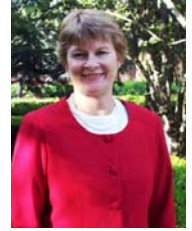




News from the Dragon's Den



From the Head of School – Mrs Anne Fowles

Dear SSIS Parents and Community,

Congratulations SSIS!

This week SSIS was honoured to be presented with the Jiangsu Province award for school bus safety. The school administrators along with Board Chair, Mr Goh Tien Jin, were presented with the award by the Traffic Police Bureau.

The Elementary Swim Carnival was lots of fun for all with a Pirates of the Caribbean theme. All of the elementary students took part in a variety of events that boosted their confidence and capabilities. Once again we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have such wonderful facilities in the school.

The annual Thanksgiving Dinner organised by staff and parents was once again a great success this week. Thanks are extended to Lee Preston and the staff social committee for organising the event and Sodexo for providing an authentic meal of high quality.

Best wishes,
Mrs Anne Fowles
Head of School

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Calendar Dates:

23-29 November
G6-11 Assessment Week

1-2 December
ACAMIS Golf @ SIS

3 December
SAT
SISAC Table Tennis @ SSIS Shanghai
CISSA Table Tennis

7-9 December
Senior Secondary Drama Production

9-10 December
ACAMIS Table Tennis @ UIS

10 December
MS Floor Hockey
CISSA Floor Hockey





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From the Elementary Principal – Mr Mark Treichel



The annual swim carnival for K-5 students was the highlight for many this week. The school has been full of pirates for two days as each grade from K-5 participated in a session of fun activities in the pool. The pool area was transformed with a pirate theme, pirate music and real pirates supervising activities on the pool deck. Events such as this are only made possible due to the efforts of many. Thank you to our organizing team and the many parent volunteers including the swim team who made this event possible for our students. Photos will be posted in our photo gallery soon.

Grade 1's enjoyed a field trip to Suzhou Zoo on Wednesday as part of their "Sharing the planet" unit in which students investigate the needs of different animals, the reasons why some animals are endangered and our role in the conservation and protection of animals. Grade 1's also received a visit from two special endangered animals this week when a bald eagle flew in and a giant panda appeared to spend time with the students.

Kindergarten students participated in a tuning in activity on Wednesday for the start of their new unit "How we organize ourselves". The central idea for this unit is that time helps us manage and organize our lives. The lines of inquiry will focus on different aspects of time (e.g. night/day; hours, minutes, seconds; weeks/months years; seasons etc.), how and why we measure time, tools for measuring and planning time: timetables, schedules, calendars; time management and how time dictates when to do certain things.

Elementary Photo Gallery

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

Homeroom Sites and galleries

<http://es.ssis-suzhou.net:8088/esict/ES/Start.html>

Upcoming dates for November/December:

- Nov 28-Dec 2 - Secondary Book Fair – In multipurpose rooms
- Nov 29 – Swim Team to Rego Meet in Shanghai
- Nov 30 – Nursery – "Me, Me, Me" Celebration
- Dec 2 – Parent Morning Tea (10.45-11.45) – Supporting ESL Learners @ SSIS
- Dec 6 – Grade 2 Excursion to Shanghai Science and Technology Museum
- Dec 7-9 –Evening performances of Secondary Drama Performance
- Dec 9 - Assembly
- Dec 15 – Elementary Festival Concert (9.00-10.30)
- Dec 21 – Semester 1 Report (school finishes @ 12)





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Becki's Blog



CCA

Each Thursday, all children in Elementary participate in a Co-Curricular Activity (CCA). For these activities the children are split into a cross grouping of ages; Nursery and Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 1 and 2, and Grade 3, 4 and 5. It is a chance for students to have a go at an activity they might not normally be able to experience in their class or do an activity they have an interest in.

