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"[Our] 'commitment to well-being is also evidenced by the establishment of a thorough and comprehensive child safeguarding system'"

"我们对学生福祉的承诺还体现在建立完整、全面的儿童安全保障体系上。"

"ความมุ่งมั่นของเราในการส่งเสริมสวัสดิภาพนักเรียนได้รับการยืนยันผ่านการจัดตั้งระบบคุ้มครองและดูแลเด็กอย่างครอบคลุมและเป็นระบบ"

CIS/WASC May '23



MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well, here it is, the last Charter News of 2024!

It has been an amazing term with so many highlights. In many ways we seem to have packed huge amounts in and in others, we are only just getting going.

I hope that one of the things you have all noticed are our Coffee Mornings. 22 so far this term!

We want you to understand what we do and how we do it. We want you to have confidence that what we are doing is the best thing for your child. That we will give them academic qualifications, but also encourage them to develop their communication or team working

skills. That we will make them think carefully about complex problems and give them opportunities to think about the world in which they live and be leaders in their communities. Of course, these all look very different at different ages. Perhaps most importantly, we want you to be sure that your children are well-cared for and that they have a massive range of options to be successful.

If you haven't already please take some time to read our student produced newspaper: The Charter Chronicles. The first edition of which can be found [here](#). Looking forward to 2025 we have a whole range of exciting developments to

share with you. Most obviously, we will have our accreditation evaluation visit in the middle of February.

Finally, there is nothing else to say, except to wish you all a happy and safe holiday, whatever you are doing and, from all at Charter, I would like to wish you a successful and prosperous 2025. When we look forward to welcoming you back to school, relaxed, refreshed and raring to go!

As always, you are welcome to contact me with any questions you may have. We can either meet in person or drop me a line at nelrick@charter.ac.th.



The Charter Chronicles



'I had a great time during my childhood here with great friends and teachers.'

Tan (Class of '17), Recent Graduate at Swansea University in Aerospace Engineer



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



continued support, whether through attending school events or encouraging learning at home. Your partnership makes all the difference.

Messages from Head of Primary

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Term 1 comes to a close, we reflect on a fantastic start to the academic year. The children have impressed us with their enthusiasm and dedication to learning, making great strides in their academic and personal development.

Our Christmas performances were a true highlight,

showcasing the incredible creativity, teamwork, and talent of our pupils. A big thank you to everyone who attended, cheered, and supported—it truly made the events special. An enormous thank you again to Ms Air and Mr Michael Kay who organised these fantastic celebrations.

We are so grateful for your

On behalf of the staff, I wish you and your families a safe, restful, and joyful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year! Warm regards,

Mrs. Julie Kelly
Head of Primary
jkelly@charter.ac.th



STAR OF THE WEEK 6TH DECEMBER 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



KINDERGARTEN - V

In Kindergarten-V, we explored the sense of smell and how noses help with breathing and smelling. The children identified scents like soy sauce, garlic, chocolate, and soap, describing them as "nice" or "stinky."

They also made scented flowers by glueing pre-cut shapes and painting them with frothy bubbles from baby soap. We also explored the sense of taste! The children learned how tongues help with tasting, eating, and talking. They sampled sweet, salty, sour, spicy, and bitter foods, describing them as "yummy" or "yucky." Using phrases like "I like..." or "I don't like...", they shared their preferences while expanding sensory vocabulary.

In our "Food and Health" topic, the children explored food origins, sorted fruits and vegetables, and learned about "health-giving," "energy-giving," and "body-building" foods. They made butter and jam sandwiches and mixed yoghurt with mashed egg to make egg sandwiches.



FATHER'S DAY ACTIVITY

On the occasion of Father's Day, students created greeting cards and wrote heartfelt messages to their fathers. This activity showcased the children's potential and creativity in expressing their feelings, gratitude, and well wishes. The students then took the cards home to present them to their fathers as a meaningful gesture.

YEAR 2L

Year 2L have been busy learning all about 'Freeze It' in our IPC lessons this term. We started with learning about; solids, liquids and gases, then learnt a bit about the molecules. We decided to make ice after that and observed the molecules in the liquid turning into a solid.

We checked the temperature throughout the day with thermometers and also timed how long the water took to turn to ice. The children had lots of fun being mini scientists!



YEAR 3T ASSEMBLY

Year 3T took the audience on a journey through the rainforests of the world. Speaking with confidence, the children shared the learning from their IPC unit 'Vanishing Rainforests'. Additionally they acted out part of the story they have been reading in English. It reminded everyone about the destruction of the rainforests.

