



Whole School ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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MARCH 2018

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| 20 th Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs RISS @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * | 27 th Primary Swim vs SSIS @ ABCIS at 3.10pm * |
| 21 st Under 11 Boys & Girls Football vs SING @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * | 27 th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BIS @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * |
| 22 nd - 24 th FOBISIA Primary Maths Competition hosted by the ABCIS * | 29 th Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs BIS @ BIS at 4.00pm * |
| 22 nd Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs SING @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * | 31 st SAIMUN 2018 at ISHCMC |
| 26 th PARENTS DAY (Non-pupil day) | |

APRIL 2018

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| 1 st - 2 nd SAIMUN 2018 at ISHCMC | 12 th Primary Swim Pool A City Champs @ ISHCMC at 4.00pm * |
| 2 nd - 6 th Book Week | 12 th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BVIS @ BVIS at 4.00pm * |
| 3 rd Primary Swim vs BVIS @ ABCIS at 3.10pm * | 14 th Under 19 Girls Football City Champs @ ABCIS at 9.00pm * |
| 3 rd Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs CIS @ CIS at 4.00pm * | 16 th - 20 th KS2 Trip Week |
| 5 th Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs BVIS @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * | 16 th Visual Arts Open Evening from 6.00-8.00pm * |
| 7 th INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY (7.30am - 12.00nn) * | 18 th Early Primary Campus Production - 1 st performance at 1.00pm at SS1 Theatre * |
| 10 th Primary Swim Pool C City Champs @ AIS at 1.00pm * | 19 th Early Primary Campus Production - 2 nd performance at 4.30pm at SS1 Theatre * |
| 10 th Under 19 Boys Football City Champs @ SSIS at 1.00pm * | 19 th Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs SING @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * |
| 11 th Primary Swim Pool B City Champs @ SSIS at 1.00pm * | 20 th Term 4 Ends, School ends at 3.10pm |

23rd April - 4th May TERM 4 BREAK – NO SCHOOL

MAY 2018

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| 7 th INSET Day (Non-pupil day) | 15 th Under 11 Boys Football City Champs @ AmIS at 1.00pm * |
| 9 th Term 5 Starts | 16 th Under 11 Girls Football City Champs @ SSIS at 1.00pm * |
| 9 th ECAs (Session 3) start (Primary) | 19 th Under 11 Boys & Girls Football vs AmIS @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * |
| 12 th Saigon Maths Competition - Junior Logic * | |

Abbreviation Key

*	Parents are welcome to attend	BIS	British International School
@	At	BVIS	British Vietnamese International School
ECA	Extra Curricular Activities	CIS	Canadian International School
SS1	Saigon South Campus 1 (Primary and Secondary)	ISHCMC	International School of Ho Chi Minh City
SS2	Saigon South Campus 2 (Early Years)	RISS	Renaissance International School
SAMUN	Saigon Model United Nations	SSIS	Saigon South International School
FOBISIA	Federation of British International Schools in Asia	AmIS	American International School
TBC	To be confirmed	SING	Singapore International School
TBA	To be announced		



News from UPPER PRIMARY

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March 2018 Issue

After a well-deserved Tet holiday, it has been great to see everyone back and excited for the new year. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all good luck in the year of the dog and I hope it proves to be a successful one for you and all your family. Based on my birth year, the children have reliably informed me that it's my turn so I am certainly looking forward to it.

Throughout Term 3, internal assessment judgements were carried out and they have helped us to identify where your children need to be in the coming weeks and months. They will also inform the next set of parental reports you receive this month. Remember that progress as opposed to attainment is the greatest indicator of how they are doing as all children will start at different levels. After you receive your child's report you will have the opportunity to discuss their progress at our Parents' Day on Monday 26th of March. I look forward to greeting you all on this day.

Another wonderful opportunity to see you all will be our International Family Day which happens this term on Saturday 7th April at our SS1 campus. As ever there will be a variety of stalls and activities alongside food sales, a raffle and other vendors. More information is to come but please put this one in your diaries as it is always one of the highlights of the year.

In Key Stage 2 Trips Week is fast approaching and you should be receiving information on the activities and equipment needed on these trips. They are always a highlight of the year and I am pleased to see so many children attending. A special

This term we are looking forward to a variety of events that will involve the Year 6 students. The students have the opportunity to participate in the Year 6 trip to the Mekong Delta. Last year, the children really enjoyed themselves participating in a range of activities, including raft building and testing. In addition, this trip supports the 'Rivers' unit they studied in Term 3 in Humanities lessons. Actually visiting an area where people depend on the river helps the students to better understand the importance of rivers in people's lives.

As you know, as well as supporting class work, school trips provide opportunities for the students to develop their skills for working effectively collaboratively; for example, by working in groups to solve problems. This is an important skill which will benefit them throughout their lives. In addition, the children learn to be more organised and independent, which is particularly important as it will not be long before they move onto our Secondary School.

