



Whole School ACTIVITY CALENDAR

NOW & NEXT

2018-2019

NOVEMBER 2018

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| 26 th - 30 th | Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Go MAD Week | 29 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball A Teams vs BIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 26 th - 30 th | Secondary ECAs (Session 1) break this week | 29 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball B Teams vs BIS @ BIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 27 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AIS @ AIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | | |

DECEMBER 2018

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| 3 rd - 7 th | Primary ECAs (Session 1) end this week | 14 th | EYFS Sports Day @ SS2 campus - Starting at approx. 9.00am * |
| 3 rd - 7 th | KS1 Go MAD Week | 17 th | KS2 Sports Day @ RMIT - Starting at approx. 9.00am * |
| 6 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs BIS @ BIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 18 th | Secondary Sports Day @ RMIT - Starting at approx. 9.00am * |
| 7 th | KS1 Sports Day @ SS1 campus - Starting at approx. 9.00am * | 19 th | CIE & IGCSE and AS & A Level Awards Event Starting at approx. 10.30am * |
| 10 th - 14 th | KS3 Trip Week | 19 th | Term 2 Ends, School end at 12.00nn (Non-uniform Day) |
| 13 th | Years 1-3 Christmas Concert @ SS3 campus - Starting at approx. 4.30pm * | | |

20th December 2018 – 4th January 2019 TERM 2 BREAK – NO SCHOOL

JANUARY 2019

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| 7 th | Term 3 Starts | 15 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs RISS @ RISS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 7 th - 11 th | Secondary ECAs (Session 1) resume this week | 15 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 8 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BVIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 17 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs AmIS @ AmIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 9 th | Under 14 Boys & Girls Football vs BVIS @ BVIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 17 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs RISS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 10 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AAVN @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * | 18 th | Under 19 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS-A @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm * |
| 11 th - 12 th | International Award Practice Expeditions | 19 th | Intermediate Logic Challenge @ RISS - Starting at approx. 8.00am |
| 14 th - 18 th | Primary ECAs (Session 2) start this week | | |

JANUARY 2019 (continue)

21 st - 25 th	Secondary ECAs (Session 1) end this week	24 th	Under 14 Girls Football City Championships Pool C @ RISS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *
21 st - 25 th	International Award Expeditions Week	25 th	Under 19 Girls Basketball City Championships Pool C @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *
22 nd	Under 14 Boys Football City Championships Pool B @ AmIS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *	25 th	Term 3 Ends, School ends at 3:10pm
23 rd	Under 19 Boys Basketball City Championships Pool B @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *		

28th January – 8th February TET HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2019

11 th - 12 th	INSET Day (Non-pupil day)	26 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs SING @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
13 th	Term 4 Starts	27 th - 28 th	South East Asia Maths Competition (SEAMC) - TBC
18 th - 22 nd	Primary ECAs (Session 2) resume this week	27 th	Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *
21 st	Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs BIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *	28 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
23 rd	Primary Athletics City Championships @ SSIS Starting at approx. 8.00am *	28 th	Under 19 Boys Football vs SING @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
23 rd	Secondary Athletics City Championships @ SSIS Starting at approx. 8.00am *	28 th	UNIS MUN 2019, Hanoi (TBC)
25 th - 28 th	Secondary ECAs (Session 2) start this week		

MARCH 2019

1 st	Secondary ECAs (Session 2) start	8 th	Secondary Book Fair @ SS3 Campus
1 st - 2 nd	South East Asia Maths Competition (SEAMC) - TBC	8 th	Book Week Dress Up Day
1 st - 2 nd	UNIS MUN 2019, Hanoi (TBC)	8 th	International Women's Day
1 st - 3 rd	World Maths Championships (Junior Qualifiers) - Jakarta	8 th	House Swim Morning - Starting at approx. 8.30am
4 th - 8 th	Primary Cobis Games, Bangkok (TBC)	11 th - 15 th	KS2 Go MAD Week
4 th - 8 th	Book Week	11 th	Spelling Bee Final
5 th	EYFS Book Fair @ SS2 Campus	13 th	Pi Day
5 th	Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs CIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *	14 th	Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs AmIS @ AmIS Starting at approx. 4.00pm *
6 th - 7 th	Primary Book Fair @ SS1 Campus	15 th - 17 th	FOBISIA MYPAC (Middle Year Performing Arts Carnival) @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus)
6 th	Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS @ AmIS Starting at approx. 4.00pm *	18 th	Visual Arts Showcase Evening @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.30pm *
7 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs AmIS @ AmIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm *	19 th	Under 19 Boys Football City Championship Pool B @ TAS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *

