



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



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Head of Campus Update

There have been four days in Pak Chong this week with no cases of covid and numbers in Nakhon Ratchasima as a whole continue to fall. We have had our inspection by the Ministry of Public Health to be allowed to reopen and are awaiting the results of that. Thank you to all of the parents who have contributed their views to the questionnaire that has been sent home. There is a very mixed parental view with some parents very keen for their children to return into school as soon as possible and others adamant that their children should stay at home and continue with online learning. We are still do not have permission to open but when we do I will be seeking parent opinions regarding opening preferences. In the meantime, we have reached our half-term break. Online learning is in many ways more demanding than face to face classes and both students and teachers are noticeably tired and richly deserve a long weekend to recharge before the final half-term of the year. I wish everyone a very good long weekend with your families and hopefully away from the screens of devices.

Primary

This term, the children from Nursery had been learning about minibeasts. They also practised their mathematics skills through counting and comparing (more/less) together with recognising numbers 1-5. The children went out hunting for different minibeasts they can find at home and looked at the life cycle of butterflies and ladybirds. Lastly, they made some minibeasts craft together with their parents. KG2 have finished learning all of their tricky words for their Phase 3 phonics. In mathematics, KG1 have been working on length and height. The videos from their at home volcano experiments have been wonderful! In IPC this week, the children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been talking about how circus acts in the past have changed to those seen now. It was fantastic to see how such very young people can discuss why they think it is better for animals such as elephants, sea lions and chimpanzees, to be left to live their life safely in the wild. They listened and put forward their ideas, whilst respecting the thoughts and beliefs of others. In IPC, the Year 3 students continued 'How human's work' by investigating nutrition. They identified that they cannot make their own food like plants do; they get nutrition from what they eat. They understood that animals, including humans, need the right types of nutrition, by examining food and nutrient groups. Year 4 has come this week to the launch of a new IPC topic, a new book in English and the start of revising the mathematics' curriculum before the end of year assessments. But it's not all work, work, work! They have managed to make time for some fun Investigations too! Year 5 class focused on measurements that incorporated capacities (metric and imperial) along with volume. In English they learnt more about the Iron Man - a mysterious giant figure who willingly hurls himself off a cliff but....In IPC the children thoroughly enjoyed reading a graphic novel with no words about a migrant in a foreign land. Year 6 students completed their unit on the true and fascinating adventure story 'Ice Trap!'. The students mapped the Antarctic voyage, which began in 1914, and dated each of the main events. After that, they created a storyboard of the main events with pictures and descriptive captions. Finally, they watched a short documentary of one of the greatest real life survival stories in human history.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
<u>Monday 24th — Friday 28th May</u>	
Half-term break	Monday 24 May
Half-term break	Tuesday 25 May
Online learning	Wednesday 26 May
Online learning	Thursday 27 May
Online learning	Friday 28 May

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.



Bug Club

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!

Half-Term Break

A reminder that we have a short-half term break on Monday 24 May and Tuesday 25 May and are back in lessons as usual on Wednesday 26 May.

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Head of Campus**