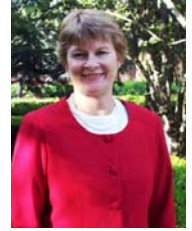




News from the Dragon's Den



From the Head of School – Mrs Anne Fowles

Dear SSIS Parents and Community,

As predicted, our Secondary School production 'Up the Down Staircase' performed this week has been a fantastic success. Over 100 secondary actors and musicians have been involved along with the back stage crew and a large team of teachers. Every night has been a sell out performance. Congratulations to all those involved.

With the winter break and Christmas just around the corner, we have a number of concerts and events coming up that we hope our families can attend. The Elementary School Festival Concert will take place on Thursday, 15 December from 9 - 10.30 am. The Secondary School Winter Concert takes place on Friday, 16 December from 2 – 3.30 pm. Please try to make it to one of these events.

Our 'Kids for Kids' group have once again been actively supporting local children by fundraising for eye glasses. On Thursday this week they visited Xinxu School to present the glasses. This is another great example of the activities that SSIS students are involved in that benefit our community.

Best wishes,
Mrs Anne Fowles
Head of School



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Calendar Dates:

9-10 December
ACAMIS Table
Tennis @ UIS

10 December
MS Floor Hockey
CISSA Floor Hockey

16 December
Secondary School
Winter Concert

19 December
G7 Humanities Trip
G10 Options Fair

21 December
School ends at 12:00

30 January
First day of
Semester 2





From the Elementary Principal – Mr Mark Treichel



On Thursday, 15 December we will celebrate our "Festival Concert" starting at 9.00am in the theatre. All parents and friends are invited to attend this spectacle. This year's concert is a celebration of Christmas and Chinese New Year combined and involves all Elementary students. The schedule of performances is listed below for your information. We hope to see you all at the concert.

Orchestra - 2 songs - "Hallelujah Chorus" and "Trepak from the Nutcracker"

Nursery - "Dragon Descendants Dance"

Elementary Choir - "Kuwanna Krismasi Njema", "The Nutcracker in About 3 Minutes", "Reflections of Hanukkah" and "Jingle Bells Rock"

Kindergarten - Dance Medley

Grade 1 - "We All Laugh in the Same Language"

German Department - "Es ist fuer uns eine Zeit angekommen"

PreK - "Merry Twinkle Jingle Bells"

Grade 2 - "Wrap It Up, Stack It Up"

Grade 4 - "Oh Hanukkah"

Grade 3 - "Sleighting Song Medley"

Grade 5 - "Pearl Treasure"

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 December

Dec 14 – Grade 5 How the World Works Summative Assessment

Dec 15 – Elementary Festival Concert (9.00-10.30) in the theatre

Dec 15 – Swim Team Pool Party

Dec 16 - Nursery to visit local Kindergarten in SND (8.40-12.30)

Dec 19 – Grade 3 Field Trip to Dong Shan (Mo Li Mountain)

Dec 21 – Semester 1 Report (school finishes @ 12)

Becki's Blog

In Celebration of Semester One

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the SSIS community: staff, families and especially the children, for a great semester. Semester One has been very busy and full of fabulous units of work. Although I have not been here I have been keeping up to date with what has been happening in school and look forward to returning after the break. We have many amazing, supportive parents who help us in so many ways. The parent help we receive is of an excellent standard and we are very thankful to our parents. The help you provide definitely improves the quality of education your child is receiving. Lastly I would like to thank our wonderful teachers, who ensure your child is receiving a world class education. Our teachers show a huge interest in every student's needs and pride themselves in delivering a quality programme to meet those needs. I wish you all a fabulous Christmas and Chinese New Year holiday and look forward to a fantastic Semester Two.





