

CHARTER NEWS

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"学校支持多语言学习并发展主办国语言计划，展现了对语言重要作用的承诺。"

'the school demonstrates commitment to the role of language through developing programmes to support multilingual learning as well as the host country language.' CIS/WASC May '23

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MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTOR

It has only been two weeks (and one of those wasn't even a full week!) since the holiday, but that is now a distant memory.

Over the last two weeks we've had coffee mornings on topics such as Wellbeing, the KS 3 curriculum and the importance of different kinds of extra-curricula activities to develop as a person and to impress universities.

There have been two very busy secondary PTCs our biggest ever university fair and a talk from Abertay University on careers in computing.

Year 4 had an amazing time finishing off their work based around Chocolate by visiting an actual chocolate factory, which seems like the perfect school trip to

me.

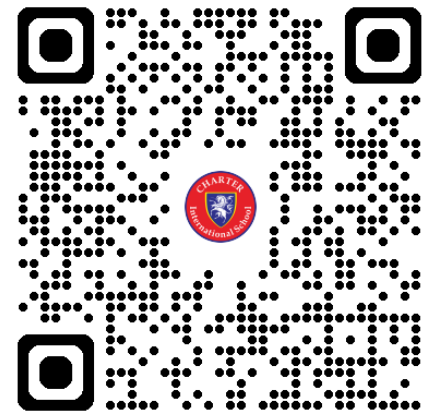
Looking forward we have two of the highlights of the school year and two great examples of what providing an holistic education means.

At one end of the school, teachers have been incredibly busy preparing for the Secondary residential trips. A massive amount of unseen work goes into these (and every trip) to ensure they are safe, enjoyable and also enrich the students learning. I am sure all students will have a great time and we look forward to welcoming them back at the end of the week, tired but full of

stories about their adventures. At the other end we will host the chaos and pure joy that is U7 sport.

Inside this issue you will find some amazing stories about Charter's students' successes but these two events remind us that all can push themselves and find something that they absolutely love at school.

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.



'I experienced a significant period of personal growth and self-discovery during my stay at Charter. It served as a catalyst for broadening my perspectives and shaping the way I perceive the world.'

Stella (Class of '17), Pursuing postgraduate study (Master in Data Science and PhD in Epidemiology/Public Health) at The University of Hong Kong



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Messages from Head of Primary

Welcome back to Term 1! I trust you all enjoyed important family time over the half term holiday. It has been wonderful hearing about all the children's stories and adventures. It is hard to believe we have only been back for two weeks as we seem to have achieved so many things!

Our Year 4 students had an incredible time on their chocolate-themed trip, exploring the journey of chocolate from bean to bar! This immersive experience has sparked a real interest in both food production

and global cultures! Year 2 also had a wonderful time exploring nature in Rama 9 Park and very soon we will be inviting Year 5 and 6 parents in for Coffee Mornings so you can find out all about the Residential Trips planned for Term 2. Educational visits like these are so valuable, as they bring learning to life and provide children with hands-on experiences that deepen their understanding beyond the classroom.

And finally, thank you to everyone who attended the

Year 2 Exit Point for 'The Earth: Our Home'. It is so meaningful for the children to share their learning with an audience. They were buzzing with excitement and pride! Thank you also for the 6K families who attended the first class assembly of the year. A true example of our Schoolwide Learner Outcome: Effective Communicators. We look forward to inviting you into future occasions like these.

Thank you, as always, for your support and involvement in our school community. We look forward to sharing more wonderful experiences in the coming weeks.

Mrs. Julie Kelly
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STAR OF THE WEEK
25TH OCTOBER 2024



STAR OF THE WEEK
1ST NOVEMBER 2024

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



KINDERGARTEN-N

We have just started our new topic about our 5 senses in Kindergarten. We started this topic by exploring our sense of sight. We worked on our fine motor skills by cutting and sticking paper, stickers and cardboard rolls together to make our very own binoculars. We then went out into the garden to go on a mini safari looking at all the different animals we could see. We also observed our own shadows and the shadows that other objects make. We have also been playing games of "Eye spy" and reading the story "We're going on a bear hunt".



COMING UP...

