

CHARTER NEWS

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Wai Kru

'โรงเรียนนานาชาติชาร์เตอร์มีแนวทางที่มุ่งมั่นในการสร้างสภาพแวดล้อมการทำงานที่เป็นมืออาชีพและเต็มไปด้วยความไว้วางใจ ซึ่งแนวทางนี้ไม่เพียงแต่สะท้อนผ่านการสนทนากับผู้ที่เกี่ยวข้องเท่านั้น แต่ยังช่วยสร้างบรรยากาศการทำงานที่เอื้ออำนวยต่อการทำงานร่วมกันและสะท้อนถึงความพึงพอใจในงานของบุคลากรอีกด้วย'

'查特国际学校有意创造了一个专业而值得信赖的工作环境，这超越了与利益相关者的交流，营造了一种有助于同事间合作的工作环境，并反映了员工的工作满意度。'

'Charter has a purposeful approach to creating a professional and trusting working environment which transcends conversations with stakeholders [and] fosters a conducive working environment that fosters collegiality and reflects job-satisfaction.'

CIS/WASC May '23



MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTOR

One of the things that has really struck me this term is how many times we get to see you on the campus.

Yesterday's WaiKru ceremony was a fantastic case in point. Not only was it great to see so many helping us celebrate this important milestone in every school in Thailand's calendar, but also to those of you who gave up your time on Wednesday to help make the paan. It looked like you had a fantastic afternoon. Charter's famed community spirit in action!

This spirit can also be seen through our RorDor students and their response to help the

victims of the terrible flooding we have seen lately in the North of the country.

Our community spirit manifests itself in many different ways. Sometimes its just everyday acts of kindness or good manners. Something that many visitors to the campus comment on.

It is the thriving Student Councils in both Primary and Secondary sections, where students give up their time to help each other and make their school a better place for everyone.

It's in ECAs such as 97%. A group our oldest students formed this club with the aim of...

As you can see the spirit of Wai Kru is strong in Charter. It doesn't mean just getting great exam results (although that's important!) . It is about showing respect to your teachers and school by growing into an amazing person, who can think for themselves and understands that they will enjoy life more, if they think about what they can do to make their communities better.

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 atmosphere was always very welcoming and warm, almost like family ever since the day I entered. It was the place where, so far, I have spent the majority of my life. It will always have a special place in my heart.'

Jannise (Class of '22), is now pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Biotechnology at Chulalongkorn University.



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome from the Head of Primary

It has been an action-packed fortnight in Charter. The students are very settled in their classes with their teachers and TLAs and there is a great sense of focus and determination as I continue to visit classrooms across the school.

A real highlight for me was the election of our new House Captains for Lanta, Samed and Phuket. I had the privilege of attending some of their presentations and was

impressed with how clearly the Year 6 students spoke to their audience and responded to questions. It's an honour to be elected as a house captain at Charter and I am confident that these students will be excellent role models for the younger children and embody the values of our school. For those who were not successful, don't be disheartened and remember,

'The one who falls and gets up is so much stronger than the one who never fell'

It seems fitting that our most recent Star of the Week was connected to our SLO 'Effective Communicator'. However, this encompasses more than public speaking alone. An effective communicator is also an active listener: a student who looks at the person who is talking to show they are listening; nods in agreement or questions politely; collaborates with others taking account of differing points of view.

If you want to learn more about the importance of collaboration, please come along to the IPC (International Primary Curriculum) Coffee Morning on Tuesday 1st October in the Lily Theatre.

Julie Kelly
Head of Primary



STAR OF THE WEEK
20TH SEPTEMBER 2024



HOUSE CAPTAINS
TJ, EMMA, RINO, KHUN, WAWA, AUGUST

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



WAI KRU

On Thursday, we celebrated the Wai Kru ceremony with great respect and tradition. Students presented their beautifully crafted flower 'Paan' arrangements to express gratitude to their teachers. It was a heartwarming moment, highlighting the deep bond between teachers and students. Thank you to all who contributed to making this special day so memorable!



KINDERGARTEN-V

In Kindergarten-V, the children learned about the parts of the face and body. They looked in the mirror to examine their facial features and identify each part. Afterwards, they painted over pictures of their whole bodies to label different body parts and had fun doing hand printing, too!

The class also talked about the things they could not do as babies, but now, as KG children, they can do so many new things. It was exciting for them to see how much they have grown and what they can accomplish now that they are older!

