



# ST CHRISTOPHER'S INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Principal's eNews

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Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks, the children and staff have slotted back into the timetable and routines, enabling learning to continue and bringing the school back to life. The big difference this time is that the MOE has allowed us to run PE lessons and other activities outside. Taking the children out of the classroom has been brilliant, and I will find more opportunities for this next term.

Particularly last week, it felt like a bit of normality had returned as there were so many great activities taking place all around the school. A few highlights were when we all celebrated World Book Day, Red and Green Houses had their House Treats for gaining the most house points last year and in term one. The Easter Bunny visited the Nursery children and they helped him find his lost eggs around the school. Reception children were being butterflies during their fantastic exit point and even released real butterflies for their first flight, once they came out of their chrysalis. Many other year groups also had exit points, and further details, including what learning happened in March, can be found on [Skoolbag](#) and [Facebook](#).

### SCIPS Young Musician of the Year 2021

Mr Cannon was so impressed with the number and quality of entries for this competition, which had to be completely online this year due to COVID restrictions. Nearly 100 students from Nursery to Year 6 had been practising hard and made beautiful videos of their performances to show just how talented they are. It was a pleasure to watch the incredible array of talent and see and hear so many different musical instruments.

It was very hard deciding who had done the best performances but, after much deliberation, a winner from each year group was selected, and certificates and their videos were shared during class assemblies this week. A huge well done to everyone who submitted a video and especially to our year group winners.

We now move on to the final stage of the competition, where we have ten finalists who will compete for the title of SCIPS Musician of the Year 2021 after the Easter holiday. I know the judges will have a tough time deciding who is the best performer!

### FOBISIA Voices Song

Children from the Juniors have had the exciting opportunity to sing a song written specifically for FOBISIA schools called 'There Will Always Be Music' as part of a FOBISIA Voices virtual choir project. During our online music lessons, children could learn to sing the song and over 60 children made outstanding recordings of themselves singing the whole piece.

These recordings are being put together, and Mr Cannon will then share them with FOBISIA. The final recording will include SCIPS and 28 other FOBISIA schools from across Asia singing this very special song. Even though we are all under so many different restrictions, it is lovely to be still a part of such a large scale event that involves hundreds of children from across the region. This week we videoed some of the outstanding performers from Years 5 and 6, and the video will also form a part of the song.



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We look forward to sharing the song with you when it is released by FOBISIA later this year. Mr Cannon would like to thank all those children who devoted so much time and effort to learning and singing the very touching and poignant song - despite everything going on in the world around us right now, 'there will always be music.'

## World Book Day

Reading is a passport to countless adventures and what adventures we had here at SCIPS! Friday 12th April saw World Book Day celebration, and the school came alive with characters from across the globe. The children in Infants and EY's classes enjoyed secret teacher readers, a World Book Day parade and shared their favourite stories in class. The Juniors took part in a 'Stop, Drop and read', and we shared the fabulous entries for our FOBISIA Writing Competition! What a brilliant day!

## Timetable Rockstar

Our Juniors students have been taking part in the first-ever 'Rest of the World Rocks' competition organised by Times Tables Rockstars. Students had to answer as many times tables questions as they could, online, over five days to compete in the competition. Points scored would be used to help make an average for each class.

It was amazing to see so many children from SCIPS having a go and taking part in the competition. Our students had some great performances, with three children making it into the top 50 worldwide, one of those being 9th overall.

Also, 6GR placed an incredible 2nd place in the class competition out of more than 1,300 classes. An astonishing accomplishment and one we are all very proud of. We can't wait until next year's competition! Rock on!

## Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The St Christopher's School Association will hold its 58th AGM on Wednesday 31st March at 6.00 pm.

The Company Secretary has informed me that they require a list of all members attending the AGM. If you are coming, you will need to complete this [google form](#) by Monday 29th March. When attending the AGM, you will need to show proof of identity (I/C or Passport).

## School Development Plan

In Term 3, I will begin working alongside the Board of Governors on a new school development plan. It is an exciting time for the school, as there are so many possibilities. For me, a primary focus needs to be on Reconnecting, Reviewing and Rebuilding the school, its programmes and systems. I want to do this together as a community, and I will communicate further details with you all after the holidays.

As Term 2 comes to a close, I know that all the children and staff have been giving 100% and need a well-deserved break to rest and recharge themselves.

Do enjoy the break, and I look forward to seeing the children return on Tuesday 13th April 2021.

Martin Towse