• Nov 6th

Coffee Morning: Supporting Maths at Home KS1
8.10am *Lily Theatre*

• Nov 12th

Coffee Morning: Support for Learning in the Primary School
8.10am *Secondary library*

• Nov 14th

Loy Kratong

• Nov 28th

Coffee Morning: Year 6 Residential
8.10am *Secondary library*

YEAR 2 - THAI AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TFL)

Students are diving into numbers in Thai, learning to count up to the hundreds! Their favorite part? Playing Bingo! They get excited picking numbers, calling them out in Thai, and seeing who can fill their board first. It's a fun and interactive way to reinforce number pronunciation while keeping everyone engaged and practising confidently.



YEAR 2D

Thank you to all parents and carers who visited Year 2 this afternoon to celebrate our amazing learning all about The Earth: Our Home. It meant so much to the children. They were delighted to share with you their knowledge about our wonderful planet. Each group of children proudly presented one area of learning: their animal habitat dioramas and bee home models, their 'guess my animal' quiz, their oil pastel artwork on how habitats change, and our exciting field trip to Suan Luang Park, being botanists. We are now really looking forward to our new IPC topic starting next week called 'Freeze It'. Remember to keep talking to your children about their learning and maybe you could read some icy stories or watch some ice themed videos together this weekend!



YEAR 3T

During one of their IPC lessons, 3T displayed their critical thinking skills by carrying out a Science investigation about what happens to rainwater when it lands on leaves in the rainforest. The students were given pictures of some plants around school with leaves of different shapes and sizes. They excitedly explored the outdoor area to find the plants. Firstly, they discussed the leaf formation by looking carefully at each plant. Then they performed a touch test to decide whether the texture of the leaves was waxy, smooth, furry or spiny. The final test that was performed involved the students using syringes to drip water onto the leaves. After carefully observing what happened, they recorded their findings. On returning to the classroom, some very thoughtful discussions took place to discuss the findings.

YEAR 4R

On Thursday 24th of October Year 4R went on a fantastic field trip to learn about chocolate. We went to Kad Kakao, a chocolate shop and manufacturer where high quality Thai chocolate is made and sold. The children learnt about Cacao trees, how cacao beans are made into chocolate and even got to make their own chocolates. The children had the opportunity to see cacao pods, touch them and scoop out the cacao beans. They tried dehusking some dried beans and realised that it is much easier to do using a machine! The children decorated their own chocolate bon bons, which they took home to share with their families. It was a great trip and a wonderful way to enrich the children's learning about chocolate.



YEAR 5B

Since the start of the year, 5B students have been actively developing positive learning habits in maths. They've embraced collaborative problem-solving, strengthening their reasoning skills by explaining their thinking clearly to others. A key focus has been on deepening their understanding of place value and number sense, using practical strategies to build strong foundations.

The use of Numicon and other concrete manipulatives has been central to their learning, allowing students to visualise complex concepts and explore different approaches. By working hands-on with these resources, they've been able to make meaningful connections, consolidating their understanding in ways that feel relevant and engaging.

It's been fantastic to see the class confidently tackle challenges together, showing curiosity and resilience in their learning. We're excited to see how these skills continue to grow as the year progresses!



YEAR 2 TRIP TO RAMA 9 PARK

Year 2 also had a fantastic day at Rama 9 Park, where they connected with nature through exciting activities like nature hunts and sketching. The children loved identifying different plants and animals and capturing their favourite scenes with their artistic talents. It was a wonderful day of exploration, fresh air, and creativity that has deepened their appreciation of the world around them.





COFFEE MORNING: WELLBEING IN THE EARLY YEARS

Last week Early Years parents were invited to join a coffee morning on the topic of 'Wellbeing in the Early Years'. Parents learned about the importance of student wellbeing, not just in Early Years but throughout the school. Factors that help to provide a nurturing and safe environment were shared along with the importance of establishing routines, responsibilities and independence for our youngest learners. Finally parents were given advice on how to help their child at home in this crucial area.

U11 FOOTBALL

The U11 boys did themselves proud with a fantastic 3 v 1 win over St Andrews 107. They played extremely well and had a great attitude. They attacked the game and scored 3 wonderful goals. The team spirit was amazing and they followed instructions well. What a win for Charter! Well done.



YEAR 4 TRIP TO KAD KOKAO



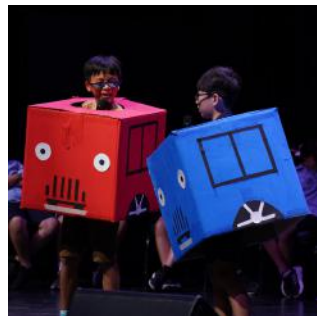
HALLOWEEN

Halloween was celebrated in fantastic style this year by Early Years and KS1. There was a splendid parade of pumpkins, witches, scary ghosts, skeletons and many more characters. Children enjoyed 'trick or treating' with each class and collected lots of candy and treats. Halloween activities were extended to the classrooms with stories and crafts. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who made this a fun day for the children.



YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

Our class assembly in 6R was based on the our IPC topic 'What Price is Progress?' We asked the question 'Which is the most important invention ever made?' We used our research to produce a fantastic assembly. We spoke with confidence and entertained our audience by making it interactive through questions and quizzes and used plenty of humour too! We hope everyone enjoyed our assembly as much as we enjoyed the process.



STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENT



HANZO 5N

Congratulations to Hanzo on his outstanding achievement! During the October 2024 mid-term break, Hanzo competed in the AFG Thailand Open in the No-Gi, U9, -32kg category and brought home an impressive third place finish!

We're so proud of his dedication and success. Way to go, Hanzo!



REN 4W

Congratulations to our talented swimmer, Ren (Year 4W), who made waves at the 5th The One Cup Swimming Championship 2024 in Samut Sakhon!

Competing in the 9-year-old category, Ren brought home an impressive THREE bronze medals: 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 50m Backstroke.

What an incredible performance! Your dedication and hard work continue to inspire us all. Keep swimming towards your dreams, Ren!

GAVIN 6R

Congratulations to Gavin (Y6R) on his outstanding achievement in the recently concluded music skills competition, organized by the Thai Ministry of Education and the Association of Private Music Schools. Gavin's exceptional performance in the piano category earned him the gold medal in the Under-12 group—a truly remarkable accomplishment.

This is a testament to Gavin's hard work, dedication, and musical talent, and we are all incredibly proud of him for achieving such an excellent result. Please extend our congratulations to him, and we wish him continued success in his musical journey.



ALEX 4R

Alex Year 4R, has won the Gold Medal for singing in the Pop & Rock Fest 2024, organized by Trinity College London (Thailand). This outstanding achievement showcases Alex's dedication and passion for music. Well done, Alex!

EMPIRE 4W

We're thrilled to announce that Empire 4W has earned the Gold Medal in the first round of the Science News Communicator 2024 Competition for Grade 1-3 students (English version), organized by King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi!

Empire 4W showcased outstanding skills in presenting science news, and we couldn't be prouder. Next up: the final round in December!

Let's cheer Empire 4W on as they continue their journey toward becoming an inspiring young science communicator!



SEOJOON 2L

Congratulations to Seojoon on competing in the GAD Thailand Championship 2024 on October 27th at the Uniland Golf & Country Club in Nakhon Pathom! We're proud of your dedication to the sport. Well done, Seojoon!



SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



Messages from the Head of Secondary

As usual it has been an exciting few weeks here in Secondary. I'd like to extend my thanks to everyone who attended our recent Parent-Teacher Conferences and the BRIT ed University Fair. These events underscored the importance of strong partnerships between home and school and gave students and parents valuable insights into the next steps on their academic and career journeys. The opportunity to meet representatives from top UK universities and explore future pathways is a key ingredient in our students' future success.

I am also thrilled to share the fantastic news that two of our student bands, 7-Beat and Bandjam, have been selected

for the Battle of the Bands finals in Kuala Lumpur! This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to their talent, dedication, and teamwork. They've worked tirelessly to reach this stage, and we couldn't be prouder. Let's all cheer them on as they prepare to represent Charter on an international stage!

Finally, with residential trips just around the corner, I'd like to wish everyone a safe and rewarding experience. These trips are an invaluable part of our students' development, giving them a chance to build resilience, teamwork skills, and independence, all while making unforgettable memories with friends. Residentials provide unique learning opportunities that extend well beyond the classroom, fostering

growth, confidence and experience which is vital for our students' holistic development.

Thank you again to our vibrant Charter community, and I look forward to hearing about all of the amazing experiences all of our students have had on their residentials.

Warm regards,
Mr Adam Plant
Head of Secondary
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TEACHER FEATURE

This editions teacher to be featured is Ms Narula who joins us to teach Computing and Computer Science in the Secondary School.