From the PYP Coordinator – Mr Dom Thomas



Responsibility

We often talk about students being responsible and taking responsibility. These are some of the ways that Grades have been working on this in school:

- Kindergarten – time management and making sure they are in the right place at the right time
- Grade 1 – learning how people can take responsibility for animal survival
- Grade 2 – using equipment responsibly during experiments
- Grade 3 – taking responsibility for making sure they have balance in their diet, exercise and rest

In every grade and during every week there are lots of ways that all of our students can show and develop responsibility:

- Thinking about how your actions affect others
- Bringing your homework to school on time
- Looking after your things
- Being prepared for class
- Making sure you wear your coat outside when it's cold
- Giving permission slips to the teacher
- Changing your reading book on time
- Asking the teacher if you don't understand something
- Remembering your swimming kit



SSIS Dance Group

On Saturday, 3 December our SSIS Dance Group were invited by the Kempinski Hotel and Expat Association Suzhou (EAS) to perform at the Kempinski Christmas Bazaar, which is a charity event. All dancers performed to a crowd of over hundred people from mainly the expat community in Suzhou. The Secondary School Band "Back Seat Connection" joined the dance group to perform a few numbers. Our performers delighted the audience with their dancing and the Christmas song. Every performer received a special Christmas gift from the Hotel. Special thanks to our emcee for the event, Mr Dom Thomas.





ESL Corner



How can I help my child learn to read in English?

Parents can help their children to learn to read in their home. Make it fun for both the parent and the child by using situations that come up naturally, like having children read recipes or a shopping list. Or create reading games using pictures and words. Here are some strategies that may help:

Teaching Strategies for Parents

- Develop a “sight” vocabulary. For example, locate a child’s favorite and often used words. Use pictures and the words to make flash cards. The cards can include both English and the home language.
- Get your child to talk about an experience. Write one or more sentences that the child tells you on a paper. Cut up the words and have the child reconstruct the sentences. With a story, make a card with each sentence, mix the order, then have the child put the sentences in order.
- Give your child a story with words missing and ask them to fill in the blanks. Talk about which words would work in the blank, and how the meaning changes with different words.
- Keep it fun!

Colin Baker, A Parents’ and Teachers’ Guide to Bilingualism

어떻게 내 자녀가 영어로 독서를 할 수 있게 도와줄 수 있을까요?

부모님들은 자녀가 집에서 독서를 할 수 있게 도와줄 수 있습니다. 자녀로 하여금 쇼핑목록이나 레시피를 읽게 하는 친근한 상황을 사용하여 부모님과 자녀가 모두 재미를 느낄 수 있어야 합니다. 사진과 단어를 사용해서 독서게임을 만드는 것도 다른 방법입니다. 도움이 될 수 있는 몇 가지 전략을 알려드립니다:

부모님들을 위한 교리전략

- 자녀가 “sight” 단어를 만들 수 있게 도와주세요. 예를 들어서, 자녀가 가장 좋아하거나 많이 사용하는 단어들 사용하세요. 사진과 단어를 사용해서 플래시 카드를 만드세요. 이 카드들을 만들 때 영어와 모국어를 모두 사용할 수 있습니다.
- 자녀로 하여금 한가지 경험을 들려주게 하세요. 자녀가 말한 한가지나 더 많은 문장들을 필기하세요. 단어들을 자른 다음 자녀로 하여금 문장들을 재구성하게 하세요. 이야기와 함께, 각 문장을 사용하여 카드를 만든 후, 순서를 섞어, 자녀로 하여금 문장들을 바른 순서로 구성하게 하세요.
- 빼먹은 단어를 사용하여 만든 이야기를 자녀에게 들려준 후 자녀로 하여금 빈칸을 채우게 하세요. 어떤 단어들이 빈칸에 들어갈 수 있는지, 그리고 의미가 어떻게 바뀌는지 예기해 보세요.
- 재미가 있어야 합니다!

콜린 베이커, A Parents’ and Teachers’ Guide to Bilingualism에서 발췌

我该如何帮助我的孩子学会用英文阅读

家长们可以帮助自己的孩子学会在家里阅读。家长和孩子们可以在阅读英语的环境中找到乐趣，并能使孩子很自然的提高英语水平，比如让孩子阅读菜谱或者购物清单。又或者通过图片和文字来玩阅读游戏。这里有些建议可能对您有帮助：

家长教学建议

- 建立一张“视觉”词汇表。例如找出孩子的喜好以及经常使用的单词。使用图片和单词来制作动画卡片。该卡片可以同时包含英语和本国语言。
- 让你的孩子谈论某次体验。你用一个或多个句子把孩子告诉你的写在纸上。剪下那些单词并让孩子重建句子。以一个故事的每个句子来制作卡片，然后使句子顺序混乱，最后让孩子重新排列顺序。
- 给你的孩子一个需要填词的故事，并让他们把正确的单词填写在空白处。告诉他们哪个单词应该填在哪个空白处，以及告知不同的单词放在句子中其含义也不同。
- 保持趣味性。



From the Secondary Principal – Mr Nicholas Little



The final week of this semester is fast approaching; on the final day (and not before!) report cards will be issued. For MYP, they will include a grade for each criterion and a final attainment grade out of 7. The advantage of criteria grading is that both the student and the parent can see clearly where strengths and weakness lie – maybe a student has great knowledge but doesn't organise their thoughts well: if the resultant grade was a simple, 'B,' it would be difficult to see what was good and what needed improvement. MYP grading, on the other hand, clearly shows how the overall mark out of 7 is arrived at.