They spoke passionately about Taking Action to reduce the amount of electricity used in school. Different members of the school community were asked to help this cause. But that is just the first step - watch this space for further action that can be taken.



YEAR 1B AND YEAR 3T - IPC UNITS

Year 1 and Year 3 have been exploring electricity in their IPC units, so we decided to do an Exit Point together. First, the Year 3 students read the story of The Three Little Pigs to Year 1, as they had been studying the story in English. Working in small groups the children were tasked with building a house belonging to one of the pigs. The excitement was palpable as groups drew their task out of a hat. After that the groups collaborated and communicated effectively to create a design on a house from the story, adding their own circuits inside... The lights had to turn on when the wolf pressed the 'doorbell'. There was great enthusiasm as the students tested their circuits. Groups adapted their ideas to achieve a successful outcome, with the Year 3 students supporting the younger children very sensitively. The students enjoyed sharing their models with other members of our school community, showing a deep understanding of electricity as they talked about their learning.



YEAR 4 EXIT POINT

Year 4 recently celebrated the culmination of their fascinating learning journey about chocolate with an engaging and interactive Exit Point. Over the term, students explored how chocolate is grown and processed, diving into topics like sustainable farming and fair trade practices. They showcased their creativity by designing and crafting their own unique chocolate bars, with some incorporating surprise ingredients.



Using their ICT skills, they created personalised chocolate wrappers to give their creations a professional touch. Thank you to all the Year 4 parents who joined in the celebration, sampling the students' delicious chocolate bars and marveling at the incredible work produced throughout the unit. The event highlighted the students' diligence, creativity, and enthusiasm for learning, providing a memorable conclusion to this exciting topic.

YEAR 6K

Our IPC topic in Year 6 is 'Investigators'. We are learning skills needed to be forensic scientists to investigate which teacher has 'stolen' our class house point trackers!

We visited the Secondary School Science labs to carry out an investigation to identify the pH value of a variety of liquids. We systematically identified which liquids were acidic, neutral and alkaline. We learned that liquids like orange and lemon juice are acidic, milk is less acidic but still slightly and water is neutral. We used both pH paper and universal indicator and compared the results against the pH scale to give each liquid a pH number. This information will help us eliminate suspects based on evidence found at the 'crime scene'.



STUDENT COUNCIL: FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR

On Wednesday, 4th December, the Primary Student Council gathered for their first meeting of the year. The focus was on designing a creative and engaging template to help all Key Stage 2 students share their ideas for making Charter International School even better.

The council members collaborated to ensure the form was fun and easy to use, encouraging input on topics like the environment, welfare, and fundraising. Over the next week, student representatives will visit their classes to explain the project and invite everyone to contribute their suggestions. Once collected, the council will review the ideas and plan the next steps.

This initiative is a wonderful example of student voice in action, fostering teamwork and creativity across the school. We can't wait to see the brilliant ideas our students come up with!



EARLY YEARS AND KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW

What a magical performance from our youngest stars in “The Santastorian,” a Christmas tale! The children dazzled us with their beautiful costumes, heartfelt singing, playing percussion instruments, and enthusiastic dancing, truly bringing the spirit of the season to life.

A special shout-out to our talented Year 2 students, who delivered their speaking lines with confidence and expression, making us all proud. Every child shone brightly on stage, showcasing their musical talents and hard work.

Thank you to the teachers, parents, and everyone involved in creating such a memorable event. The joy and excitement of Christmas were certainly felt by all!



KEY STAGE 2 CHRISTMAS SHOW

On the 10th of December, the Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert took audiences on a spectacular journey through the stars with Christmas in Space. This unique celebration combined the festive cheer of classic Christmas songs with the creativity and energy of our students. From the twinkling sounds of recorders played by Year 4 to the lively strumming of ukuleles mastered by Year 5, our young musicians showcased the skills they developed this term. Adding a celestial twist, the concert's theme invited everyone to imagine Christmas beyond Earth's atmosphere, blending music, imagination, and holiday spirit.

Students delivered heartwarming performances, bringing together singing, instrumentals, and their own instruments for a truly collaborative showcase. The evening was filled with joy, community, and a sprinkle of space-themed magic, leaving everyone in attendance inspired and full of holiday cheer. Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating this unforgettable event!



SHOE BOX APPEAL

Every year Charter makes a Shoe Box Appeal for the Mercy Centre, so the children can enjoy Christmas just like all children should be able to.

Our generous parents and students get a box and buy presents for a certain gender and age group, put them in, wrap up the box and label accordingly.

We have a target of 300 boxes this year, so fingers crossed we will make it, and enable lots of children to wake up on Christmas morning and put a smile on their faces.



SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER: STUDENTS' BLACK SHOES

As part of our commitment to maintaining high standards, I would like to remind everyone of our school uniform policy regarding footwear.

Students should wear black shoes to school every day. These can include leather shoes with a strap, laces, or velcro fastenings. Black trainers (or mainly black) are also acceptable as part of the uniform.

Please note that colourful trainers with bright designs are only permitted on PE days. On regular school days, we kindly ask that students adhere to the uniform policy to help maintain a consistent and professional appearance across the school.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our students take pride in their uniform. If you have any questions or require clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

SPORTS ROUND UP



RAINBOW SWIMMING MEET

The Swordfish Swimming Team shone at the Rainbow Swimming Meet hosted by St. Andrews 107. Our Under 9 and Under 11 swimmers raced brilliantly, consistently earning points and proving that hard work in the pool pays off.

In a thrilling relay finale, we went head-to-head with Dusit, sneaking the win by just two points. A fantastic effort from all swimmers and a big thank you to our coaches and supporters!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



EMPIRE

Empire won the silver medal in the final round of the SCIENCE NEWS COMMUNICATOR 2024 (SNC2024) competition, GRADE 1-3 in the English category. The final round featured the top winners from the first round, including those from Thailand, who competed on stage. The competition served as a platform for young people to demonstrate their abilities and grow by addressing key scientific NEWS and presenting them in their unique styles. Participants were encouraged to use creativity, media, and various equipment to make their presentations more engaging and impactful.



KYU AND KEEN YEAR 4

A huge congratulations to Kyuu (Y4R), Keen (Y4W), and their teammates from the Bangkok Warriors for emerging as champions in the U9 Group A at the prestigious 2024 Mega 3 City Hockey Cup Tournament in South Korea!

This incredible win comes after dominating all 6 games against some of Asia's toughest teams, including the Thunders, Goyang Rabbits, Sky Eagle, Pusan Selects, Ruby Ducks, and Dark Knight. The tournament, held in Busan & Changwon from November 28-30, brought together over 42 teams from 4 nations, making this a remarkable achievement for the Bangkok Warriors and Thai youth ice hockey.

Their success is a true testament to passion, perseverance, teamwork, and the exceptional guidance of Coach Ken Kindborn, the current captain of Thailand's National Ice Hockey Team.





SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



Messages from the Head of Secondary

As we close another incredible term and head into the well-deserved Christmas holidays, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that has been accomplished in Secondary. The term ended on a high note with our magnificent Christmas concert, showcasing the immense talent of our students through a diverse range of bands and musical performances. It was truly a festive and joyous way to bring our community together.

This term has been nothing short of extraordinary. From the excitement of *So You Think You Can Dance* and the enriching experiences of Residential Week to the camaraderie and spirit of the TISAC football season, we have celebrated the best of our students' talents, determination, and teamwork.

The Wai Kru ceremony reminded us of the respect and gratitude that underpin our school culture, and countless ECAs have provided opportunities for students to explore their passions beyond the classroom.

One of the highlights this term has been the launch of *The Charter Chronicles*, our very own student-led newspaper. The first edition, brimming with student creativity, thought-provoking articles, and a fresh perspective on school life, is an inspiring testament to the initiative and talent of our young journalists. I encourage everyone to take some time over the holidays to read it and celebrate this exciting new endeavor.

I am so proud of the dedication shown by our staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of our parents in making

this term such a success. Every amazing lesson, every activity, and every event is a testament to the strength of our school community.

As we look ahead, there is so much to be excited about in the new term. From the intellectual challenges of MUN and VEX Robotics to the entrepreneurial spirit of Junior Achievement and the musical talent on display at the Battle of the Bands final in Kuala Lumpur, there will be countless opportunities for our students to shine.

For now, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, rest, and time spent with loved ones. Thank you all for being part of this remarkable journey. Have a fantastic break, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

Warm wishes,
Mr Adam Plant
Head of Secondary

TEACHER FEATURE



Mr. Schofield
PE Teacher,
International Award Coordinator

This edition's teacher to be featured is Mr. Schofield who teaches PE across the Primary and Secondary School.

I am thrilled to join the PE department and the vibrant community at Charter International School. I am passionate about inspiring students to develop confidence, teamwork, and leadership through sports. My goal is to create a positive and inclusive environment where every student can thrive, both physically and personally, while embracing the values and spirit of Charter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



DR. STAROST WINS FOBISIA FELLOWSHIP

On 31st, November FOBISIA Leadership conference was held at the Marriott hotel in Bangkok. There were over 350 attendees. All leaders from Asia's top international schools. One of FOBISIA's new initiatives is to acknowledge and reward some of the amazing action research projects that happen in schools. 60 schools applied for 8 Fellowship awards and I am very proud to say that Dr. Starost was awarded one of them for his work on measuring our effectiveness of teaching global citizenship.

