



News from the Dragon's Den



From the Head of School – Mrs Anne Fowles

Dear SSIS Parents and Community,

The SSIS 15th Anniversary Ball held at the Intercontinental Hotel on Saturday September 24th was a fantastic night. Over 300 parents, teachers and guests attended the evening and gave rave reviews about the entire programme particularly the entertainment and prizes. Thanks are extended to the MCs and all of the organizing committee, in particular Ms Debbie Pang and Ms Stephanie Low, who worked tirelessly for weeks to make the event such a huge success.

School will be closed from October 1 to 9. We at SSIS wish all of our community a wonderful National Day holiday period. Congratulations are extended to all our colleagues and associates in CSSD, SIP, Suzhou and our host country, on the 62nd anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

Best wishes,
Mrs Anne Fowles
Head of School

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Calendar Dates:

1 October
PRC National Day

1 October
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1-9 October
PRC National Day
Break

12 October
G9 Art trip

14 October
Terry Fox Run
MS Intramurals

15 October
SISAC Tennis @
BISS Puxi
SISAC V-ball @
CISS + SAS Puxi





From the Elementary Principal – Mr Mark Treichel



We have made a great start to this academic year in the first 7 weeks of school. Students have been involved in a wide range of activities and learning as they continue to build on their existing knowledge and experiences. The second half of first semester is going to be even busier. On behalf of the Elementary team I wish you and your families a relaxed and enjoyable October break and hope you have the opportunity to spend some quality time together as a family.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our second Elementary Parent Morning Tea today. I trust you found the session about literacy and numeracy informative and gave you greater insight into what happens at school.

I have listed below major events already on the Elementary Calendar for October. Please mark these on your calendars.

Upcoming dates for October:

- Wednesday 12th – Grade 3 CISSA Soccer
- Thursday 13th – Grade 5 CISSA Soccer
- Thursday 13th – CCA starts
- Friday 14th – Grade 4 CISSA Soccer
- Friday 14th – Terry Fox Run organized by senior school students
- Saturday 22nd – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th – Grade 4 and 5 Camps
- Thursday 27th – Friday 28th – Grade 3 Sleepover

Elementary Photo Gallery

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



From the PYP Coordinator – Mr Dom Thomas



Interim Reports

Today the students will be bringing home their interim reports and portfolios. The interim reports give you some information as to how your child has settled into the new school year. For Kindergarten to Grade 5 this includes some information about their working levels in reading, writing and maths. More information on the grade level programmes in Language and Maths can be found at:

<http://www.ssis-suzhou.net/es-mathematics.html> or <http://www.ssis-suzhou.net/es-english.html>

The student portfolios will be added to throughout the school year and are a record of the learning journey each student takes during the year. At this stage they have some initial assessments in. As the year continues students and teachers will continue to add work to the portfolios from all subject areas. **Please remember that the portfolios need to be returned to school after the holiday.**



Becki's Blog

Communication between Home and School

Research shows that children do better in school when parents talk often with teachers and become involved in the school. It is great when the lines of communication between home and school are flowing well. We have many means for you to communicate with your child's teachers, communication book, email, phone and in person. Sometimes the smallest change in a child's life can affect them. Therefore it is important that you keep the teachers informed about any changes at home; moving house, grandparents coming to stay, dad away for a week, new pets. All these things can affect how your child is at school. Help us better understand your child by letting us know of these changes to their normal home environment. If you need to see your child's teacher please make an appointment with them as they do have meetings after school. If you have any major issues you feel you can't discuss with your child's teacher please see our Counselors, Principal or Deputy Principal.



研究表明，当家长经常和老师沟通并参与学校活动时，孩子们在学校会表现得更好。家庭和学校之间能良好地沟通将是很有意义的。我们有多种方式可供您和您孩子的老师沟通，联络本、电子邮件、电话和面对面交流。有的时候，孩子生活中最小的一个变化可能会影响他们。因此您告知老师关于孩子在家里的变化是很重要的，例如搬家、祖父母过来住、父亲离家一周、新宠物。所有的这些事情将影响您的孩子在学校的表现。通过告知我们您家庭环境的变化，能帮助我们更好地了解您的孩子。如果您需要见老师，请先预约，因为他们放学后要开会。如果您有什么重要的事情不方便与您孩子的老师讨论，请找我们的顾问、主任或者副主任。

