

VIET ANH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Reflecting on 2023: “Quý Mão” Lunar New Year (Year of the Cat)

Last Lunar New Year, students enjoyed a 10-day Tet holiday with their families before returning to school. On their first day back to school, they received “lì xì” (lucky money), a traditional gesture that symbolizes good luck and prosperity. The joy and excitement radiated from the smiles of the teachers and students as they joined the traditional celebration.



We visited and sent New Year’s wishes to the families of the teachers and staff.

In accordance with Vietnamese tradition, Tet is a time when people come together, visit, and exchange New Year's greetings. Keeping with this tradition, the teachers and staff at Viet Anh also visited one another and extended their well-wishes to the families of their colleagues. It was a delightful occasion filled with warmth and positivity, spreading joy and good wishes for a prosperous year ahead.

We played
“LÔ-TÔ”
game at Mrs.
Soat’s house
together.



Mrs. Hao’s
mother was
making
textile.



Martial arts classes (Vovinam)



Mr. Viên is a Physical Education teacher and also a martial arts instructor. His martial arts classes start after the students finish their regular classes. The students enjoy his martial arts classes so much.

Extra English classes



After completing their regular classes, some students opted to join extra English classes to improve their speaking skills. Miss Thiêm, an English teacher at Viet Anh School, is responsible for these classes.

Every week, students who are proficient in English or passionate about English will have a short session of practicing English speaking with high school juniors at Singapore-American School (Singapore) via Zoom.



Swimming classes

Every year, swimming classes are scheduled either in mid-March or at the beginning of April, when the weather gets warmer. The school owner, Paul Ho who places great importance on the complete development of the students, which includes enhancing their physical fitness. Therefore, he constructed a swimming pool right next to the school for the students to learn how to swim.



The swimming competition in the district yielded fantastic results as two grade 3 students got first and consolation prizes. The students' dedication and hard work in training have paid off. This brought immense joy to the students, their families, and the school.



A period of exploring the development of plants.



Ending year summer holiday camp

After a few years of the pandemic, the school was unable to organize any activities. However, this year, the students returned to school for an enjoyable summer camp, feeling happy, active, and interested. The anticipation for great days was high.

The school year was over. Before the students returned home to their families and had their summer break, they participated in a summer camp organized by a group of teenagers from Regina Mundi and students from Notre Dame. The camp's theme was "Spreading Love," it was a memorable day filled with joy and meaningful activities that created unforgettable memories in the hearts of the children.





School year closing ceremony 2022 – 2023

During 35 weeks of the school year, the teachers and students at Viet Anh School worked hard to achieve some achievement in their teaching and learning. The school year ended with an abundance of joy and happiness.



Essential construction fixes during summer break

The gym is a place where students exercise and play after studying hard. However, recently, the concrete floor broke, causing cement dust to spread, which posed a health risk to students and staff at the school. As a result, we decided to lay down carpeting to ensure the safety of everyone, prevent pollution, and allow students to continue playing.



The fence on the side of the school was in danger of collapsing, and it needed to be rebuilt to ensure the safety of students.



With the number of boarding students increasing each day, it was imperative to build a new bathroom space that would accommodate their needs. This newly-built bathroom provides ample space for students to take a shower comfortably.



The new school year opening ceremony 2023 – 2024

After a 3-month summer break, the joyful and bustling atmosphere of the new school year returned to Viet Anh School in September. This year, there are a total of 149 students enrolled in the school, with 90 of them belonging to ethnic group minorities such as Châu Mạ and others. In order for the school activities to run smoothly, a team of 8 Soeurs are working alongside 13 teachers and 3 staff members in our community.



The new school year begins, and students are thrilled to learn and participate in various activities.



English quiz time



lunch time



do homework



at playroom



evening recess



experiential period

Visiting students' homes

As a part of our annual school tradition at the start of every new school year, we intend to visit the homes of our students. This is of the utmost importance for us as it allows us to gain insights into the students' behaviors, their living environment, and their overall growth. By doing so, we can sympathize with their behaviors and approach them with the most effective and appreciative methods for each student.

After studying at school, the students return to their villages. The Viet Anh students hail from different parts of Lam Dong Province, including places like Đồng Nai Thượng - Cát Tiên (60km away from the school, with 20km of mountain pass), Madaguoi – Đạ Huoai (25km away), Đạ Nhar (12km away), Tổ Lan (10km away), Tôn K' Long (45km away), and Lộc Bắc (25km away). Most of these students come from families who earn their livelihood through farming and breeding, so they have a difficult life.



We are immensely grateful for the charitable helpers who have supported us at Viet Anh School in Đa Têh, in our mission to provide education to children with love. We hope that the collective efforts of all our helpers will empower the children in this community to achieve holistic development and cultivate a sense of hope for a better and brighter future.

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