



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



**2024 - 2025 Bulletin 2: Monday 2 September 2024**

## School Photographs

School photographs took place on Monday 26 August and Tuesday 27 August. Thank you to parents for supporting the school by ensuring that the students had all of the correct uniform including house tops. Sunshine will be processing the photographs and will inform us when they are ready to take orders for photographs and related merchandise.

## After School Activities

Students have been enjoying their new after school activities this week including those from external providers such as Taekwondo, which are on offer for the first time. After this week it will not be possible to move students between clubs.

## MIDYIS and YELLIS Tests

Year 7 and Year 10 have sat their MIDYIS and YELLIS tests this week. These assessments support teachers in identifying students strengths and weaknesses to support teaching and learning approaches and are also used in target setting approaches with students. Students in secondary will be involved in setting their target grades with teachers over the coming weeks for all of their subjects and thinking about the steps that they need to take to achieve them.

## Key Stage 2 Playground

KS2 students have been enjoying playing on the new playground this week during their breaks!

**DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY**



Monday 2 September— Saturday 7 September

	<b>Monday 2 September</b>
ASA Programme	
	<b>Tuesday 3 September</b>
ASA Programme	
	<b>Wednesday 4 September</b>
ASA Programme	
	<b>Thursday 5 September</b>
ASA Programme	
	<b>Friday 6 September</b>
CEFR Tests Year 7—Year 10	
ASA Programme	
	<b>Saturday 7 September</b>
Dorm trip—Dream World	



Trip  
to

a reminder:

- There is some flu and covid around after the summer. To support the whole school community, please do not send students into school if they have flu or covid symptoms. Please also encourage regular handwashing and good hygiene. Any students who have had an upset stomach or who have vomited should wait 48 hours before returning to school.



## Lago Di Khao Yai

Dorm students from St. Stephen's recently enjoyed a wonderful morning at Lago di Khao Yai. The group explored the beautiful gardens, taking in the serene surroundings. After a refreshing walk, they delighted in having delicious snacks at the on-site restaurant, making the visit both relaxing and enjoyable for everyone.

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## Collaborative learning in PE

Primary students in PE have been set the challenge of developing their collaborative learning skills when working their way from one point or location to another. They were limited to only being able to place their feet and other body parts on certain areas such as: non-slip mats and inside hula hoops. Students had to use their problem-solving, communication, and decision making effectively in order to be more successful at the activities.



## Primary News

The children in Nursery are slowly settling in well. They are happier when coming to school and are enjoying exploring their different areas of learning. Pupils in KG1 have been settling into their new routine. They have enjoyed singing nursery rhymes and exploring books about starting school and their families. The pupils have also been drawing family portraits. In KG2, students explored their feelings through the story "The Color Monster." The children talked about what makes them feel happy, sad, angry, or calm. They are learning to share what makes them happy and express how they feel when they come to school. They are learning to share and play with their friends and are working well as a team! Year 1 have been working hard to learn the Phase 3 phonic sounds and how to form the letters correctly in their writing. The pupils have listened to the class text, '10 things I can do to help my world' and they have created actions to help them to recall it. In Year 2 mathematics, pupils have been learning about counting in tens. They have used base ten to show different numbers up to 99! As well as this, the pupils have been learning to write numbers up to twenty in words by playing a fun game called number rocket. Year 3 and Year 4 have been exploring the world around them in an exciting IPC entry point into the topic of travel and tourism. They have also been looking at how rocks are formed in science and the different types of rocks. Year 5 pupils have been exploring artists through time within their IPC topic. They went up to the top of the school building to take photographs for their impressionist paintings. They have also been discussing what it means to have a growth mindset towards learning.



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## Year 5

Year 5 have been thinking about how they develop a growth mindset. This is where they can develop their resilience and persevere at things until they get better at them, rather than giving up. It is an important attribute for good learners to have. They have also been finding out about impressionist artists. As part of their learning they took a 'trip' to the top of the school to take some amazing photographs to help them with the art work. You can see some of the work that they have been doing on this page. Well done Year 5.

