



News from the Dragon's Den



From the Head of School – Mrs Anne Fowles

Dear SSIS Parents and Community,

SSIS students, parents and teachers as well as students from the SIP Foreign Language School assembled on the track and field on Friday last week then jogged for one hour to raise money for the Terry Fox Charity. The Charity was set up in honour of Terry Fox's battle with cancer and his efforts to further cancer awareness and research.

Parent Teacher conferences are taking place from 9am to 5 pm tomorrow (October 22). This is a trial to see if it works better for parents to attend the conferences on a Saturday as well as an accommodation for our school calendar - this is different than normal due to the winter and Chinese New Year break being condensed in one.

Best wishes,
Mrs Anne Fowles
Head of School

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Calendar Dates:

- 22 October
Parent Teacher Conference
- 24 October
CISSA Cross Country
- 27-29 October
ACAMIS V-ball @ IST
- 28 October
Grade 11 Assembly
- 29-30 October
ISB Swim Invitational
- 5 November
SAT
- 12 November
SCIS Swim Invitational
- 12-13 November
Hangzhou MUN





From the Elementary Principal – Mr Mark Treichel



Next week will be a very exciting time for our Grade 3-5 students. The long awaited sleepover and camp dates have arrived. Grade 3 students will have a field trip to the Shanghai Science and Technology Centre on Thursday then return to school for a sleepover and activities that night and for the following day. The Grade 4 students travel over to near Lake Taihu to Agri-world and the Grade 5 students spend two nights at Anji. If past camps are any indication of what students can expect everyone will have a great time.

Due to the camps we have postponed our free dress day usually scheduled for the last Friday of the month. Instead **Monday 31st October** will be **Free Dress Day** and students are welcome to come in. Children are welcome to come dressed in Halloween costumes on this day or their casual clothes as usual. Mr Paulo will be taking photographs on the day.

ACE (Afterschool Clubs Elementary) has also been **cancelled** for **Wednesday 26th** due to the large number of students and teachers away on camps. Grade 3 students who are usually involved in this program will travel home on the regular 3.45 buses.

Congratulations to our young soccer players who played at Dulwich last weekend and represented the school and themselves very well. One SSIS U11 team made the Cup semi-final; another made the Plate final; and the U9 team won the Bowl final! Thank you to all involved for giving our students this opportunity. Please note there is no practice this Saturday due to Parent-Teacher conferences.

I will be absent from school attending a conference from Friday 28th October to Tuesday 1st November. Please direct any inquiries to Dom Thomas and Neil Marshall-Inns in my absence.

Upcoming dates for October:

Saturday 22nd – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday 25th – Grade 2 Field Trip to Century Mart

Wednesday 26th – Grade 1 Field Trip to Yi Li Dairy Factory

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th – Grade 4 and 5 Camps

Thursday 27th – Friday 28th – Grade 3 Sleepover and trip to Shanghai Museum

Elementary Photo Gallery

<http://www.ssis-suzhou.net/ESPrincipal/Site/Gallery/Gallery.html>



Becki's Blog



Canteen expectations

At SSIS we promote healthy eating. By Kindergarten the children are learning to select their own food at snack and lunch. There is a selection of cooked and salad vegetables with fruit in the canteen. The teachers on duty walk around and remind children to make healthy fruit and vegetable selections with their lunch. If the children don't have any fruit or vegetables they are asked to go and get some. Can you please discuss why it is important for your child to select healthy food?

Child safety is very important to us. While the children are in the canteen we expect them to follow the canteen rules for safety reasons. There are teachers on duty at all times while the children are in the canteen and will ensure the children follow these rules.

