



# Whole School ACTIVITY CALENDAR

## NOW & NEXT

### SEPTEMBER 2017

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| 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | Australian University Fair (Venue: SS1 Theatre)                                                                           | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs RISS @ RISS at 4.00pm *  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BIS @ BIS at 4.00 pm *                                                                | 27 <sup>th</sup> | sMMile Concert Evening at 6.30pm (Venue: SS1 Theatre)        |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | Year 1 and Year 2 CQ Morning at 7.30am - 'How to Help and Support my Child's Learning at Home' (Venue: SS2 Assembly Hall) | 28 <sup>th</sup> | American University Fair (Venue: SS1 Theatre) TBC            |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>                    | Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs BIS @ ABCIS at 4.10pm *                                                               | 28 <sup>th</sup> | Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs SING @ ABCIS at 4.10pm * |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> | sMMile Week                                                                                                               | 29 <sup>th</sup> | OPEN DAY (TBC)                                               |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | sMMile Concert Dress Rehearsal and Technical Rehearsal                                                                    |                  |                                                              |

### OCTOBER 2017

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | UK University Fair (Venue: SS1 Theatre)                                                            | 16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>                                         | Cultural Appreciation Week                                                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Secondary Swim vs AmIS @ ABCIS at 3.15pm*                                                          | 18 <sup>th</sup>                                                            | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs BVIS @ BVIS at 4.00pm *               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS @ AmIS at 4.00pm *                                        | 20 <sup>th</sup>                                                            | UN Day                                                                    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Secondary CQ morning (TBC) at 7.30am - 'Pastoral Care to Support Achievement' (Venue: SS1 Theatre) | 20 <sup>th</sup>                                                            | UN Day - Dress Up                                                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs AmIS @ AmIS at 3.40pm *                                        | 20 <sup>th</sup>                                                            | Early Primary 'UN Day Picnic' at 2.00 pm (Venue: SS2 campus Playground) * |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Under 19 Boys & Girls Volleyball vs ISHCMC @ ISHCMC at 4.00pm *                                    | 20 <sup>th</sup>                                                            | Term 1 Ends, School end at 3.10pm                                         |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Options & Careers Evening for Yrs. 9 & 11 at 6.00pm (Venue: SS1 Theatre)                           | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October – TERM 1 BREAK – NO SCHOOL</b> |                                                                           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS at 3.10pm *                                       | 30 <sup>th</sup>                                                            | Term 2 Starts                                                             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Under 14 Boys & Girls Basketball vs SING @ ABCIS at 4.10pm *                                       | 30 <sup>th</sup>                                                            | ECAs (Session 1) continue from Term 1                                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> | PARENTS DAY (Non-Pupil day)                                                                        |                                                                             |                                                                           |

### NOVEMBER 2017

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Under 19 Boys Volleyball City Champs @ CIS at 1.00pm *      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Under 14 Girls Basketball City Champs @ SSIS at 1.00pm *  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Under 19 Girls Volleyball City Champs @ AIS at 1.00pm *     | 6 <sup>th</sup> | Secondary Swim vs SSIS @ SSIS at 3.30pm *                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs RISS @ RISS at 3.40pm * | 7 <sup>th</sup> | UK Senior Maths Challenge                                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Under 14 Boys Basketball City Champs @ AmIS at 1.00pm *     | 8 <sup>th</sup> | Under 11 Boys & Girls Basketball vs CIS @ CIS at 3.40pm * |

## Abbreviation Key

*	Parents are welcome to attend	BIS	British International School
@	At	BVIS	British Vietnamese International School
TBC	To be confirmed	BIS TX	British International School Tu Xuong
TBA	To be announced	SING	Singapore International School
ECA	Extra Curricular Activities	CIS	Canadian International School
Go MAD	Go Make A Difference (Charity/Service)	ISHCMC	International School of Ho Chi Minh City
CQ	Coffee & Questions Morning	RISS	Renaissance International School
LSC	Learning Study Centre (Library)	RMIT	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
EYFS	Early Years Foundation Stage	SSIS	Saigon South International School
SS1	Saigon South Campus 1 (Primary / Secondary)	AmIS	American International School
SS2	Saigon South Campus 2 (Early Primary)	AIS	Australian International School
UN Day	United Nation Day		



# News from EARLY PRIMARY

**NOW  
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**September 2017 Issue**

Dear Parents and Friends of the ABCIS,

Welcome to the first edition of Now & Next in the 2017/18 academic year. I do hope that all parts of our special community will enjoy a happy and mutually supportive relationship in the weeks and months ahead. Now please “read-on” and absorb the good news that my colleagues have to share with you.

**I have one very special plea to those of you who bring your children to school on a motorbike:** PLEASE provide your much loved children with a good quality helmet and INSIST that they wear it. It both amazes and frightens me that so many of you are willing to invest in your child’s future by entrusting us to enhance the knowledge and learning content of your child’s brain, and yet, many of you are still prepared to see this most valuable organ placed at very high risk should they be involved in any sort of traffic accident.

