

# CHARTER NEWS

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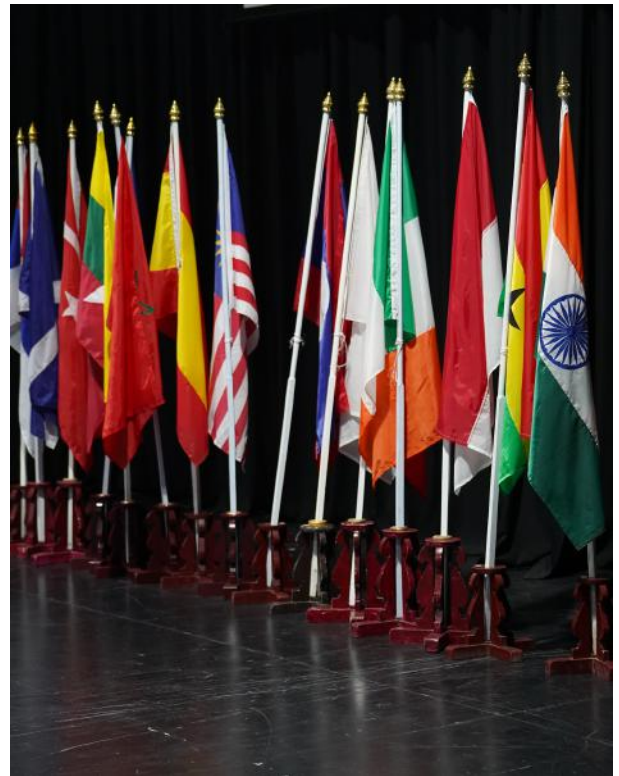
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CIS/WASC May '23



## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's been a wonderful time at Charter, since the last Charter News. So much brilliant stuff has happened.

First of all, we had what is certainly one of the highlights of the year: Our International Day celebrations.

Setting up, with all the different parents, for the international buffet, was my own personal highlight of the day.

There was such an incredible atmosphere in the room. It really summed up what the Charter community is all about. Different groups of friends coming together to showcase an aspect of their own culture. Not only working with their friends but making new friends too. Once again, I want to thank each and everyone of you who contributed their time, expertise and energy into making that a wonderful morning.

Of course, that is only a part of the international day and the most important part is the learning that goes on in the classrooms, not just on that one day, but throughout the year in developing our students as knowledgeable, empathetic, global citizens.



**'Spent half of my life there, it's a place where it's filled with irreplaceable memories & wonderful experiences.'**

**Best, Master student at AIT , Masters of Business Administration (MBA)**





We have finished one of big projects! for the year As you will see in the photos on the next page, the roofs of both the Primary and Secondary buildings are now covered in solar panels and with the finishing touches happening over the holiday, they are now online and pumping electricity. These panels are now generating around 40% of our energy, helping to make us a much more environmentally sustainable school.

As I write we have a joint CIS/WASC accreditation team in the school. Getting to this point has been a two year journey looking at every aspect of the school's operation.

It's been wonderful to look back on all of the progress we have made since the preparatory visit, nearly two years ago. The improvements to the school's infrastructure such as the sports hall or the air purifiers that are now in every room. Along with the developments that perhaps are not as visible, such as our systems that support learning and wellbeing. For example, the development in how we track academic progress or monitor student well being so we can ensure that each and every child has the best opportunity to reach their potential.

Their feedback will also provide some of the foundations for the next stage in the school's development.

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).





# INTERNATIONAL DAY







# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## Messages from Head of Primary

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and hear all about their holiday adventures. I have especially enjoyed chatting with them during breaktimes and lunchtimes—listening to their stories is always a highlight of my day!

This week has been particularly special as we have had our accreditation team visiting the school. They have spent time in lessons, meeting our fantastic teachers and seeing our incredible students in action.

I have no doubt that they are witnessing Charter Primary at its very best. The enthusiasm, hard work, and kindness shown by the children have been truly inspiring, and they are such a credit to you as parents.

