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# Esprit

Term 2 - 2015-2016





# University Fair

The British Council University Fair was held in the school library on 14 January 2016. The event allowed our students to interact actively with the university's counsellors to learn more about the application process as well as entry requirements into many different universities in the UK.

*Photos by Darren Jones*



# Extracurricular Activities

Our Extracurricular Activities Programme in Term II started on 25 January with a broad range of exciting and engaging activities!





# Primary International Week

The week from 25 to 29 January 2016 was such a great time for all Primary children at BIS Hanoi! A lot of exciting activities took place and enthused our young learners such as tasting baklava from Syria in Year 6, tapping feet whilst watching Greek dancing in Year 3, being mesmerized by the Year 4 demonstration of the tango, taking part in a Skype conversation with children in Indonesia, watching Egyptian pyramid construction and mummification in Year 1 and watching Dutch tulip making in Year 5. We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to all of our parents who gave very willingly of their time in order to make our International Week so special!





# Winter Carnival

Our “Winter Carnival” took place successfully on 30 January and it was a great opportunity for family and friends to come together and have an enjoyable time. The event’s participants also experienced the vibrancy of the cultures represented at BIS Hanoi through all the activities. The performances of our students and staff on stage were stunning and we were grateful to the Russian Embassy School for participating and performing such a beautiful traditional Russian dance as well. The variety of wonderful booths and food areas that were available made a great impact. Several stalls operated by students, staff and parents were run effectively to contribute to the charity goals of our school. The event raised 80 million VND which will be used for our school’s community work.

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# Secondary Parent Forum

Our parents were invited to a Parents Forum on Assessment, Reporting and Homework in the Secondary section on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. After a short presentation from our Key Stage 4 & 5 Coordinator, we lead the discussions in small groups on the topics above. We constantly review our provision at BIS Hanoi so it is useful to gain parental opinions on these important matters!



# Model United Nations at UNIS Hanoi



With respect for the issues that face the world in which we all live, a team of 12 intrepid delegates of BIS Hanoi attended their first Model United Nations conference in UNIS Hanoi to debate, lobby and resolve no less than 32 substantial topics. Whilst it was as exciting as nerve-wracking to meet and network with other students from all over the world, our delegates had to brush-off the pleasantries as they went into chambers and tried, for perhaps the first time, to find their true voice. Our students may speak English beautifully, however the art of diplomacy requires influence, persuasion and tenacity and we genuinely hope that this inaugural conference marks the beginning of an emprise that will develop the voices of our young people so that they can make a lasting, positive difference to our world.



# The Global Campus 'Be Ambitious' Competition

In March 2016 we received the wonderful news that our school was extremely successful in a competition initiated recently by the Nord Anglia Education Global Campus. Students were given a brief to create a video and enter it into a competition using the theme 'Be Ambitious'. There were 15 prize categories available and BIS Hanoi won three out of the fifteen which were "The Overall Winner of the Whole Competition", "Most Innovative Award" and "Best Interpretation of Be Ambitious". Within the NAE group there are 42 schools, therefore, to achieve this level of success is phenomenal for us and we would like to offer our congratulations to the successful students and all the other students who entered. Well done to the staff who supported the students with these entries and in particular, Mr Thomas Holmes, our NAE Global Campus Coordinator!





A Doctor



I want to be



A Hacker



A Professional Football Player



A Musician



A Director



BE AMBITIOUS

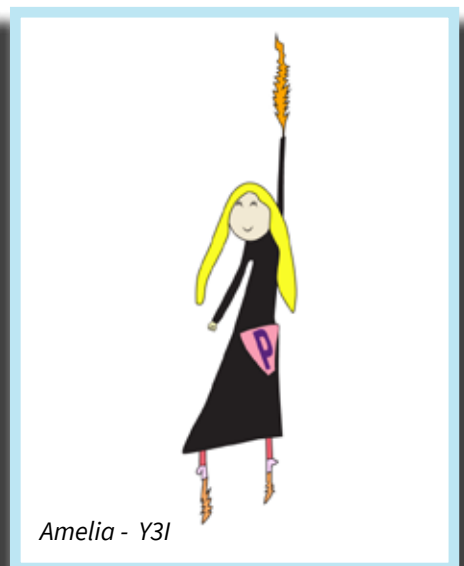


# SUPERHERO

## Competition

In Term 2, the Primary children at BIS Hanoi took part in an exciting competition! Their mission was to design a superhero that could represent one of the characteristics in our Aide Memoire: Enquiry, Respect, Caring, Integrity, Reflection and Perseverance. We received many, many different designs and it was very difficult to choose the winners. However, we had to decide and all the winners were announced in the EYC/ KS1 and KS2 assemblies. A huge well done to all of these winners!