아이들은 부모님이 자신의 선생님과 자주 만나 대화를 나누고, 학교 행사에 적극적으로 참여할 때, 더욱 학교 생활을 잘 수행한다는 연구 결과가 있습니다. 따라서, 가정과 학교가 원활하게 의사소통하는 것이 좋습니다. 자녀의 담당 교사와 알림장, 이메일, 전화 등을 통해 개인적으로 의사소통하는 것은 많은 의미를 가집니다. 때로는 아이들 생활의 아주 작은 변화도 아이들에게 영향을 줄 수 있기 때문입니다. 따라서, 부모님들께서 아이가 가정에서 이사, 조부모님의 방문, 아버지의 몇주 간의 부재, 새로운 애완동물과의 만남 등 어떤 변화를 만나게 되면, 그러한 사항들은 지속적으로 교사에게 알려주시는 것이 중요합니다. 이러한 모든 것들이 자녀들의 학교 생활에 영향을 미치게 되기 때문입니다. 아이가 평상 시와 다른 어떤 환경의 변화를 겪게 된다면 저희에게 알려주시어, 학교에서 자녀들을 더욱 잘 이해할 수 있도록 도와주시기를 부탁드립니다. 만약 담당 교사와 논의하기 어렵다고 여겨지는 문제가 있으시다면, 상담교사나, 교장, 혹은 교감에게 연락주시기 바랍니다.





ESL Corner



Reading Tips to Improve Your Pronunciation

- Choose a paragraph and read aloud.
- Choose a few sentences from your reading material and highlight content words. Read these sentences focusing on accenting these content words, while quickly speaking over the structure words.
- Once you become comfortable reading a single paragraph aloud, read an entire page by reading a paragraph aloud and then reading one silently.
- Choose some nursery rhymes to practice. They will help you with pronunciation through rhythm.
- Read a short story or a few paragraphs to a friend who is also studying English. Compare the differences and discuss what might be the reasons for the differences.
- Choose a paragraph, short article or newspaper story with new vocabulary. Use a dictionary or other online pronunciation resource to help you learn the correct pronunciation of these words.
- Read a play with some friends. Each friend takes a different part. Start with short scenes. Once you are comfortable, read longer pieces together.

http://esl.about.com/od/englishreadingskills/a/rtp_pronounce.htm

通过阅读改善发音的建议

- 选择文章的一个段落大声朗读。
- 从阅读材料中选出一些句子然后标出实义词。当你阅读这些句子时，关键要重读这些实义词，可以略读结构词。
- 一旦你能熟练大声朗读单独的段落时，你可以用大声地读一个段落，然后默读另一段落的方法来阅读整篇文章。
- 选择一些幼儿教育的押韵诗来练习。这样可以通过押韵来帮助你的发音。
- 向你同时也在学习英语的朋友读一个小故事或者文章的几个段落。比较自己与朋友的发音的不同之处，然后共同探讨造成不同发音的原因。
- 选择一些有新词汇的一个段落，短篇故事或者新闻故事。用字典或者其他的在线发音的资源来帮助你学习这些单词的正确发音。
- 和一些朋友读一部戏剧。每个朋友扮演一个不同的角色，从短的场景开始，一旦你们适应了，一起读一些较长的场景。

독서로 발음을 향상시킬수 있는 방법

- 한 문단을 골라 소리내어 읽습니다.
- 자신의 독서자료에서 몇 개의 문장들을 고르고, 내용어들에 하이라이트표시를 하세요. 내용어들을 강조하고 구조적 단어에도 유의하며 이 문장들을 읽으세요.
- 한 문단을 소리 내어 읽는 게 수월해졌을때, 한 문단은 소리내어 읽고 다른 문단은 조용히 읽으며 글 전체를 읽어보세요.
- 연습 삼아 몇 가지의 동요를 고릅니다. 이것들은 리듬을 통해 발음교정을 도와줄것입니다.
- 영어를 공부하고 있는 친구에게 단편소설이나 몇 개의 문단을 읽어주세요. 친구와 자신의 발음의 다른점을 이야기해보고, 그 이유가 무엇인지 의논해보세요.
- 한 문단이나, 짧은 관사들이나, 아니면 새로운 단어들이 있는 신문 기사를 고릅니다. 사전이나, 다른 온라인 발음 자료를 사용하여 이 단어들의 정확한 발음을 알아보세요.
- 몇몇 친구들과 함께 연극놀이를 해보세요. 각 친구가 각각 다른 역할을 맡아야합니다. 짧은 장면부터 시작해보세요. 이 활동이 수월해졌을 때, 긴 연극도 시도해보세요.

