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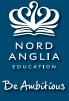
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Dear parents and friends,

Our amazing students are continuing to push boundaries and be ambitious across all aspects of school life, as you can see as you browse through the pages of this edition of Esprit. Incredible perseverance was clearly visible during FOBISIA sporting competitions in Phuket and during the many residential trips, including the Duke of Edinburgh treks. I have also been delighted by the care, respect and integrity shown by students as they have taken part in community projects with local schools for children with disabilities. BIS students also took part in FOBISIA Maths and Model United Nations competitions, demonstrating skills of enquiry and reflection. A further emphasis in Term 2 and Term 3 has been placed on ensuring that all students have opportunities to develop a true understanding of what it means to be a global citizen.

At BIS, we are constantly looking to improve our learning environment and facilities. Although our main improvements usually take place over the summer, this year we have utilised the Christmas and Spring breaks too, focusing on two main areas.

Firstly, the redesign of our foyer which has resulted in brighter and more open meeting rooms, an improved uniform shop and extra comfy seating in the entrance lounge. Not forgetting, the addition of a coffee shop (now known as Queen Bean!) which has proved popular with staff, our IB students and parents. The foyer is now a hub for meeting as a community and a programme of musical break times is becoming a popular feature of our communal area.

Our second project to improve our learning environment happened very recently. A school library is a wonderful resource and should be an inviting space for learning of all types to take place. The re-design of our library to create a central learning hub took a leap forward over our Spring Break. A new carpet, new learning booths, comfortable seating, individual and small group learning areas have now been added. New technologies have been integrated into the learning hub too.

Parents are very important members of our community and are welcomed into both the coffee shop and library. I hope you find some of your favourite memories from Terms 2 and 3 in the following pages!

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Ms. Sue Hill Principal



Brand New Foyer and Coffee Shop





Right before the start of Term 2, our reception foyer was remodelled in order to create a more open and welcoming space. We created a new admissions suite, set up a larger testing room and created a new space for our uniform shop. Our lobby received new furniture to enhance our meeting area with a more cosy and modern look. Some children's tables and chairs were also added to create a separate and fun area for kids' games and activities. Perhaps the most noticeable change, however, was the addition of the coffee shop, run by our food service provider - Epicure Catering.

Visitors to BIS Hanoi are now able to purchase coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks and either take them away or sit in and enjoy. The coffee shop is open during school hours: 7.30am-4.30pm from Monday to Thursday and 7.30am-4.00pm on Friday. The Year 13 students from Ms. Stevens's ECA came up with a clever and unique name – Queen Bean - while the logo was expertly designed by our graphic designer, Ms. Thao.

We are delighted to see our community enjoying the coffee shop and the new foyer!







QUEEN #BEAN



A Discovery of Tet





Tet, celebrating the arrival of the new lunar year, is the most important festival in Vietnam. The celebrations start on the 23rd day of the last month of the old lunar year, when the Vietnamese people worship Tao Quan (the Kitchen God).

This year, BIS Hanoi organised some great cultural events and activities to mark this important occasion. On the last school day before our Tet holiday, the whole school assembly featured a unique Performance Programme in which the cultural values of the Vietnamese people were highlighted.

There were contributions from both Primary and Secondary students. All songs and dances performed by the students demonstrated the cultural diversity of Vietnam with the aim of preserving and honouring the traditional cultural values of the Vietnamese people.

Earlier that day, some of our parents had a fantastic time together when they joined a sightseeing tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter organised by our Marketing department. They had a chance to see how Vietnamese people prepare for Tet while visiting Hang Ma Street and observing all the interesting lucky decoration items before stopping at Phung Hung Street to take photos in front of beautiful Spring-themed murals.



Finishing the tour off with a delicious lunch in a Vietnamese restaurant downtown was the perfect way to end the tour and to discuss how each country welcomes the New Year in general.













