



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



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Head of Campus Update

It has been a very busy week again with lots of learning taking place, whether on the school campus or online. On Tuesday our Thai staff had their second vaccination jab and so are now fully vaccinated. It is also excellent news that the covid situation continues to improve and Nakhon Ratchasima has been downgraded to a yellow zone from Monday. We have been planning our end of term events and you can expect a number of letters going home about these as well as some further information in this bulletin. This week also saw the conclusion of the IGCSE and AS Level examination processes in school so now we await the results in August.

Primary

This week in KG, KG2 have been practising their sentence writing and have produced some wonderful work! KG1 have been finishing off their phase 1 phonics with oral blending and segmenting. As part of their English topic, Year 1 and Year 2 have looked at how far food travels to get to us. They also looked at different fruits, talked a little about which ones grow here in Thailand, and then completed some close observational drawings of their fruits. Their next job is to plant some of the seeds, and hopefully watch them grow! In IPC, the Year 3 students continued 'Shake it!' exploring the water cycle and the scientific terms 'evaporation', 'condensation' and 'precipitation'. In the PSHE topic 'Changing me' they investigated the life cycles of animals including humans. Year 4 have done an amazing job writing summaries about their class novel. Year 5 have started a new unit in English, which focuses on non fiction writing based on the fun topic of wizards. The children enjoyed designing trump wizard cards to play. In mathematics, they have been reflecting 2D shapes, paying attention to the line of symmetry. Design and technology has been the focus in IPC's 'Fairgrounds' unit, with the children creating their own amusement park rides. The Year 6 students have been acting as detectives by solving mathematics based clues to find a murderer from a list of suspects. The clues are based on mathematics concepts that they have learned over the course of the year such as angles, coordinates, algebra and code-cracking.

End of Term Events for Secondary Students

Secondary students will be doing some community service and character building activities at the end of term instead of the off-site community service trips that usually take place. Monday 28 June will be a variety of sponsored events including a one and half hour walk around the recently constructed school nature trail, beat the teacher, artistic and maths challenges followed by non stop dancing or playing music challenges or a reading marathon. Year 6 will be able to join in as one of their transition to secondary school activities. On Tuesday 29 June secondary students in school will work collaboratively to prepare for an end of year prom that they will hold during the afternoon in the drama room. Students not in school will have online lessons as usual.

Parent Meetings

A letter has been sent explaining the procedure for parent-teacher meetings for the end of this term. Homeroom teachers will be in contact directly. If you have not heard from the Homeroom Tutor for any reason please contact Reception who will help you to make an appointment.

End of Term Award Ceremonies and End of term Arrangements

These will all take place on the final day of term, Wednesday 30 June. We are reviewing our arrangements following today's announcement about the downgrading of Nakhon Ratchasima to a yellow zone and will write with details early next week.

Growing Up or Growing Out

Have you grown bigger than your clothes? If so you may consider donating them for Karen and Lawa hill tribe children in northern Thai schools. For several years Dr Alex, some staff and former students from St. Stephen's have developed links with three isolated village schools in Mae Hong Song province. Last year Ms Linh, Ms Holly and Ms Emma also visited Dulaper school and did some voluntary teaching. This tiny village school has only 36 students, some of whom are dorm students as their home are too remote for daily transport. This year, Covid restrictions permitting, Dr Alex will also visit Huay Ha and Loop schools. These are similar size schools to St. Stephen's, but students only study up to Matthayom 3. If you have any old school clothes, shoes, socks, raincoats that you have grown out of, then these would be appreciated. Likewise students also need stationary items, Thai books, cutlery, crockery, toiletries and umbrellas! The villagers are mainly farmers, who supplement their income doing various artisan crafts, growing very good coffee in the Huay Horm area as well as participating in a royal sheep husbandry project to produce woolen products. If you would like to make a donation of second hand items please

leave these at Reception. If you have any further questions or know more about the Mae La Noi district and would like to share this with the school then please contact Dr Alex.

Bouldering Wall

We are very pleased that our new bouldering wall facility has been completed in the gym.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 21 June — Friday 25 June

Monday 21 June
School open to all students Parent-teacher meetings online
Tuesday 22 June
School open to all students Parent-teacher meetings online Sports Activity Day
Wednesday 23 June
School open to all students Parent-teacher meetings online Year 11 / 12 art trip
Thursday 24 June
School open to all students Parent-teacher meetings online
Friday 25 June
School open to all students Nursery Superhero Training Day

a reminder:

Do not come to school if you or your household have been to a dark-red zone in the last fourteen days!

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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