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***In Loving Memory Of
Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, The Queen Mother***

***With deepest respect and heartfelt sorrow,
the Charter International School community
honours Her Majesty's grace, compassion,
and lifelong devotion to the people of Thailand.***

***Her boundless kindness, wisdom, and love
will forever remain in our hearts.***





MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back to the second half of term 1. Although we are only in the second week, the holiday is a distant memory and Charter is buzzing with purpose and life.

One of focuses over the coming months, and even further into the future is building on our strong foundations of an inclusive, welcoming, high performance school, where every member of the community feels they belong, can be themselves and therefore succeed.

This happens in lots of ways. For example, I was lucky enough to spend Saturday and Sunday with a group of Secondary students at an MUN conference.

For those who don't know, Model United Nations, or MUN, is a chance for students to step into the shoes of world leaders. Acting as delegates from different countries, they research real global issues, debate ideas, and

work together to find solutions—just like the United Nations does. It's a fun and challenging way to learn about the world while practising public speaking, teamwork, and problem-solving.

MUN is valued because it helps students see things from new perspectives and appreciate different opinions. It builds confidence, empathy, and respect for others—skills that go far beyond the classroom. Most of all, MUN shows that everyone has a voice and that working together is the best way to make a difference.

Model United Nations is more than a simulation of global diplomacy—it's a celebration of inclusion, diversity, and respectful dialogue. In MUN, students step in to the shoes of delegates from around the world, representing a wide range of cultures, perspectives, and political viewpoints.

This encourages empathy and understanding, as participants learn to see complex global issues through lenses different from their own. Every student, regardless of background or experience, has a voice in debate and the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution.

Through collaboration and negotiation, MUN helps students recognise that solutions to global challenges are strongest when all perspectives are heard. It builds a sense of belonging and shared purpose, where differences are not only respected but valued as essential to progress. By engaging in MUN, students practise the inclusive mindset our school seeks to nurture—one that values diversity, fosters respect, and prepares young people to work together for a more understanding and connected world.

Neil Elrick
Head of School

FIRST AID ON CPD DAY

Our teachers became students again! As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, during the recent CPD day, all our Secondary teachers took part in First Aid training, refreshing their knowledge and practical skills to ensure they are ready to respond quickly and confidently in any emergency. This important refresher ensures that our staff are well-prepared to respond effectively should an emergency arise. At Charter, the safety and wellbeing of our students always come first, and we are proud of our staff's commitment to continuous learning and care.



TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN PRIMARY



Our Primary teachers and Teaching and Learning Assistants took part in a series of hands-on workshops focused on using technology to enhance learning, creativity, and innovation across the curriculum. These inspiring sessions explored exciting ways to integrate iPads into classroom practice - from making movies and manipulating images to using sound to capture children's voices and reflections. The day was filled with creative energy and fresh ideas, and we look forward to sharing some of the students' follow-up learning with you soon.

SUPER STAFF!

Big congratulations to our two Crazy Cat teachers, Miss Vanessa Waite and Miss Giorgia Hannan, who recently took part in the Crazy Cats Fun Run at Rama Nine Park and Nong Bon Reservoir.

Both teachers completed an impressive 10km run, with Miss Hannan finishing first in her category and Ms. Waite placing second!

We are incredibly proud of them for their outstanding achievements and for being such inspiring sporting role models for our students. Well done to both of you!





PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Messages from Head of Primary

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a fantastic start to the half term, and the children have returned rested, refreshed, and ready for learning. I am really beginning to notice a difference in attitudes towards reading, with more and more students choosing to pick up a book at any spare moment. The more children see their friends reading, the greater the excitement and enthusiasm grow.

Please continue to support this important initiative at home. Make reading, listening to stories, and talking about books a joyful daily ritual in your household. Together, we can nurture a lifelong love of reading.

I would also like to take a moment to express my condolences to our community as we mourn the passing of

Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother last week. Our sincere thoughts are with all families at this time, and I would like to thank you for your understanding regarding the cancellation of colourful festivities and the wearing of sombre colours during this period of mourning.

Please note that we will continue with Anti-Bullying Week, as this is an essential part of children's learning and wellbeing. We invite all students to wear odd socks on Monday 10th November to the beginning of the week and to emphasise the importance of individuality and kindness. However, due to this period of mourning, our planned Odd Socks Disco and Parade will not go ahead as originally scheduled. Thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we navigate this sensitive time together.

