parents and sang some of our favourite Christmas songs. Children in different year groups also provided narration between songs – well done, you spoke so loudly and clearly! A big thank you to all the staff who have worked hard to bring the lovely costumes and the delightful singing into such a successful event.



BIS Hanoi Fixtures and Tournaments

Well done to our students on their wonderful achievements in various sport competitions and for Being Ambitious.







FOBISIA Games in Nepal

We had two boys teams in the Football tournament and 1 girls team in the Basketball tournament entering the Games. All three teams showed great sportsmanship and perseverance. In Athletics and Rounders, all students worked incredibly hard, demonstrating excellent determination and sportsmanship throughout. We had great success both in the field and on the track, with lots of students picking up medals for their achievements. On the 3rd day, students woke up with spectacular views and went sightseeing. The team went to Swayambhu nath, Kathmandu durbar square and the patan Durbar square. Students learned more about the history of the country. Students who were involved last year in the fundraising for Nepal saw first hand the devastation which was left after the earthquake. Students and staff enjoyed the morning discovering Kathmandu and its history.



GLOBAL GAMES 2016

Global Games 2016 were great days for sporting collaboration. We welcomed the communities of British Vietnamese International School Hanoi and Nord Anglia International School Hong Kong to BIS Hanoi. All three schools surely provided us with splendid entertainment and a great deal of excitement!







Year 2 Expedition to Ecopark





Year 3 Expedition to Jura park



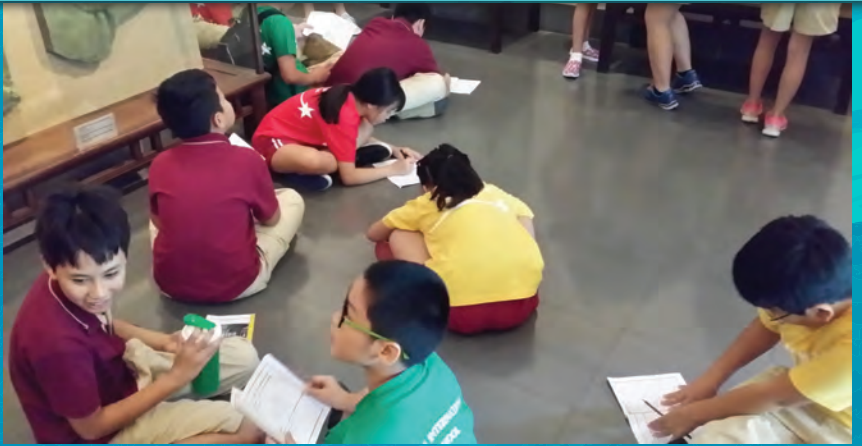


Year 4 Expedition to VietClimb



Year 5 Expedition to Red River





Year 6 Expedition to Fine Arts Museum

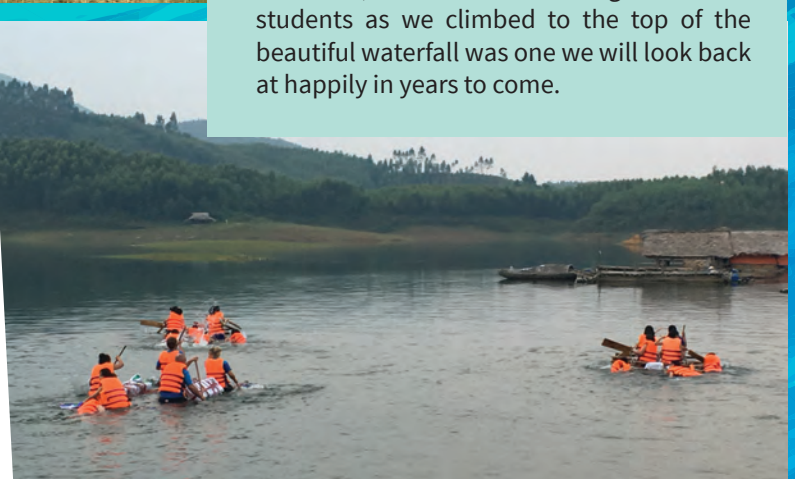




Year 7 Expedition to La Vie Tu Linh

As the week progressed, friendships developed, raft rivalries were created and memories were made. The students were an absolute asset to the school and put their full effort into every task they were given, and did so with the biggest smiles on their faces.

Even the hardest tasks were met with perseverance - the chants of '7 up we don't give up' rang from the rafters as the teams pushed themselves to their limits in the final Raft Race, and the faces of delight from the students as we climbed to the top of the beautiful waterfall was one we will look back at happily in years to come.