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German Department

Liebe Eltern

In der Woche nach den Ferien finden die "CISSA Soccer Days" in Shanghai statt.

Mittwoch 12. Oktober - Klasse 3

Donnerstag 13. Oktober – Klasse 5

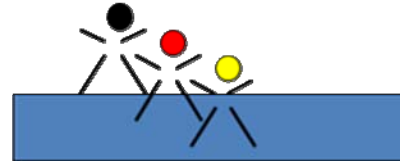
Freitag 14. Oktober - Klasse 4

Elternsprechtag ist am Samstag, 22. Oktober. Sie können sich in der Woche davor auf der Schulwebsite in den Sprechzeiten der Lehrer eintragen.

Vom 26. bis zum 28. Oktober gehen die 4. und 5. Klassen ins **Camp** und vom 27. auf den 28. Oktober findet außerdem das **sleepover** der 3. Klassen statt. Genauere Informationen erhalten Sie später.

Wir wünschen Ihnen und Ihren Kindern schöne Ferien.

Herzliche Grüße, Ihr Kollegium





From the Secondary Principal – Mr Nicholas Little



I hope that you have a relaxing time in the upcoming October break. With the earlier start to the school year in recent times, this holiday now represents a midway point in the semester for us. The students have had time to settle in to their new classes and get to know their homerooms. The camps were a great help in cementing those relationships.

When they come back, students will receive interim report cards in the second week and shortly afterwards parents will have the opportunity to come in to school and discuss their children's progress with teachers.

If you want to know more about what is going on after the break, have a look at the calendar on our website. The soccer season has started for Middle School, swim and cross country continue.

Have a great break!

From the IB Diploma Coordinator - Mr Matthew Marshall

Its been a great start to the 2011-2012 academic year at SSIS for our G11 and G12 students.

The Extended Essay first draft is due November 21 – 25, 2011 and the upcoming October break is a good time for G12 DP students to concentrate on this demanding assignment.

Once the Extended Essay (EE) first draft is completed, it must be given to the EE Supervisor who will read the essay and make recommendations to the student. Then the G12 DP students have the Christmas break to work on the final draft of their Extended Essay and must complete the assignment by February 6, 2012.

The transition from G10 to G11 can be difficult due to the increased levels in homework and other academic responsibilities. Its important that the G11 students are disciplined use their time wisely. Time management is a key to successfully completing the difficult Diploma Programme.

The Academic Deadlines for the G12's in the month of October are:

- October 11: Math HL Task #2
- October 18: Math SL Task #3
- October 26: English A1 HL World Literature Essay #2

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

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Activities

G6 – 11 Camps

Thanks to all involved for making this a success.

New activities at SSIS

Pacific and Contemporary dance (Pat Narisa)

Ages: Grades 4-12

Program: Teaching a variety of Pacific Dances ranging from the famous Hula to some more contemporary fusions of other cultures. Have a lot of fun working on what makes dance unique, sharing energy, spirit and Mana.

Dates: Saturday, October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26. December 3, 10 and 17.

Cost: 10xlessons @80rmb = 800rmb. Register and pay at School finance.

Saturday morning soccer

Ages: Grades K-6

Young Ones – Kindergarten to Grade 2

Intermediate – Grades 3 and 4

Older Ones – Grades 5 and 6

Program: On October 15 SSIS will start the Saturday morning soccer program. It will last 10 weeks until December 10.

Dates: October 15 to December 10.

Cost: 10x sessions @ 20rmb=200rmb. Register and pay at School finance.

Swimming Plus (Pat Narisa)

Ages: Grades 4-12

Program: Advanced swimming instruction.

Dates: Monday, October 10, 17, 24, November, 14, 21, 28, December 5 and 12.

Cost: 9x lessons @70rmb = 560rmb. Register and pay at School finance.