On a more positive note, I am delighted to announce this year's **House Captains**. The competition was a rigorous one, requiring students to think deeply, present confidently, and show their leadership potential. Congratulations to all the children who put themselves forward, and a special well done to those who were successful. We look forward to supporting these students as they take on their new leadership roles with pride and enthusiasm.

Warm regards,
Julie Kelly
Head of Primary



STAR OF THE WEEK
10TH OCT 2025



STAR OF THE WEEK
24TH OCT 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our new House Captains!

The quality of applications for this important role was outstanding this year. It was such a joy to see so many children step out of their comfort zones and deliver meaningful presentations to their audience. I was truly impressed by the creativity, thought, and effort that went into each application, and it was clear to see how invested the students were in the process.

I would like to thank every child who had the courage to apply—you were all wonderful and should feel very proud of yourselves.

A very big **congratulations** goes to our new House Captains for the year! We look forward to seeing how you model our Schoolwide Learner Outcomes (SLOs) and set a strong example of leadership across the school.

Samet



Grace



Dorrya

Phuket



Sun



Smile

Lanta



Prize



Aigiul

NURSERY

Hosting our very first Early Years Open Morning for prospective families! We began the morning with wonderful performances from our two Reception classes, who delighted everyone with rhymes, a traditional folk dance, and lively percussion songs. Over 25 families joined us, filling the room with smiles and excitement.

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To complete the morning, guests visited three Charter classrooms to experience firsthand what learning looks like in our Primary School. I felt really proud of the teachers and of course the students who showed diligence and determination.

It truly was a wonderful morning, showcasing our children's confidence, creativity, and love of learning.



THE EARLY YEARS THAI

In Thai class, the children enjoyed fun activities that helped develop their fine motor skills through drawing, colouring, and collage-making. They also learned Thai vocabulary connected to the main classroom themes. The children had a wonderful time practising new words while strengthening their little hands.



STORYTELLERS IN KGN

This week, the children have been busy becoming storytellers! Together, we learnt a story called *The Noisy House* — a tale about a man who thinks his home is too loud, his wise grandma tells him to bring in even more animals which makes his house even louder! But when the animals finally leave, he discovers how quiet and peaceful his house really was all along.

The children then used their imagination to adapt the story to make it their own. Instead of Grandma asking for the same animals, they chose exciting new ones — including unicorns, wriggly worms, and furry tigers! The children then drew their chosen animals and added them to their story maps, creating their own fun and unique versions of *The Noisy House*.



YEAR 1L AND YEAR 3P BUDDY READING

Year 1 and Year 3 joined forces in the library to practise their reading skills. Year 1 showed excellent listening to the year 3 children, while year 3 enjoyed having an audience. It was lovely to see such collaboration.



YEAR 1B AND YEAR 3B BUDDY READING



This week, Year 3B and Year 1B enjoyed a collaborative reading session, focused on building confidence and connection. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed sharing their passion for reading with our younger learners in Year 1 who were an engaged audience throughout the session.

The session was a wonderful way to develop a shared love of reading across Year 3 and Year 1.



YEAR 1 - DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

On Wednesday 29th October, Year 1 students invited their parents and guardians to their first DEAR session of the year. A fantastic turn out from families allowed the children to showcase their wonderful reading of 'The Tin Forest', demonstrating how we use choral and echo reading in class.

After, the children spent some quality time with their parents and guardians reading books, and fostering a real love for reading - which is what we strive for at Charter! A huge thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to join us, and we are excited for our next DEAR!



YEAR 2 MOORI MOORI FARM TRIP

Year 2 went on their first school trip of this academic year. We went to a place called Moori Moori Playfarm, which links in with our IPC, Our Earth, Our Home.

The children had three lovely activities waiting for them to do;

1. Decorate cookies
2. Decorate a cup made from potatoes and plant seeds inside.
3. Mix up the animal food and then feed it to the different animals.

The children had a thoroughly good day as you can see in the pictures and we were able to link our learning from IPC and English into the day. We looked at how the animals moved and we used our adjectives and adverbs to describe the movements. We would definitely recommend coming here again!



YEAR 2 PUT ON A GREAT EXIT POINT FOR OUR IPC - OUR EARTH, OUR HOME.

The students got the classroom prepared in the morning, ready to greet their parents in the afternoon.

They showcased their dioramas that they made, replicating different environments they had learnt about. They added in the animals, insects and plants that could also be found in these habitats.

The children used the Ipad to share their learning of Google Earth and were able to visit some of the different environments that they based their dioramas on.