A huge thank you for your continued support in helping your children shine. Their confidence, curiosity, and love for learning make our school such a wonderful place to be. I look forward to another exciting half-term ahead, filled with new learning opportunities and memorable experiences for all.

Mrs. Julie Kelly  
Head of Primary

## COMING UP...

- Feb 26th - 28th

Year 5 Residential Visit

- Mar 4th

Coffee Morning - Reading for Pleasure (Primary)

8.10 Lily Theatre

- Mar 5th - 7th

School photos

- Mar 6th

Primary World Book Day



STAR OF THE WEEK  
21TH FEB 2025

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## NURSERY - LET'S GO TO THE ZOO!

Our Nursery class went on a wild adventure to the zoo, where we discovered all sorts of amazing animals—cheeky monkeys, mighty gorillas, roaring lions, fierce tigers, and so much more!

Together, we built our very own open zoo, placing the animals in the grassland, the river, and on the mountain while learning cool facts about each one. The real excitement began when we learned about crocodiles!

Did you know that crocodiles lay eggs and hide them under the sand? We had so much fun searching for hidden eggs and were thrilled when we cracked them open to reveal baby crocodiles inside!

The fun didn't stop there! We made our own crocodile and monkey puppets and had a fantastic time chanting **"Five Little Monkeys Swinging in a Tree"** while making our crocodiles go *SNAP! SNAP!* What an unforgettable zoo adventure!





## YEAR 1B PIRATE DAY – A SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURE!

Ahoy there, mateys! On Monday 17th February, 1B set sail on an unforgettable Pirate Day filled with fun, creativity, and adventure. The day kicked off with an exciting pirate story, sparking imaginations and setting the scene for our IPC Entry Point. Inspired by the tale, the 1B children dove into writing their own pirate character descriptions, crafting fearsome captains and cheeky pirate pets.

Next, it was time to unleash their creativity by designing and making unique pirate flags, each one as bold and brilliant as a real buccaneer's! With flags flying high, the little pirates dived into classic pirate games, testing their agility and teamwork in treasure hunts and Pirate Ship challenges.

1B thoroughly enjoyed their IPC Entry Point engaging with a fantastic mix of literacy, art, and physical fun, leaving everyone eager to learn more about our new topic 'Treasure Islands'.



## YEAR 1 EXIT POINT

On Wednesday 5th February, Year One proudly hosted their 'Look and Listen' IPC Exit Point, inviting their parents to share all of their hard work from this half term. Our young learners showcased their understanding of sound and sight in an engaging and interactive way. The event began with a delightful poetry performance of *Hand on the Bridge*, where the children used rhythm, actions, and expressive voices to bring the poem to life. Their confidence and enthusiasm shone as they demonstrated their growing understanding of language, performance, and sound patterns.

Following the performance, the children took on the role of experts, guiding their parents through a series of hands-on experiments. They demonstrated the different volumes of sound, how vibrations create different tones, and how light travels through different objects. Through these interactive activities, the children proudly shared their knowledge, explaining scientific concepts in their own words. It was a wonderful celebration of learning, curiosity, and creativity. Well done Year One!



## YEAR 2 THAI TFL

In this unit, Year 2 TFL students explore the theme of family by expanding their vocabulary and practicing basic conversation skills. They learn how to introduce family members, say their ages, and answer simple questions about their families. Through interactive activities, students build confidence in speaking and listening. To reinforce their learning, they create a family craft, allowing them to express their understanding in a fun and creative way.



## YEAR 2 HENNA HANDS

Our topic last term is all about, 'Let's Celebrate.' We looked at different celebrations around the world and different ways people celebrate various traditions, festivals and cultural celebrations.

One area of our learning was looking at how people use Henna in Indian culture for weddings and parties. We were very lucky indeed to have some Year 6 mums come into 2L and 2D and copy the designs the children had already made onto their hands.

The children thoroughly enjoyed this as you can tell by their faces and were amazed at how similar their drawings were to their actual Henna hand art.