Ms Narula
Computing and Computer Science

I'm thrilled to join Charter International School in Bangkok! With 18 years of professional experience, including a decade leading digital marketing projects and 8 years teaching Computer Science, I bring a wealth of expertise and enthusiasm to my new role. My background in digital marketing has honed my skills in innovative thinking and problem-solving, which I'm excited to integrate into my teaching approach. Outside the classroom, I'm passionate about singing, exploring new cultures, and immersing myself in nature. Traveling and discovering diverse perspectives continually inspire me and enrich my teaching methods. I'm eager to combine my love for technology and creativity to create an engaging and dynamic learning environment for our students. Here's to an exciting and impactful year ahead!

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



MINDFULNESS DRUMMING

At the end of the first half of Term 1, our Key Stage 3 students had the incredible opportunity to explore the rhythms and tunes of the world through drumming workshops led by renowned percussionist Mr. Andy Gleadhill. Through the workshops, students learned about diverse cultural beats, explored world percussion instruments, and showcased their newfound skills in an energetic performance at the end of the day. Our IGCSE music students also had the opportunity to attend a topic focused workshops by Mr Andy focusing on the focused world music topic from the new IGCSE syllabus.

In addition, our staff enjoyed a rejuvenating 'Mindfulness Drumming' session led by the talented Mr. Andy as part of our CPD programme. The session was a wonderful blend of rhythm, relaxation, and team-building, allowing staff to recharge, refocus, and connect through the art of drumming.

A big thank you to Mr. Gleadhill for an unforgettable musical experience that inspired creativity and global appreciation through rhythm!



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

A huge congratulation to two of our very own Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 5 bands - 7-Beat and BandJam! These two bands successfully earned a place in the final round of the FOBISIA Battle of the Band competition which will take place at Nexus International School, Kuala Lumpur in January 2025. The audition round was highly competitive. The response from FOBISIA schools has been absolutely incredible, and the hosting school received a huge number of submissions this year. We are truly proud of both of our Key Stage 3 band (students from Year 8 - Iya, Melody, Lydia, Kim, Sung Gi, Pooh and James) and Key Stage 5 band (Sixth Form students - Kiwi, June, Bharat, Hyun, David and Neo) to stand out from so many other bands and represent Charter International School to perform at the final round alongside other bands from other FOBISIA schools. We wish them all the very best for their performance at the competition!



PAWS RESCUE HUA HIN VISITED



Year 7, have started their service projects this year with a lot of dedication and commitment to the cause. PAWS Rescue Hua Hin visited to share some information about the amazing work they do and inspire our Year 7 students to push forward with raising awareness and fundraising for this great cause.



UNIVERSITY FAIR

Last week Charter hosted a bespoke university fair in collaboration with Brit Education UK and universities from Thailand. 42 universities were represented at the event which was attended by parents, students and teachers.

It was lovely to see so many students engaging with the universities, quizzing them about courses, fees and university life. The number of parents accompanying their children highlighted how important this event is in our school calendar as the university journey is one we explore together.

What really impressed the university representatives I spoke to after the event was how knowledgeable our students were about universities and everything they have to offer. They commended them for asking some excellent questions and enjoyed meeting and talking with them.

As the morning progressed I witnessed our students growing in confidence by approaching stalls and engaging with representatives. Teachers were on hand to encourage those who were hesitant at first but were fully immersed by the end of the fair.

Applying for post-18 courses is all about making informed choices and I hope this event has provided our students with the knowledge they need to narrow down their application shortlists in the very near future.



SECONDARY PTC

We were thrilled to see strong attendance at our recent Parent-Teacher Conferences held in the Lily Theatre. Thank you to all the parents who joined us and also helped us test the new booking system. These conferences provide invaluable opportunities for parents and teachers to come together, discuss students' progress, and collaborate on supporting each student as they progress in their IGCSEs and A Levels. We look forward to keeping these important conversations going throughout the year!



COFFEE MORNING: SUPER-CURRICULA GUIDANCE



The session kicked off emphasising the importance of good academic grades if you want to be admitted to a great university. However; it needs much more than that. This is where students must show a passion beyond just what they are taught. Parents were advised on how to support wider reading and what sort of activities to encourage to make sure that each Charter student is ready to successfully follow their dreams, whatever that may be. It was clear from the number and variety of questions at the end how important explaining this is to parents.



COFFEE MORNING: KS3 CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT AT CHARTER

Another highly engaging coffee morning with parents, featuring discussions on our KS3 Curriculum and Assessment. The session provided a valuable opportunity to connect with parents and ask questions to gain a deeper understanding of how we can all support and assess learning to maximise student progress and personal development. As always, we appreciate the excellent active participation and thoughtful contributions that parents show here at Charter.

