



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



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Annual Fun Run

The annual Fun Run took place on Wednesday 28 September. It was lovely to be able to invite parents onto the school site for this event again, and to have so many parents attending was wonderful. We were very lucky with the weather. As I am sure that you have noticed, we seem to have had far more rain than usual this year. However, despite government warnings of an impending typhoon, the morning of the fun run was calm, dry and cloudy with a gentle breeze. In other words, ideal running conditions! Every year group took part as well as some staff, with increasingly challenging routes as the students became older. Some of the primary students had come in Fancy Dress too. As well as having fun, and promoting good health through running, there was a serious side to the event. Many students arranged sponsorship and around 15,000 baht has been raised for good causes. The School Council will decide on the charity or charities whom they will support and this will be reported in a future edition of this bulletin. Photos of the event are below. This year, Erawan House were the proud winners of the Fun Run House Colour Event. Well done to all of the house participants for a great team effort/



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 19 September— Saturday 24 September

Monday 3 October

HPV Vaccine for Year / Year 6 girls
World Space Week starts
ASA Programme

Tuesday 4 October

IGCSE English Language examination
ASA programme.

Wednesday 5 October

ASA Programme
IGCSE Second Language English examination
Parent Meetings

Thursday 6 October

Nursery Trip—Bunny Coffee
ASA Programme
Parent Meetings

Friday 7 October

ASA Programme
Parent Meetings
End of Half-Term



a reminder:



- Parents meetings are happening between 15:30 and 17:00 Wednesday to Friday this week. Please make arrangements to come if you have not done so already.



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Virtual London Marathon

The Fun Run was not the only running event this week. On Sunday 2 October, Garuda House, emblazoned in their yellow tops, supported their adopted charity, Downs Syndrome, by undertaking the Virtual London Marathon, relay style. Dr. Alex kicked off the marathon at 04:00 in the morning and numerous students and staff from Garuda including Head of House, Mr. Antonio, also took part, running or walking with the relay baton—a smartphone fitted with the Virtual London Marathon app! Well done to Garuda House for a great team effort.

Biology Week

Students from across the school have been taking part in the Biology Week Photography Competition, where they observe the living things

around them and take pictures for their House. There have been some amazing photographs taken such as plants, a variety of snails and bugs, snakes, birds, including a hornbill on the school site and beautiful squirrels. Well done to everyone who took part. The winning house is to be announced on Tuesday 4 October. This coming week is Space Week, so there are plenty more opportunities for students to get involved in some special activities and competitions.



Year 10 Research

The Year 10 EAL class has been learning about microbeads which come from polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate (PET), nylon (PA), polypropylene (PP) and polymethyl methacrylate (PMMA). These microbeads are found mostly in personal care products. The class has undertaken extensive research into how microbeads impact on the environment and our health. The students found an app they downloaded called 'Beat the Microbead', which allows consumers to scan the ingredients of a product and discover whether or not microbeads are present. The students discovered microbeads in toothpaste, sunscreen and facewash! The students have also researched alternatives to mass-produced products that are safer for people and the environment. They became very interested in home-made soap. Luckily, Dr Paeng, the Director of our school, makes soap as a hobby. Dr Paeng visited the class and talked about how she makes soap using local ingredients. The students found the talk to be very illuminating. They especially liked the gifts of home-made soap Dr Paeng graciously gave them. Thank you very much Dr Paeng for sharing your hobby.

Primary

Year 1 and Year 2 students have been working hard writing a newspaper article, they needed to remember to use a range of punctuation such as full stops, exclamation marks and question marks. In mathematics Year 1 children have been using part whole models to find parts of numbers to 10. Year 2 children have been drawing pictorial images to count in 2s and 5s. Year 3 has worked really well in teams this week - cooperating with one another to plan and build a bridge out of straws. This was part of their lesson looking at landmarks across the world in IPC. Year 4 students have been revising addition in mathematics, adding two 4-digit numbers. In English the students have finished their class novel, Oliver and the Seawigs and are retelling the story in comic form in a joint ICT and English project! Year 5 students are continuing their learning of the Romans. This week they had a focus on the Roman Army and the soldiers who came from all over the Roman Empire. Students learned some fascinating things about Roman armour and about the daily life of a soldier. Year 5 will be finishing off their topic with some self study,



project work and research. After finishing and evaluating their Roman shield, sword and helmet, the Year 6 students focussed on Roman buildings and landmarks. They found out about Roman houses, the Colosseum, and theatres and created a tourist travel brochure for Ancient Rome.



End of Half-Term

School will finish at the same time as usual for the end of half-term on Friday 7 October. Parents meetings are happening Wednesday 5 October to Friday 7 October - please see the letter emailed to parents for details. There are no afterschool activities on Wednesday 5 October until Friday 7 October, and students should be promptly picked up at 15:10 please. Next half-term starts on Tuesday 25 October at 07:50..

Monthly Nature Photo Competition

No winners last month for the nature photo. It was a blue-winged pitta *Pitta moluccensis* There is an easier one this month. **What is the binomial name of the bird that makes the nest in the picture to the left?** Answers to Dr. Alex please.

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