## ALICIA YEAR 4R

A huge congratulations to Alicia Beeson and her family for completing her first ever trail run at Khun Dan Prakarn Dam, Nakornnayok. Alicia showed amazing determination, tackling obstacles, hills, and varied terrain, and covered an amazing distance of 5km! What a fantastic achievement and a wonderful example of resilience and teamwork! It is inspiring to see families setting goals together, challenging themselves, and celebrating their achievements. Experiences like these create strong family bonds, teach valuable life lessons, and show children the importance of perseverance and a positive mindset. Parents play a key role in role-modelling these qualities, and we love seeing our students and their families embracing challenges together.



## YEAR 5N PREPARES FOR RESIDENTIAL AT ICAMP

Year 5N is eagerly preparing for their exciting residential trip to iCamp in Kanchanaburi from February 26th to 28th! In our preparation session, we explored the purpose of the trip, the range of activities planned, and key rules and expectations. Students shared both their excitement and any concerns they had, using a Worry Box to anonymously submit questions about topics such as homesickness and food. As a class, we discussed strategies to manage these worries and how we can support one another. This session helped build confidence, strengthen friendships, and ensure everyone feels ready for the adventure ahead!



## YEAR 5 EXIT POINT – 'BAKE IT!'

Year 5 concluded their Bake It! unit with a hands-on Exit Point, where they became bakers for the day! Students put their learning into practice by making pandesal, a traditional Filipino bread, in the school kitchen. With the guidance of Ms. Ivy and Ms. Cris, they explored the baking process firsthand, from mixing the dough to watching the yeast work its magic.

Throughout the unit, students discovered the science behind breadmaking, learning how yeast creates bubbles that make bread light and fluffy. They also explored solubility, investigating which materials dissolve in water, and studied different types of bread from around the world.

The experience was a fantastic way to bring learning to life—working together, measuring ingredients, and, of course, enjoying the delicious results! Our Year 5 bakers did an amazing job, and their fresh, warm pandesal was the perfect way to celebrate their hard work.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO AUGUST YEAR6R



A huge congratulations to August and his team for being crowned Champions of the Thailand Cup 2025 – VEX IQ Robotics Competition!

Competing against 56 teams from across the country, their hard work, innovation, and teamwork have led them to victory. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and can't wait to see what they accomplish next!



## PRIMARY OPEN DAY

Before the break, we hosted a fantastic Open Morning for prospective families, with over 100 visitors! It was a wonderful opportunity for myself, Mr. Neil Elrick, Mr. Adam Plant, and Mr. Tom Brown to showcase the learning and warm, welcoming atmosphere of our school. A huge thank you to our teachers and students who opened their classrooms and demonstrated such focus and engagement—Go Charter!



## COFFEE MORNING ONLINE SAFETY PRIMARY



Technology is an incredible tool that allows our children to learn and grow in ways we never imagined when we were at school. However, keeping them safe online is of the utmost importance. Teaching children strategies to protect themselves, recognise cyberbullying, and respond appropriately is a shared responsibility between families and schools. Our recent online safety workshop highlighted some eye-opening facts about social media and the crucial need for protective measures. We will be running this workshop again in Term 3, and I strongly encourage more parents to attend—it's an important conversation that we must all be part of.



# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



## Messages from the Head of Secondary

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we return, we are stepping straight into a busy and exciting time at Charter! This week, we are delighted to welcome the CIS Accreditation Team to our school. This visit is an opportunity to reflect on our strengths as a school community and showcase the outstanding teaching, learning, and student experience that define our Secondary School. We look forward to sharing the Charter spirit with our visitors and demonstrating the dedication, ambition, and values that make our school such a special place for students to grow and thrive.

It has also been a fantastic week of student achievements. Our Junior Achievement enterprise teams, Bliss and Base, competed in the prestigious Company of the Year final, where they demonstrated exceptional creativity, business acumen, and teamwork. Between them, they took home an incredible three of the six awards available—a testament to their innovation and dedication. We are especially proud that Bliss will now go on to represent Thailand at the Junior Achievement Asia Pacific Final in Japan this March, an exciting and well-deserved opportunity to showcase their

talents on an international stage. Additionally, our students continue to excel academically, with further successes in the Physics Olympiad. This ongoing recognition highlights the depth of talent and ambition among our students, as well as the strength of our academic programs in supporting them to achieve their best.

