

The St. Stephen's International School

Khao Yai Weekly Bulletin



Important Dates

Monday 4 April

Y5&6 Field Trip: Secret Art Garden
ASA Programme

Tuesday 5 April

ASA programme

Wednesday 6 April

Talent Show

Thursday 7 April

Nursery Field Trip
ASA programme

Friday 8 April

Songkran Celebrations
Year 9 Options Evening
Last Day of Term 2

EYFS News

Nursery students are looking at different types of water and rail transport. The students are also practising their story retelling skills through imitation/actions. The students have been looking at the story *Who Sank the Boat*, and have thoroughly enjoyed it! KG1 has been learning about minibeasts and observed many different creatures around the school. They discovered two caterpillars outside and set up a special area to watch them change. When the butterflies emerged, the class let the butterfly fly freely to find food in the flowers outside. This week in mathematics, KG2 have been learning about money. They can pay for items and find the total amount using 1 pence coins. In literacy, the children have been writing a string of rhyming words. In their topic lesson, they have been learning about jungle animals and will be writing a jungle animal riddle based on the facts they have discovered.

Primary News

This week, Year 1 and Year 2 children have been measuring their plants. They have compared the heights of each plant to see whose plant grew the tallest. In English the



children have been planning a story ready to start writing next week. Year Three went to Korat Zoo for their trip so that they could find out more about the different animals they have been looking at in our Land, Sea and Sky IPC topic. They were able to use their map skills to find their way around the park - and had so much fun when they reached their final destination ... the water park! Year 4 have been



publishing their non chronological reports about animals. The class has also written accounts of their trip to the Sea Life Aquarium in Bangkok. Year 5 has had an exciting week, building Vex-Go robots and a trip down to the STEAMER Centre to build mock bird houses with the secondary students. The students even had a go at creating their own Picasso artwork. All the students worked really hard on Haikus and Limericks around the theme of the



moon and stars which is linked to their learning in English and submitted for the poetry week. They also undertook measurement activities, estimating and then measuring perimeters of rectilinear shapes around school. In IPC, the Year 6 students continued 'They see the world like this' focusing on 'Cubism' and studying Pablo Picasso's artwork. In English, the children drafted, wrote and edited instructional and informational texts in non-fiction writing. In mathematics they studied Shape, focusing on finding angles within a right-angle, a straight line and in a whole turn; and finding missing angles in triangles and quadrilaterals.



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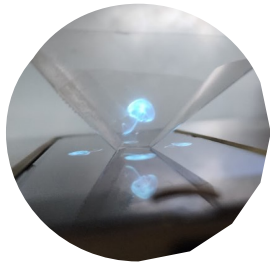
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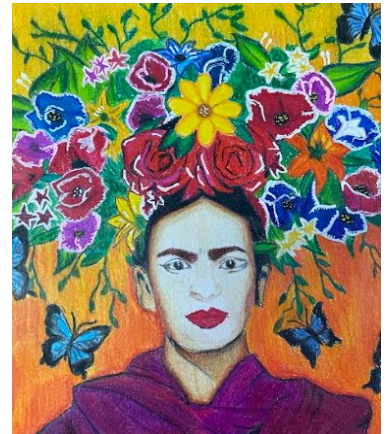


Secondary News

In computing, Year 8 learnt about algorithms and flowcharts. Students followed step by step instructions to make their own holographic pyramid. They used a DIY hologram template, cut the plastic sheet, folded it and used tape to join the edges. By placing the pyramid on a phone or tablet, students could play videos and watch the hologram. Finally, students represented the steps in the algorithm and created flowcharts using the correct symbols to represent their algorithm. In Mandarin, the Year 8 students learned about furniture and location words whilst the Year 9 students learned about school and discussed daily school life and experiences. Year 10 learned about hobbies and took a listening test. Year 11 practised speaking, listening and writing in preparation for their IGCSE exams. In mathematics this week, Year 9 students have been discovering and using Pythagoras theorem. Some great work



completed by the class including working in 3D and on coordinate planes. In geography, Year 9 students have been exploring biomes and animal and plant adaptations. Year 10 geographers have been following up their Lamtakhong rivers field trip with a written project. Year 10 Business Studies students have been continuing to study marketing. Year 11 students have been continuing their revision before their exams in May. Year 10 chemistry students made golden coins by heating copper with zinc when they were learning about alloys. This is a secret alchemist recipe so we cannot print more details



here. If you want to learn more you will have to choose chemistry as an option for IGCSE. Year 11 and 12 students have been preparing for their art exams which started on Friday 31 March - They have produced some excellent work. We would like to take this opportunity to wish them all good luck. In Year 12 Thai, students learned what to



do during the monk ceremony and how to prepare alms for the monks on Songkran day.

Year 9 Options

In Year 9, students are able to make choices about what they will be studying when they start their IGCSEs in Year 10. This is the first time in their school education that a student is really able to choose to study a specific subject or not to study it at all. As such it is a very important time. Students have been thinking about their skills, individual likes and dislikes and possible careers as they prepare to make these choices. On Friday 7 April Year 9 students and their parents are invited to a presentation by Dr. Kevin and Ms. Nan (Careers and University Counsellor) regarding their options. This will be followed by the Year 9 options fair where students can find out more about studying different subjects and they and their parents can talk to the subject teachers. We look forward to seeing Year 9 parents on Friday.



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.

Dr Kevin Hylands
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