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Term I - 2015-2016

New Students Induction Morning

On Tuesday, 25 August 2015, it was wonderful to welcome our new students along with their parents for their induction morning. All of our staff had been extremely busy to get the school ready for this special event. There was a great atmosphere around the school with many smiling faces and excited greetings!





Dr Lee Environmental Day

What a fantastic day we had on Tuesday, 15 September 2015, for Geography and the IPC explorers topic! Dr Rebecca Lee, a famous Environmental Scientist and Polar Explorer, came to deliver an inspiring presentation to our Primary students about Exploring, Global Warming and Cold Environments, as well as presenting to a combination of BVIS and BIS students in further detail about climate change and careers in the diverse sphere of Geography and Science. The talk was a great stimulus for Year 4 in their IPC explorers topic and inspired the Secondary Geography department to further facilitate students to aspire and realise their ability to be able to create and sustain long-lasting change.



Global Campus



During the week from 21 to 25 September 2015 students at BIS learned about the new sustainable development Goals by taking part in The World's Largest Lesson. This is an initiative set up by the United Nations to raise global awareness about how governments around the world try to tackle the major problems facing our planet today by encouraging all schools around the world to teach about these sustainable development Goals. We are proud to be working with our sister school BIS Ho Chi Minh City and look forward to seeing our students develop their sense of being Global Citizens whilst participating in the World's Largest Lesson.





Science Photographer Competition

Quoc Huy
12S

"What amazes me the most whenever my dog snatches his frisbee from the air is neither his timing, precision or even his Physics A level calculations of moving projectiles. It is the passion and energy that he does so with."



Hanh Tien
11S

"The nest shows the resilient struggle of organisms within their trophic level. Physically, the foam is too vulnerable. However, I'm touched by the contrast – the approaching daylight, the retreating shadows and the egg bun on the brink. "





Anh Quan
9S

“Stone skipping is a very simple game. All you need to do is throw a medium (better if flat) stone across the water surface and see how many times it bounces off the surface before sinking. But in a scientist eyes this is a process of complexity.”

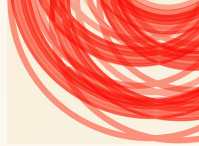
Sue and Eun Ji
Class 9B

“We choose this photo because we have 2 important facts we think. Firstly, electricity is the most useful invention we’ve figured out. Also the night views which many people enjoy use electricity for the lights. Secondly, one of the biggest movements that the Earth does is rotation. The Earth rotates; the night and the morning appear.”



Phuong Linh
11S

“Scientists believe that being in the water long enough will trigger your nervous system to alter the shape of your skin: to make it pucker. And puckered skin improves our grip in water. This is amazing, our body alters to help us adapt to the environment even if it is just temporary.”



Moon Festival

Moon Festival is one of the great occasions that we can use to inspire our students about Vietnam's traditions. It is an opportunity to have fun, to educate children and to also develop an appreciation for poetry, song, dance and arts and crafts. Thank you to all students and teachers who heartedly participated in the Moon Festival at BIS Hanoi this year!



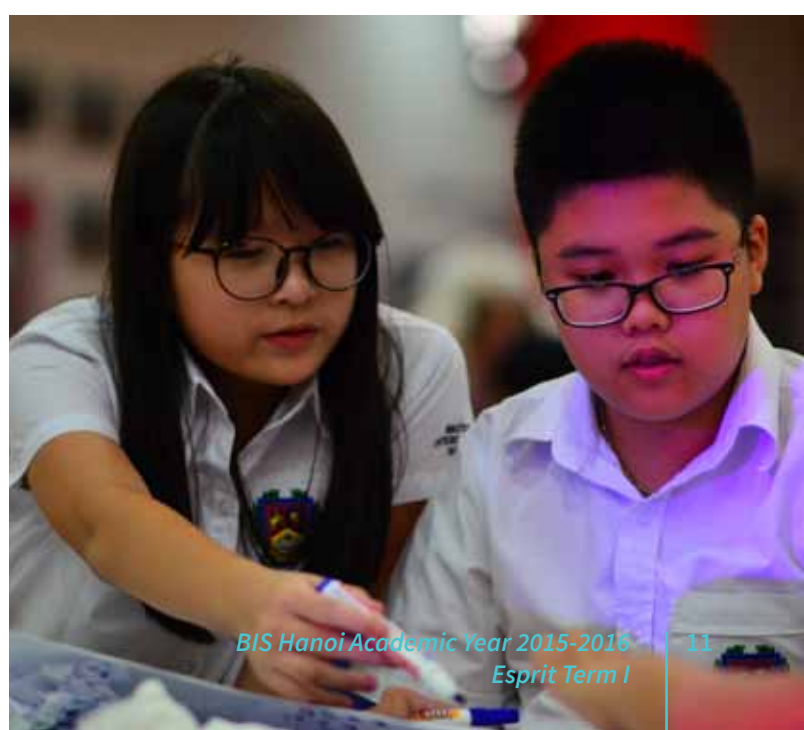




Book Week

Book Week has always been an exciting time at BIS Hanoi. For the event this year, our students had a chance to meet with the Two Steves, visiting authors from the UK, who gave a very animated presentation on the skills needed for writing and the importance of creativity. Through a variety of interesting reading activities, children were encouraged to use verbal language confidently and to really delve into a world of make believe. It was all great fun and a truly inspiring week!





