

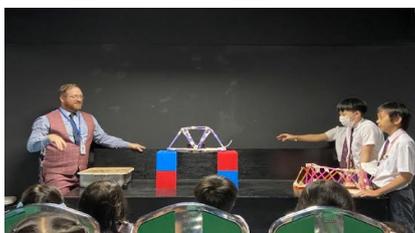
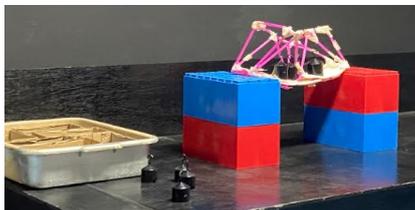
# The St. Stephen's International School

## Khao Yai Weekly Bulletin

2022 - 2023 Bulletin 20: Monday 27 March 2023

### Science Week

The house captains from each house in primary and secondary collated a list of plants and animals in Thailand as a way to estimate the amount of biodiversity. There were some very long lists with interesting entries such as *Diana's hogfish*, *Flame of the forest*, and the *red-eared slider*. As well as some dubious ones such as the octopus bird, ostrich and the Atlantic tarpon. Most of the houses listed the flagship species like tigers, elephants, and common species of Thai fruit trees. But no-one mentioned the lapwings that we often see and hear in our school grounds. Dragon listed 252 species, Erawan named 281 and Garuda identified a whopping 428 species. There was also a bridge building competition when students built structures from lollipop sticks or drinking straws. Well done to all who took part and especially the house captains for leading their teams.



### Primary News



Year 1 and Year 2 have been continuing to use the story 'If all the world were' as a stimulus during English lessons. This week the children made thank you cards to one of the characters in the book. In the cards the children were challenged to use a conjunction. The children also used painting to share their own feelings. In IPC Year 1 and Year 2 have been making predictions about how plants will grow in different conditions. Ossiri and the Bala Mengro is the new text being used by Year 3. The children have written questions from one of the main characters to ask her father. They then took it in turns to 'hot seat' as the father - and answer the questions. The class has also been working hard to increase their speed and recall of multiplication tables as part of the TT Rockstars Competition. In science, Year 4 has

been learning about the different types of teeth and their uses. They have also looked at why it is important to look after their teeth. The class has also extended their knowledge of

decimals to include decimals with hundredths. Year 5 has continued to read their class story, and have written some excellent formal letters, produced information texts on the moon and its power over the tides and now they are writing poems. They have learned that the moon features in lots of stories and poems from around the world. In IPC, the Year 6 students continued 'They see the world like this' focusing on Japanese printed artwork. In English, the students continued to study 'The Viewer' written by Gary Crew and illustrated by Shaun Tan. The children drafted, wrote and edited newspaper reports.

### Important Dates



Monday 27 March – Saturday 1 April

#### Monday 27 March

Drama and Poetry Week  
Good Egg Competition  
ASA Programme

#### Tuesday 28 March

ASA programme

#### Wednesday 29 March

Year 3 Trip to Korat Zoo  
ASA Programme

#### Thursday 23 March

Year 4 Trip to Sea Life Aquarium  
KG Field Trip  
ASA programme

#### Friday 24 March

ASA programme

#### Saturday 25 March

Dorm Trip to Cool Living Farmhouse



### Reminders:

Attendance to school is important! Research shows that students who are absent for more than 10% of lessons will make much less progress than students attending at least the expected 95% of lessons.

Please avoid missing school days unless unavoidable!

Students in Year 1 to Year 12 should be in school by 07:45. Late students miss learning and key

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### Odd Socks Day: International Day of Down Syndrome Awareness.



At St. Stephen's we take inclusivity and awareness seriously. On Tuesday 21 March students and teachers wore a kaleidoscope of odd, coloured socks to raise awareness about Down Syndrome. We hope that by participating in these events that our students will grow up to be open minded and compassionate. Everyone who wore odd socks donated a small amount of money to help a local charity which supports people with Down Syndrome. The total amount collected this year was 5,420 baht.



When we work together we are able to achieve great things.

### Year 12 Charity Sale

Well done to the Year 12 students who participated in, and organised a successful mango and sticky rice sale on Wednesday. This was a wonderful initiative that teaches us how to be more compassionate. The students managed orders, collected the money and distributed sweet treats to those who pre-ordered. All the money raised will go to the Thailand Children's Home to support children who are less fortunate as us. The total amount collected during the sale was: 2,184 Baht.

### Thai Desert Day

On Thursday and Friday the Thai Department provided a number of delicious, traditional Thai desserts. Students from across the school made a number of different sweets, these were then available to everyone at St. Stephen's. This is part of deepening our understanding of, and relationship with Thai Culture.



### Design and Technology: Making a bird house

This week in Design & Technology, Year 9 students have been designing and making bird houses. They have calculated all dimensions themselves and used a wide variety of both hand and power tools to manufacture their product.



At St. Stephen's International School, we are:

**Compassionate:** This month we have been focusing on empathy and how we can show kindness to our friends, family and other people in our community as well as the environment and the earth.

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