MARCH 2019 (continue)

19 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs AAVN @ AAVN Starting at approx. 4.00pm *	21 st	Under 19 Boys & Girls Football vs RISS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *
19 th	Under 19 Boys Football vs BVIS @ ABCIS (Secondary Campus) - Starting at approx. 4.10pm *	22 nd - 24 th	SAIMUN 2019 (venue TBC)
20 th	Under 19 Girls Football City Championships Pool B @ RISS - Starting at approx. 1.00pm *	22 nd	Parents' Day (Non-pupil Day)
20 th	Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BVIS @ ABCIS (Primary Campus) - Starting at approx. 3.10pm *	25 th - 29 th	Mindfulness Week
20 th	Under 14 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BVIS @ BVIS Starting at approx. 4.10pm *		

Abbreviation Key

*	Parents are welcome to attend	UNIS	United Nations International School
@	At	MUN	Model United Nations
approx.	Approximately	BIS	British International School
TBC	To be confirmed	BVIS	British Vietnamese International School
TBA	To be announced	SING	Singapore International School
ECAs	Extra Curricular Activities	CIS	Canadian International School
Go MAD	Go M ake A D ifference (Charity/Service)	ISHCMC	International School of Ho Chi Minh City
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage	RISS	Renaissance International School
KS2	Key Stage 2	SSIS	Saigon South International School
SS1	Saigon South Campus 1 (Primary)	AmIS	American International School
SS2	Saigon South Campus 2 (Early Years Foundation Stage)	AAVN	American Academy Vietnam
SS3	Saigon South Campus 3 (Secondary)	AIS	Australian International School
FOBISIA	Federation of British International Schools in Asia	RMIT	RMIT University Vietnam
COBIS	Council of British International School	TAS	The American School



News from PRIMARY

**NOW
&
NEXT**

November 2018 Issue

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the most recent version of Now and Next after what has been a busy few weeks with student and parent events such as our sMMile Concert, KS4 Drama production, Science, Maths, MUN and sporting events. We have also introduced a Parent's Room to SS1.

Since the last edition we have introduced Parent ID Cards on SS1 to make access to the campus a little more secure and also allow parents to utilise the school canteen. We hope to extend this in the future to the Secondary campus which now has electronic gates.

We are about to enter a key part of the year with mid-year assessment windows for many students and trips for Key Stage 3. We will have a Christmas concert performed by Years 1 to 3 on Thursday, 13th December and Sports Days for all parts of the school shortly after.



**Mr. Steve
Principal**
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A reminder that Term 2 ends on Friday, 19th December at 12 noon and students return on Monday, 7th January.

As ever, please do contact us if you have any questions or queries and I look forward to seeing you all soon at one of the upcoming events.

Term 1 was a very busy and productive term with many exciting activities. I was especially proud of the hard work and effort all Primary students put into organising and taking part in activities for sMMile Week. This enabled us to raise a large amount of money for the SMILE organisation which will directly benefit many children in Asia. We would also like to thank you for this event, helping your child to make cakes and snacks and providing prizes for the stalls.

It was very pleasing to see the fantastic attendance at Parents' Day towards the end of last term. As always, it was great to catch up with longstanding parents and get to know our new ones too. Hopefully you have now opened up direct lines of communication with your child's class teacher and are aware of the areas that your child will be working on. This term we will be sending home the first report of the year for your child. Please read the information about the grade structure carefully and if you have any questions after receiving the report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Coming up this term, we will see the 1st Primary production for Years 1-3 on Thursday, 13th December. We will also have our Sports Days for KS1 on Friday, 7th of December and KS2 on Monday, 17th of December. Details will be announced in the coming weeks and we hope to see you all there to support your children.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear of all black shoes/trainers at school. We have also had a



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number of hats being misplaced by children, leading to loss of playtimes. Please help your child by ensuring that all their belongings are labelled with their name, particularly hats. Always remember that for safety reasons - 'No Cap, No Play!'