Make a **NOISE** about bullying

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



The Anti-Bullying Week took place at BIS Hanoi from 23 to 27 November 2015. All children in our school talked about how bullying makes you feel and what you should do if you are being bullied. Classes in Primary made a slogan to chant and banners with strong messages on. Everyone then met in the Auditorium to listen to songs composed by children in school. The culmination of our campaign was a 'Make Some Noise About Bullying' protest march through all the corridors in our school. Secondary teachers and students came out of their rooms to clap and cheer as the Primary shouted their messages proudly. We all firmly believe: we don't want bullying at BIS! Thank you to Ms. Hughes and her team for organizing the event and all staff and pupils for having a voice.





Halloween Mufti Day

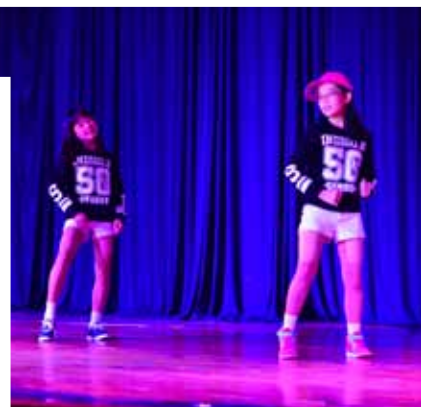




Secondary's Got Talent

The "BIS Talent Spook-tacular" contest was held on 29 October 2015 at the school's auditorium. Thank you to all of the participants for their fantastic performances. We would like to congratulate all winners of the contest including KS3 Commendation & Audience Award – Chae Won (Y7B) and Susan (Y9B) who performed a great K-Pop style dance; KS4 Commendation – The Plague Rock Band (Hop Long -Y11I / Phuong Long-Y11I/ Phuong Linh-Y11S/ Duy Minh-Y11S/ Jones Binh-Y11S/ Quoc Huy-Y12S) who performed the song 'Rather Be' and the Overall Winners – Connection by Tuan Kiet & Quy An (12I) who devised and performed a wonderful Abstract Drama scene!





Winter Concert





Our first Whole School Winter Concert was held on Thursday, 3 December 2015. There were 140 students performing, from Year 2 to Year 13. It was lovely to welcome many parents and families to attend and we hope that you all enjoyed an evening of beautiful music with us!



Challenge Day - Dragons' Den

The Secondary School's Challenge Day "Dragons' Den" on 18 November 2015 was a phenomenal success. We are a school that believes in challenging our students in so many different ways and are not afraid to do so. The students gain so much from these cross-curricular days. The enjoyment and enthusiasm that they showed throughout the day was clearly evident as they rose to the challenge of the "Dragons" and we are proud of every one of them. Thank you to everyone who contributed so much and in particular, Ms Rachel Stevenson for coordinating it all. Special thanks go to two of our parents, Ms. Nguyen Dao Tuyet Nga and Mr. Andrew Nisbet for giving up their valuable time to come and act as Business Advisors to the students.





Games

- There will be traditional games organised to entice people to discover various cultures.
- The games will be organised and run by teachers, who will have to research the cultures they're representing to show willingness to accept different nationalities.
- To participate in the games, people will be a small fee of 10 000 VND.



HCMC Swimming Gala

On 9 October 2015 our team left for Ho Chi Minh City to attend the Swimming Gala. It was a very exciting and competitive day. Students had to work really hard in the swimming pools. They learned how to persevere and to keep on going in moments when they thought that they wouldn't be able to compete. Giving and trying their best in each event was key to the successful day!





Annual Charity Bazaar 2015

Hanoi International Women's Club



*BIS Hanoi at
HIWC Bazaar 2015*

A big thank you to all members of staff and students who supported the school at the HIWC Annual Charity Bazaar on 28 November 2015! Let's have a look at some wonderful moments and exciting activities we had together. A great BIS team effort!





