



SUIS PUDONG NEWSLETTER



SUIS Pudong offers an opportunity for students to enter a continuum of education from Primary through to the end of Secondary to prepare them to become Global's citizens for the 21st century.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to issue 8 of our newsletter. Thank you to all of you who attended our recent parent teacher meetings this week. I appreciate your understanding and patience whilst we did these online due to the current restrictions. I hope you had a good opportunity to hear about how your son/daughter is doing in each of their subjects. With the information shared both in the meetings and in the recent report, I hope you feel able to support your child to achieve their very best. In this issue you will hear all about our recent poetry week which was a great success. The students who went onto the stage to perform did so with enthusiasm and confidence. Please take note of the special notices in this issue regarding dates and travel information.

DATES TO NOTE

23rd -31st December Chinese Culture week

1st January - New Years Day - school will be closed

4th January - Back to school

22nd January - End of Semester 1 : School will end at 12pm

25th January - February 19th Lunar New Year and Winter holiday

22nd February - semester 2 begins

Ms. Kim Sahi
Co-Principal

Ms. Jingyi Gao
Executive Deputy Head of Primary

CCA TERM 2

Children are really enjoying our CCA classes! Children will continue with the same CCA topics from Term 1 until Wednesday 20 January, 2021. Shortly, we will send a CCA letter to parents for children to sign up for CCA in Term 2, which will start on Wednesday 24 February, 2021; that is the first Wednesday back at school after the Chinese New Year break. The sign-up time for Term 2 CCA will start on Monday 21 December and finish on Monday 28 December. When the CCA parent information letter is released, please read it carefully, as it is the only way to register for CCAs for Term 2. It should additionally be noted that your child will need to pick a new CCA from Term 1.

IMPORTANCE REMINDER

If your child leaves Shanghai due to a special reason, please email your child's homeroom teachers / form tutor at least a week early about the departure/return dates, travel route and destination. His/her personal protection needs to be strengthened. Body temperature (including peers) should be measured daily. In case of a fever, cough, etc, the student should go to see the doctor and report to the school in time. Please avoid going to high and medium risk places, or places where people gather and remember to wear masks when taking the public transportation. Parents should report to the school one day prior to his/her return to school about the temperature records and medical treatment (if any) of the student and his/her peers during the absence in Shanghai. Health observation should be completed within 14 days after returning to Shanghai. In case of a fever, cough and other symptoms, the students should go to see the doctor and report to the school in time. All students should strictly comply with government guidelines about the centralized quarantine if they are applied.

WINTER BAZAAR AND GRADE CONCERT

Today, we had our festive and magical Winter Bazaar. All the students came to school in their Christmas Jumper, ready for all the exciting events. In the morning, students from primary grades 1-5 performed their favourite Christmas songs. The children all sang rhythmically in perfect unison. We even received a greeting from a special visitor from the North Pole! We successfully used our live-stream for the cheerful parents to watch. To date, we received over 1,800 views and over 660 likes! A special thanks to Mr Glen Allen and his busy elves for putting the whole event together!



In the afternoon, there were various thrilling activities held in classrooms. Students got to participate in many different types of jolly tasks like making Christmas trees and decorating Christmas cookies.

For more photos and details, please refer to our upcoming wechat article, which will be released next week.



POETRY WEEK DECEMBER 7 – 11



Last week we all enjoyed a wonderful Poetry Week full of a variety of activities and celebrations. The week was designed to provide opportunities for students to simply enjoy learning about poetry and express their ideas in creative ways. Activities were mostly in-class and specific to each grade group. Students studied the form and structure of various poems, such as Haiku and Limericks, and explored poetic language devices, including rhythm & rhyme, alliteration, personification, similes and metaphors. Students were encouraged to write their own poems and also engaged in activities such as presenting and performing poems.





On Friday, students from each class went to a lower grade level class to read and perform various poems. It was a special experience for the students to interact in this manner. The students reading the poems got to experience the joy of reading to younger students, while the younger students benefitted from listening to their slightly older peers.