During 'Show and Tell,' the children talked about their families, activities, and the special events they celebrate together. They drew lovely pictures of their families and pretended to be mums and dads, taking care of everyone just like in real life!

COMING UP...

• OCT 1st - Tuesday

Coffee Morning:

Learning and Assessment in the International Primary Curriculum
3:15pm **Sec Library**

• OCT 7th - Monday

Coffee Morning:

Learning and Assessment in the International Primary Curriculum
3:20pm **Lily Theatre**

• OCT 8th - Tuesday

Year 3G Trip

Metro forest

• OCT 9th - Wednesday

Year 3T Trip

Metro forest

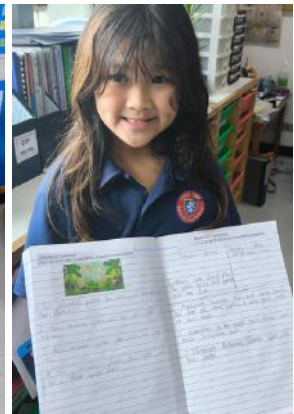


WHAT'S HAPPENING...



YEAR 2L

Year 2L have been working hard in English working on some great sentences. We have been learning all about; nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. We then looked at some different sentence openers instead of always using 'the' and started some with adjectives or our verbs. These are some of the fabulous examples from the children.



YEAR 4W



To kick off our new chocolate topic, 4W transformed themselves into Chocolate Scientists for a fun and interactive entry point. The afternoon was filled with excitement as we explored the world of chocolate using our senses. What could we discover about this tasty treat using just our sight, smell, touch, taste, and hearing?

We examined different types of chocolate, observing colours and textures, we took turns smelling various chocolate samples, discussed favourite smells, we even tried to hear the crunch of chocolate being broken. The highlight of the day, however, was definitely the tasting!

The Chocolate Scientist activities were a great success! Not only did we enjoy tasting lots of chocolate, but we also gained valuable knowledge about this delicious treat. The fun and interactive format encouraged teamwork and creativity, making it a fantastic start to our chocolate topic. We can't wait for the upcoming lessons where we will discover more about the Science and History of chocolate!

YEAR 5N

To conclude our exciting Brainwaves topic, Year 5N held a special learning seminar to showcase what we've discovered about improving memory and mastering new skills. In small groups, students took the lead, teaching their peers top Memory Strategies such as chunking, mnemonics, storytelling, and physical actions.

Each group explained the method, gave examples, and even challenged the audience to test their own memory! The interactive session was full of energy and creativity, with students rising to the challenge of demonstrating their new knowledge.

It was a fantastic way to open the year, with everyone actively engaged in exploring how our brains work. This is something we will remember not only throughout the year but in the future as well, as we continue to use these valuable memory strategies to become better learners!



PRIMARY CHOIR REHEARSED AND PERFORMED AT WAI KRU DAY

The Primary Choir, comprised of enthusiastic Year 3-5 students, delivered their first performance of the year at the Wai Kru Day ceremony. After weeks of dedicated rehearsals during their after-school ECA, the students worked on vocal projection and harmony. On Thursday, 26th September, they had the wonderful opportunity to perform the song 'The Third Grace' (Phra Khun Tii Saam), beautifully expressing their appreciation to their teachers. A big well done to all our young performers!



THAI AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE



Over the past weeks, students have explored the important topic of expressing gratitude and apology in Thai and other languages. They learned how to say "hello," "thank you," and "sorry," while gaining insight into the social etiquette of different cultures. As part of the learning process, students also worked on presentations, showcasing unique greeting gestures from various countries, including some that were surprising and new to them. This topic helped students understand not only language but also the rich cultural significance behind greetings and manners worldwide.



SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

Welcome from the Head of Secondary

As we move into the heart of the term, Secondary is buzzing with activity and enthusiasm. Our students are fully engaged, from competing in sports fixtures to launching The Charter Chronicles, our new student newspaper. The recent Wai Kru ceremony was a beautiful moment of respect and reflection, while lunchtime has become even more vibrant with activities like kimchi making! Inside the classrooms, exciting things are happening, with students immersing themselves in creative and challenging lessons.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming Residential Week in November, where all year groups will have the chance to learn and grow outside the classroom. Additionally, our Parent-Teacher Conferences are just around the corner, offering a valuable opportunity for parents to meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress for the first time this year. It's wonderful to see the energy and commitment of everyone as we continue to thrive this term!