After a term of settling in and setting targets, we now have a busy time ahead for all. I am extremely confident that the children will be pushing themselves to meet our expectations and ensure the best possible gains for their education and social development. I thank you for your continued support of The ABC International School and look forward to our partnership for the rest of this year and beyond.

Welcome back! It's hard to believe that we have started Term 2 already. The Year 1 team hope you had a happy and restful holiday.

This term our topic is 'Festivals'. This is a great topic for the students with Christmas and Tet coming up. We look at range of different festivals around the world and talk about how various cultures celebrate in different ways. During Science, we will be learning about seasonal changes. We will learn about the four different seasons and will look at how the weather affects plants and animals.

In English, we will be continuing to work on writing sentences and extending the students through the use of adjectives, connectives and a variety of new punctuation. The focus this term will be on writing stories that contain a beginning, middle and end. Our reading focus will be on answering questions about the book we have read. In Maths, we will continue our work on place value. We will learn the names and properties of a range of 2D and 3D shapes. We will measure length, height and weight using non-standard measures such as cubes. In Computing lessons we will practise our word processing skills and will learn where to find a range of useful keys on the keyboard.

We have had a lot of success with Edmodo so far this year and we encourage you all to check it regularly as we use this as a tool to let you know what we are working on in class. The Year 1 teachers will be putting new links up each week which might involve games, an activity or some more information about a subject. We have also launched two

exciting reading programmes this term called 'Bug Club' and 'Teach Your Monster to Read'. Both are online platforms and have a wealth of resources and activities your child can use at home to support them with their reading.

We'd like to remind you that homework will continue as per normal and our spelling test will take place each Friday. Please ensure that your child has their yellow and orange spelling books in school for the test. We encourage parents to read at home with their child every evening to assist their progress; this also has strong links with creating successful writers. Please sign the Reading Record book every time you read with your child at home.

Thank you for making Parents' Day such a success. It was great to have an opportunity to meet you all and discuss how your child has settled into school. This term you will all be receiving a report about your child that will let you know what they have been working on and how they are progressing in Year 1. We also have our 'GoMad' week coming up at the start of December, which is always a highlight for the students.

We look forward to an exciting new term and as always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or myself.

Ms. Kristen
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Welcome back! In Term 1, it was wonderful to see the children rise to the increased expectations and challenges of Year 2, and we look forward to this continuing. Thank you for attending Parents' day; it was great to see so many of you and be able to communicate your child's progress so far.

I have been delighted to see and hear so many children are using Edmodo to support their learning in class. This term we have introduced 'Bug Club', which is an online reading platform which will enable children to read electronic books at home at their reading level as well as answer questions about what they have read. This has already been introduced during Guided Reading lessons and been a great success.

Our new topic is 'Flight - Up, Up and Away' in which we will be learning about famous people who have ventured into the skies, investigating our own flying machines and looking at artwork by John James Audbon. Furthermore, we will develop our colour mixing techniques to recreate bird images.

This term's Science unit is 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Within this unit, they will be learning about how most living

things are suited to their habitat and how they obtain food including food chains. In Computing, children will be learning to recognise and write simple algorithms.

Homework will continue to be sent home every Friday and collected the following Thursday. Please help your child learn their spellings and times tables for their weekly tests and read with them as much as possible.

Towards the end of term, there will be the Year 1-3 Christmas Concert, which the children are already excitedly practising for. We hope to see as many of you as possible at our performance on the evening of Thursday, 13th December.

We all look forward to another successful term and as always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries.

Ms. Hannah
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Year 3 had a very busy Term 1 with lots of different activities and learning, as well as adjustments to a new year group, new campus and new routines.

After our most recent holiday, we are looking forward to another busy and exciting term. Now the children are more settled, we will be checking everyone is organised and ready for each school day; this means that reading books and homework diaries should be brought to school every day and swimming kits, PE kits and homework should be brought in on the correct days. In addition to this, belongings and additional equipment that the children bring in should be kept securely in their bags; a lot of belongings are still in lost property or have been misplaced by children. Homework will continue to be set each week and in the same format; children should now be used to completing all of this to the standard expected and submitting it on time.

In Science this term, our topic is 'Magnets and Forces' and

we shall be investigating the different forces produced by magnets, how magnets work and their everyday uses. There will be a lot of new vocabulary for this topic so we will continue to place helpful resources on Edmodo. In Humanities, we shall be developing our mapping skills.