This term the students will also be involved in Science Week and Book Week activities. During Science Week, they will



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well done to the Year 4 parents who are supporting the trip as I know that for many it will be the first time their children have stayed away overnight. Please help us by returning any information request letters as soon as possible as it allows us to ensure all children are safe and looked after when they go. Rest assured that your children's well-being is always our number one concern.

The road to the 2018-19 school year begins now so I hope that all of our students can continue to work hard and get plenty of rest during the school week. A sensible bed time is a must for concentration during the day! It won't be long until our Year 3s are helping the students from SS2 to get used to a new campus. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly our students grow in size and maturity.

As always, if you have any queries, feel free to contact your class teacher, Head of Year or me at christophercarr@theabcis.com

have the opportunity to carry out activities with Secondary students in the laboratories, as well as organise and run activities with the younger students at SS1. For Book Week we would like all of the students to be fully involved in all of the activities including dressing up as a book character or object (for example, a wardrobe from 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', for the end of week assembly. In school, we will help the children to think of ideas and we would really appreciate it if you could encourage your child to create their own costume for this event.

Thank you for all your support. Please contact me directly if you have any queries.



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This may be a fairly short term but we are looking forward to an action packed one, with lots of exciting happenings and events in the next few weeks. It is also a term when we are able to focus on strengthening the learning that has already taken place, as well as introducing new topics.

Science Week with the theme of 'Exploration and Discovery', was a wonderful opportunity for our Year 5 students to experience Key Stage 3 Science in the senior Science labs, as well as become a 'teacher' of Science themselves, as they shared interactive experiments with children in Year 1. We are looking forward to Book Week early next month, when the children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character.

Within the classroom this term, there will be lots of arguments ... but all for good reasons as we introduce our new English unit of study on 'Argument and Debate'. Children will focus on the skills needed to give and present opinions with eloquence in a persuasive way. We will also include the use of drama and class debates. Students will be improving their geographical and scientific skills within our topic about water. We will analyse the effect that too much or too little water, can have on our planet and see how this impacts on people's lives.

There is already a discernable buzz in the air in as the children get excited in anticipation of the forthcoming residential trip. It promises to be a great opportunity for the children to enjoy

themselves, whilst developing important skills in teamwork as they experience a range of carefully selected, engaging and challenging outdoor activities. Year 5 pupils have been involved in raising money for charity through our Go MAD week earlier in the year and the money raised will be used to purchase valuable resources for an orphanage we will visit during our residential trip. School residential trips are not only an excellent opportunity for children to learn a range of new skills, but also a way to develop their ability to communicate, form new friendships and persevere, even when activities are challenging. This is all part of building resilience and self-confidence, important assets in life.

I wish to thank all Year 5 parents for their support so far this year and look forward to your continued support throughout the rest of this academic year. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any queries.

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This term in English, we will be studying myths & legends, poetry and Aesop's fables. Maths will see us undertake investigations and work on our knowledge of shape, number and statistics. In our new Computing unit, the children will learn about Jacqueline Wilson, as an author and the books she has written. They will consider the profiles of characters, building on the previous learning about online profiles and sharing information. To develop their writing and feedback skills, the children create simple blog posts and comment upon them.

In Science, we will become experts in states of matter. Pupils will develop and showcase an understanding of all areas of states of matter, including how materials can change from one state to another, through a large range of simple practical enquiries. Our Humanities will involve exploring the lives and culture of Ancient Egypt. We will look at artifacts from the past and what that tells us about that civilization.

In regards to our Year 4 trip to Phan Thiet, please ensure you return your letter detailing any medical or dietary issues

we need to be aware of for your child. You will shortly be receiving the final letter that will include what essential items to bring. I am delighted with the excellent response to this upcoming trip and look forward to sharing this wonderful experience with the children.

We are also excited by the upcoming class assemblies from both 4T (9th March) and 4D (30th March). We hope to see you there!

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact your class teacher or myself. Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Daniel
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Term 4 has begun extremely well with the children returning as eager to learn as always. Class 3A hosted a wonderful assembly based upon their Science topic and we now look forward to Class 3R's assembly later in the term.

The first few weeks of this term have seen us finishing topics that were started in Term 3 and we now look forward to starting a new range of topics in Science, Humanities, Computing and Art. In Computing, the children will be using skills learnt earlier in the year to create and code their own animations using the popular 'Scratch' software.

The build-up to KS2 Trips Week at the end of this term is now causing a lot of excitement in Year 3. We are all very much looking forward to this as we will be experiencing a variety of

new things and getting to know each other even better. During this week we will be visiting Dam Sen Park, making our own pottery creations, creating tasty snacks and learning some new and creative art techniques! Please make sure that you take time to carefully read any letters sent home, ask if you have questions or concerns and that you return any necessary information as soon as possible.

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