BIS HANOI PRESENTS



The annual school production is an important event in the BIS Hanoi calendar. Whilst our school's moto is 'Be Ambitious,' giving the students the opportunity to pull off such an iconic Disney musical as "Beauty and the Beast" is another example of the constant challenge we present to our students as this play has very demanding standards towards acting, singing, stage set-up, music, lighting and costumes.

Putting on such a high quality performance took a lot of work and a close collaboration between BIS Hanoi students and teachers. The casting for the production took place at the beginning of the academic year 2017-2018 with extremely high requirements in terms of acting and singing abilities for each role.

The orchestra started rehearsing early on, while the stage set-up design involved a lot of painting and construction by the BIS Hanoi Art Department.

What made "Beauty and the Beast" at BIS Hanoi special was the international mix of players, including: Ana (British) as Belle, Nhat Hung (Vietnamese) as The Beast, Jess (British) as Gaston, Susan (Korean) as Mrs. Potts, and Ana Luisa (Mexican) as Babette.









The whole cast made great efforts in practice and rehearsals over 3 months which boosted their standard of acting and amazed the audience in bringing the classical fairy-tale to life. During the performance nights, the school's orchestra under the direction of Mr Bradley Minchin also sounded like a professional orchestra that had been rehearsing together for years.

With audiences averaging around 700 people for 2 outstanding performance nights, the production achieved its ambitious fund raising goal of \$1300. The money was then used to purchase musical instruments for the children of the Nguyen Dinh Chieu school for the blind.

In addition, BIS Hanoi students delighted their parents and teachers with their talents and professional working attitude, confirming the excellent teaching and learning quality of the school's Performing Arts Department.



















Spotlight on Community Service

During Term 2, community service activities continued to give our students the opportunity to develop a respectful and caring sense of social responsibility towards other people, animals and the environment.

Some of our Primary and Secondary students from the BIS Garden ECA have been helping to develop a sustainable garden at the Early Years Centre. Using compost from the chicken coop area, they have helped to dig and prepare areas for planting banana trees, strawberries, mint, lettuce and onions.

Our Bush Craft ECA students have been learning many outdoor skills this term from using tools safely and chopping wood to fishing with rods they have made themselves and caring for our BIS hens.

We continued to raise awareness to show how much we care about animals. After a very successful Young Enterprise Project, our Year 3 students visited Tam Dao Bear Sanctuary, seeing first-hand the fabulous work they are doing to combat the evils of bear bile farming and the wonderful enrichment they have caring for the bears that have been rescued.

On the theme of caring for people in the community, two local schools visited our students this term. Our Year 10s entertained children from Hy Vong School for the deaf and disabled, with special science experiments, while our Year 2 students had a number of exchanges this term with Nguyen Dinh Chieu school for the blind. The children were playing together with homemade scented playdoh, constructing with Lego and interacting with each other through music.

We would like to thank all the parents, staff, teachers and students who bought tickets for the "Beauty and the Beast" performances. With two nights of outstanding performances in February 2018, our school raised over \$1300 to support disabled children at Nguyen Dinh Chieu school.

Mr. Kevin HalpinCommunity Service Manager













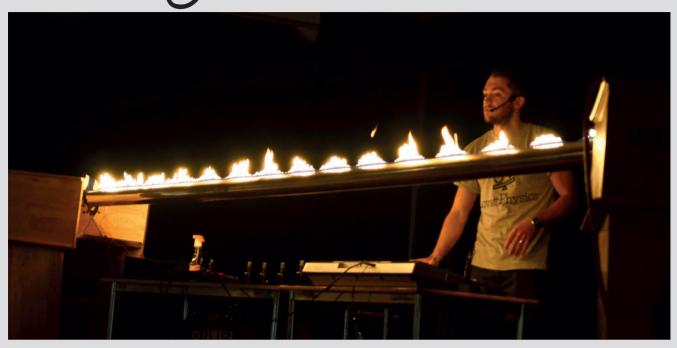
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Celebrating Science Week 2018

The announcement of the death of the extraordinary British scientist Stephen Hawking poignantly fell amidst BIS Hanoi's celebration of British Science Week. Thus, it was a fitting tribute to Hawking's passion for popular science that our Secondary Science team presented a pyrotechnic extravaganza, illustrating difficult science subject matter in highly entertaining and accessible ways.