- Min Kyo in 1B who designed a superhero for Enquiry.
- Hyun Seo in 2I who designed a superhero for Caring.
- Amelia in 3I who designed a superhero for Perseverance.
- Allen in 4B who designed a superhero for Respect.
- Linh Nhi in 6B who designed a superhero for Reflection.
- Minh Anh in 6I who designed a superhero for Integrity.







# Primary Shared Learning

The Primary Shared Learning on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March was a great opportunity for parents to come into school to listen to their children talk about their learning and to also discuss learning with their teachers.







# Whole School Assembly

It was great to be present at the End of Term Assembly on 8 April to witness some lovely piano performances from our students and the excitement of the whole school when we announced the House Winners and Principal Awards for the term!





# Geography Trip to Ba Vi

During the weekend from 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March, our Secondary geographers embarked on a trip to Ba Vi National Park to study and measure the features of different parts of a river and see if the data matches their predictions about how the river should change along its course. The aims for the trip were to give our students a taste for IGCSE Geography, learn new fieldwork skills, develop communication skills and teamwork, as well as other geographical skills such as analysis and using ICT with Geography.



# WEST SIDE STORY<sup>®</sup>

The Secondary production of the musical West Side Story took place on 31<sup>st</sup> March - 1<sup>st</sup> April and was such a great success. Congratulations to the cast and crew of West Side Story who worked hard to make this ambitious production one to remember. You all made your parents and teachers very, very proud! Thank you to Ms. Woolgar and the Music department who worked so hard behind the scenes to produce a fantastic show.

*Photos by Darren Jones & Quoc Huy*





# BIS Sport Fixtures





# Primary House Sports

On Thursday 28 January, Key Stage 2 students took part in their second House Sports event of the academic year. This term, students competed in a round-robin Handball tournament. Handball is an invasion type game which requires students to pass, create and exploit space and ultimately score goals by successfully shooting into the opposing team's goal. An incredible 145 goals were scored on the day and the overall winners were Hue, narrowly beating Hanoi on goal difference!







# Secondary House Sports

Our Sports Day on 8 April was a brilliant way to finish Term 2. It was good to see such healthy competition. Many thanks to Ms. Wild and the PE team for such a great event. Congratulations to Da Lat for another brilliant victory!







# Nord Anglia Global Games Asia

Over three days from 2 to 5 March 2016 both our Primary (Year 5 and 6) and Secondary (Year 7 and 8) boys and girls teams travelled to Hong Kong to compete in athletics, swimming and football, culminating in a Gala Dinner and Awards ceremony on the final evening. Students from Hong Kong, Hanoi and Guangzhou competed with each other in a variety of sporting disciplines which widened students' cultural experiences. Our students were showing a great deal of perseverance and sportsmanship leading to some successful outcomes!



# BIS Garden

We are proud to unveil the outcome of the hard work undertaken to create the BIS garden. A big “Thank You” goes out to Mr. Halpin for his tremendous drive in developing this project and to all staff members who supported the endeavour. This is a wonderful resource for our students and we are sure they will make the most of it!





# Primary School Council Visit to SOS Children's Village

Key Stage 2 pupils and staff, including some Primary School Council members, had another very successful visit to SOS Children's Village on Saturday 27 February. The visit started with some heavy lifting as we unloaded half of the shoe boxes donated by pupils and parents, as well as bags of rice, bottles of cooking oil, boxes of noodles and many pairs of new boots for the children. These gifts will really help the mothers and children at SOS, as well as bring some extra joy. For the main activity of the day - a very lively game of T-ball, Mr Adams and Mr Wild split up into teams with a mix of BIS children and SOS children in each team. The teams worked well together, the batting team cheering madly for each person running, and the fielding team working together to try and get their opponents out. It was fast, furious and a lot of fun!

