

# CHARTER NEWS

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***'Students uniformly state that Charter provides a warm, supportive atmosphere that focuses on whole child development.'***

**“在校学生们一致认同查特国际学校为学生提供了一个温馨，支持氛围强，注重学生成长和全面发展的环境。”**

**‘นักเรียนทุกคนพูดเป็นเสียงเดียวกันว่า โรงเรียนนานาชาติชาร์เตอร์มอบบรรยากาศที่อบอุ่นและให้การสนับสนุนอย่างดี โดยมุ่งเน้นการพัฒนานักเรียนแบบองค์รวม ครอบคลุมทุกมิติของการเติบโตในอนาคต’**

*CIS/WASC May '23*



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope you all enjoyed our wonderful book days yesterday and today. It was particularly wonderful to see so many of you celebrating a love of reading yesterday. Both in the parade and then later in the Early Years.

One of my favourite memories is reading to my children each night. It was both a moment to bond and a quiet and calming way to get them to bed and off to sleep!

Two of my favourites were, from when they were very young, the tongue twisters in Dr. Suess' 'Fox in Socks', which the secondary students got a quick burst of this morning in assembly. Great fun for children to listen to and great fun to read. I am not sure anything instilled a love of language and

reading in them more than this wonderful little book. As they became older though, their tastes changed, but I still found time to read them. Not always at bedtime anymore, but perhaps after dinner or a Sunday afternoon.

I particularly remember reading all of the Harry Potter books to them in order. Doing the different voices and really trying act through my voice. Although on many occasions, we found Hermionie talking in Hagrid's voice as I got confused with whose was whose!! It's still a great shared memory of ours

A love of reading and books is without doubt one of the best gifts you can give your child. It opens up new worlds for them, sparks their imaginations and gives them access to a huge range

of knowledge and ideas. Next week we have Secondary PTCs scheduled for some year groups. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to hear exactly how your child is performing in their lessons and be there with your child as the teacher explains the next steps to you so they can make their next leap forward. Please do make appointments with your child's teachers to ensure you see everyone you need to and don't wait around too long either. These will be followed very quickly by the Primary ones.

Looking further ahead, we have our Song Kran festivities to look forward to. I will be writing to you in the next few days with details of that and inviting you in to school to see the students perform in the Song Kran celebrations and, if you wish to, to take part in Merit Making at the start of the final day of the term.

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](mailto:nelrick@charter.ac.th).



**'My teachers were very interested in us doing well and ensured that we would do so. The school as a whole had a warm environment making it easy to enjoy my time there.'**

Pete, University student at University of British Columbia , Earth and Environmental Sciences



# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## Messages from Head of Primary

This week has been one of my absolute favourites at Charter, all because of the incredible build-up to World Book Day! Reading is the greatest gift we can give a child, opening doors to new worlds, sparking imagination, and nurturing a lifelong love of learning. Events like World Book Day remind us of the power of books—how they bring us together, inspire conversations, and create lasting memories.

The highlight for me was undoubtedly the **World Book Day Parade**, where children proudly represented their favourite *fiction or nonfiction*

characters, carrying their books with pride. Seeing the excitement in their eyes as they talked about their costumes and book choices was truly heartwarming.

Throughout the day, I had so many wonderful conversations about book characters, space travel, and astronauts—my personal passion! It was a joy to hear children talk so enthusiastically about their own favourite topics and discoveries.

A huge **thank you** to our dedicated team of staff for making this week so special and to our families for encouraging a love of reading at home.

Thank you to everyone who came along and joined in with the celebrations. For those who could not make it, we hope you enjoy the photographs.

Let's keep the excitement alive—because every day is a great day for a good book!

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend and happy reading!