Touch Rugby Tournament





On Tuesday, 13 October 2015, BIS Hanoi held a Touch Rugby Tournament to celebrate the Rugby World Cup. This was a special event which included all the students from BIS Years 5 and 6 and students from BVIS Royal City. This was a giant leap into the unknown for a lot of students as they had never seen rugby played before. However, they applied some Richie McCaw grit and threw themselves into it. To begin with, there were a lot of forward passes and diagonal runs. By the end of the tournament, children were passing and running forward into space. The event was a great success, it built a love and understanding of rugby for all the students.





KS1 House Sports

On Wednesday, 25 November 2015, our Key Stage 1 cohort took part in their first House Sports event of the academic year and the chosen theme for this event was Multi-Skills. The Four Houses were split into 8 teams and battled it out across 7 different disciplines. Students took part in sprinting, jumping, football striking, accuracy throwing, basketball shooting, hockey dribbling and as if that wasn't enough, we threw in a gymnastics assault course to really push the boundaries. Another first for Key Stage 1, saw the introduction of the Sportsmanship Award, which was awarded to students for outstanding behaviour, fair play and integrity. And finally, the overall winners on the day were Dalat! Congratulations to all who took part!







KS2 House Sports



Secondary House Sports

The secondary school participated in their termly house sport event on the 18th of December. The houses had the opportunity to compete against one another in three different events. The first event was a carousel of traditional relay races. Teams raced in events such as egg and spoon, three- legged race and over and under. The second event was a carousel of various skill related stations. Students could challenge themselves in various difficulty levels of each activity. Throwing accuracy, punting accuracy and the obstacle course were a few of the highlights of the morning. The third event was Tug of war. Houses had the opportunity to tug against one another. After calculating all the results from all the events the standings were Hue in first, Hanoi in second, Dalat in third and Saigon in fourth position. The students and the staff enjoyed the morning.





Basketball Tournament

BIS hosted the Middle school Basketball Round Robin festival for the Hanoi Activities Conference on the 14th of November. Students in year 7 – 9 were in the teams for the day. The aim of the day is to encourage participation amongst students but also allow for a competitive atmosphere. Teams from UNIS, St Paul's, Concordia, Wellspring, BVIS Hanoi and Olympia schools enjoyed the day. Rain in the beginning of the festival could not dampen the enthusiasm of the student and the staff involved in the morning. The BIS boys and girls team played 5 matches in total on the day with varied results. Thank you to the parents and students who came and supported the morning.

**Photo by Darren Jones*







BBGV Fun Run

It was incredible to see so many BIS Hanoi's families at the BBGV Fun Run on 27 September 2015. The Union Jack t-shirts made members of our community highly visible on the track! The event was a great opportunity to participate and have a fun morning as a school community and in turn support various charities in Vietnam.





Nguyen Dinh Chieu Students Visit BIS Hanoi

Our specific aim this year is to build meaningful relationships between BIS children and organisations which will become our community partners. It was an exciting time for BIS as we have made a link with Nguyen Dinh Chieu School for the blind. Our Year 2 children welcomed their guests to the large learning area which had been cleared of furniture and filled with activities suitable for learning together. Some of our BIS children showed an amazing sense of caring and played happily alongside those who are blind or visually impaired. Others were a little shy or cautious to begin with until they realised that being blind doesn't mean you can't have fun!



Remembrance Day

As part of our Community Service Programme, our students had the opportunity to learn about Remembrance Day on 11 November 2015. It was wonderful to see how engaged the students were. They showed great respect and demonstrated how caring they can be. The Day gave everyone here at school the chance to reflect on past wars and hope for a peaceful future. It was an honour to host the British Defence Attaché, Group Captain Tim Below, and Staff Sergeant Rab Durrant who took time out of their very busy schedule to visit BIS. Staff Sergeant Rab Durrant visited the Year 5 and 6 children and had fun exercising and marching in the Auditorium after teaching them more about the significance of the poppy. We are very pleased to announce that the staff and students from BIS Hanoi have raised 12,118,500 VND towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



F3 Visits the Museum of Ethnology

F3 had a fantastic trip to the Museum of Ethnology on Tuesday, 13 October 2015. The museum's outdoor grounds are set with lush trees and beautiful traditional Vietnamese houses. As the students had been learning about Houses and Homes for the last 6 weeks, we really enjoyed walking on the paths to see different stilt and bamboo houses. They saw that some houses were made of mud, wood, bamboo, and rocks. They were also able to identify the rooms in the houses by looking at the household items in them. The biggest challenge for the students was climbing up the stilt house! It was a great experience for all of F3!





