



SINGAPORE VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL @ NHA TRANG

# NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR PARENTS,

School Activities in October

- Midterm exams (Primary school: Math and Vietnamese Test, Middle and high school: subject tests)
- Halloween (October 31): a celebration to create a dynamic spirit and cooperation among students. To promote flexibility, creativity and self-confidence.
- Secondary and high school students including Year 5 had their first field trip. They practiced life skills, and experienced practical, lively and interesting activities such as: being a farmer, mixing flour to make pancakes and participating in traditional folk games.
- Nha Trang has entered the transitional season. Please remind your children to maintain good hygiene and to look after their health in order to study well.

Wish you and your family good health, success and happiness.

**Mdm. Nguyen Thi Hanh**

**Principal**

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## 5 FUN WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

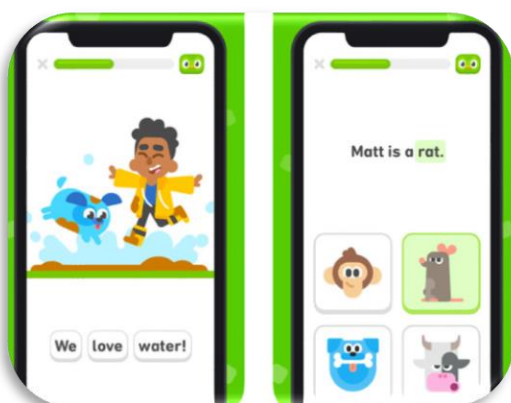
### 1. Watch movies with English subtitles

Avoid watching TV-shows or movies with Vietnamese subtitles (popularly known as 'Vietsub'). Having Vietnamese text on the screen usually turns a valuable opportunity to study English into a simple Vietnamese reading exercise. So next time when you watch a movie on Netflix or any other streaming website that is not too difficult to understand (such as a cartoon, action or comedy movie), try enjoying the film with English subtitles.



*Doraemon episodes can be found on Youtube with English subtitle.*

### 2. Explore language apps



*Duolingo is great for every age.*

These days, there are many wonderful and useful language apps that you can find in the Apple Store or the Google Play Store. Apps such as *Duolingo*, *Falou* or *Rosetta Stone* can help you to improve your English in a fun a playful way. Most of these apps are free to try out.

### 3. Listen to Music, Audiobooks and podcasts

For many students, developing listening skills is one of the most challenging aspects of learning English. One way to improve this is to surround yourself with English audio. Students that usually listen to English music, listen

to English streamers or follow English podcasts, have a better chance to develop an instinctive understanding of the language. For more advanced students, they can try listening to podcasts – online talk shows where people discuss your favorite topic.



*Spotify has both music and podcasts*

### 4. Turn the language settings of your media devices to English

An unexpected way you can learn extra vocabulary is by turning the language settings on your phone, tablet or computer from Vietnamese to English. There is quite a lot of English vocabulary that you can learn this way. Think about all the actions we perform on our phone: setting an alarm, looking up the weather, sending or deleting emails, copying and pasting text, opening and closing apps, going through your settings,... Doing this in Vietnamese is such a wasted opportunity to increase your English vocabulary.

### 5. Play daily language games



There are so many fun and educational language games on the internet that can help you and your family to improve your English. Examples of popular games include Wordle, where the player needs to guess an English

word in 6 attempts and the world-famous game Scrabble. Even games that don't focus on language can still be educational if you play them in English.

**Mr. Alex Patrick P. Meuleman**  
EFL Teacher

### HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES 2022

- **The origin of Halloween:**

When is Halloween? Halloween is a traditional festival held every year on October 31; This is also the All Hallows' Eve Day in the Western Christianity. The word "Halloween" is a combination of two words, Hallows and Eve (which means All Saints' Day). The day is also the beginning of the time when Christians commemorate the dead including saints, martyrs and the faithful departed.

- **Meanings of Halloween:**

- A way to honor the deceased.
- A prayer for good things to come
- An Opportunity to reunite with friends and relatives

- **Halloween decoration activities:**

In October, SVIS Nha Trang has conducted many interesting activities for Halloween. The students had the opportunity to express their creativity and perform their craft skills through classroom decorating activities. With many unique expressions, SVIS students brought to the classroom a fun, creepy and colourful Halloween atmosphere.

**Ms. Phan Hoang Thao Ly**  
English Teacher



## High Frequency Words

### What are high frequency words?

High frequency words are one of the main types of sight words. These words are the most commonly used words in printed text and oral communication, for example, "and", "the", "as" and "it". They are words that have little connotation on their own, but they do contribute considerably to the meaning of a sentence.

### Why are high frequency words significant?

High frequency words are **words that you come across repeatedly**. This means that when elementary school children are reading, they will read lots of these important words. Therefore, it's imperative that students are able to read these sight words, pronounce them correctly, spell them, and understand what they mean within a sentence. Moreover, children will be using these words in their writing assignments, so it's an important part of their reading and writing development.

### How to teach children High Frequency Words/ Sight Words

Sight words and phonics are an indispensable part of a child's elementary education. They form the basis for reading and writing, so it's important to teach them effectively. Here are a few tips that you can use to teach them:

1. Flashcards
2. Dictation
3. Look, say, cover and match

**Mr. Riccardi Bessard**

**EFL Teacher**



### PREPARATION FOR SPORTS DAY ACTIVITIES

Sports Day is a festival held annually in our school. The main sports-related activities are tug of war, relay race, football, aerobics dance, sack race...

With the aim of creating a healthy and rewarding environment, encouraging self-discipline, forming sports habits and improving physical health in school.

Sports Day 2022 will be held on November 18, 2022, however the football competition has been held since October 14, 2022. Specifically as follows:

- **14/10/2022 ; 4/11/2022; 11/11/2022:** Football competition
- **18/11/2022 :** Aerobic dance – Primary school; Relay race; sack race

Wishing all the Teachers and Students good health. The event promises to be an exciting sports day for all teachers and students.

**Ms. Pham Nguyen Le Trinh**

**PE Teacher**



**MATHS IN LIFE**

The Golden Ratio Fibonacci proved: Cats are the perfect animal.

We often joke that cats are a type of liquid, thanks to their flexibility and ability to bend and squeeze into the tightest nooks and crannies in the house. Besides, they also possess extremely unique and unusual lying postures, as if there were no bones at all. However, it looks random, but when you apply the Fibonacci spiral (the Golden Ratio spiral) to it, it turns out that the cats always pose perfectly, not like anything. That's how it is!

**Ms. Nguyen Dang Y Nhi**

**Maths Teacher**