Mrs. Julie Kelly  
Head of Primary



STAR OF THE WEEK  
28TH FEB 2025



STAR OF THE WEEK  
7TH MAR 2025



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## INTRODUCING CHILD-FRIENDLY SCHOOLWIDE LEARNER OBJECTIVES (SLOs) IN EARLY YEARS

At Charter, our Schoolwide Learner Objectives (SLOs) are at the heart of our teaching and learning. But how can we introduce these important values to our youngest learners in a way they can understand?

Our Early Years team worked together to see the SLOs through the eyes and ears of our students. We developed child-friendly language that makes these core values easy to integrate into daily teaching and meaningful for our learners.

Since the Charter emblem features a unicorn, the new Early Years SLOs are represented by colour-coded versions of this mythical creature. Each uniquely coloured unicorn embodies an essential value, making it fun and engaging for young learners to connect with and remember these important principles.

The Early Years SLOs are:

"We are kind and helpful" – Representing a Responsible Citizen

"We are curious" – Representing a Critical Thinker

"We care about others and the world" – Representing an Internationally Minded Learner

"We try our best" – Representing an Academically Successful Student

"We take turns to talk and listen" – Representing an Effective Communicator

The children in Early Years are already engaging with these newly introduced SLOs. They will be celebrated in our Star of the Week certificates and reinforced through child-friendly stories in our weekly assemblies, helping to embed these values in a meaningful and memorable way.



## YEAR 1 THAI TFL

In this lesson, TFL1, students learn how to call different shapes in Thai. They explore names for shapes like circle, square, triangle, and more. After that, they have fun creating various objects using these shapes while practicing their Thai. This activity will help students connect language and creativity, while learning Thai.



## YEAR 2L EXIT POINT

Year 2L had a fantastic Exit Point for their IPC, 'Let's Celebrate.' It was a great opportunity for the children to showcase their learning and share their knowledge with their parents. We had children stationed in different areas around the classroom showcasing their work. The children had previously decided what they wanted to show and how the classroom would be set up, along with decorations and food. Some of the different stations were; Placemats designed and made by the children, timelines of their celebrations that they had taken part in during their lives so far. We had two children doing Henna Tattoos on parent's hands. Some children were explaining about the masks they had designed and decorated while others were showing Diwali candle holders, Menorahs and Rangoli flowers that were made. Overall, everyone seemed to enjoy it. Well done 2L, you rock!





## YEAR 2D ASSEMBLY

Year 2D were proud to present their learning about festivals and celebrations from their recent IPC unit, Let's Celebrate, in the Primary assembly last Friday. Our talented mask - changer, Ray, stunned the audience with an amazing mini performance, whilst some of the Year 2D girls showed their graceful Thai dancing. Friday was a special day for some people, though it wasn't a Chinese or Thai festival! Year 2D linked their recent visit to the local mosque and the crescent moon - signalling the start of Ramadan. The children shared Trivia Time facts about Ramadan, celebrated by Muslims all over the world at this time. It is a time when people think about being generous and kind to others, stopping bad habits and focusing on right choices. Something that we should aim for everyday. We are challenged to participate in the 30 day gratitude challenge where we can think of different things each day that we are grateful for. There are lots of things to be grateful for and to celebrate.



## YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Year 5 recently returned from an incredible three-day residential at iCamp Kanchanaburi, where they embraced adventure, teamwork, and new challenges. From the moment they arrived, students immersed themselves in exciting activities, including trekking, survival skills, soap-making, and even their own Olympics! They demonstrated resilience and collaboration in team-building challenges and put their creativity to the test in cooking and craft sessions. Evenings were filled with movie nights, talent shows, and cozy campfires with marshmallow toasting. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop independence, strengthen friendships, and create lasting memories. After an action-packed experience, they returned home with plenty of stories to share!



## CHARTER CHESS PLAYERS SHINE AT THE KING'S INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

On February 9th, ten talented students from Charter International School proudly represented our community at the prestigious King's International Chess Tournament. The event, held in a competitive yet friendly atmosphere, saw young players from various schools test their strategic skills against some of the best young minds in the region.

