



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



**2020 - 2021 Bulletin 27: Week Beginning Monday 29 March 2021**



## Primary

This week in Nursery the children have been learning about fossils and dinosaur bones! In KG, the children have decorated their very own egg as part of Miss Hayley's humanities Easter competition. KG, Year 1 and Year 2 have participated in a house tower building competition. In IPC, Year 3 began the topic 'Bright Sparks'. The children learnt what electricity is, how it was discovered and is generated. They identified which appliances use electricity at school and how to keep themselves safe. Year 4, have been working so hard with their learning. They are still excited by exploring and investigating their science topic, while in English they have been writing their own suspense stories with great results. Also, highly impressive, the whole class received more than 70% in their end of unit mathematics assessment (more than half of the class getting over 90%). Year 5 have explored percentages in relation to decimals and fractions in mathematics. In English, they are revising grammatical structures - key points picked up during past writing assessments. The children enjoyed investigating their friend's and family's pulses before and after a physical task in their 'Fit for Life' IPC unit. Sit-ups, planks and star jumps were popular tests. Year 6 has been learning about the circulatory system. They investigated how it works and its importance for overall health. Students created a brochure of various pathways to a healthy lifestyle. They also learned about the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body and their harmful and dangerous side effects.



## An Inspector Calls

Year 9 performed 'An Inspector Calls' this week. This was a one and a half hour performance that was gripping and astonishingly good. The audience were sat on the edges of their seats in anticipation of what would happen next. There were also periods of joviality and humour that had everyone laughing. Thank you to Year 9 and Mr James for a very entertaining and enjoyable afternoon. It was a great play for the first 'outing' of our new drama studio.

## End of Term Arrangements

Friday 2 April is Songkran. Students should come to school dressed in traditional Thai clothes for Songkran. There will be a range of activities on that day as detailed in a recent letter. There is a very important Options Meeting and Fair for students and parents of Year 9 on Friday, starting at 12:30. School will finish at 14:15 on Friday. Can parents please be prompt in picking up their child(ren) - thank you.

## World Book Day

The first Friday back after the holidays will be World Book Day. Students will be invited to wear the costume of their favourite character. In 2013 Bangkok was elected as the World Book Capital. Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn said that to instill a love of reading in children is vital. She said, "Adults should help children learn to read so that they can enjoy good development, advance in education and be able to live in a dynamic society with happiness". So when you have time in the holidays please take the opportunity to read with your son or daughter, enjoy the shared experience of meeting the characters in their books and get your child ready to come along dressed as one!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th March – Saturday 2 April

**Monday 29 March**  
After school activities.

**Tuesday 30 March**  
After school activities.

**Wednesday 31 March**  
AS Level Art Examination  
After school activities.

**Thursday 1 April**  
AS Level Art Examination  
IGCSE Art Examination  
After School Activities

**Friday 2 April**  
AS Level Art Exam  
IGCSE Art Examination  
Songkran Activities  
Year 9 Options Meeting and Fair for Year 9 parents  
and students starting at 12:30.  
End of Term at 14:15

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.



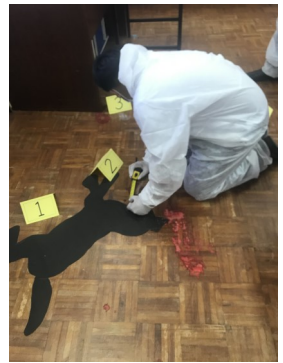
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## Year 9 Forensic Science

As a prelude to reading Arthur Conan Doyle's *The Disappearance of Lady Frances Carfax* (the main protagonist being the infamous Sherlock Holmes), the Year Nine students undertook a unit on forensics to explore a range of English language activities in a 'real life' situation where they had to solve a crime. In the lead-up to the 'crime' students learned how to identify different fingerprint types as well as how to lift a fingerprint from a surface; they analysed 'blood splatter' from a range of heights identifying significant features for each height; they took plaster moulds of shoe prints which they then linked to specific shoes, and, they also learned different methods of code and cryptography. On the day of the 'crime', the students were provided with a 'police statement' which described a ransacked room and the death of a toy dog. In the room they found a coded note which, once deciphered, stated the class sloth - had been kidnapped. The students donned 'CSI' suits and collected evidence such as fingerprints; hair samples, photographs of shoes prints and the measuring and analysis of blood splatter. The students then took 'witness' statements which lead them from one teacher to another, and eventually to the culprits. As a culminating activity, the students wrote a news report on the crime.



## Year 9 Production

Pictures from the Year 9 performance of 'An Inspector Calls' are below.



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