- Students will stay seated – only get up to get more food or return dishes
- Students will sit sensibly in their seats
- Students will eat sitting down
- Students should not run in the canteen – walk only
- Students will leave their balls outside the canteen door
- Students will leave their tables clean and tidy
- Students will not share food
- Students will follow all instructions given by the teachers

餐厅用餐行为规范

在苏州新加坡国际学校，我们提倡健康饮食。大班的学生开始学习在点心和午餐时间挑选自己的食物。在餐厅里有可供选择的熟的蔬菜和蔬菜水果色拉。值班的老师绕着孩子们走走，并提醒他们午饭中要挑选一些健康的水果和蔬菜。如果学生不吃任何水果蔬菜，老师会要求他们吃一些。你能讨论一下为什么你的孩子挑选健康的食物是很重要的吗？

孩子的安全对我们来说是非常重要的。当孩子们在餐厅的时候，我们要求他们遵守餐厅用餐行为规范，以确保安全。只要孩子们在餐厅用餐，老师们就会一直在那里值班，确保孩子们遵守这些规范。

餐厅用餐行为规范

- 学生们要坐在座位上——除非是站起来添饭菜或归还餐盆。
- 学生们要坐得端正。
- 学生们要坐着吃饭。
- 学生们不能在餐厅里面奔跑——只能慢走。
- 学生们要把球放在餐厅的门外面。
- 学生们吃完饭离开时，要保持餐桌干净整洁。
- 学生们不可以共享食物。
- 学生们要服从老师的指示。



Becki's Blog cont.

급식실에서의 바람직한 행동

SSIS는 건강한 식생활을 장려하고 있으며, 유치원과정 어린이들부터 간식시간 및 점심시간에 직접 음식을 고르는 것을 가르치고 있습니다. 급식실은 우리 어린이들에게 완전히 익힌 음식, 야채 샐러드, 과일 등을 골고루 제공하고 있습니다. 또한 당번 교사들이 순시하면서 어린이들이 건강에 좋은 과일과 야채 등을 선택해서 먹도록 지도하고 있으며, 혹 과일과 야채를 먹지 않는 어린이들은 다시 가서 조금이라도 담아와서 섭취하도록 하고 있습니다. 일관성 있는 지도를 위해 가정에서도 자녀와 함께 건강에 좋은 음식을 섭취해야 하는 이유에 대해 대화를 나누어 주시기 바랍니다.

본교는 어린이들의 안전을 가장 중요하게 생각하고 있습니다. 따라서 급식실을 이용할 때도 안전규칙을 반드시 따르고 지켜야 합니다. 어린이들이 급식실을 이용하는 시간에는 항상 당번교사를 배치하며, 이들은 어린이들이 규칙을 따르고 바람직한 행동을 하도록 지도합니다.

급식실 이용 규칙

- 음식을 추가로 받을 때나, 그릇을 치울 때를 제외하고 모든 어린이들은 자리에 앉아서 음식을 먹습니다.
- 모든 어린이들은 정해진 자기 자리에 앉아야 합니다.
- 모든 어린이들은 반드시 자리에 앉아서 먹도록 합니다.
- 모든 어린이들은 급식실에서 절대로 뛰지않고, 걸어 다녀야 합니다.
- 가지고 놀던 공은 반드시 급식실 밖에 두고 들어와야 합니다.
- 모든 어린이들은 음식을 먹고 난 뒤 각자의 테이블을 말끔히 정리해야 합니다.
- 모든 어린이들은 자신의 음식만 먹도록 합니다.
- 모든 어린이들은 선생님의 지시를 잘 따라야 합니다.

From the PYP Coordinator – Mr Dom Thomas



How can you find the answer?

I spent time with a Grade 3 class this week and asked them the question – how do you find answers to your questions? After some discussion and some brainstorming some of the suggestions were:

Email someone

Read a book

Use Google

Ask an expert

Ask your teacher

Ask Mum and Dad

Observe

Experiment

All of these are great suggestions and the follow up with the class will be on which strategy is most appropriate for which question. And of course what is the best question to ask.



ESL Corner



Some useful web sites for Elementary English language learners

These websites are fun, interactive and useful for English language learners.

