



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,

I would like to announce that we have our new PSG Chair Lillian to introduce to you. Please join me in congratulating Lilian who is already busy with her team preparing for our upcoming Winter Bazaar.



We've ended this week with 2 exciting Cross Stream Sports Days. All the teachers are proud of our students for their resilience, excellence and team spirit during the two days. Well done, Secondary students. More information related with this will be shared with you in our next issue.

The Importance of Reading in Life and at SVIS

Did you know that bookworms live longer than non-readers? It's true, researchers at Yale University observed a significant connection between reading and longer life expectancy. In their long-term study, they noticed that people who read books for at least half an hour every day lived on average two years longer than those who did not read. While it is not yet confirmed why this happens, the researchers think it is connected to the effect that reading has on our brains. So, what are the benefits of reading regularly - apart from hopefully living longer?

In general, reading is great exercise for our brains. It improves focus, helps us regulate our emotions and reduces stress. According to Business Insider, one habit that all successful people have in common is reading a lot. So if we want to be successful, maybe that's a routine we should all pick up! Furthermore, reading is a wonderful tool for us to discover the world. We can broaden our horizons by reading about people and cultures that are different from our own, and by challenging our viewpoints about the world we live in.

As teachers, we always encourage our students to read. At their age and as second language learners, reading has some additional benefits to those mentioned above as well. For children and teenagers in KS 3 and KS 4, reading can be a great way to develop empathy, imagination and creativity. Because reading takes more brain power than watching TV or playing video games, it also helps kids to improve their attention span. Lastly, reading is a great way to increase communication skills, as students can learn new vocabulary and authentic idioms when they're reading. In addition, the more a child reads, the more familiar they become with story structure, character building, and different writing styles, which in turn improves their own writing skills.



Often, parents are worried if their children are somewhat reluctant readers, but the great thing about reading is that there is something out there for everyone. Even students with low language ability can read comics or graphic novels, and there are many different genres of books for every area of interest. In the English department, we have reading lists for the key stages that we're happy to give to parents and students. These lists are sorted not only by genre, but also by the level of difficulty, and they're sure to help kids in finding their next great read.

AT SUIS Pudong, we place great emphasis on establishing a reading culture on campus to help students improve their literacy skills but also give them an opportunity to broaden their horizons through reading in a community setting with their peers. It has been an integrated part of the English language and literature curriculum across the Key Stage 3 years in SUIS Pudong. Our students are encouraged to choose and read different books in the English classrooms through weekly reading lessons, during which they have the opportunity of using a whole lesson of uninterrupted reading once a week. During these sessions, students are free to read books of their choice for pure leisure. They have access to the English classroom libraries which are well-equipped with a variety of books from different genres or they can bring their own books. The teachers ensure that the students are reading books that are grade level appropriate in order to ensure that kids keep challenging themselves as well as use these reading lessons efficiently. During these uninterrupted reading sessions, all students read for almost 50 minutes and fill a reading log in their English notebooks with interesting finds and number of pages they have read.