Students will also receive a written comment for each subject that goes into more detail about their strengths and weaknesses, and what they need to do to improve. Teachers are contacting parents before reports are issued if a student is failing their subject. However, if you have any other concerns, we have a Parent Teacher Conference soon after the Winter Break.

It is not just reports that teachers are working on and students are concerned about. Last weekend our Middle School Table Tennis team took part in a CISSA tournament, coming second. Tomorrow the Hockey team are travelling to a CISSA competition. Next Wednesday, there is a Grade 6 Humanities trip, and on the 16th the Christmas concert (which parents are welcome to attend). And of course our fantastic drama production culminates this evening after a very successful run of performances.

Tech Tips and Tools

Recently I shared five ways teens can get into trouble online. Here is a continuation of ideas for stopping trouble before it starts.

3. Using peer-to-peer networks to download copyrighted content

Teens have been using P2P networks to download music and movies since Napster popularized file sharing in the late 1990s. It's of questionable legality (see [Wikipedia](#) for more details) and P2P networks are often used to distribute malware.

- Malware authors (evil programmers) are ready to trick P2P users with malware in disguise – virus, trojans and fake antivirus software hidden inside P2P files
- Keeping an updated security solution running at all times is the best way to prevent infections via P2P networks
- Tell the kids to avoid BitTorrent sites as well. Even legit, non-malicious trackers can be compromised.
- Discuss the topic with your teens in clear terms: besides being ethically wrong and likely illegal, pirated content can do real damage to the family's finances if PCs get infected because of it

From <http://www.cyberdefender.com>

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Suzhou Singapore International School

From the IB Diploma Coordinator - Mr Matthew Marshall

The G10 students will soon begin the process of selecting the courses and academic programme for their G11 year (2012-2013 academic year) at SSIS.

곧 현 10학년들은 11학년에 어떤 과목과 어떤 프로그램 선택을 해야할 지 선택 및 준비 과정이 시작하게 될 것입니다.

我校10年级学生马上要进行下学年升入11年级（2012—2013学年）的选课和课程项目的选择。

Grade 10 Options Fair:

The Grade 10 Options Fair will take place at SSIS on Monday December 19th, 2011 from 5:00 - 7:00pm. The G10 Options Fair is an opportunity for our G10 students and parents to learn about the different academic programmes at SSIS and make an informed decision on which programme and courses are most suitable for G11/12.

10학년 선택 설명회:

12월 19일 월요일 오후 5시부터 7시까지 본교에서 10학년들을 대상으로 11학년과 12학년에 어떤 선택(과목과 프로그램)이 가능한가에 대한 설명회가 있을 예정입니다.

10年级选课会

10年级选课会安排在2011年12月19日周一进行，地点在学校内部，时间是下午5点至7点。这次选课会给我们的10年级学生和家提供了很好的机会来熟悉学校的各个不同的课程项目，决定哪个课程项目以及哪些课程最适合11，12年级时就读。

The G10 Options Fair will begin in the SSIS Theatre at 5:00pm where I will discuss the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) and the High School Diploma Programme (HSD).

설명회는 5시부터 본교 극장에서 시작할 예정입니다. 주로 다음의 두 프로그램에 대해서 설명을 드릴 것입니다. 두 프로그램은 다음과 같습니다. International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) 과 High School Diploma Programme (HSD)

10年级选课会在学校剧院进行，5点开始。届时我会给大家介绍国际文凭项目（IBDP）以及高中课程项目（HSD）。

After the presentation in the SSIS Theatre the parents, students and G11 teachers will have an information session in the SSIS Staff Room (Room BN203). This is a great opportunity for the G10 students and their parents to obtain information about the different courses offered in G11 at SSIS.