- www.starfall.com - Letters, phonics and reading activities (for K – Grade 2) 字母, 发音和阅读 (大班—2年级)
- www.britishcouncil.org/kids - This site has many stories that are read aloud. (For all grades) 适合大声朗读的故事集(所有年级)
- www.pbskids.org/lions/games - Language games on PBS Kids (Grade 3-5) 语言小游戏 (3-5年级)
- www.scholastic.com/kids/homework - This site has many activities for reading, writing, spelling and vocabulary. (for all grades) 各类读、写、拼音和单词的练习 (所有年级)
- www.funbrain.com/brain/readingBrain - Fun reading activities (for Grade 3-5) 趣味阅读的练习 (3-5年级)
- www.funbrain.com/grammar - Fun grammar activities with Grammar Gorillas (for Grade 3-5) 大猩猩趣味语法练习 (3-5年级)

초등학생의영어학습에유용한사이트

이것들은 초등학생들의 영어 학습을 위한 재미있고, 상호적이고, 그리고 유용한 사이트들입니다.

- www.starfall.com - 편지, 소리, 그리고 읽기 학습 (유치원- 2학년)
- www.britishcouncil.org/kids - 이 사이트는 소리 내서 읽는 스토리가 많이 있습니다. (모든 학생)
- www.pbskids.org/lions/games - PBS 어린이에 관한 언어 게임 (3-5학년)
- www.scholastic.com/kids/homework - 이 사이트는 읽기, 쓰기, 스펠링, 그리고 단어 학습이 많습니다. (모든 학생)
- www.funbrain.com/brain/readingBrain - 재미있게 읽는 학습 (3-5학년)
- www.funbrain.com/grammar - 문법 고릴라와 함께 하는 재미있는 문법 학습 (3-5학년)



From the Secondary Principal – Mr Nicholas Little

It is always worth having a look at our Secondary calendar on our website at <http://www.ssis-suzhou.net/au-scalendar.htm>. It gives a sense of how much is going on in the school, and what opportunities there are for your child.



On Monday, the Middle School Cross-Country team will take part in a local competition. The following weekend our volleyball tournament will culminate with an ACAMIS tournament at the International School of Tianjin. That same weekend other students will travel to Beijing for a Swim Meet, and further meet in Shanghai on November 12th.

There are not just sporting opportunities; our Model United Nations is also entering a busy time with a conference in Hangzhou in a few weeks, followed by senior students travel to Singapore a few days afterwards. Around about the same time, our IB Theatre Arts students are taking part in Workshops in Hong Kong.

Behind all this are the numerous other activities and teams – soccer, drumming, drama, Art, basketball that take part daily at the school itself. If your child is not a part of something, strongly encourage them to get involved in something – a great way to improve their English and make friends.

From the IB Diploma Coordinator - Mr Matthew Marshall

The Mid-Semester Reports for G11 and G12 were issued on Wednesday October 19th. The October Mid-Semester Report is a formative report, intended to monitor student progress since the start of the current academic year. There is also a Homeroom section on the report that gives information regarding student activities and CAS participation. Also in the Homeroom section for the G12 reports, is an Extended Essay comment from the Extended Essay Supervisors, which indicates how the G12 DP students are progressing on their Extended Essays.

The grades on the Mid-Semester Reports are not included in official academic transcripts. The Mid-Semester Reports are intended to provide students and parents information regarding academic and pastoral progress at mid-semester. The Semester One Report, that will be issued in December, will be included on official transcripts and will have comments from each subject teacher.

On Saturday October 22nd, SSIS will host a Parent-Teacher Information Session. This event is a great opportunity for the SSIS teaching staff and the school community to meet and discuss student progress for this academic year. Communication between the school and the school community is essential for a school to run quality programs.

Upcoming G12 Academic Deadlines in October are:

- October 26, 2011 - English A1 World Literature Essay #2

If there are any questions regarding the DP or HSD at SSIS please email me at matthewmarshall@sis-suzhou.net.