We believe the children will never forget the sight of Mr Minchin and Mr Lovatt playing the organ, whilst waves of sound danced in flames before their eyes in the whole school Science Assembly. Nor will it be easy to forget the voice changing attributes of dense gases, as illustrated by Mr Duckett, whose impression of Bane, from Batman, was pitch perfect. The assembly even ended with a big bang!

As troops of young scientists left the auditorium, there was a sense that the wonder of discovery was alive in the hearts of the children, whose own journey through our universe has only just begun.

Mr. Tim Webb Head of Secondary













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Roar with Pride

Returning home from an incredibly successful U13 FOBISIA trip to Phuket, the team were rewarded with a celebration BBQ which gave them the opportunity to re-live the highlights of the competition and to share this joy with their parents and families.

Everyone in attendance was treated to a showing of the official FOBISIA video which included many of our talented athletes. This was followed by some wonderful speeches from the team captains Linh Nhi and The Thien as well as a heartfelt thanks from the parents of the competitors.

Four months of hard work, perseverance and commitment had once again led to an incredible haul of medals and trophies across all sports – and the BBQ was the perfect way to celebrate these achievements.

Our BIS students were inspirational throughout the competition both on the sports field and during their downtime. The bond between the team, the respect shown for each other and care given by each and every member of the squad is testament to their success.

Both the students and their families should be incredibly proud of their achievements and we look forward to doing it all again next year!

Ms. Amy Wild Physical Education Teacher













An Extraordinary Examination

Music GALA SHOWCASE

March is one of the busiest months in a British international school. The Year 11 and Year 13 children are completing their final preparations for their IGCSE and IBDP exams. The pressure for children and their teachers builds, and the pace of school life appears relentless, almost frantic. It was therefore, comforting for our souls to stop for an hour and attend the Year 11 and Year 13 music gala showcase.

Students, parents and teachers formed the audience and were transported to another world. The music of the students brought peace and delightful joy. The relief from the grind of exam preparation was wonderful and reinforced the importance of balance within our school curriculum.

Piano and guitar pieces were performed by our talented IB students and their skills were complimented by our blossoming IGCSE students whose viola, guitar and singing pieces were performed with great composure. It is extraordinary to think that the 60 minutes of fine music and entertainment on offer was an actual exam!

It was the most enjoyable exam that I have ever attended and I thank the students for giving us such a magical moment in the middle of a busy term.

Mr. Tim Webb Head of Secondary















PREPARING FOR Success

IB Diploma Programme

High school and Sixth Form are particularly significant parts of our lives. As adults we tend to look back at these formative years and reflect on how our experiences influenced our present self.

Once students at BIS Hanoi reach Year 12 and enter the Sixth Form, they begin an exciting and challenging phase of their academic career. The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a diverse and challenging curriculum, designed to prepare learners for the multi-disciplinary workplaces of the future. The IB Diploma Programme (DP) ensures that students maintain a breadth and depth of learning across six subject groups: 1. Language and Literature 2. Language Acquisition

3. Individuals and Societies 4. The Sciences 5. Mathematics 6. The Arts.

We offer specific Theory of Knowledge lessons in which students are encouraged to engage in critical thinking and analyse how knowledge is defined and acquired across the range of subjects. The combination of critical thinking skills and a broad academic knowledgebase make BIS Hanoi graduates very appealing to higher education institutions.