설명회를 마치고, 학생들과 학부모님들께서는 본교의 BN203호(Staff Room)에 준비된 각 과목의 담당 교사로부터 자세한 과목별 설명 및 질의응답을 하실 수 있습니다. 질의응답을 통해 선택 가능한 코스에 대한 정확하고 다양한 정보를 얻으실 수 있을 것입니다.

然后家长，学生可以和我们的11年级老师在Staff Room（BN203）进行一个信息交流会。这对10年级学生和家来说是一次了解11年级各个课程的很好机会。

SSIS G11-12 Handbook of Studies 2012-2013 and Course Choices Questionnaire:

The SSIS G11-12 Handbook of Studies 2012-2013 is attached. This document outlines the two academic programmes and courses offered at SSIS in G11-12 for the 2012-2013 academic year.

2012년과 2013년 SSIS 11~12학년 학생 안내서와 코스 선택 설문지:

첨부된 2012년과 2013년 SSIS 11~12학년 학생 안내서를 확인해주세요. 안내서에는 2012~2013년도 11학년과 12학년들이 선택할 수 있는 과목과 코스에 대해 설명이 있습니다.

2012—2013学 年11和12年级学习手册和选课调查表:

附件包含了2012—2013学年11和12年级学习手册。这个文件概述了SSIS2012—2013学年的11和12年级的两个课程项目。



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From the IB Diploma Coordinator cont.

The *Course Choice Questionnaire* will be made available to the G10s on December 20th, 2011 on DragonNet in the G10 Homeroom Section.

코스 선택에 대한 설문지는 12월 20일부터 드레곤넷에 10학년 Homeroom창에서 확인하실 수 있습니다.
10年级学生在2011年12月20日可以登录DragonNet, 在G10 Homeroom Section一栏找到选课调查表。

The *Course Choice Questionnaire* must be completed no later than January 27th, 2012.

1월 27일까지 코스 선택을 마쳐주시기 바랍니다.
选课调查表必须在2012年1月27日前完成。

Transportation

There will be an SSIS Bus at Singa Plaza at 4:20pm on Monday December 19th to take people to SSIS for the *G10 Options Fair*.

교통 수단:

12월 19일 오후 4:20분에 싱가포르에서 학교까지 운행하는 버스를 이용하실 수 있습니다.

交通:

12月19日下午4点20分馨都广场会有班车接家长参加选课会。

There will be three buses at 7:15pm at SSIS to take people home after the *G10 Options Fair* has ended. These buses will go to:

설명회가 끝나고 7:15분에 3대의 버스가 귀가를 도와드릴 것입니다. 이용 가능한 지역은 다음과 같습니다.
选课会结束后安排了7点15分三辆校车到以下地点,

Lakeshore Gardens - Singa Plaza

金湖湾 - 馨都广场

Singa Plaza - Orchard Manor

馨都广场 - 都市花园

Singa Plaza - Sudu Gardens

馨都广场 - 苏都花园

Choosing the most suitable academic programme and courses is an important step towards having a rewarding experience in G11/12 and I hope we have a great turnout at our *G10 Options Fair*.

학생들에게 가장 알맞은 코스 선택은 11학년과 12학년 생활의 성공 여부를 좌우합니다. 가능한 많은 분이 설명회에 참석하여 유용한 정보를 얻으시길 바랍니다.

选择最合适的课程项目和课程是进入11和12年级很重要的一步, 我希望我们的学生和家長在选课会上慎重考虑作出最满意的选择。

If there are any questions regarding this event please contact me at matthewmarshall@sis-suzhou.net.

의문 사항이 있으시면 언제든지 문의 바랍니다.

如果您有任何有关本次会议的问题, 请不妨联系我。



Activities

Saturday morning

Swimming lessons are on this Saturday, 10 December which will end the first session. The second session will commence next February with the same classes on offer at the same times for 10 lessons at 800rmb per student. Dates to be announced. You can sign up for these lessons as of Wednesday, 14 December at the Finance Office.

Football for Fun has ended and will begin again late March or April of 2012.



In-school activities

Secondary students will sign up for the second semesters lunchtime and after school activities from Monday, 12 to Tuesday, 20 December. They will complete this on DragonNet being and can request their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice. They are limited to choosing two after school activities so as not to take time away from academic studies. Please note that this does not include school sports teams, students are notified of these by the Athletics director Mr. Graham Bonar, in daily student notices.