*Photos by Darren Jones*





# Rice Scholarship

During Term 2, the Primary School Council started a Shoe Box Appeal. Children in Primary were encouraged to find a shoe box, decorate it and then buy some small gifts to put inside (for example: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, items of stationery, warm socks, gloves or scarves, small toys, etc). All the gift boxes were given to children linked with the RICE Scholarship programme in time for the Tet holiday. Tet is a time for all to celebrate the New Year. Through this Shoe Box Appeal, we hope that the Primary school children in BIS shared their joy and happiness with others.





## DoE International Award Expeditions: Silver Qualifying & Gold Practice

At the end of January 2016, the final Silver Qualifying and Gold Practice Expeditions took place in the hills around Mountain Langbiang in Dalat. This year, the numbers of participating students in the Award Programme at BIS Hanoi is greater than ever with 31 students from Years 12 and 11 in the Silver group. The big challenge was navigation – with the aid of excellent maps and compasses, the teams had to find a route through the hills for themselves. The expedition was tough but enjoyable with lots of fun for all students and teachers hiking through the hills around Dalat!







## Year 2 Visit to Hoan Kiem Lake & Thong Nhat Park

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February, Year 2 made an educational visit to Hoan Kiem Lake and Thong Nhat Park. This is part of our study on Transport during the first half of Term 2. The purpose of the trip was to enable children to have real experiences of travelling on a variety of modes of transport including environmentally friendly transportation.





## Fi Visit Erahouse Farm

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, our F1 children went to Erahouse Farm in Giang Bien, Long Bien district as part of our topic on Animals. The purpose of the trip was to let children see and observe farm animals up close, helping them connect all new information they had learnt about animals this term. Children also had an opportunity to feed some of the animals on the farm. This trip was a great way for our youngest children to develop their love for animals and the outdoors!

# F2 Visit Vinmart Supermarket

For the second half of the term our F2 students focused on the topic 'Shopping'. In order to help the children understand the meaning of shopping and gain actual experience, F2 class went on a trip on the 9th of March to Vinmart Supermarket, in the Vincom Mall, Long Bien. During the trip the children had the opportunity to meet special people working in the supermarket. They were able to witness them doing their jobs and listened to them as they communicated with their customers. They also had the chance to observe and name things that can be found in a supermarket and shop for items on the list that were given to them.





## Year 4 Expedition to Ba Vi

Our year 4 students joined an exciting residential trip to Ba Vi Organic Farm and Homestead from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The purpose of this visit was for children to develop their independence skills as well as to improve teamwork, cooperation and leadership skills, whilst learning about traditional methods of farming in Vietnam.



# Nord Anglia Global Campus Worldwide Tanzania Expedition

From 24<sup>th</sup> March to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, 12 BIS Hanoi students accompanied by 2 academic staff joined the amazing Tanzania Expedition. The expedition combines both a highly rewarding programme of service work, working alongside Seeway Tanzania, with a two-day educational Safari through the Tarangire National Park, identifying and learning about some of the region's famous and diverse flora and fauna. Our students had an amazing experience and worked incredibly hard on their project. It is a truly rewarding chance to make a significant impact on improving the lives of others while strengthening their own personal leadership, flexible thinking, collaboration and teamwork skills.







# DoE International Award Bronze Qualifying Expedition





This year, we have 33 Year 10 students actively involved with the Bronze award who completed their very first Practice Expedition in Mai Chau on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February. There were some tired legs in school on Monday morning but a real sense of accomplishment. Many thanks to all the staff for supporting this invaluable activity, led by Mr Dunwell.





# Year 5 Expedition to Cuc Phuong

The Year 5 trip to Cuc Phuong took place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The purpose of this visit was for children to develop their independence skills as well as to improve teamwork, cooperation and leadership skills, whilst learning about the natural environment inside the national park.





# Year 6 Expedition to Hoi An

The Year 6 trip to Hoi An took place from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016. The purpose of this visit was for children to learn about the travel and tourism industry in Hoi An, and to try making the local crafts.





**STUDENT ARTWORK**





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