BIS Hanoi recognises the importance of developing both the academic and citizenship qualities of our students, therefore, part of the IB DP requires students to engage with a range of creativity, action and service projects (CAS). Over the past year our students have demonstrated admirable integrity and care whilst fundraising for community projects in Mai Chau -- a sustainable partnership that we hope to maintain long into the future. BIS Hanoi's aim is to develop internationally-minded students with an informed perspective of the world and the CAS programme we offer is an excellent way of building these qualities.

"I think because we have so much to do we have to find a balance, so the IB has really developed my management skills." - Hai Yen

"I have more ability than I previously thought. I have completed a 4000 word essay and I didn't think I could do that before." - Bao Khue

"CAS provided me with a most valued opportunity in Tanzania. I may never go back there but I will remember it forever." - Ha Noi









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students, the event was an excellent opportunity to get more information to help with options choices for the IB DP, or more specifically, ideas for their CAS activities or Extended Essay subject. Parents who attended the showcase were able to witness

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just how challenging the IB DP is, both academically and in terms of workload. It was a momentous evening and a celebration of a significant milestone - all coursework completed - just ahead of the final examinations.

IB Showcase

On Thursday April 5th, we hosted a special event in the library: our first ever IB Showcase. The purpose of the IB Showcase event was to celebrate the CAS partnerships built over the last 18 months and the huge portfolio of work that students create as part of their IB journey. It was also an excellent way to learn about the Theory of Knowledge, CAS, Extended Essay and Internal Assessments within the Diploma Programme.

Our Year 13 students proudly showed:

- The meaningful CAS partnerships they have built
- Examples of the academically rigorous Extended Essay
- Snippets of their thoughtprovoking Theory of Knowledge presentations
- A red carpet screening from our film studies student
- Highlights from the IB Music recital and selected pieces from our Visual Arts students.

Mr. Adrian Duckett **IB DP Coordinator**



Young Enterprise Fair &









TAM DAOBear Sanctuary Visit

Towards the end of Term 2, Year 3 went on a school trip to the Tam Dao Bear Sanctuary. Before the children were able to go on the trip, they had a huge project to complete. As part of the Year 3 topic 'Young Enterprise', the children came up with their own business plan to raise money for the Tam Dao Bear Sanctuary.

After lots of hard work of planning, designing and making products, the children had a very successful Young Enterprise Fair selling all of their amazing products to the children, teachers and parents of BIS. The children raised an outstanding amount of *29,762,000 VND*.

During the Bear Sanctuary trip, the children went on a long walk around the whole centre, seeing the rescued bears in their large enclosures roaming around. The children saw some of the small containers/ cages that the bears were rescued from and were shocked to hear how they were treated before they came to the centre.

On the walk around the centre, the children went into the feeding room to see all of the food that was being prepared for the bears. They were surprised to see that some of the bears eat similar food to us, such as, cheese, popcorn, yogurt, tomatoes and many fruits and vegetables.

After the long walk around the centre, the children had their lunch in the training centre whilst watching some film clips of the bears playing in their enclosures.

At the end of the visit, the children presented a cheque with the money that they raised. This gave the children a sense of achievement, and they should be very proud of all that they have achieved from their topic.

Ms. Bethan Watts Year 3 Teacher

















GLOBAL CAMPUS

This year the Global Campus has been an extra portal for our children to be ambitious!

As a whole school commitment, all of our Primary classes have been working on a world educational project for the Global Challenge that collaborates with UNICEF to tackle their 17 Global Goals. This year's main goals are to build and develop sustainable communities and cities and to have responsible consumption and production.

With a whole host of activities, BIS children are pledging to make a difference for our community.

First, we have had children in Foundation classes recycling crayons to make new crayons and planting saplings. The children in Year 1 have been over in the main building collecting our paper to recycle. Year 2 have been sorting recyclable litter in the EYC building, while Year 3 have collected the rubbish from

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their homes for a week to see what types of products are left over as waste. The Year 4 students have been collaborating with Epicure to transform our new coffee shop; they hope to make it more sustainable and good for the environment. Our innovative Year 5 students have been constructing shelters out of recyclable materials to prove that some rubbish is good rubbish.