There are exciting new choices of 'Netball', Puppetry, Computer graphics, Theory of Knowledge and Interior Design. The popular regular activities continue such as MUN, Home work support clubs, the Environmental club and Languages are also returning.

Please encourage your children to take advantage of the fifty-six activities advertised. A special thanks is extended to the staff and community of SSIS who offer their time, skill and enthusiasm so that students can benefit from an exceptional experience.

Kind regards and all the best for the December break.

Peter Fowles
Activities coordinator



PVO

Highlights from the 6 December 2011 PVO Meeting

The December PVO meeting hosted two special guests; Yang Pei Gen, Principal of SSIS -WA, who spoke about the English -Plus programme to be launched in mid-February 2012, and Jeremiah Schwarz, Designer and Founder of the TRI Federation, who talked about this new sport at SSIS.

Dom Thomas spoke about a number of upcoming events in the Elementary School including the Elementary Festival Concert on 15 December at 9.00 am. This year's concert will combine both Christmas and Chinese New Year celebrations. He noted that students will shortly be selecting their CCA's for next semester and mentioned that, for the first time, Fencing will be offered to Grades 3-5.

Nick Little spoke about the Secondary School students signing up for their Session 2 activity on DragonNet from Monday, 12 December and that due to overwhelming interest, there are two winter semi-formal dances to accommodate high school students: 10 and 17 December, both at the Fraser Suites.

Both reminded parents that reports go home on Wednesday, 21 December and that the next Parent-Teacher Conference evening is scheduled for Wednesday, 8 February 2012.

PVO Committee Reports

Uniform committee actions summary (submitted by Mitali):

1. A sizing chart has been introduced and is available in the store. It will also be put on the DragonNet.
2. If you have received damaged items or the stitching in your children's clothes opened up after the first wash, it can be exchanged in the uniform store.
3. The point of contact for ordering or following up on uniform issues is Wang Wei. Her email is wangwei@sis-suzhou.net.
4. The parent zone discussion forum on DragonNet can be used to offer recycled wearable items of second hand uniforms to other parents who may desire extra pieces for their children.

Issues that are still under survey are the quality and colour of socks and the introduction of hoodies and sports gear in the Elementary. Woollen vests (spencers) will soon be introduced as part of the SSIS uniform.

Unless otherwise noted, the next PVO meeting will be Wednesday, 15 February at 2:00 p.m. in Multi-Purpose Room A.



Access to school premises

Out of hours access to school premises

Parents and students are asked to please take note of the following:

1. Usage of school premises out of school hours

Usage of the school premises out of school hours is allowed upon approved application to the school.

A confirmation letter and ID must be produced or access will be denied.

2. Usage of School's Swimming Pool

The pool is only available to Suzhou Singapore International School's staff, and their families.

Students are not allowed in the pool unless they have enrolled for Saturday morning swimming lessons.

Opening hours:

Saturdays and Sundays 9.30am to 4pm.

Not open on public and school holidays

All Saturday morning participants must produce the Saturday morning activity card with staff/student's school ID.

If you have any enquiries, please contact any of the following personnel:

Reception: 6258 8365, 6258 8849

Email: Athletics Director grahambonar@ssis-suzhou.net ; or

Activities Director peterfowles@ssis-suzhou.net ; or

One-Stop Service Manager christinateu@ssis-suzhou.net .



English Plus

2012 ENGLISH - PLUS PROGRAMME
English as a Second Language support



Please Enrol Now

Course duration: Feb 21 – May 10, 2012
5:00pm-6:30pm (1.5hrs x 20)

Tuesday and Thursday evenings
 Snack and bus transportation provided
 10 students minimum per class

All classes are taught by SSIS teachers

Programmes available: (RMB 60 per session)

For Students		For Parents	
TOEFL		Adult English (Beginner)	
Elementary English		Adult English (Intermediate)	
Middle School English		HSK* Bridging Course (Extra)	
Other proposal (if any):			

* HSK (Chinese Language Proficiency Examination) is the official examination of Chinese language offered by the National Office for Chinese Language (国家汉办)

Name: _____ Grade: _____ (student only)

Address: _____ M/Phone: _____

Please email Susan at susan Cheng@ssis-suzhou.net ASAP to enjoy the bonus