As part of the fellowship, Dr. Starost delivered the first talk to the whole conference on Saturday outlining the difficulties of measuring such an intangible concept and how we are going about it. It really did show Charter in the best possible light and, although we may not be the biggest, it put us firmly on the map as one of Asia's leading international schools. Congratulations to Dr. Starost.



EGG PARACHUTE CHALLENGE

Egg-cellent Experiment by Year 7! Our Year 7 students put their creativity and physics knowledge to the test with an exciting Egg Parachute Challenge! They designed and built their own parachutes to safely land their eggs, exploring concepts like gravity and air resistance along the way. While some eggs met their cracking fate, others made a perfect landing!

CHARTER VEX IQ TEAMS AT THE RAPID RELAY ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT

On December 7th, 2024, the VIQRC Rapid Relay Tournament was held at Panyapiwat Institute of Management. Three teams from Charter International School—Lucky, Power, and Brainy—took part in this exciting competition.

Since August, the teams have been working hard to build and program their robots to tackle this year's challenges. With over 20 teams from different schools competing, it was a tough tournament. We are proud to share that two of our teams, Brainy and Power, made it to the finals and performed incredibly well. Their hard work, teamwork, and creativity truly paid off!

Next, the teams are preparing for the Nationals competition on January 18th, where they will compete again and aim for more success. We wish the best of luck to Teams Brainy, Power, and Lucky as they continue their robotics journey.



JUNIOR ASTRO CHALLENGE

A massive congratulations to the 60 students who participated in the Junior Astro Challenge, organized by the British Physics Olympiad team at Oxford University! This competition marks the first step toward the prestigious Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad. Although it's designed for Year 10 and Year 11 students, we're incredibly proud of our Year 7, 8, and 9 students who stepped up to the challenge and performed brilliantly. Well done to all who took part, but a special shoutout to our top scorers: Irvin, Kim, and Ferngy! Your achievements inspire us all. Keep aiming for the stars!



CHRISTMAS POP UP EVENTS IN SECONDARY

This year the student council let the festivities in the final week of term by selling iced chocolate at lunchtime for students to buy and enjoy to raise money for the Mercy Centre. There was also Christmas Pom Pom making and a festive door competition to really get into the seasonal spirit!



The F1 in schools team also ran a reaction speed competition for all students to raise funds for their trip to the finals next year. Well done to all!

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP COFFEE MORNING

The Service and Leadership Coffee Morning provided an inspiring opportunity for parents to learn about how we prepare students for leadership and community engagement from Key Stage 3 through to graduation.

We began by outlining the foundation for leadership in KS3, where students develop teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills through collaborative projects and initiatives such as the Year 7 charity fair and student-led clubs. Moving into KS4, students have opportunities to take on greater responsibilities, including participating in Model United Nations (MUN), student council roles, and leading service projects that make a tangible difference in our local and global communities.

By the time students reach KS5, they are prepared to take on senior leadership roles, including positions such as Student Council Chair or Vice Chair, mentoring younger students, and spearheading many events. Programs like Junior Achievement allow them to develop entrepreneurial and organizational skills, while involvement in service projects fosters a sense of social responsibility.

We also shared how leadership at our school is not just about formal titles but about fostering a mindset of initiative and influence, which students carry forward into university and beyond. Parents left with a clear understanding of how our approach equips students with the confidence and skills to lead and serve in meaningful ways.



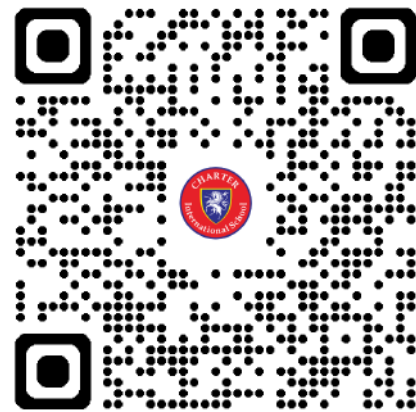
SECONDARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Secondary Christmas Concert was a joyful celebration to mark the end of a successful year. The evening was filled with both festive and contemporary performances, showcasing the incredible talent of Charter's outstanding musicians. From classic holiday melodies to modern hits, the audience was captivated by the students' dedication and passion for music. A huge thank you to Mr. Lim for his hard work and organization in making this event such a fantastic success!