Our Charter Chess Team approached each match with enthusiasm, determination, and true sportsmanship. Whether they won or lost, they remained supportive of one another, showing great team spirit and resilience throughout the tournament. It was truly inspiring to see our students embracing challenges, thinking several moves ahead, and displaying remarkable focus in every game.

Adding to the excitement, most of our players proudly wore the brand-new Charter chess shirts, which turned heads and made our team stand out. The striking black-and-white checkered design, featuring the Charter unicorn as a chess knight on a bold red background, symbolized both tradition and strength—qualities that our students embodied during the tournament.

While the competition was tough, our players gained invaluable experience, formed new friendships, and left the event with even greater motivation for future tournaments. Their participation is a testament to the growing strength of the Charter Chess program, and we look forward to seeing them continue to excel on the chessboard.

A huge congratulations to all ten students who participated—you have made Charter proud!





## BANGKOK PRIMARY CHORAL FESTIVAL 2025

From February 5th to 7th, our Primary Choir had an incredible three days of singing, drama, dance, and art at Bangkok Patana School! Under the inspiring direction of the renowned composer Lin Marsh, our students collaborated with young singers from 15 international schools, forming new friendships and creating beautiful music together.

The festival culminated in a fantastic final performance on Friday, February 7th, and we couldn't be prouder! A huge thank you to our supportive parents—this was truly a memorable and inspiring experience for all!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO REN AND ALICIA



We are thrilled to congratulate Ren (4W) and Alicia (4R) for their outstanding achievements at the K.Motors Fast Swimming Championship 2024, held at Assumption University, Bangna Campus.

### Ren's Achievements:

Champion & Gold Medal – Family Relay  
Bronze Medal – 50m Butterfly

### Alicia's Achievements:

Champion & Gold Medal – Family Relay  
Silver Medal – 25m Freestyle

Their dedication, hard work, and passion for swimming truly inspire us all! Congratulations, Ren and Alicia – we are so proud of you!



## WORLD BOOK DAY: A CELEBRATION OF READING!

What a fantastic World Book Day we had! The parade was a wonderful showcase of creativity, with students dressed as characters from both fiction and nonfiction. Thank you to all the parents who joined in the fun—your enthusiasm made the day even more special. Across the school, students engaged in a range of exciting reading-related activities. In 3T, performance poetry brought stories to life, while Year 4 got hands-on with a book-inspired pasta-making session. Year 6 students made important connections with their secondary peers through paired reading, fostering a love of literature across year groups. Meanwhile, our youngest learners in Early Years embarked on a thrilling real-life bear hunt, bringing their favorite story to life in the playground!

It was a joy to see our school community come together to celebrate the magic of books. Thank you for making it such a memorable day!



### COMING UP...

- **March 12**  
**Primary Spring Concert (KS2)**  
13:30 – 14:30 - Lily Theatre
- **March 14**  
**CPD DAY (school closed)**
- **March 18-21**  
**Year 6 Residential**
- **March 20**  
**Coffee Morning - Reading with your Child Early Years and KS1**  
8.10 - Secondary Library



# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



## Messages from the Head of Secondary

This week's Charter News has a strong STEM focus, with our students excelling in the Physics Olympiad and Maths Challenges. Their dedication and problem-solving skills highlight the strength of our science and mathematics programs, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.

Meanwhile, a love of words and books has also taken center stage. Our Charter Chronicles team, led by Ms. Carter, is preparing to launch an even bigger and better second edition, showcasing the creativity of our student writers. We also celebrated World Book Day, reinforcing the vital role reading plays in academic success, critical thinking, and self-expression. Throughout the day, students engaged in activities promoting reading as both a fundamental skill and a source of enjoyment.

Parents joined us for the IGCSE and A Level Coffee Mornings, where we explored subject choices, future pathways, and how the school supports students in making informed decisions. From selecting the right courses to building strong university portfolios, these discussions reinforced the importance of a well-rounded education that includes both academic excellence and extracurricular engagement.