BIS then called upon our tech savvy Year 6 friends and their digital experiences to bring all of our exciting



projects together. We hope to submit our proposal for change to the Global Campus and witness our ideas developed for the world to see!

In addition, children have engaged in the Global Campus activities at home and in the GC ECA. Our Spring Lego competition attracted over 50 entries in the battle to be a 'Master Builder'; innovative under 8's have written their own comics with super heroes to save the planet; artists and photographers have displayed their creative skills for the Visual Arts and the Photographer competitions.

We can now proudly say that the Nord Anglia Education judging panel has selected two pieces by BIS Hanoi students Helena (Y7) and Hue (Y4) for publication in the 2018 Visual Art and Creative Writing Anthology. Congratulations to Helena and Hue for their excellent work!

The Global Campus is an exciting way for our children to focus their strengths on making our world a happy place to live in and to be part of the largest lesson in the world!

Ms. Sally Tong Year 5 Teacher

















Developing good partnerships within the

within the BIS community

Developing good partnerships between home and school is important to us and it is our vision that all parents will feel a sense of belonging to our BIS Hanoi's community. There are many ways BIS staff are fostering the relationships this academic year.











Firstly, by teachers sharing some of the ways they teach and aspects of the curriculum covered, parents can work in partnership with the school to help their child's learning. A series of Primary workshops on Reading, Maths and EAL were organised this year. The workshops were very well attended and provided a forum for parents to learn further about how to best support their children at home.

We also encouraged parents to join in and organise social events. Following our successful Christmas party at Mad Society celebrating the end of very busy term, we were delighted to host our BIS Family Spring Brunch at the Moose and Roo Smokehouse. The location was perfect for our families as it offers lots of secure green space and great food. In addition to the exciting play areas there were fun activities that we hosted for our children such as face painting and balloon twisting. It was great to see over 100 members of the BIS community catching up and making new friends!













Central Learning Hub opens to hive of activity

The new library has opened to a buzz of activity as students use their central learning hub to study for upcoming exams, work on group projects, brainstorm for presentations, or just relax with a good book. It has been proven that students are at their most productive and creative when they are given the freedom to choose their working space according to their task.

The new library offers a range of spaces to work in class groups, smaller groups, or individually - and opportunities to get creativity flowing, with a Lego wall, chess and interactive whiteboards.

BIS Hanoi students have really enjoyed using their new learning hub to work collaboratively, with one student commenting "It's much better than before. I like that we are using every space, and there are more spaces we can work together - even in Primary".

On the other hand, secondary students benefit from a university-style working environment that encourages active and independent study. Sixth Form students see a positive change, remarking "I like the different areas for working - I can choose my space depending on what I need to do".

This is also an environment we encourage our BIS Hanoi parent community to use - whether it's sitting somewhere cosy and reading books with your child after school or borrowing a new book for yourself. The new library is a space we can all benefit from!

Ms. Annie Hull Librarian















Outstanding IB Visual Arts Exhibition



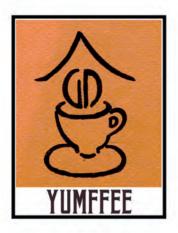
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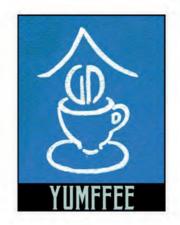
Year 13 Visual Arts Students exhibited their final IB artwork in their end of year exhibition. This is the culmination of two years of hard work and includes a wide range of large-scale paintings, sculptures, photographs, digital illustrations and installations. The exhibition includes artwork from the following students who have all explored different themes and concepts.

At the beginning of IB Visual Arts students cover a range of skill-based projects in drawing and painting, design, photography and sculpture. As they develop more technical skills and awareness of different artists from different cultural context they also start to develop their own personal ideas, concepts and themes for their artwork.