We had a great turn out from parents which is always positive and everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon. Well done Year 2 students for being great effective communicators and showing what responsible citizens they can be.



YEAR 3 - DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

Our recent DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) session with Year 3 was a delightful celebration of our love for books and reading! We began the morning with a funny and engaging story, *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers, read aloud by Ms. Suzy and Ms. Veronika. The students were in fits of laughter as they followed the hilarious tale of a boy trying to retrieve his kite from a tree—using increasingly silly methods!

After enjoying the read-aloud, students collaborated with their parents to reflect on their favourite childhood books, sharing memories and thoughtful discussions about the joy of reading. It was heartwarming to see such meaningful conversations taking place across the classroom.

We ended the session with a quiet, shared reading time where students, parents, and teachers read together, creating a calm and connected atmosphere to close the morning. A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us, your presence helped make this event truly special. In Year 3, we love reading, and events like these remind us how powerful and joyful stories can be when shared.



YEAR 5 - EXIT POINT

What a wonderful choice of song to open and close the Year 5 assembly, which celebrated and shared the fantastic learning that has taken place in 5G and 5N this term.

As part of their IPC unit Bake It, the children explored the fascinating science behind yeast through hands-on experiments and investigations. They applied their learning by baking their own bread and researching different types from around the world - comparing taste, texture, and cultural significance.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined us for this special occasion. The students' knowledge, confidence, and communication skills were truly impressive — and their energy and passion during the song absolutely raised the roof!



YEAR 6 COFFEE MORNING

The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) Coffee Morning last half term was exactly as described in the title: A Parent's Guide to the IPC.

Thank you to everyone who attended this important session, where our in-house expert, Mrs Sonyia Jackson, shared a detailed overview of this exciting curriculum along with the philosophies and practices that underpin it. The presentation can be found on the Charter Website.

The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) enriches students' understanding of the world around them by connecting learning to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and providing meaningful, collaborative experiences that build knowledge, skills, and global awareness.

We are very proud of the IPC at Charter, now in its second year, and feel fortunate to have such a knowledgeable IPC Coordinator continuing the fantastic work launched by Ms Sharran Thurlow last year.



THE U9 AND U11 FOOTBALL TEAMS

The U9 and U11 football teams opened their season with spirited matches against BCIS. Strong teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were on full display—an excellent start to the year ahead!



PRIMARY PTC

The Primary Parent-Teacher Conferences ran very smoothly at the end of last half term and were a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a fantastic term in our new classes. There were many proud parents, and teachers thoroughly enjoyed sharing the achievements and progress of their students.

Thank you all for your continued support over the past few weeks. With so many new teachers and students joining Charter, it can be challenging to help everyone settle—but together, we have created a truly successful half term filled with learning, fun, and friendship.



BKK DOLPHINS SWIM FEST

Our Charter swimmers made a big splash at the BKK Dolphins Swim Fest on Saturday, 5 October! Competing against schools from across Bangkok, our team showed outstanding determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

It was fantastic to see so many personal bests, confident race starts, and supportive cheers from teammates. A huge well done to all our swimmers for representing Charter with pride and positivity — and thank you to our parents for their continued support from the stands!



EARLY YEARS COFFEE MORNING - THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY

Early Years and Year 1 parents joined a Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 29th October, to learn more about the importance of play in early years teaching and learning. The session explored different types of play including sensory, pretend, active, solitary, and parallel play. It was also highlighted how play supports children's brain development.

Parents took part in fun quizzes and lively discussions and received practical tips on how to support play at home. These included suggestions for simple resources to use, ways to join in with children's play, and how to communicate effectively to make the most of learning opportunities through play. It was an engaging and enjoyable morning for all.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



ESTHER

Congratulations to Esther on receiving the Gold Prize in the Little Music Talents (Piano) category at the 9th Asia Aegean International Music Competition, held during June-July 2025.

This outstanding achievement reflects her dedication, discipline, and love for music. Well done, Esther! #CharterInternationalSchool



ACRE

Congratulations to Acre on his outstanding achievements in tennis!

Aker achieved 1st Runner-Up at the Nextgen Star Thai Championship and earned 2nd Runner-Up titles at the PTT Developmental Tennis Tournament – Central Region (Bangkok) and Northern Region (Chiang Mai).

His dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship truly shine through every match—well done, Acre

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



ALICIA

Congratulations to Alicia in 5G!

Last week, Alicia took part in the Yamaha Violin Competition and was awarded a Silver Certificate for her wonderful performance.