Towards the end of the term, we will be looking forward to the Year 1-3 Christmas Concert. We will be practicing our carols regularly so that we can impress all of our parents and families with our performance on the evening of Thursday, 13th December at SS1. We hope you can attend and look forward to marking the start of the festive period with you.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Jo
Head of Year 3
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It's been wonderful to see everybody return for an exciting new term.

On the academic side, we will be studying recounts, diary writing and performance poetry in English. Maths will see us undertake investigations and work on our knowledge of Number including fractions, Statistics and Geometry.

In Computing, pupils will be learning how to create characters and make them come alive using Scratch to code their actions. Scratch helps pupils learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively — essential skills for life in the 21st century.

In Science, our topic is 'Electricity'. Pupils will find which materials are the best electrical conductors & use this information to make switches. Pupils will also find out what happens to a bulb's brightness when circuits are changed and they will also research famous scientists from the past.

In Humanities, we will be finding out about famous inventors and inventions. Pupils will learn about key inventors, inven-

tions and the history of development of some modern inventions. They will learn to research and organise information, presenting it in their own way.

As always, it is vital that children have a high level of effort and rate of completion regarding homework, as this will help reinforce and develop our class work. Please refer to your child's homework diary or Google Classroom for guidance.

Please note that the 4D assembly is Friday, 16th November and 4T's assembly will take place on the 23rd November. Both will begin at 8:40am. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your class teacher or myself.



Mr. Daniel
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It has been a busy start to Term 2 and even though this is a short term, it will certainly be a full one. It is pleasing to see our Year 5 students back at school, well rested after their break and full of enthusiasm about the many exciting things they will be studying this term.

In Science, we will be investigating 'Materials and their Properties'. This is a topic that lends itself to many practical scientific experiments and investigations, which students always embrace well. In Humanities, we will be looking at the issues surrounding 'Fair Trade', an important contemporary topic which will help to focus the students' thoughts on food, hunger and the complex problems related to ensuring global trade is fair and just for producers of food products, around the world. In Art, the children will be investigating tribal designs and patterns and will be able to create their own printed patterns as well as tie dying fabric.

This term we will continue to give homework on a weekly basis. It will be sent out on Tuesday and will be due back on the following Monday. During the first term, we found that the standard of homework was a little varied at times, with some children making a real effort to complete their best possible work and others handing in homework assignments that were not of the expected standard. We would be grateful

if you could continue to work with us in supporting your children by taking an interest in their homework tasks and also checking that they complete them fully and carefully each week.

Many children have a real thirst for reading and have made reading a regular habit, both at home and school. We expect children to read each day at home as this greatly benefits their English language development. Please continue to find some time to listen to them read, or discuss their books with them and encourage them to read as many different fiction genres as possible, not just non-fiction books. The children now have the added dimension of 'Bug Club' which is an online reading platform and allows students to access a range of books at an appropriate level.

We look forward to another productive and fun-filled term together. Thank you for your continued support.



Mr. Philip
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Last term, the students worked very hard, and I am pleased to say have settled very well into their new classes. It has been a pleasure to have 7 new students join Year 6 and to see how quickly they have made friends, with the help of their classmates, and adjusted to the routines of a new school.

The hard work and effort they all put into organising and running activities for sMMile Week enabled us to raise a large amount of money for SMILE organisation which will directly benefit many children in Asia. We would also like to thank you for your with this event, helping your child to make cakes and snacks and providing prizes for the stalls.

In addition, the students took on extra responsibility as Year 6 Prefects, Computer Prefects, House Captains, Student Council Representatives and Library Assistants. They carried out their duties in a mature, responsible way and their contribution to helping other students not only enabled them to develop their skills but also positively benefitted the school. Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for all of the Year 6 students to take on extra responsibility and play an active role within the school.

This term in Humanities, our students will be researching traffic in Ho Chi Minh which will include a field trip to District 1 to obtain data. Your child may ask you about how traffic and transport has changed since you were a child (even if you did not grow up in Vietnam). So if you can give them any information from your own experience, please help them. In addition, they may ask you for your opinion of the traffic in Ho Chi Minh City, as well as want to find out how you travelled to school when you were younger. In previous years, this has proven to be a very interesting discussion the students have had with their parents and grandparents, as they find out more about your lives when you were their age.

Thank you for all your support.



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