Adam Plant
Head of Secondary

COMING UP...

- **OCT 3rd - Thursday**

Coffee Morning:

Online Safety and the use of
Technology and Social Media
3:15pm **Sec Library**

- **OCT 29th - Tuesday**

Parent Teacher Conferences :

Years 7-9
3:20pm **Lily Theatre**

- **OCT 24th - THURSDAY**

Parent Teacher Conferences:

Years 10 - 13
3:20pm **Lily Theatre**

TEACHER FEATURE



Mr Bulsara
Computer Science
ICT and Computing Department

This edition's teacher to be featured is Mr Bulsara who joins us from teaching the Middle East as our Computer Science teacher and IT integration manager.

I am thrilled to embark on my international teaching adventure at Charter International School in Bangkok. My background includes experience in the Middle East, where I taught Computing and served as a Digital Literacy Leader. Technology is a passion of mine, and I have a keen interest in Artificial Intelligence, especially as we navigate its evolving impact on both students and educators. The ongoing developments in AI present fascinating opportunities that I am eager to explore. Additionally, I have a love for discovering new cultures and cuisines, and Thailand's rich tapestry of flavors, traditions, and natural beauty is something I am looking forward to experiencing in depth.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



YEAR 7 UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

Our Year 7 students have transformed into real scientists in the lab! They've been zooming in on the microscopic world, mastering how to use microscopes to explore the hidden details of animal and plant cells. Each lesson brought new excitement, from cutting up onions to make microscope slides and watching diffusion in action as substances moved in and out of cells, to making real discoveries with their own eyes! To wrap up the unit, they tackled a series of exciting lab stations, putting their newfound knowledge to the test in a fun and interactive way. Keep up the amazing work, Year 7!



COFFEE MORNING: WELLBEING IN SECONDARY

Once again parents were welcomed in to listen and discuss about how wellbeing is addressed in the Secondary School, from Komodo tracking, in school support and intervention, and the PSHE curriculum. This was an informative and worthwhile event for both attendees and staff alike.



INTRODUCING: THE CHARTER CHRONICLES!

We are excited to introduce The Charter Chronicles, our new student-run newspaper! This club offers students a fantastic opportunity to hone their writing, editing, and journalism skills while sharing important stories, insights, and news about school life. Keep an eye out for the first issue—coming soon!



We are The Charter Chronicles!



We are a newspaper for secondary students, created by secondary students! We aim to create a student-friendly paper that will bring our school community even closer together. Whether it's science, arts or sports, there's something for everyone!



- Published every half-term; our first copy will be available by the end of Term 1
- Writers, editors, illustrators, graphic designers, photographers welcome
- Weekly press meetings/activities



WAI KRU



On Thursday the 26th September, our school community came together for the annual Wai Kru ceremony, a beautiful Thai tradition where students show their respect and gratitude to their teachers. The ceremony is an important occasion to reflect on the significance of learning and the vital role teachers play in guiding and shaping the future. Students presented flowers and staff and students were treated to traditional music performances and poem recitals symbolizing their appreciation and commitment to their studies. It was a meaningful event that deepened the bonds between students and teachers, reinforcing the spirit of respect and learning at our school.

YEAR 12 - POTATO CANNON

As part of their study on kinematics and dynamics topics, our Year 12 students recently took their learning outdoors with a hands-on experiment using potato cannons! By adjusting angles and initial velocities, they explored the fascinating principles of projectile motion in real-time. This exciting activity not only brought their curriculum to life but also sparked curiosity and collaboration among the students.



THAI AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE



In this unit, students explored Thai daily life and cultural traditions, focusing on how Thai people lived in the past. Key areas of study included education, food, lifestyle, and family values in Thailand. The students then conducted research on their own countries and compared these aspects with Thai traditions. We discovered that Asian countries share many similarities, while there are notable differences between Asian and European cultures. This comparison helped students deepen their understanding of cultural diversity and the unique traditions of Thai society.

KIMCHI MAKING

This week, the Korean Club brought the taste and tradition of Korea to lunchtime with an exciting kimchi-making and tasting session! Students gathered to learn how to prepare the popular dish, and with gloves on, they got hands-on experience. The session was a big hit, with many students getting involved and enjoying the delicious results. It was a great opportunity to explore a new culture and share in the culinary creativity!