This week you will receive the new CCA signup sheet and pamphlet. The pamphlet has information on the different CCA's your child can choose. Can you help them make selections which reflect their interests and talents? Some CCA's fill up very quickly and your child may not get their first choice so it is important to give some thought into the second and third choice activity. Once this is filled out return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

CCA

每个星期四的下午，小学部的所有学生都要参加CCA活动。在活动中，孩子们被分配到有年龄跨度的小组中，组员来自小班、中班、大班、一年级、二年级、三年级、四年级和五年级。对学生们来说，这是他们的一次好机会，能去体验平时在课堂上不能体验或者是他们感兴趣的活动的。

下个星期，您将收到新的CCA活动报名表和宣传小册子。小册子上有关于各项CCA活动的信息，供您孩子选择。您能帮助他们选择那些他们感兴趣并具备一定天赋的CCA活动项目吗？一些CCA项目很快就名额满了，您孩子的第一选择可能不能满足，所以考虑第二、第三志愿就很重要。填好志愿后，请立刻交给孩子的班级老师。

如果你想让你的孩子参加，请填写回执并尽快交给学校，因为ACE活动名额很快就满额了。

CCA

매주 목요일 오후, 초등학교 전교생들은 CCA (co-curricular activity / 병행교과활동)에 참여합니다. 본 활동을 통해 어린이들은 여러 학년이 섞인 그룹을 나뉘어 집니다; 유아와 예비유치원그룹, 유치원과 1, 2 학년 그룹, 그리고 3, 4 5 학년 그룹 등입니다. 본 활동에 참여함으로써 어린이들은 정규 수업시간에 접해보지 않은 활동이나, 특별히 관심이 있는 활동을 경험할 기회를 갖게 됩니다.

다음 주, CCA 신청서와 팸플릿이 발송 될 것입니다. 각 활동 팸플릿에는 여러분의 자녀가 선택할 수 있는 다양한 CCA 정보가 실려 있습니다. 학부모님들께서는 어린이들의 흥미와 재능이 반영되는 활동을 선택 하도록 지원해 주시기 바랍니다. 몇몇 활동은 조기에 정원이 차서, 1지망으로 선택한 활동에 참여하지 못하는 수가 있습니다. 따라서 2, 3 지망 활동도 고려해 두는 것이 중요합니다. 작성하신 CCA 신청서는 담임 선생님께 제출바랍니다.





ESL Corner



Dear Parents,

On Friday, December 2nd there will be an ESL Parent Morning Tea in the Elementary Library from 10:45 - 11:45 am. The session will be in English, Korean and Chinese. The topic will be: How We Teach and Assess Listening and Speaking.

I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Lauren Spector
Elementary ESL Coordinator

尊敬的家长：

12月2日星期五10:45—11:45，我们将在小学图书馆内举办ESL家长的聚会（ESL Parent Morning Tea）。这次活动将使用中文、韩文和英语进行。主题是：我们怎样教育、评估学生的听力与口语能力。

我很期待见到您！

诚挚的，
Lauren Spector
小学部 ESL 协调员

학부모님께:

저희는 12월 2일 금요일에 10:45-11:45, 초등부도서관에서 모닝차 모임(ESL Parent Morning Tea)을 가질 예정입니다. 이번 모임에는 한국어, 중국어, 그리고 영어가 같이 사용될 예정입니다. 이번 주제는: 아이들의 교육과 듣기와 쓰기를 평가하는 법입니다.

많은 관심 부탁드립니다.

Lauren Spector
초등학교 ESL 책임자



From the PYP Coordinator – Mr Dom Thomas



Thanksgiving Dinner

This week we held the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at SSIS. It was a great opportunity to join with friends from around the globe and celebrate this American holiday. A big part of international teaching for me is the opportunity to meet people from different places and backgrounds and to understand more about their cultures and traditions. It was nice to take a moment during the Thanksgiving Dinner to reflect on the things that we are grateful for.