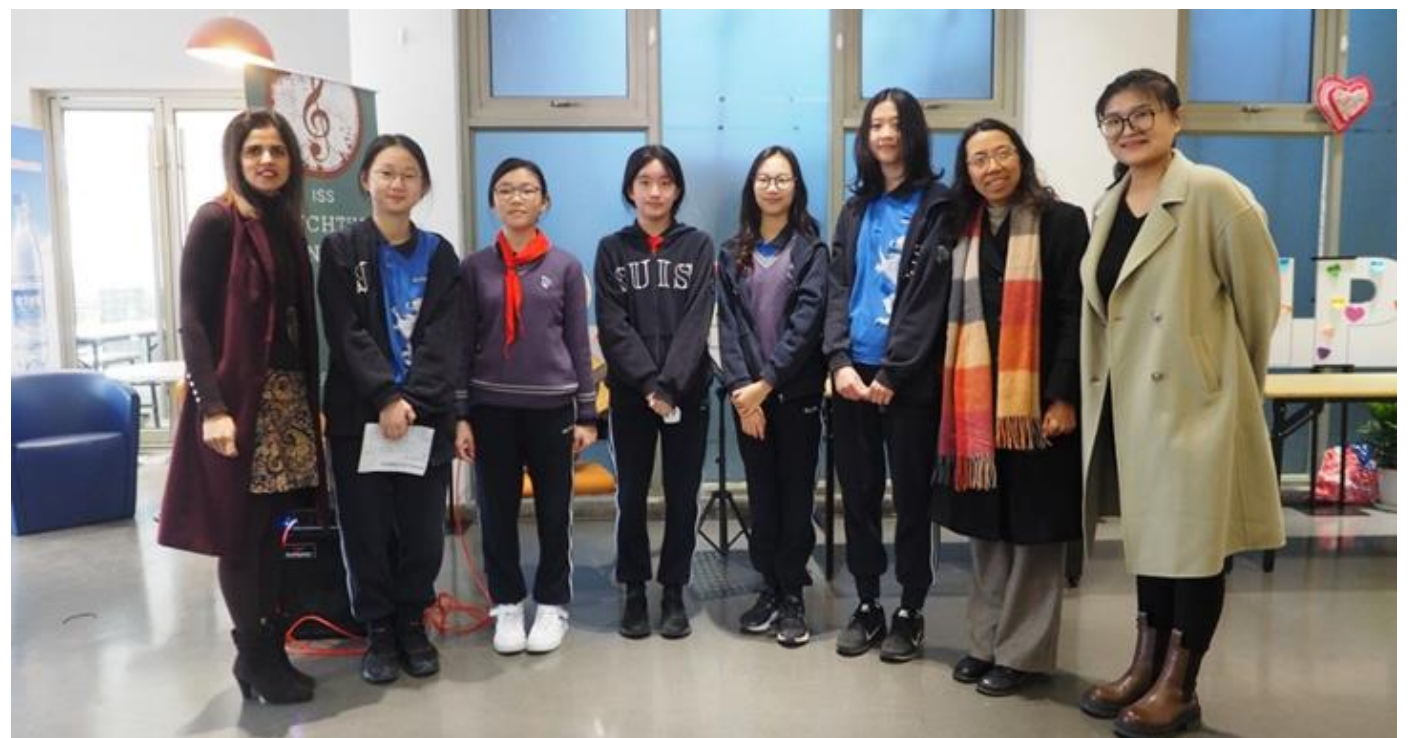
Some students also produce book reports and book presentations to their peers after they have read their books. For instance, in Grade 6, some students present their books to their classmates by designing board games of the plot, showcasing their understanding of complex story structures in titles like “Wizard of Oz” or “Harry Potter”. In Grade 7, some students choose to present books they’ve read in the form of travel brochures or imagining a play script of an event in the story. Students enjoy presenting to their peers and receive feedback and appreciation with regard to the stories they read. By retelling a story in a fun and engaging way, our students develop not just literacy skills but interpersonal and communication skills, but also share a love of reading which can only help them in life.

Creating a culture of reading is highly regarded on campus and we encourage students to keep this culture alive by reading 20 minutes a day, every day, 365 days a year. The more our students read, the more they will excel in school and life in the future.

Lunch Time Music Concert

ISS lunch time concert was officially opened on 9th November! The three groups of musicians were Tina and Amy from G7A, Emily Zhang and Emily Zeng of G8A and G8B, and Jojo and Olivia from G8A. Their performances were very exciting and attracted many students to stop and watch. Thanks for all the performers’ courage and confidence to stand on this new stage. We hope to see more participants in the future performances.





IS Winter Bazaar

Dear Parents,

December brings many holidays, feasts and happiness! This year, our very exciting winter bazaar will be on Saturday, December 4th from 10am to 3pm.

The PSG has invited a lot of vendors of different types. There will be plenty of food, drinks and activities to enjoy! Students will also get a winter bazaar passport to participate in many interesting activities. The PSG and class representatives will provide more information about this later.

Our ISP students will have Winter Concert in the morning and ISS students will show their musical talent in the afternoon. We hope all students and families will have a great time!

Here is the Winter Concert schedule and performances:

Saturday 4 Dec IS Winter Bazaar Timetable

10:15-10:45	G1 Concert
10:45-11:15	G2 Concert
11:15-11:45	G3 Concert
11:45-12:15	G4 Concert
12:15-12:45	G5 Concert
Afternoon	ISS students' performances

Key dates:

Please note below the upcoming key dates:

- 22th-26th November: Book Fair
- 24th November: G7 and G8 3-Way Conference
- 2nd and 3rd December: G8 & G9 Field Trip- Chongming
- 4th December: Winter Bazaar (We will still follow the 14 day rules, if you wish to be part of this event, please stay in Shanghai for 14 days before 4th Dec.)

Kind regards,



Ms. Kim Sahi
Co-Principal



Ms. Bonnie Cai
Assistant Principal and Head of Secondary

winter Bazaar



12.04 SAT
10A.M. - 3P.M.

We
wish
you
a
Merry
Christmas



- ▶ Games and Activities
- ▶ Raffle with 'big' prizes
- ▶ Various vendors including food and drinks
- ▶ Second-hand school uniform and books