As they progress into Year 13, each student independently develops a range of personal outcomes across different media before selecting and designing the set up for their final exhibition. The students have created some truly outstanding work in the first IB Visual Arts Exhibition at BIS. I would like to congratulate them all for completing artwork to such a high standard and for the complexity and originality of the ideas and concepts explored.

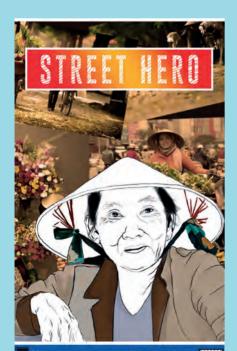
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Art Leader







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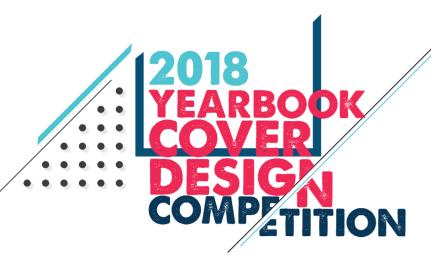
Ngoc Hai Yen Tran Women & Strength



Huong Thao Nguyen Identity



Tuan Viet NguyenConflict: Construction & Deconstruction



The Yearbook is always highly anticipated by the BIS Hanoi community as it summarises all the exciting activities and celebrates the great achievements of our school in the academic year. Running the Yearbook Cover Design Competition is a great way to encourage our students to express their art skills as well as to leave a lasting imprint in our school's history. This year we received over 20 entries. We would like to thank all students who submitted their designs and to congratulate to our winner and the 2 runners up.

First Prize: Jung Eun Ji

The main inspiration behind my design is my favourite K-pop group, BTS. They always talk about dreams and encourage people with their songs. Their performances are inspirational to me, so I wanted to do the same with my design. BIS Hanoi provides amazing opportunities to develop our skills not only in leadership but also in specific subjects like Art, Music or PE. I wanted to convey the idea about these opportunities and the well-rounded education we receive here through my design.

Second Prize: Jeong Hye In (Helen)

Before I started drawing, I made a small mindmap to think about our school's aide memoire. I finally came up with balloons and decided to use them as the main theme of the yearbook cover. On the back page of my cover, I wrote: "We believe there is no limit to what we can achieve", which is one of our school's slogans. Here at BIS Hanoi, I met many teachers and students who inspired me and made me actually believe it. I hope that everyone in our school believes that too.

Third Prize: Mizuki Koyama

"Bond with others" - this is the inspiration behind my design. I want BIS students to value their friendships with others. We can find the constellations of stars in the sky, and similarly BIS students can create bonds with each other. These friendships go beyond age, gender and nationality and make our lives richer -that's how BIS shines brighter.