Swim Carnival

The swimming pool was full of little pirates this week as our KG to G5 students took part in their Swim Carnival. The organizing team of teachers and parents had put a lot of effort to decorate the pool and create a great atmosphere. It was great to see the children involved in events like races where they had the chance to compete and excel and also in cooperative events where they had to work together to succeed.



❖ APPRECIATION ❖

I am appreciative.

*I take pleasure in many things,
and I am grateful for what I have.*

CHINESE:

我心存感恩，
我对自己所拥有心存感谢。

KOREAN:

감사 : 나는 모든 일에 감사한다.
나는 다양한 일에 기쁨을 느낀다.
그리고 내가 소유하고 있는 것들에 감사한다.



❖ COOPERATION ❖

I can cooperate.

*I know I need to work well
with other people. I enjoy teamwork.*

CHINESE:

我能与别人合作，
我和他人一起工作。

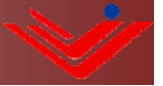
KOREAN:

협동 : 나는 협동하는 사람이다.
나는 다른 사람들과 같이
조화롭게 일해야 하는 것을 안다.
나는 팀워크를 즐긴다.

Elementary Dance Group

On Thursday, 17 November the Elementary dance group performed at the Crowne Plaza’s Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with their coach, Stephanie Low. The girls were interviewed on television and appeared in the Suzhou Daily newspaper. In addition, more than four websites showed the SSIS dancers at the event. The girls had a great experience in demonstrating their dancing skill in public. The SSIS Elementary dance group were the highlight of the evening. The Crowne Plaza showed their appreciation by providing the dancers with a buffet dinner and a box of Christmas cookies.





Grade 3 Sleepover

GRADE 3 SLEEPOVER



Good friends, good times,
GOOD FUN!!



From the Secondary Principal – Mr Nicholas Little

Grades 11 and 12 students don't just study six subjects for IB Diploma, they also have to complete a core of the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge (ToK) and also Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) hours.



Last week, ten of our Diploma students took part in a CAS Activity in conjunction with Samsung. They are supporting poor local farmers by helping plant and preserve fruit trees. To be formally credited students have to plan, report and reflect on what they have done, so these activities are not casually undertaken, they are a process which ensures that students consider the full significance of what they do and consider its worth. The nice thing about this activity is that it gets students out into the community and gives them the opportunity to understand issues, such as rural poverty, first hand.

In a very different activity and level of involvement, another Grade 12 is taking the initiative to organise a rock concert to raise money for orphans in Cambodia. Through CAS, such independent positive action is encouraged, acknowledged and celebrated.

From the IB Diploma Coordinator - Mr Matthew Marshall

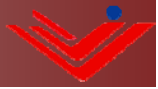
The G12 IBDP Exam Fees need to be paid to SSIS no later than December 1st, 2011.

Each IBDP student taking the full IB Diploma will be registered to take exams in six subject areas. The exam Registration Fee is 145 USD and the Subject Fee is 100 USD per subject. HSD students have the option of taking IBDP exams in certain subjects. Payment for the IBDP Examination Fees can be made at the SSIS Finance Department at SSIS or through a bank transfer to the SSIS bank account. SSIS will then forward the Registration Fees and Subject Fees on your behalf to the International Baccalaureate Organization.

If you have any questions concerning the payment of the G12 IBDP Exam Fees please contact Michelle Wu in the Finance Department. Michelle's contact details are michellewu@ssis-suzhou.net or 0512 6258 8641

Please be aware that the payment for the IBDP May 2012 Examinations must be made no later than December 1st, 2011 so that payment can be forwarded to the IB.

If you have any questions regarding the IBDP or HSD at SSIS please email me at matthewmarshall@ssis-suzhou.net.