Year 1 visited Long Bien Fire Station

1B have really enjoyed learning about “The Jobs People Do”. We ended our topic by visiting Long Bien Fire Station. The children had prepared a long list of questions and they learnt a lot more about the role of a fire fighter. The children started off in a classroom style room where the fire fighters showed us their different uniforms and equipment. Some children were lucky enough to try on some of the uniform and hold the equipment. Then we went to look at the fire engines. There were many different types. 1B liked the one with the ladder on the top the most! All of the children got to have a ride in the fire engine. We went around the block and the fire-fighters turned on the siren and lights. It was a very exciting drive! Finally we all had a photo together and 1B went back to school.



Year 2 Trip to Eco Park

On Thursday, 1 October 2015, Year 2 got the chance to visit Eco Park. In term 1, they have been learning about 'Our World' in Topic and 'Living Things' in Science so they wanted to observe living things in a different environment. What an ideal place it turned out to be! First, the students were treated to a ride on the eco-friendly electric buses that travel around the park. They had great fun and were able to see all the different parts of Eco Park. To observe living things more closely, the students decided to take the clipboards to a lovely pond area they had spotted so they could record detailed sketches of the things they saw. Y2 students drew lily pads, brightly coloured flowers, trees, butterflies and even a hopping toad! What a busy day for Year 2 - but lots of fun too!





Year 4 Visits VietClimb

Our Year 4 students enjoyed a visit to VietClimb on 15 & 16 October 2015. The trip offered activities at an indoor climbing wall where the children got the opportunity to try something they very likely had never tried before. At first some children felt nervous. "I am scared," was a phrase heard quite a few times. However, every single child gave it a go, discovered they could climb and pushed themselves to go a bit higher and a bit further than the time before. At the end there were complaints of sore fingers but everyone had big smiles on their faces because of the sense of achievement they felt. It seems as if some of our children have spider blood running through their veins as many were able to climb and scramble along the walls like giant spiders!





Year 6 trip to Aquarium and Art Museum

On 14 October 2015, our Y6 students enjoyed a fun trip to the Aquarium in Times City. They had a great time observing beautiful fish of all sizes, colours and shapes. They even saw turtles, penguins, sting rays and sharks! It was truly thrilling. After a quick first look, they settled down to some scientific enquiry: they prepared their own classification grids, found the Latin names for the fish and made numerous detailed drawings of the fish that they found most fascinating. They were lucky enough to witness penguin feeding time – those birds were so entertaining to watch and very patient as they waited for their food! The students left the Aquarium with lots of new information and now feel that they are quite the experts in the area of classification!



Year 7 Visits Ba Vi

Year 7 students arrived safely in Ba Vi on 13 October 2015. During the trip, they had the opportunity to visit the honey bee farm, make fresh spring rolls at the organic vegetable garden, visit Ba Vi National Park and climb to over 1000 metres above sea level to trek through the beautiful mountains! They also spent time at the tea plantation, picking tea leaves, producing the green tea and learning how to pour the perfect cup. It was such an amazing trip for everyone and an opportunity to learn and have fun with their teachers and classmates!





Year 8 Visits Mai Chau

From 13 to 16 October 2015, Year 8 travelled to the beautiful and serene countryside of Mai Chau for their expedition. The trip gave our students an excellent opportunity to bond and converse with the students in the local area and it was wonderful seeing the two communities coming together. They also experienced a variety of interesting activities including archery, kayaking, a challenging trek and survival skills! Before we left we donated clothes, books and bags that we had collected during our recent clothing drive. These, we are sure, will prove very useful to some underprivileged students in the Mai Chau area. A big thank you to those families that kindly donated.





Year 9 Visits Sapa

Sapa once again greeted our Year 9 students with its trademark mist and drizzle. It was nice to be back in the village and see some familiar faces - villagers who are now well-used to welcoming the students of BIS into their homes. During the trip this year, the Amazing Race was extended. A slightly comic, musical aerobic warm-up followed breakfast, before the activities began in earnest with each house team designing and making their own flag. We also visited the secondary school with our greatly appreciated donations of stationery, clothes and schools bags. After welcome performances, we gave our donations and then our students took on the local students at volleyball and tug of war. The final day of the trip saw us wind back down the mountain roads to Sapa for final sightseeing, before transferring to Lao Cai for the big buses back to Hanoi. The students of Year 9 once again made a positive impression in the hills around Sapa; the trip had made a similar and indelible impression on them.







Year 10 & Year 12 Visits Da Lat

The visit to Da Lat of Y10 & Y12 during Term I was a fantastic trip where students got to take part in activities that they wouldn't normally have taken part in and experience something very different from their usual Hanoi life. Not only did they get to do this with their friends but they got to do this in one of Vietnam's most beautiful areas. It was an absolute pleasure taking away our students again to Dalat as they kept proving how much they stepped up to challenges, supported each other and learnt to integrate and appreciate one another. Our students were excellent throughout!



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