I would also like to invite parents to our Parent-Teacher Conferences next week—a valuable opportunity to discuss student progress, celebrate achievements, and collaborate on the best ways to support each student's development. We encourage all parents to attend and look forward to these discussions.

On the international stage, we are

thrilled for our BLISS enterprise team, who will be representing Thailand at the Asia Pacific Junior Achievement Final in Japan next week. Their Best Commercial win and second-place finish nationally secured them this incredible opportunity, and we wish them the best as they compete against top student entrepreneurs from across the region.

Finally, best of luck to our basketball teams and to our bands competing in the TISAC Battle of the Bands this weekend. A huge thank you to the staff who make these opportunities possible and to our parents for your ongoing partnership in your child's education. Your support strengthens our school community, and I look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Best regards,  
Mr Adam Plant  
Head of Secondary



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

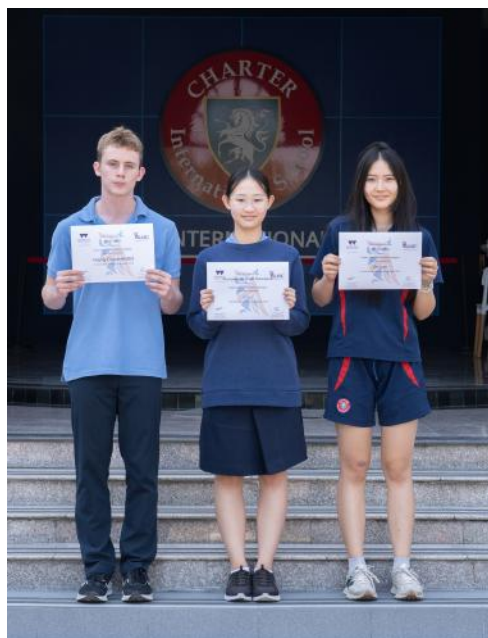


## BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD SUCCESS!

This time, our talented Year 11, 12, and 13 Biology students took on the challenge of the British Biology Olympiad, organised by the UKBC at the start of February. As the highest level of the Biology Olympiad, designed primarily for Year 13 and above, our students performed exceptionally well, showcasing their scientific knowledge and problem-solving skills.

Their fantastic results included : six students received Commendations, four earned Highly Commended awards, and our top achievers excelled: Naomi secured a Bronze Award, while Proud (Year 12) achieved an outstanding Silver Award!

A huge congratulations to all participants!



# YEAR 9'S UNFORGETTABLE VISIT TO ZERO LATENCY BANGKOK

Our Year 9 students recently embarked on an exhilarating adventure at Zero Latency Bangkok, marking an incredible introduction to the IGCSE curriculum! This immersive experience was designed to ignite their passion for learning while providing a unique and interactive way to explore key concepts.

At Zero Latency, students stepped into a world of cutting-edge virtual reality, where teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking were essential. As they navigated through thrilling challenges and collaborative tasks, they got a taste of the exciting topics and skills they will be mastering over the next two years.

The students worked together to solve complex puzzles, strategized to overcome virtual obstacles, and enjoyed the adrenaline rush of an immersive VR adventure. This visit was both educational and fun, setting the perfect tone for their IGCSE studies.

Overall, the trip to Zero Latency Bangkok was an action-packed day that combined learning and entertainment. Our students returned with a newfound enthusiasm for the IGCSE curriculum, ready to tackle the challenges ahead with confidence and excitement.

We look forward to more such enriching experiences in the future, as we continue to provide our students with opportunities that enhance their educational journey.





