



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



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Head of Campus Update

It has been a short school week but a very busy one. Primary students have been happily back in lessons. Secondary students in Year 7 to Year 10 have been getting ready for their examinations next week. Year 11 and Year 12 are coming towards the end of their IGCSE and AS Level examinations and will finish at the end of next week. Good luck to everyone taking examinations! We have had a second reopening inspection on Wednesday 27 May with a large delegation consisting of members from the local and provincial Ministry of Public Health teams, the Ministry of Education and the Nakhon Ratchasima CCSA. After a thorough tour of the school there was a rigorous discussion around the measures that the school has taken regarding covid. Our case was taken to the Nakhon Ratchasima CCSA on Friday 28 May where permission to open has been given. Following consultation with parents we are very pleased that the school will open to primary students this week. Secondary will complete their End of Year examinations online this week and we will review when secondary will be invited to come back into school for face to face lessons.

Staff Vaccination Programme

School staff have been identified as one of the priority groups for the national vaccination programme. We are very fortunate to be one of the first schools in the country where staff have started to receive their vaccinations. On Tuesday 26 May over two thirds of the entire school staff received their first dose of the vaccine. All of the remaining staff are expected to be offered their first vaccinations within a couple of weeks when there are sufficient stocks available and all staff are expected to have their second vaccination dose within a few weeks of their initial vaccination. Vaccinating staff not only helps protect staff, but reduces the chance of transmission within school, which is good for everyone.

Primary

In just three days the Year 1 and Year 2 children have worked so hard, starting a new text linked to 'saving the world'. They talked about ten things that could be done to make the world better - and they all agreed that finding a cure for Covid was top of their list. They have produced some amazing artwork showing why it is important to turn off devices when they are not in use to save energy. In IPC, the Year 3 students have continued 'How human's work' by investigating the heart (and lungs) to understand its role in supplying oxygen to the muscles when they exercise. Year 4 have been working hard this week with division and writing myths in English. All students have been using Bug Club at home and been scoring highly on the comprehension tests. We have continued finding out about solid, liquids and gases with a challenge of turning milk into butter! Year 5 students wrote a recount in their diary entry in English as part of their unit on 'The Iron Man'. In mathematics, they participated in the first Mathematics Challenge with a couple of Top Ten results! The class began a new unit in IPC on 'Fairgrounds'. Their entry point involves designing a roller coaster using resources from home. We are looking forward to seeing if the creations on paper hold up during the

testing stage. The Year 6 class has started a new persuasive writing unit about gadgets. The students have discussed their favourite spies (such as Alex Rider), cracked codes and given themselves spy names. Next, the students will be designing their own gadget and writing about why it is an essential piece for any aspiring spies out there.



Bug Club

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We are pleased to inform primary parents that we have subscribed to Bug Club. Bug Club is a finely-levelled reading scheme, which ensures that all children can find books at exactly the right level for them. What's more, there are online versions for every printed title and a personalised website for each child. Parents—please look out for more information coming to you via school email soon!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 31st May —Friday 4 June

Monday 31 May
Primary—Online learning
Secondary—End of year examinations online

Tuesday 1 June
Primary—School reopens
Secondary—End of year examinations online

Wednesday 2 June
Primary—School open
Secondary—End of year examinations online

Thursday 3 June
Primary—School open
Secondary—End of year examinations online

Friday 4 June
Primary—School open
Secondary—End of year examinations online

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 and a half metres at all times.

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