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Environmental Activists from SSIS

Last week an intrepid group of young students went to XinHai Experimental Middle School to discuss and debate environmental issues close to their hearts. The representatives from SSIS, Chong Hao Goh, Emery Yu, (G11) Winnie Li and Lucy Ko (G10) chose to inform their audience of the advantages and disadvantages of solar powered energy. Their presentation was particularly powerful as they mentioned ways in which SSIS has adopted environmentally friendly ways to create energy with its use of solar and wind powered lights.



(From L to R) Chong Hao Goh, Emery Yu, Libby Ince (teacher), Lucy Ko and Winnie Li

With representatives from SIP Education and Environmental Bureaus, The Danish Consulate in Shanghai, the Singaporean Consulate and a professor from Suzhou University as judges, the standard was bound to be high.

The theatre was filled with students from XinHai school who cheered after each performance from local schools in SIP including Dulwich College, Suzhou Foreign Language School and an exchange school from Denmark. Our students gave an excellent performance and were awarded a prize for their "*Remarkable Presentation*". They also received certificates giving them an '*Environmental Activist*' status. Taking part in this activity is one of a number of events that our students do to be part of the wider community here in Suzhou. Competing against both local and international schools in SIP, whilst at the same time raising the profile of ways in which we can help protect our environment, proved to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all.

Tech Tips and Tools

Social Networking Part 2

To me, the greatest danger of social networking is "parental complacency" – thinking that just because kids are technically savvy enough to navigate through social networking sites, they know how to navigate through them safely. Just because a teenager can start a car doesn't mean they can take it out on the freeway. Time needs to be spent with the inexperienced driver before they are given the keys to go out on their own.

The following tips can assist in managing children's social networking interactions. (This list is a continuation of last weeks list.)

- Reassure your child that you will not deny them access to the internet if they report feeling uncomfortable or unsafe when online. This is a very real concern for children that may stop them from communicating with you openly.
- Advise your child to check with you before clicking on links sent by others on social networking websites. These may lead to adult content.
- Remind your child to communicate appropriately with others online, and to report any bullying of themselves or others to you or another trusted adult.

Recently Facebook has gone through a lot of changes here is a valuable website all about how to lock it down <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/igeneration/september-2011-the-definitive-facebook-lockdown-guide/12641?tag=content;siu-container>

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Activities

Activities at lunchtime and after school continue through to the 16th December 2011. Information can be found on the website by going to <http://www.ssis-suzhou.net/sl-extra.htm> or on DragonNet.

Saturday morning activities

Football for fun, swimming lessons, ballet, badminton and Italian language continue.



New activities at SSIS

Swimming

The main focus is on already competent swimmers who look to developing technique and more training practice. Open to G4 –G 12. Looking at developing all four strokes through drills, technique and endurance work.

Time: Monday after school 3:45-4:45pm (Student activity bus available to Singa Plaza)

Price: 560 RMB/student

Dates: 9 Lessons. First lesson 10th October. Last lesson 12th December

Dance—Contemporary Pacific Dance

This term we will also look into hip-hop (old school, middle school and new school). All high energy, heaps of fun and it gives you a taste of Pacific Island culture. We are hoping to perform at the end of year Christmas concert (to be confirmed). Open to G6-G12. However exceptions can be made to upper level Elementary students who are interested.

Time: 9:30-10:30am Saturday morning (during Saturday morning activities with the bus provided to and from Singa Plaza)

Price: 800RMB/student

Dates: 10 Lessons. First lesson 15th October. Last lesson 17th December

For further information please contact the activities office at BN116.



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Parent Volunteer Organization Parent Social

On behalf of the SSIS Parent Volunteer Organization and School Administration we cordially invite you to attend a Parent Social.

Date: Wednesday, October 26 2011

Time: 2:00-3:30 pm

Location: SSIS Staff Room BN 203

Please join us in celebrating the 2011-2012 school year. Learn ways you can become involved with your child's education. Make new friends. Working in partnership SSIS will continue to be the best international school in Suzhou!