**PLEASE HEAR AND ACT UPON THIS REQUEST IMMEDIATELY .**

Your children ARE the most valued and important part of our school and I need your help to make sure we look after their safety as well as we possibly can. Please accept my thanks in anticipation of your understanding and support.



**Mr. Gary**  
Headmaster  
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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the Early Primary Campus, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families. It has been a pleasure to watch the children enjoy being in school and to observe how quickly and happily they have settled back into their routines and lessons. Furthermore, the way in which the returning children have welcomed the new children into their classes and friendship groups has been excellent. All parents should feel so proud of the way in which their children have behaved and cared for each other.

Due to our excellent high standards which we have achieved in recent years we are now growing in pupil numbers on the Early Primary Campus which has enabled us to open another Year 1 class this year. The academic year has started off so well and the children have settled in very quickly to the routines of their busy school day. With this in mind, we would like to make sure that all of our parents are kept fully informed of our daily routines and some of the rules for safety in school.

**PE & Swimming** - Please ensure that all children bring the ABCIS PE & Swimming kits to school on the appropriate days. Please send your child to school in their normal school uniform every day, even on PE days, as part of their development is to change in and out of their PE and Swimming kits.



**Mr. Kevin**  
Head of Early Primary  
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**Health and Safety** - During playtimes, all children must wear a cap or hat so that they have maximum protection from the sun. Water is always available to all children at all times. We are all fully aware that water not only keeps the children hydrated but also acts as a stimulus for learning. For safety, the children must also wear plain black closed shoes - no flip flops, crocks or sandals. This is school policy.

**Pick Up After School** - Due to the new Year 1 class, the library has now moved to ground floor. Please ensure that all parent/carers arrive to school on time to pick up the children.

I look forward to meeting you all and having another successful year at the ABCIS.

Welcome to all our new pupils here in the Early years Foundation Stage (EYFS). I am always impressed with how the children settle into and cope with their new school routines. I would also like to welcome back our pupils from last year and it's been great to hear so many of them speaking English so well.

To further help the children to settle please remember to keep sharing the daily timetable routines with them and keep checking the green Home School Diary for messages.

### **Topics this term:**

- Pre-Nursery** - 'Colours' focusing on identifying, sorting and naming colours
- Nursery** - 'All About me' focusing on sharing feelings and their favourite things
- Reception** - 'Ourselves' focusing on identifying body parts and using our five senses

Our Curriculum in the EYFS is taught through songs, stories, role-play, circle times and a wide range of activities that the children can access through child-initiated play. This is seen very much as the foundations of learning in preparation for children's future education. Phonics is also taught in Reception, which enhances your child's reading skills.

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to myself or your class teacher if you have any questions.

We look forward to an exciting year of learning and enjoyment for all the children in EYFS.

**Ms. Josette**  
**Head of Early Years & Foundation Stage**  
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Welcome to Year 1. I hope everyone had a lovely holiday. Due to the expansion of the school and the increase in students we now have four Year 1 classes. In 1U we have Ms. Ursula (Head of Year) and Ms. Han, in 1M we have Ms. Melanie and Ms. Hau, in 1P we have Ms. Pao and Ms. Phouc and in 1L we have Ms. Lorna and Ms. Tien.

This term our topic is 'All Around the World'. We will be looking closely at the 7 different continents of the world. We will be tasting food from different countries, looking at the weather in different places and looking at the different clothes people wear. The children will be using all this different information to gain an understanding of the world. In Science, we will be studying 'Animals'. We will be learning about the different animal groups and their characteristics. We will be learning what is meant by the terms 'carnivore', 'herbivore' and 'omnivore' as well as how to care for different animals. We will also conduct simple investigations.

Homework will be sent home regularly on a Tuesday. This will be differentiated based on each student's phonics knowledge. Please remind the children to return their completed homework by the following Monday. Also, please check the Home School Diary each day as this is one of the main ways the classroom teacher will contact you and share information. We look forward to an enjoyable and successful first term in Year 1. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

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**Head of Year 1**  
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Welcome back. The children in Year 2 have been great settling back into school and showing how keen they are to be learning again. It has been wonderful to see how excited the children are to begin Year 2 and the new challenges it will bring.

This term's Science unit is 'Animals Including Humans', where children will be exploring different life cycles as well as ways of staying healthy. Our topic this term is 'Space'. This topic is always met with great enthusiasm and the children loved our 'Astronaut Training Afternoon,' to introduce this topic. During Computing lessons the children will be using the word processor Microsoft Word, they will be learning many key skills that they will use in Year 2 and further up the school. Any extra practise of mouse and keyboard skills at home would be beneficial.

Please support your children in learning their homework, weekly spellings and times tables as this will greatly support their learning in class. We look forward to another enjoyable and successful year in Year 2. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

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