We are so proud of her dedication and talent.



TUBTIM AND TAN TAN

Congratulations to **Tan Tan (Year 7)** and **Tubtim (Year 5)** for their outstanding success in the Thailand International Mathematical Olympiad (TIMO)!

Tan Tan earned a **Gold Medal**, while Tubtim received a **Bronze Medal** — a testament to their dedication, analytical thinking, and exceptional problem-solving skills.

Their achievements reflect not only hard work and perseverance but also a genuine passion for mathematics. May this success inspire them — and others — to keep exploring, learning, and striving for excellence!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



MIA

Congratulations to Mia (Y1B) for her outstanding achievements at the 8th PK Gymnastics Competition 2025, held on 19th October 2025.

Mia participated in three events and delivered an impressive performance:

- Ball Apparatus Gymnastics (Ages 4-6) – Gold Medal
- Body Skill Gymnastics (Ages 4-6) – Gold Medal
- 10 Flexibility Gymnastics Poses (Ages 4-6) – Silver Medal

We are so proud of her talent, dedication, and graceful performance!



LILIN

Lilin's amazing performance at the 4th JRC Gymnastics Star Championship 2025! Competing in the WAG Level 2 International category, she took on the older 10-13 age group and soared! She won a Silver Medal and ranked 19th out of 50 gymnasts. What a star!





SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome from the Head of Secondary

Dear parents,

As a school community this week we pause to reflect with deep respect on the passing of Her Majesty the Queen Mother. Her lifelong dedication to service and compassion remains a powerful example to us all, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family and the people of Thailand during this period of mourning. The Secondary marked this on Wednesday with a minutes silence and some poetry from Proud in year 13.

The Secondary also celebrated the festival of Diwali to remind us of the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. It has been wonderful to see our students learning about and sharing in the cultural richness of this important festival and taking

part in making rangolis in the Secondary atrium!

This month has also seen outstanding student participation across a range of competitions. Our F1 in Schools team represented Charter with innovation and teamwork at the F1 Motor Sport Challenge in Singapore, our musicians showcased their creativity at the FOBISIA Music Band Competition, and our young changemakers took part in the Bangkok Youth Climate Action Challenge highlighting their commitment to sustainability and leadership.

Looking ahead, our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences will be an excellent opportunity to connect, reflect on student progress, and discuss next steps

for continued growth and success. We look forward to seeing many of you there and appreciate your continued support in making our Secondary School such a vibrant and caring community.

Warm regards,
Mr. Adam Plant
Head of Secondary

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



YEAR 7 COFFEE MORNING - KANCHANABURI TRIP

Year 7 parents were invited to find out more about our annual residential trip. This year the students will be going on an activity-packed trip to the beautiful location of Erawan national park. Parents asked many good questions about the trip and comments were noted to ensure all students are able to participate and enjoy the trip.



YEAR 8 COFFEE MORNING - SAMUT SONGKRAM TRIP

On **8th October**, parents joined an information session about the upcoming **Year 8 Residential Trip**, scheduled for **1st-4th December**. The trip will focus on **Thai culture and history**, offering students hands-on experiences in local communities and heritage sites. It promises to be a memorable journey. Everyone is looking forward to a meaningful experience that combines learning, adventure, and personal growth.



YEAR 10 COFFEE MORNING - KANCHANABURI TRIP

Trip Leaders have been very busy organizing worthwhile and enjoyable trips for all of our Secondary students. The Year 10 Trip is a special one. It is both a Residential trip and the first step for those students wishing to pursue the Duke of Edinburgh International Award as it Incorporates the IA Bronze Practice journey of hiking and camping. As a licensed centre for the award, Charter offers our students this valuable opportunity from Bronze up to Gold level - something which is highly recognized by universities worldwide. The Year 10 coffee morning helped parents understand more about the award as well as detailing the activities and locations for this year's trip. It was great to see parents (and students!) so interested; from self-sufficient camping to raft building and paddle boarding on the historically significant River Kwai, this Residential really is a special one packed full of amazing activities and character building challenges that are part of a much bigger developmental picture.



BANGKOK YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION CHALLENGE

Our students proudly represented Charter at the Bangkok Youth Climate Action Challenge 2025, part of Bangkok Climate Action Week hosted at Bangkok Prep.

Our Year 9 team, "The Food Doods," was invited to showcase their project demonstrating exceptional creativity, curiosity, and enthusiasm for environmental action. They presented their innovative ideas on sustainable food sources and through their engaging presentation shared practical solutions that truly captured the spirit of young changemakers determined to make a difference.

