



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



2021 - 2022 Bulletin 6: Week Beginning Monday 11 October

Head of Campus Update

It hardly seems possible that we are nearly at the end of the first half of this term. Given all of the challenges of learning online I am very proud of the students and how they have done, and grateful for the support of parents. We are hoping that the start of the new half-term will see a return into school. The authorities have confirmed that our reopening inspection will be on Thursday this week. We are working on the basis that we will reopen on Monday 1 November. This week all staff will be back in school preparing for students to be back in school. We have also been informed that students who are twelve years old or older will be able to attend vaccinations this week on Thursday and Friday as long as the vaccines are available locally. A letter will be sent home to the appropriate parents about this when this is confirmed.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11 October—Friday 15 October

Monday 11 October
Online learning for all students.

Tuesday 12 October
Online learning for all students.

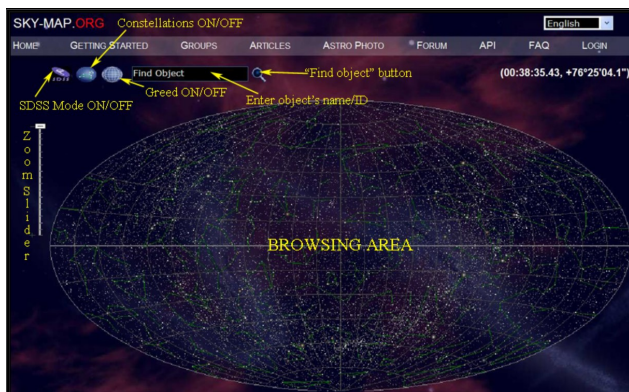
Wednesday 13 October
Online learning for all students.

Thursday 14 October
Online learning for all students.
Vaccination Day
Reopening Inspection
End of Half Term for Year 1 to Year 13.

Friday 15 October
Year 1 to Year 13 on holiday.
Early Years - Online learning
Staff training day.

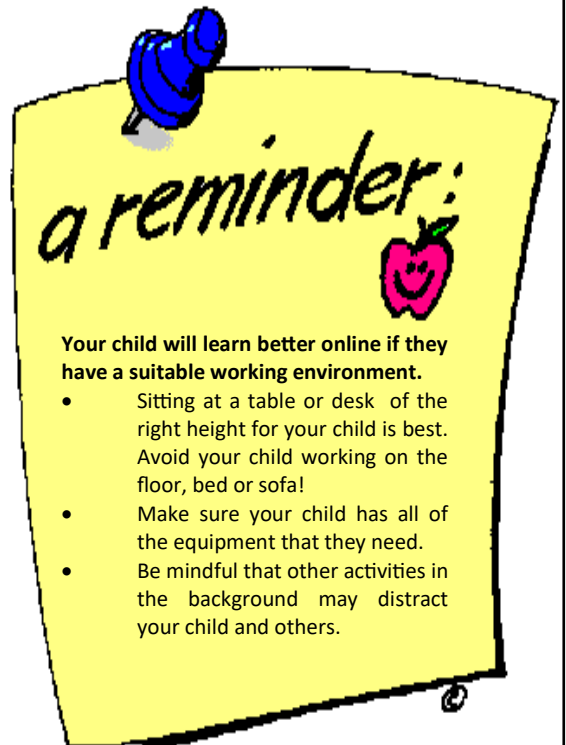
Primary School Council

Congratulations to our newly appointed Primary School Council representatives. They are Leeda and Sita in Year 1/2, Yada and TyTy in Year 3, Natat and Laura in Year 4, Bella and Saki in Year 5 and Rut and Lulla in Year 6. They will all be busy this year 'Making the Primary School better'. Congratulations also to Bella, our newly elected chairperson who will run future meetings. They have now met for a second time to discuss Online learning guidelines and rules. The meeting became quite heated when discussing if pets were allowed in lessons! More details to follow.



**Space Week and
Biology Week**
Space Week and
Biology Week
have been a huge
success. Students
from across the
school have taken
part in a range of
competitions,
which also
contribute to the

overall House Competition for the year. One of the competitions involved daily space questions, with different questions to different age students, and a question for staff too! Participants were encouraged to use the Sky app (shown here) to help them answer the following questions on Tuesday. How many of these could you answer? Primary question – What planet is closest to the constellation of Libra? Secondary question – What planet appears to be closest to the Sun at 07.30 this morning, Tuesday 5th October. Teacher question – What planetary body is closest to the western horizon at dawn on Tuesday 5th October? Please visit our new House Competition website at <https://sites.google.com/sis.edu/siskyhousecompetition/home> where you can find more information and also see entries for the House competitions.



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.

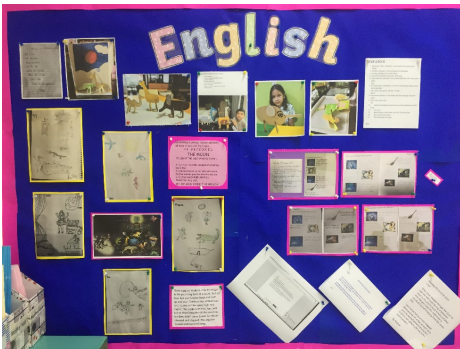
**Dr Kevin Hylands
Head of Campus**



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



2021 - 2022 Bulletin 6: Week Beginning Monday 11 October



Primary

This week the Early Years students have been celebrating Early Years Mindfulness Week. The children have had daily mindfulness moment challenges as well as a healthy lunch challenge with extra special dojo points up for grabs! Years 1 and 2 launched their new IPC topic: All Dressed Up. Fittingly, because it is space week, the class started by making space suits for their teddy bears! Students have also produced some wonderful writing, recounted their class book and learnt lots of tricky words that are needed to understand and talk about measurements. Year 3 have continued to work hard on their English text, Leon and the Place Between. The children have produced some fantastic descriptive writing, making sure they include synonyms and similes to make the reader even more interested in reading their work. It has also been Space Week - and the creative 'sun artwork' produced by the class is sensational. In IPC, the Year 4 students continued 'Footprints from the Past' by studying different dinosaurs to sort and classify them, based on their teeth and skeletons (what they ate and how they moved) to create a classification key. They also investigated how dinosaurs evolved to adapt to their surroundings. The Year 6 students created outdoor works of art by gathering natural materials and applying techniques they had learned from UK artist Andy Goldsworthy. The students photographed their amazingly creative and beautiful masterpieces and will write a blog post about the process and techniques they applied.



Parent Meetings and Reports

Parent meetings for primary students in Year 1 to Year 6 will take place on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Meetings for secondary students will be on Thursday. If you have not arranged an appointment yet, please contact the Homeroom Tutor or Reception. Reports will be posted home during this week.

Half-Term Break and Parent Meetings

We break up for this half-term on Thursday 14 October for students in Year 1 and above. For students in Early Years whose start was delayed at the start of term, they will break up on Friday 22 October. The new half-term will start on Monday 1 November for all students.

Dr Kevin Hylands
Head of Campus