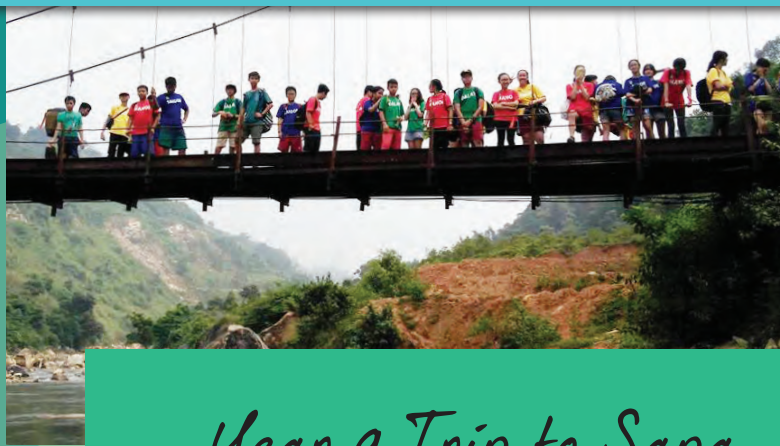




Year 8 trip to Mai Chau

It was wonderful to see the students working together to develop new skills outside the classroom. These experiences really helped our students develop their independence. The perseverance shown during some of the activities was truly admirable. From developing their kayaking prowess to learning to navigate with GPS (and dodging grumpy cows) there were always happy faces. However, it was not all work! It was immensely pleasurable to see the care and respect with which our students treat their peers and others they meet. This was particularly evident when we arrived at the local school and participated in different activities with the students from the school. The trip was also successful in helping to form some new friendships and made Year 8 an even closer community.





Year 9 Trip to Sapa

During the first half of our trip, students took part in a range of team building activities, helping one another complete a number of demanding challenges to win points for their House. Our students showed exceptional leadership skills and were extremely supportive of all who took part. In the latter half of the trip, our students began their service work with a local school and the local community which included donating clothes to students and community members, and building a road for that school. The service projects became more meaningful as our students began to realise that their efforts had a huge impact on the people they met, whether it was funding local families and their businesses so they could live comfortably; clothing children in preparation for a cold winter; or building a road to improve living conditions for those who use it.

The trip and efforts of our students could be summed up by the words of local village members and trip organisers, who claimed that we, as a school community, should be very proud of our students, particularly how they conducted themselves and how their service work contributed to those in need in Sa Pa.







Year 10&11 Trip to Da Lat

The Dalat trip has developed a great reputation here at BIS Hanoi over the past few years, and it was a cocktail of emotions that boarded the bus to Noi Bai, with minds nervously wondering about some of the more intimidating activities whilst also enjoying the prospect of an escape from day-to-day school life and spending time with friends.

Over the 4 days, the students were a credit to both themselves and the school as they battled their demons to tackle a selection of daunting activities as well as cajoling their peers into overcoming their fears as they climbed, abseiled and leapt all at great height above the comfort of terra firma. As well as some of the more individual activities, there were some great displays of teamwork in a range of group activities, ranging from completing various command tasks, practicing for the talent show and the raft building activity, though the workmanship in the latter activity was in many cases not quite fit for the task. This did however lead in itself to much hilarity as students and staff alike were left floundering in Tuyen Lam lake.

International Award Silver Practice Expedition







COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

During Term I, our community service program continued to grow from strength to strength, encouraging our students to be conscious and active members of their community. We invited some of our partners from Nguyen Dinh Chieu school for the partially-sighted and Hy Vong school for deaf and disable to visit BIS Hanoi for a fun-packed activities with our Primary students. The teachers from our community partners all said that it was wonderful to see how their students have grown in confidence, learnt new skills and thoroughly enjoyed meeting and linking with our own students. Our own students also had chance to show those special qualities that we look for in our aide memoire, caring, respect and learning together!



THE WINNERS

of the Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards

We were very pleased to announce to the school community the following Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) 'Outstanding Learner Awards' for our students:





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OUTSTANDING LEARNER AWARDS

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NGUYEN NGOC MINH

High Achievement
(Top in country)

"High Achievement" is awarded to learners who have achieved outstanding results in subjects which are not so widely taken. Learners who achieve the highest standard marks in a Country (in this case Vietnam) in a particular subject will receive the award.

MATHS (Taken at year level)
AT A LEVEL

CHEMISTRY
AT AS LEVEL

HISTORY
AT AS LEVEL

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HOANG NGOC TRAM

Top in Country

"Top in Country" refers to the learner who has gained the highest standard mark in a country (in our case Vietnam) for a single subject.

BUSINESS STUDIES
AT AS LEVEL

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LE TRAN THU THAO

High Achievement

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BIOLOGY
AT A LEVEL

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PHUNG NGUYEN MINH ANH

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