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SSIS Book Fair

Monday November 28th to Friday December 2nd. 8.30 to 4.30pm each day in the Multipurpose Room (BN202). Buy from a wide selection of English, Chinese and Korean books sold by Shanghai Book Traders, Blue Fountain and the Korean Bookstore (Shanghai)



SSIS书市即将开始了,

11月28日周一至12月2日周五, 每天8点30到下午4点半, 地点在多功能教室 (BN202)。本次书市内容丰富, 英文、中文和韩文图书都可以选择。图书提供单位分别来自上海图书经销商, 蓝泉图书和上海韩文书店。

SSIS Book Fair (도서 전시회) 안내

안녕하십니까?

본교에서는 아래 일정으로 Book Fair를 개최합니다.

기간: 11월 28일 월요일 ~ 12월 2일 금요일까지

시간: 기간 중 매일 오전 8시 30분 ~ 오후 4시 30분까지.

장소: 본교 다목적실 Multipurpose Room (BN202)

영어, 중국어, 한국어로 된 다양한 도서가 준비될 것이며, . 상하이 Book Traders, Bule Fountain과 BOOKorea 24에서 전시와 판매를 담당합니다.

Tech Tips and Tools

The internet has provided teens with a myriad of new ways to get in trouble – like they needed any extra help! Security company <http://www.cyberdefender.com/> has put together a list of the top five ways that teens get in trouble together with some tips to keep them on the straight and narrow:

1. Meeting people and playing games on Facebook
2. Chatting with strangers via instant messaging/social media
3. Using peer-to-peer networks to download copyrighted content
4. Trying to get a free iPad, PlayStation 3 or similar gadgets
5. Checking the “Keep me signed in” box in public PCs; leaving files/passwords behind

1. Meeting people and playing games on Facebook

From connecting with strangers to catching viruses, Facebook makes it easy for kids and problems to connect.

Tips from CyberDefender:

- Go over Facebook’s many privacy settings with your teen. They need to understand that even if only friends have access to their pictures, friends of friends will still be able to copy and pass them around.
- Tell your teen to never give his or her login information to strangers. In fact, ANY kind of information, personal or not, given to someone they don’t know can lead to trouble.
- Educate your teens on Facebook scams related to gaming (i.e. FarmVille Secrets). Otherwise, teens risk exposing their Facebook login to criminals
- Teens should understand that cheating on Facebook games is often used as “bait” – it’s always better to play fair and respect the rules of each game

Geoff Derry, Learning Technology Teacher - Middle school, geoffreyderry@ssis-suzhou.net

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Activities

Swim Team News

Last weekend the SSIS swim team participated in a dual meet at Nanjing International School. Over 40 swimmers and their coaches boarded the bus early Saturday morning. The morning session of the meet was fast-paced and filled with individual and relay events. Our swimmers competed very well and swam fast. After lunch (at McDonalds - what a treat!) the students jumped back in the water. The secondary students engaged in water polo games against NIS, while the younger ones had time to play in the other end of the pool. Overall, everyone enjoyed this fun meet!



Next week, the team will travel on Tuesday to Shanghai Rego for their last meet before Christmas break. Good luck and swim fast, SSIS!



Kelly, Maggie, Lena, Yu Jeong & April



Peter Meng

Saturday morning program

Saturday, 3 December is the last day of the first session of Football for Fun. The second session will commence late March or April depending upon the weather.

Swimming, Pacific dance, Ballet and Italian classes will continue until 17 December.

Scheduled times for Tae-kwondo with Bruce Beaumont and gymnastics with Sports for Life need to be confirmed with these outside providers.

After school and lunchtime activities

Zumba dancing had its last session on Wednesday, 23 November. Notification of when class will resume will be advertised in February.

Unless otherwise notified by a supervisor all other after school and lunchtime activities run until the end of Semester.

Second semester sessions

All interested members of the community, parents teachers and outside providers are now being asked to submit their proposals for the second session beginning in February. Please contact the Activities office if you would like to support, volunteer or teach an activity.