# FROM CHARTER TO THE STAGE: ALVIN'S PASSION FOR DRAMA SHINES ON

A lot of our Charter community will surely remember Alvin, a wonderful and popular student and also a well known stage presence who played lead roles brilliantly over many years. Despite studying medicine at university, Alvin has not given up his love of Drama, and last weekend saw the staging of his first production with his Thammasat Drama group, a dark tragedy titled 'Phyre and Brimstone'. Having taught and worked with Alvin for 7 years, i was overjoyed and immensely proud to be there and also chat with his team and the directors. They were all very pleased that he was part of their troupe, and as he showed again on stage, he has a real talent and passion for acting. And although I stressed how Alvin is the one responsible for his ever growing success, everyone was highly impressed with what we must be doing right at Charter! Keep breaking legs, Alvin!



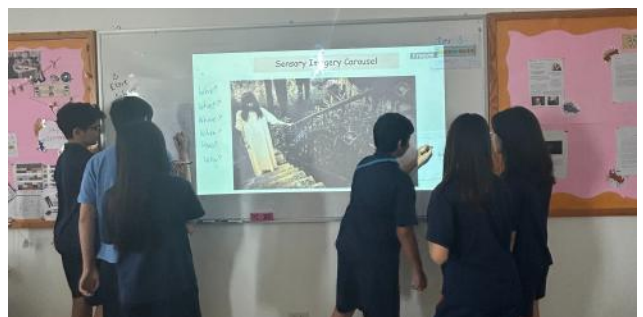
## ENGLISH LESSON

All key stages have been busy in their English lessons by enhancing their critical thinking and independent learning skills through active learning!

In Year 7, Miss Carter's students have been given evidence to consider which Shakespeare characters are victims and or villains, ahead of defending the characters in a 'court case.'

In Year 8, students have been working on their creative writing skills by crafting effective devices. Students have engaged in a sensory imagery carousel based on an image stimulus to develop ideas for narrative descriptions.

In second language iGCSE lessons, students created their own questions about zoos for their Animals topic. In groups, students rotated around the room, answering each other's questions to develop their ideas for For and Against arguments. Next, students will read zoo related articles, write reviews about their experiences of zoos and present a speech to their peers to practise their speaking and listening skills.



# BRIGHTON COLLEGE MEDICAL CONFERENCE

This week, a group of Year 11 and 12 students attended a bespoke medical conference at Brighton College, designed for those pursuing medical careers. The event offered insight into the application process and the tough decisions doctors face daily—and it certainly delivered.

The day began with a keynote by Dr. Andy Schillinger, a physiotherapist with 30 years of experience in national football teams. Joonki in Year 12 found his talk on sports and medicine fascinating.

Students then attended a session on developing their Thai university portfolios, receiving advice from top-trained doctors and reviewing portfolios from graduating students.

A medical ethics carousel tested students' decision-making skills. They explored the four pillars of ethics and debated challenging scenarios with peers from other schools. I was impressed by their maturity and collaboration.

A highlight of the afternoon was a talk on the UK university admissions process, with Imperial College London providing key insights. Jao Sua in Year 11 found the additional admissions testing information particularly informative.

The day concluded with Multiple Mini Interviews (MMIs), where students tackled four-minute tasks under professional observation. They showcased strong decision-making and collaboration, leaving the event enriched and inspired. It was an insightful and rewarding experience for all.





# JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT CHAMPIONS – BASE & BLISS!

A huge congratulations to our Junior Achievement teams for their incredible success at the JA Finals! BASE won Best Trade Fair, while BLISS won Best Commercial and secured second place overall—earning them a spot to represent Thailand at the Asia Pacific Final in Japan next week! Their innovation, teamwork, and entrepreneurial skills have been truly outstanding. We are so proud of their achievements and can't wait to see them shine on the international stage. Good luck, BLISS!



## SECONDARY WORLD BOOK DAY

Secondary celebrated World Book day on Friday, March 7th, with our secondary students and staff bringing their favorite book characters to life with some fantastic costumes! Over two days, students participated in paired reading sessions, and storytelling, fostering a love for reading and books across year groups. A special assembly featured a music performance and a challenge of guessing mystery staff readers. A wonderful celebration of storytelling and literacy. Happy World Book Day!