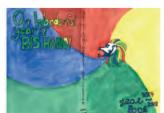






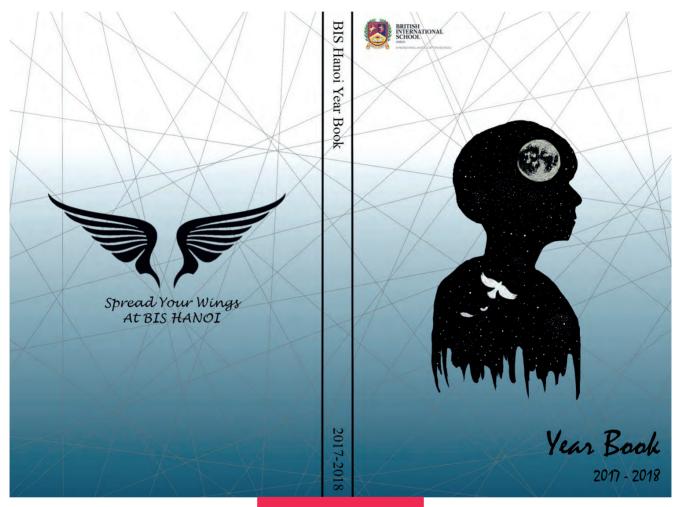








Letting Creativity Shine



First Prize: Jung Eun Ji





Third Prize: Mizuki Koyama

Primary FIRBISIA ESTABLISHED IN 1988 U11 Competition





In early May, 31 of our athletes competed at the Primary FOBISIA Games in Phuket, Thailand. Six schools from Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Vietnam competed in T-Ball, Football, Athletics and Swimming. There were 9 trophies up for grabs and BIS Hanoi won 7 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 bronze, in addition to 209 individual Swimming and Athletics medals.

Our students showed great mental toughness throughout the year, specifically in their commitment to training, and their hard work clearly paid off. Well done to all involved!

Following the Games, it was great to reflect upon what our success means to our students, our school and our greater community. Our students' success and the journey they have been on has helped to raise the profile of sport in the school and our sporting heroes have really been an inspiration to their peers.

Their success has also helped to change people's views regarding participation in sport. Their achievements have shown society that girls can play football and that sport in general has so many more benefits than just physical exertion.

Our students have paved the way for future generations to get involved in sport and physical activity, allowing our younger students to follow in their footsteps and share similar experiences to those gained at the FOBISIA Games.

Mr. Mark Atkinson

Head of Extracurricular Activities and **Physical Education Teacher**



















Residential visits are and excellent opportunity for students to develop in their team building, independence and resilience. Taking learning outside of the classroom enables students to experience new activities, take risks and challenge themselves.

At BIS Hanoi our exciting residential program for Primary students involves excursions that take them off site to locations such as Ba Vi, Cuc Phuong and Hoi An. For Year 3 students their first taster is a school sleepover in the library.

On May 17th, full of excitement and anticipation, our Year 3 students returned to school early in the evening with their bags packed and sleeping bags ready. As this is the first time away from home for some of the children, the sleepover is carefully planned and having it in the familiar school environment is important.

The children arrived and waved goodbye to their parents, and the library was buzzing with excitement as the children raced off to their activities: swimming, basketball, football and tennis. Before they knew it, it was time for pizza and salad in the dining hall. Feeling satisfied and sleepy, the children then made their way upstairs to set up their bed, brush their teeth and watch a movie before drifting off to sleep.

At breakfast the next morning, the students were full of stories about their exciting adventure and many said how they only wished they could do it again. Despite some anxious faces at the start of the evening, they seemed a little taller the next day. As our Year 3 students prepare for transition into Year 4, they are already talking about the exciting adventures that they will experience on their next BIS residential.

Ms. Rebecca Carroll Head of Primary













Primary Trips









Filling our halls with Wonderful Music!

Musical life at BIS Hanoi continues to flourish with two outstanding Primary live lunch events this year. Our Performing Arts Leader Ms. Laura Rea is always creating opportunities for our students to perform in a variety of arenas and our new open and welcoming coffee shop and foyer became an exciting venue for our music mini-festival.

The Live Lunch brought together beautiful contributions from solos, duets, group ensembles and the Primary Choir with high-quality performances that certainly made the audience clap their hands! It was a lovely relaxed atmosphere with students on beanbags, and visitors and teachers at the nearby coffee shop listening to our talented young performers.

Don't worry if you missed the Primary Live Lunch this year, we look forward to hosting more similar events in next academic year so that you can enjoy amazing musical moments with our school community!

> Ms. Rebecca Carroll Head of Primary

In other musical news, a new piano available for public use in the reception area is already proving popular at BIS Hanoi. This is an excellent opportunity to encourage the whole BIS Hanoi community to engage with, exchange and share their love of music together.

Our students and teachers visit the piano often during break time or after lunch, filling our school's corridors with beautiful iconic works of Bach, Beethoven or Chopin as well as exciting contemporary melodies!

Ms. Laura Rea Performing Arts Leader















Congratulations Graduates Class of 2018!



We wish you continued success!





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