The Grade 5 students had the unique experience to meet some Grade 9 and Grade 10 students who volunteered to provide a poetry workshop for them. The Secondary students taught the Grade 5 students how to write limericks and the Grade 5 students were challenged to write their own (with support from the Secondary students) at the end. Thank you so much to all of the Secondary teachers and students who made the workshop possible.



Throughout the week, guest readers read to the students. Teachers and staff shared a wide variety of wonderful poems and the students were so happy to hear them.



Poetry Week culminated with poetry performances from each class during assembly. It was not a competition, but rather a celebration of our poetry experiences. The performances were as creative as they were varied. Some classes performed as a whole class, while other featured individuals or small groups performing their poems.



Megan Morgan
Grade 4 Dragon
Homeroom Teacher / English Coordinator

Student Voice 2

Talking about our school, it is a place I should thank in every minute I think of it. It teaches us every thing. In the nice and clean classroom, the teacher teaches us Myth and legends' features, and patiently repeats bit to students who don't understand. When we make mistakes, the teachers will teach us to face the problem and correct it by ourselves. The teachers are good to us. We play games when we have spare time from learning and always speaks calmly and nicely to us. I am so thankful to all those patience and hardness of teaching us.

The classmates are really friendly and hard working. In class, students are having excellent behaviors, marvelous attitude on learning and a great effort on communication. We are all talking about ideas with full evidence, no one is arguing with each other's partner. When we are on the playground, almost everyone is playing nicely with their friends or toy but not unhappy or alone. I love the good students in our school. The environment of our school is perfect for studying. The classroom is tidy with no rubbish on the table or floor, and there is a nice and quiet library with a huge amount of lovely books and you can borrow them! On the playground, there is many fun things waiting for you to explore. There is two monkey bars to climb on! And there is a huge football field with red running tracks over it. The most fun of all, the Toy House! In the Toy House, there is badminton rackets, bouncing ball, football, throwing toy... So many toys! I love the reading, studying, and leisure environment! I love my school!

——Isabel Xu G4 Dragon



Hello everybody, today I want to tell you some interesting things about our school the first thing I want to talk about is the toy house. I like the toy house because it has many fun toys that children can play with. The next thing I want to talk about is the canteen. The canteen has a lot of yummy food, and children can get a lot of energy. The third thing is about the little garden. It is my favorite place because, in the little garden, there are a lot of benches and you can sit in the little garden to relax for a while. Now I will talk about the classrooms. The classrooms are wonderful. I feel like the classrooms are huge and wide. Also, the colourful boards on the walls make the classroom beautiful. The last thing I want to talk about is the teachers. I like the teachers because they are friendly, and they also teach us a lot of things. This is why I like SUIs.

——G2L Alice

This is the first semester (actually, the first three months) in SUIS. It was a bit of challenging for me at first. However, I quickly became familiar with everything at school and unexpectedly learned some skills.

Compared with my previous school, there are more subjects that I am interested in. We did science investigations, such as separating “Alien Soup” and seeing how long it will take for sugar to dissolve in water of different temperature. In PE class, we did gymnastics and practiced our own routine using forward and backward roll combined with balances together at the end of that topic.

In my opinion, the most attractive event of this semester was the book week. Every participant actively joined the “Racing to Read” competition and tried their best to read more books. Classmates in our class worked together to write their stories for the author day.



——Jophy G5 Dragon



Our teachers are all very responsible for our learning; encouraging us when we got something wrong, helping with the questions that we don't know how to do and our questions about each class. Our teachers not only help with our learning, they also care for our health. After the COVID-19, our school had made very good decisions about our safety and health.

Our classes are full of fun activities. For example, in Science class, for G5, you could do experiments with sugar and see how fast it dissolves, or you could make a circuit in the first semester! In English, we will be able to write short stories and then publish them to improve our ability to write stories.

——Wendy Wang G5 Lion

My name is Katherine and I am a student from SUIS. At SUIS, there are always events happening. We have Book Week, Earth Day, computer Science week and Anti-Bully Day. All the events will make our school environment better. We will put up our classwork on display, others can learn about something just by reading what we display. It makes our learning more enjoyable. Our works also make our school more colourful. Our school is wonderful and all you can hear is laughter. I love the events here as well as the sentence “Where East meets West”



——Katherine G5 Lion