



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



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After School Activities and Pick Up and Drop Off Arrangements

We are very pleased that following relaxation of government rules, after school activities are starting on Monday 31 August. Drop off times in the morning remain as 07.30 to 07.45 for Year 1 to Year 12 and 07.45 to 08.00 for Early Years. Pick up times in the afternoon for students not attending clubs are now 15.00 to 15.10 for Early Years and from 15.10 for Primary and Secondary. After school activities will finish at 16.20 and students may be picked up after that. Early Years students will remain supervised in their classrooms and will be brought to parents when they arrive. Students in the rest of the school should wait in the Garden until their parents are ready to pick them up, unless it is wet weather in which case students will wait in the corridor next to Reception. More details of arrangements may be found in the letter that has been sent home.

School Council

The School Council is the representative body of students at St. Stephen's International School. There are two sections representing the primary and secondary sections of the school. Over the last week each form has been voting for their representatives who will be able to influence what happens in the school, with first meetings happening next week. Ms. Hayley supports the Secondary School Council and Mr. Paul W supports the Primary School Council.

Tiny Seeds Parent—Toddler Group

We are very pleased to announce that our new Tiny Seeds Parent-Toddler group will start on Monday 31 August. This will be run by Ms. Marissa our Early Years specialist. Sessions will run from 09:00 to 11:00 Monday and Wednesday and can be booked individually or in blocks. One parent or guardian must attend with each toddler. Young children from 1 year and 5 months to two years old are eligible. Further information may be obtained from Ms. Wi in the Admissions Department.

Student - Staff Badminton Competition

Our first House Colour Event of the year was the Student—Staff Badminton competition, which took place at the end of school on Friday 28 August. With well over sixty socially distanced participants in the gym there was a great atmosphere. Congratulations to Blue House who took the most points in this competition.

Car Passes

For security and safeguarding reasons, cars coming onto the school site will soon require a car pass sticker, which will need to be displayed in the front and rear windows. Could all parents and guardians who drive onto the school site please collect car stickers for their vehicle(s) from Reception at their earliest convenience—thank you. Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents that they should be wearing their lanyards and parent id cards when they come to school to pick up their child(ren), even when not coming into the school building.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st August — Saturday 5th September

Monday 31st August
After school activities start.
Tuesday 1st September
After school activities
Wednesday 2nd September
After school activities
Thursday 3rd September
MidYIS tests—Year 7
After school activities
Friday 4th September
YeLLiS Tests—Year 10
Saturday 5th September
Dorm trip tbc



Primary

KG's story of the week is *On Sudden Hill* by Linda Sarah and Benji Davis. The themes are friendship, sharing and creative play. KG have enjoyed the story but most of all the play! This week the children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy making 'time travel rockets' so they can use their imagination to transport themselves to the past and the future. The Year 1 / Year 2 IPC topic is linked to history - with the language of time being their focus. In English they have just started

their text on Tiddler. The story is about a fish who keeps making up excuses for being late. Please ask your child to tell you some of the excuses Tiddler gave! In IPC, Year 3 and Year 4 students investigated the different ways they learn as part of their 'Brainwave' topic. The children really enjoyed becoming 'Learning detectives' visiting different classrooms to find evidence of learning. They have also examined how to change their mindset to embrace challenges and take risks, to persist after setbacks and be inspired by the success of others.



Year 5 have leapt right into their new IPC unit also titled 'Brainwaves' where they had the opportunities to explore learning and teaching. They enjoyed spending an afternoon 'teaching' their peers a skill and reflected on the challenges involved. In mathematics the students refreshed their mental adding and subtracting skills and times tables. In English Year 5 began reading 'Krindlekrax', exploring themes of bullying, loss and heroism. Year 6 has been examining how effective learning takes place as part of their Brainwaves IPC topic. Each student did their best to teach their classmates something they are good at. Then they had the opportunity to think about and discuss various teaching and learning methods that worked well. Thanks to the great teaching from the Year 6 students, they can now walk like a fashion model, speak in Chinese, play the piano, make YouTube videos and much more!

Dr Kevin Hylands
Head of Campus

a reminder:

Social Distancing Measures

1. Please stick as closely as possible to the stipulated drop off and pick up times.
2. Students must be well when they come into school. Anyone with symptoms of illness such as a temperature, cough, runny nose or lack of taste must stay at home.
3. Make sure that you have your face mask and wear it at all times in school (apart from when you eat and drink)
4. Remember to wash hands regularly using either soap and water or hand gel.
5. Maintain a distance from others of at least one metre at all times.