

## SCHOOL-WIDE LITERACY WEEK ❤️ CELEBRATES READING AND CREATIVITY



From September 1st to 5th, our school community came alive with enthusiasm during the annual School-wide Literacy Week. Students across all three programs participated in a variety of engaging activities designed to foster a love for reading and enhance literacy skills.

The week kicked off on Monday with students creating colorful bookmarks that showcased their favorite books and characters. As the days progressed, the excitement grew with the introduction of Mystery Readers, where parents surprised students by reading their favorite stories aloud. This initiative not only encouraged family involvement but also sparked curiosity among students about different literary genres.



**STAY  
CREATIVE**

Throughout the week, students paired up as Buddy Readers, sharing stories and fostering friendships while developing their reading skills. Poetry presentations allowed students to express their creativity, as they recited their favorite poems and even shared original works. Literacy-related crafts added a hands-on element, allowing students to create art inspired by their favorite stories.

The grand finale on Friday featured a lively book fair, where students explored a wide selection of titles to add to their personal libraries. The day was further highlighted by a vibrant costume parade, with students dressing up as their favorite book characters, showcasing their creativity and love for literature.

The entire week was filled with laughter and joy, uniting students and staff in a celebration of reading. The success of Literacy Week has inspired everyone to continue exploring the wonderful world of books long after the festivities have ended.

**Ms. Marina Oligo, Early Years Principal**

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Issue No.S031

## MAKING SOUTHBIDGE A SCHOOL TO BE REMEMBERED!



We recently held a wonderful event to inaugurate our new Student Leaders for this academic year. The event also included the official opening of our new Multi-Purpose Learning Centre, and the launch of our new school uniform for Upper Secondary students.

It was an extreme honour to have Neak Okhna Kith Meng, our Chairman and CEO of The Royal Group of Companies, in attendance to preside over this event.

The objective of the event was to celebrate our new student leaders by motivating them to challenge themselves, move out of their comfort zone and design what they want the future to look like.

This was followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony and an unveiling of the plaque, led by our Chairman and Management Team, to officially open the new Learning Centre.

The inauguration of our student leaders came next with each group taking the stage to receive their official Certificates of Appointment, their leadership ID cards, and to take their Oath of Office. Primary Prefects, Student Council and Secondary Prefects stood before staff and parents and committed to doing their best to represent the student voice and to be exemplary role models and ambassadors.

We then launched our new school uniform, as our Prefects modelled the design for their parents, celebrating this student-led initiative. The conclusion of our ceremony was led by our Head Prefects, as they gave an inspirational speech to all student leaders about leadership as service.

It was truly a wonderful morning and showed not only the high standards that we are working towards at Southbridge, but also our movement and progression into the future!

**Ms. Louisa Condorelli, Head of School**

## PISA CERTIFICATE CEREMONY

It was a memorable event as we presented the PISA Certificates of Participation to our students who took the exam earlier this year. These certificates can be used as an addition to the students' academic portfolios. We are proud of our students for representing our school and all 15-year-old children across Cambodia.

We are also honoured to have been selected by the OECD and MoEYS for this. Our contribution will play a vital role in shaping educational policies and improving learning outcomes both in Cambodia and around the world.

**Mr. PICH Thol, Khmer Programme Principal**



## PCHUM BEN

Southbridge successfully hosted a Pchum Ben celebration, where our community came together to seek blessings and participate in Reap Bart, a Buddhist Almsgiving Ceremony. Prayers were led by nine monks in honor of our ancestors. Families and staff came in traditional Khmer dress to make their offerings, and were then led in prayers by the monks. Students came to pay their respects and receive blessings, before returning to their lessons on the history and significance of Pchum Ben.