Our Year 11 team, "Waste-Erase" shone brightly as one of the finalist teams, impressing judges and audiences alike with their innovative approach and powerful final pitch. In recognition of their outstanding innovation, teamwork and unwavering commitment to tackling food waste through sustainable solutions they were honoured with the prestigious Change Makers Award. A celebration of young leaders driving positive environmental change and building a more sustainable future.

Congratulations to both of our teams for their inspiring vision, dedication, and passion in building a greener, more sustainable future.



MATCH MOTORSPORT SHINES AT F1 IN SCHOOLS WORLD FINALS

A huge congratulations to Mach Motorsport on an outstanding showing at the F1 in Schools (STEM Racing) World Finals in Singapore. In a fiercely competitive field of 83 teams from around the world, our students represented Charter and Thailand with pride, finishing ahead of fellow Thai teams at the event. They capped the week with a memorable pit-lane experience at the Singapore Grand Prix. Well done, team



WILDCHORDS KS3 MAKE THE FOBISIA BATTLE OF THE BANDS LIVE FINAL!

Charter International School is thrilled to announce that WildChords representing KS3 has advanced to the Live Final of the 2025 FOBISIA Battle of the Bands (BoTB), placing them among the top 18 bands in Asia in their age group!

In the preliminary round, Charter also had bands from KS4 (Phantom 5) and KS5 auditioning alongside WildChords from KS3. After fierce competition, WildChords impressed the judges with their talent, creativity, and teamwork, earning their spot in the Live Final.

We are incredibly proud of all the bands and we can't wait to see WildChords shine on the regional stage in January!



YEAR 9 – EXPLORING AUTOMATION THROUGH VEX IQ SENSORS

Year 9 students are learning about automation through VEX IQ Robotics by exploring different types of sensors and how they help robots respond to their environment. They are using sensors such as the touch sensor to detect obstacles, the color sensor to follow lines, the distance sensor to measure how far objects are, and the gyro sensor to keep the robot moving in the right direction. This hands-on work helps them understand how sensors are used in real-life automation to make machines smarter and more accurate.



HAPPY DIWALI

Diwali Celebration at Charter International School – 22nd October

The Charter community came together on **22nd October** to celebrate the **Festival of Lights – Diwali** with great enthusiasm and joy. The assembly began with a beautiful video featuring **Charter families celebrating Diwali** in their own homes, showcasing the diversity and togetherness that make our community so special.

Students also watched an informative video explaining the **significance and stories behind Diwali**, helping everyone understand the deeper meaning of the festival — the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

During lunchtime, students enthusiastically participated in **Rangoli-making activities**, using vibrant colours and fresh flowers to create stunning designs. It is a traditional way to welcome happiness and prosperity into homes during Diwali.

It was a truly delightful celebration that reflected the spirit of unity, creativity, and cultural appreciation at Charter International School.



EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS RECOGNISED ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Congratulations to Alice and Ju Yeon for their outstanding performance in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, a highly regarded international competition for students in Year 13 and below. Alice earned a Silver Award, and Ju Yeon achieved a Gold Award, placing her within the top 33% of competitors worldwide.

This is a fantastic achievement that reflects their dedication, problem-solving skills, and passion for mathematics. Well done to both of you!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



TAN TAN

Congratulations to TanTan on his impressive performance at the World Changers Cup 2025, his very first debate competition!

TanTan excelled in both categories — in Debate, he went through all five motions and advanced to the Octo-final round, and in Public Speech, he was selected as one of the Top 10 Finalists out of more than 70 contestants.

We're incredibly proud of his hard work, courage, and commitment. A special thank you to Mr. Plant, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Moxy for their invaluable support and early morning practice sessions that helped him prepare for this milestone experience.

TanTan shared that he's eager to keep improving and return next year — what an inspiring start to his debating journey!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



SATANG (ALUMNI)

Satang has been working on her Art independently since leaving Charter.

Her work got selected for the Bangkok International Illustration Fair which was held at CentralWorld last week. She uses cats as inspiration for her artwork using a unique expressive illustration style.



NAKI

Congratulations to Naki on her remarkable achievement at the Tokyo Final Round 2025!

Naki competed in the singing finals in Tokyo, Japan, and proudly earned 1st Place – Gold Medal in this prestigious competition.

Her passion, confidence, and dedication truly shone on stage — an inspiring accomplishment indeed!

