



The St. Stephen's International School Khao Yai Weekly Bulletin



2021 - 2022 Bulletin 17: Week Beginning Monday 7 February

Head of Campus Update

This week has been an amazing week. Nearly all students are now back in school and were able to enjoy the Chinese New Year activities on Tuesday. After School Activities have restarted for students within their bubbles and our trips are also restarting. Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 are all particularly busy with the preparation for their forthcoming examinations, which will be here before they know it! This half-term is whizzing along and it hardly seems possible that next week is the last week before we break up for half-term. As usual on our February half-term we will be having parents meeting on Friday afternoon at the end of the school day so that our boarding parents are also able to attend.

Chinese New Year

Students throughout the school performed for the Chinese New Year celebrations on Tuesday 1 February with Chinese singing and dancing in the morning and cultural activities in the afternoon. For the first time ever the students who were MCs, were hosting in Mandarin, Thai and English. Everyone looked great in their Chinese costumes—thank you to all parents for your support. Pictures are on the next page.

Sports Day

We will be holding our Sports Day on Tuesday 8 February. This is focused on athletics with fun adapted events for the younger children. Students will need to come to school in their PE kit in the morning. We have recently added a long jump to the facilities in the field and this is one of the athletics events that many students are currently learning and practising for in their PE lessons.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7 February — Saturday 11 February

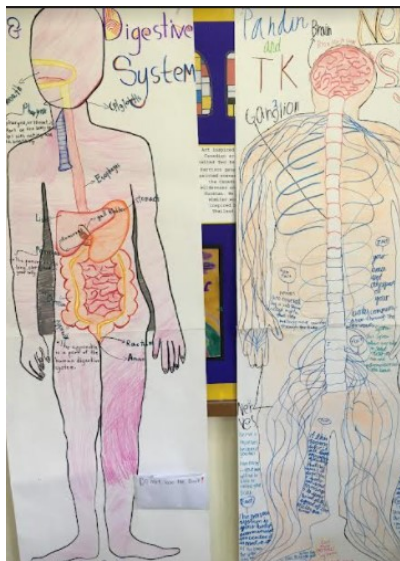
Monday 7 February
Learning in school.
ASA programme

Tuesday 8 February
Learning in school.
Sports Day — Come to school in PE kit
ASA programme

Wednesday 9 February
Learning in school.
ASA programme

Thursday 10 February
Learning in school.
ASA programme

Friday 11 February
Learning in school.
End of term at 15:00
Parents meetings in school and on Zoom from 15:20



Primary

This week Year 1 and 2 students have been learning how to extend their writing by using expanded noun phrases. The children have challenged themselves with their fraction knowledge and have been very interested about finding different countries on a map. Year 3 continue to work hard in every subject, and are full of enthusiasm for learning. This week was the start of their ASA and the children have chosen the activities they would like to do. On Tuesday they used cocoa powder and other things to try and make mixtures. It was great fun. In IPC, the Year 4 students continued the topic 'Chocolate'. They investigated the history of chocolate, focusing on the ancient Aztec civilisation and their lifestyles, art, religion and beliefs. They also created a timeline sequencing the Aztec period into chronological order. Year 5 began to learn about first aid and how we can use it in emergency situations. This was linked to our learning on the body systems. Students worked hard to learn tricky

language and present their findings! Year 6 have written some excellent adventure stories, which they performed for the class. The students added sound effects, character voices, actions and changed the pitch and volume of their voices. Everyone enjoyed listening and performing the suspenseful stories.

ATK Tests

Thank you for everyone's patience in taking the ATK tests. This is helping to keep the whole school community safe. Could the name of the person taking the test and the date and time that the test was taken please be included in the photo submitted—thank you.

Parents Meeting and End of Term Arrangements

The end of term is at 15:00 on Friday 11 February. We request that all parents are available to pick up their children promptly as our parents meeting, which involves all teachers and teaching assistants begins at 15:20. I have written with details of this already, but for the first time this will be a hybrid parents meeting with both face to face and online Zoom meetings available. All meetings are by appointment and will need to stick strictly to the appointment times.

Please sign up by 09:00 on Wednesday 9 February at this [link](#).

a reminder:

All government regulations for the school to open must be followed. Below are some key examples:

- Stay at home if you have any covid symptoms!
- Masks must be worn.
- Maintain a distance of 1.5 M from others.
- Complete the ThaiSaveThai app every day **before** coming to school.
- No food to be brought into school from outside of the school.

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