THE CHARTER CHRONICLES IS OUT NOW!

Introducing The Charter Chronicles, our very own student-led newspaper! The inaugural edition, filled with inspiring creativity, thought-provoking articles, and fresh perspectives on school life, is a true testament to the initiative and talent of our young journalists. Don't miss out—discover the **first edition here** or scan the QR code to explore it. Take some time this holiday season to enjoy and celebrate this exciting new endeavor!



EDITION 1, ISSUE 1 CHARTER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Welcome to...

THE CHARTER CHRONICLES



Coordinator: Miss Carter

"A newspaper is the centre of a community"
- Michael Connelly



Editor-in-Chief: Proud

As Earl Nightingale once said,
"Everything begins with an idea."
That is exactly how this paper was started: an idea. One that would



Wildlife Watch Animals of the World

By Charlie, Pooh & Sung Gi Year 8

Cluck Cluck Goes the Chicken

Chickens are animals that live out in the wild. There are many mysteries about them that nobody knows yet. In this article, we'll dive deep into the mysteries of chickens and uncover them. Before we dive deeper into the world of chickens though, we have to understand the basics of them. Chickens are very simple animals on the outside, but are very complicated on the inside. They have a complicated past going all the way back to the dinosaurs. There are many unanswered questions and mysteries about the chicken, such as "Did the chicken or the egg come first?". In this article, we will explore these kinds of questions and unveil the mystery of chickens. The main thing we will be focusing on for this article is the external anatomy of chickens.



The external anatomy of chickens are the things you can see from outside, like their head, their beak and much more. The comb, which is the top of the chicken's head, can come in various shapes and is more prominent in males. The wattles are located below the chicken's chin and help regulate body temperatures.

The beak of a chicken is sharp with a pointed tip and is covered in keratin, a type of protein, allowing it to remain durable throughout the chicken's lifetime. The beak can be used for many activities such as feeding, grooming, socialising and is an important tool for the chicken to use.



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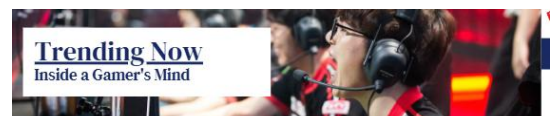
Translated by June Year 12



9 Wai Kru at Charter 2024

학원 대표들이 Phan Via Kru (환비아 크루)를 통해 9월에 열리는 동남아시아 (SEAC)의 스포츠 경기를 개최할 예정입니다. 그들은 9월에 경기를 치를 선생님들에게 다가가 무릎을 꿇고 꽃을 올리며 감사의 마음을 표합니다.

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Trending Now Inside a Gamer's Mind

By Sophia Year 12

E-sports, which stands for electronic-sports, is a form of competition using video games. The players are in teams of 5, practicing and competing in tournaments around the world against other teams.

League of Legends



Americas Challengers Primer (XNDP) is one of the best teams within America composed at the CHS, Arena in San Francisco. Brought for the pool prize of \$75,000, the winning team represented America to go against players from other countries (14th - 21st September).

SPORTS ROUND UP



U15 GIRLS FOOTBALL AT CHARTER

On a beautiful bright Saturday on Charter's hallowed turf, eight warriors warmed up under the brilliant guidance of Mr Schofield: we were about to face larger teams (in numbers and stature) from BIST, BCIS and Trail. A light breeze blew - a lucky omen for things to come? We played first. Iona scored the opener, which proved to be the winning goal in that first match. After a rest - more about chatting and thinking up Tik Tok shorts than strategies - the girls stared down their friends from Bromsgrove. It was another great game, with quality passing and some crunching tackles. Prueksa's goal, assisted by Iona from a clever free kick, put us ahead. A thumping strike from Pink in the second half sealed the victory - we were on the way! Our girls kept their nerves down while watching other games before our final match, where we'd face the mighty Trail. Passions were high, and our girls were really digging in. Yelynn, Shopping, Meing and Toni were doing a great defensive job keeping the opposition at bay. Eunseo and Pink were tracking back and forth, trying to get balls through to Prueksa and Iona, who was everywhere, calling instructions and controlling the play. After a number of shots that went just wide or were saved, a fine through ball from Pink to Prueksa put us ahead. Although Trail retaliated with a cracking goal of their own, our girls, exhausted as they were, battled on to hold the draw - and be crowned overall champions!

Sometimes you need a good memory to remember when a trophy was last won, but Saturday November 30 will be remembered for a long time as the day our U15 Girls won Charter's first TISAC Football champions' trophy!



SECONDARY SPORTS DAY

