



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



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Head of Campus Update

We are working hard towards reopening the school, ensuring that everything is in place for our reopening inspection when it occurs. Following the vaccination of staff, the Thai government has now made the Pfizer vaccine available for students of twelve years old and above. Consent forms have been sent home regarding the Pfizer vaccine as this will start being rolled out in Nakhon Ratchasima province from 4 October. On Friday a questionnaire was sent home asking for your views on reopening the school for face to face teaching. Please do complete the consent forms if they have been sent to you and also please complete the questionnaire to share your views—thank you.



Primary

This week, Year 1 and 2 have been working hard on their IPC topic 'A Day in the Life', which looks at the jobs people do. The students have been busy writing scripts and devising characters for their own TV show, 'The Real Lives of Khao Yai'! Putting together the costumes was definitely a highlight of the week! Job roles have included police detectives, fashion designers, security guards and café owners. Can you see each role in the photos! Year 3 have been enjoying their new text, Leon and the Place Between. They have discussed whether they believe magic is real, always ensuring that that they are respectful of other people's beliefs. As part of their lesson on Wednesday, everyone had to prepare a magic trick to share with their friends. Such fun - and such talent. In IPC, the Year 4 students have studied the life of the English paleontologist Mary Anning. They explained what a paleontologist does, understood why Mary Anning's fossil findings were important and described how paleontology has changed our understanding of prehistoric animals. Year 5 began their new IPC Unit 'Out of Africa' and the students learnt about the theory of evolution and how species will adapt. As an entry point they drew what they felt humans would look like in a thousand years and justified their decisions for the adaptations that took place. After learning about evolution and adaptations in the current IPC unit 'Out of Africa', Year 6 have been learning about evolution, adaptations and inheritance. The students examined physical traits, such as eye colour, that can be inherited from parents through DNA. They contrasted these physical traits with acquired or learned abilities, such as learning to ride a bicycle or play the piano. The students also analysed how environmental conditions play a role in evolution and looked at the many adaptations that have occurred in animals as a result of extreme environmental conditions, such as the



double layer of fur that keeps the musk ox warm to protect against the harsh Arctic weather conditions.

Library Books

There are a number of students who have not returned their text books from last year, which is causing some challenges for students this year. Can any students who have not returned their textbooks from last year, please do so as soon as possible.

Military Training

In Year 11, boys become eligible to take part in the Military Student Programme. This is a training programme organised by the Thai army to give students certain skills that are usually covered in the full two year Thai Military Service. Students who successfully complete the Military Student Programme may be eligible to be exempted from the Military Service, which is useful for students determined to go to university. Mr Pichet is our Military Coordinator and with Mr. Tong supports the students who attend this. On Thursday afternoon this week, our Year 11 boys will be going for the initial military testing at Pak Chong School. Good luck to them all!

SIMSO Competitions

A letter has been sent home regarding the SIMSO Mathematics and the SIMSO Science Olympiads, which will take place on 26 September. These will take place online and can be sat at home. The deadline for signing up for these is Monday 20 September.

Camera and Online Learning

Can parents be mindful that if their child is on camera, home activities are visible to other children and potentially their parents. Can all household members please ensure they are dressed politely and use appropriate language—thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20 September—Friday 24 September

Monday 20 September
Online learning for all students.
Tuesday 21 September
Online learning for all students.
Wednesday 22 September
Online learning for all students. Deadline to return vaccination consent form.
Thursday 23 September
Online learning for all students. Military Testing for Year 11 at Pak Chong School
Friday 24 September
Online learning for all students



a reminder:

Your child will learn better online if they have a suitable working environment.

- Sitting at a table or desk of the right height for your child is best. Avoid your child working on the floor, bed or sofa!
- Make sure your child has all of the equipment that they need.
- Be mindful that other activities in the background may distract your child and others.

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