Contact: Mr. Peter Fowles. Phone: 625893179. E-mail: peterfowles@ssis-suzhou.net. Office: BN116 (opposite the downstairs cafeteria)



Semester 2 school fee payment

School fee payment for the 2011/2012 School Year, Semester 2

As Semester 1 draws to a close, we are now issuing the School Fee Payment Notice for the second semester of the 2011/2012 school year. Please note that the deadline for the payment of fees is Friday, 16 December 2011

If your child(ren) will not be returning to SSIS next semester (after 30 January 2012), please inform the school by filling in the School Leaving Form. You can get this form from the Admissions Office. Completed forms must be returned to the Admissions Office on or before Thursday, 1 December 2011 to be eligible to have the RMB 10,000 deposit returned. Leaving forms received between 2 December and 27 January will be eligible for 50% of the deposit returned.

If your child(ren) leaves SSIS after the commencement of the first semester, parents must inform the school, in writing, at least one month in advance. Refunds, both for tuition and transportation fee, are given as follows:

- For attendance of not more than ten (10) school days in a semester, the school will refund 25% of that semester's school fee after deducting the RMB 10,000 deposit.
- For attendance of more than ten (10) school days but less than twenty-five (25) school days in a semester, the school will refund 50% of that semester's school fee.
- For attendance of more than twenty-five (25) school days in a semester, the school fee will not be refunded.

If your child(ren) is absent and intends to return to SSIS within the same semester, the school fees will not be refunded.

If you have any questions or inquiries, please contact:

Finance Department: Michelle Wu michellewu@sis-suzhou.net

Admission Department: Cynthia Shen cynthiashen@sis-suzhou.net



PVO



IT'S TIME TO GO
HOME AND BRING A
LITTLE BIT OF IT BACK
FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL FAMILY
DAY BASKETS.



We look forward to your continued support in 2012.

SEASONS GREETINGS.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Thanks.

Piia Bergman piiabergman@hotmail.com

Nadia Zoromski m.zoromski@hotmail.com

The IFD baskets can showcase anything ranging from souvenirs, books, scarves, caps, t-shirts, food, wines, tea, coffee, chocolates.....anything that you feel is typical of your country or region.



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SSIS students and parents perform at the EAS Christmas Bazaar

Come see the Expat Association of Suzhou Christmas Bazaar's entertainment featuring SSIS students and parents at the Kempinski Hotel on Saturday, December 3rd, from 11 am - 6 pm.

The SSIS performance will be from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm:

1. Ladies' Broadway Dance - Stephanie Low and her ladies' dance group
2. Backseat Connection - 9th Grade boys' band
3. Cheerleaders - Grade 1-3 girls
4. Backseat Connection - 9th Grade boys' band
5. Boys Christmas Jam - Grade 1-3 boys
6. Backseat Connection - 9th Grade boys' band
7. Hip hop girls - Grade 3-5 girls
8. Backseat Connection - 9th Grade boys' band
9. Santarina - Grade 1-3 girls

Finale with all dance groups and Backseat Connection. Please see below for more information about the event.

A festive poster for the EAS Charity Christmas Bazaar. The background is light blue with a pattern of white dots. On the left, there are green pine branches and several blue Christmas ornaments with white snowflake patterns, hanging from gold ribbons. The text is centered and right-aligned. At the bottom, there is a small red circular logo and a banner for the Expat Association Suzhou.

Expatriate Association Suzhou
&
Kempinski Hotel Suzhou
present

EAS Charity Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, 3rd December, 2011
11 am - 6 pm
at
Kempinski Hotel Suzhou

Get in the Christmas spirit at our annual Charity Christmas Bazaar. We will welcome over 70 vendors, so stop by for wonderful gift and decorating ideas, live holiday music and performances, delicious food and mulled wine. See the ginger bread houses and Suzhou's tallest Christmas tree. Also don't miss out on the raffle for great prizes, the bake sale, kids' games and the ever popular tombola.

All proceeds go to benefit the many charities supported by the EAS

 Expat Association Suzhou