For our Year 9 students, this is a particularly significant period as they begin the process of selecting their IGCSE subjects for the next academic year. These choices mark an important milestone in their academic journey, allowing them to begin tailoring their studies to their interests, strengths, and future aspirations. We understand that this can be both an exciting and daunting time for students and parents alike, and we are committed to providing all the necessary guidance and support to help families make informed decisions. Through subject presentations, discussions with teachers, and ongoing support from our academic team, we aim to ensure that every student feels confident in shaping their own learning pathway.

In addition to celebrating student successes and key academic moments, I have also greatly enjoyed the opportunity

to connect with parents and share insights into the vision, planning, and development of our Secondary School. Open Days and Coffee Mornings have provided a wonderful platform to engage with both current and prospective parents, offering them a real sense of the diverse and enriching opportunities available to their children at Charter.

From our strong academic programs and extracurricular offerings to our commitment to student well-being and future pathways, these events have reinforced the importance of open communication and collaboration between school and home. The enthusiasm and engagement from families have been fantastic, and I look forward to continuing these valuable conversations throughout the term.

With so much to celebrate already, and many more exciting developments ahead, I am looking forward to a productive and rewarding half-term. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education.

Best regards,  
Mr Adam Plant  
Head of Secondary



# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## SENIOR PHYSICS CERTIFICATE

More Physics Olympiad results! This time, our students participated in the Senior Physics Challenge organised by The University of Oxford (through the BPhO), which is aimed at Year 12 students. Achieving fantastic results, the challenge was one level below the main Olympiad for Year 13, but students from Years 11, 12, and 13 all took part and received certificates.

A special shout-out goes to our top scorers: Neo, Minseong, Hyorin, and Aiden. Well done, everyone!



## YEAR 10 AND 11 PHYSICS OLYMPIAD SUCCESS



Year 10 and 11 Physics Olympiad Success! Our talented Year 10 and Year 11 physics students recently took on the Intermediate Physics Challenge (organised by the BPhO at the University of Oxford), a competition aimed at students in Year 11. Their hard work and effort earned them an impressive array of awards – including 19 Bronze and 8 Silver certificates. Congratulations to all for their great achievements!

# YEAR 10 HEART DISSECTIONS

As part of their IGCSE studies Year 10 have been studying the human heart and the circulatory system. After studying the theory they consolidated their learning by dissecting hearts ( animal not human)!

They managed to successfully find all the external blood vessels before they opened the hearts to explore the atrium and ventricles. They even tried to be a surgeon by removing and repairing the internal valves.

This was a very useful interactive learning experience that was enjoyed by nearly all students, although some did look a little green by then end.



## THE CHARTER CHRONICLES IS COMING SOON!

Students have been working hard towards Edition 2 of The Charter Chronicles during Tuesday ECA press meetings. Miss Carter and the team are excited to share a wide variety of topics and updates on school life and events. The next Edition will include a focus on Science, Tech, Engineering and Maths (S.T.E.M), providing insightful ideas, opinions and experiences of events that they have engaged with. The team are very much looking forward to releasing Edition 2 towards the end of March! Keep your eyes peeled in your inbox for The Charter Chronicles!





## COFFEE MORNING : IGCSE

We welcomed Year 9 parents and students to a special Coffee Morning focused on making informed and confident IGCSE subject choices for next year. This was an invaluable opportunity for families to explore the factors that shape strong academic decisions, including personal interests, strengths, university pathways, and career aspirations.

Our academic team provided insights into the expectations and demands of different subjects, offering guidance on how students can best prepare for the transition to IGCSEs. Discussions also highlighted the importance of maintaining a balanced workload while selecting subjects that align with students' long-term goals. It was fantastic to see such engaged conversations between parents, students, and teachers, ensuring that everyone left with a clearer understanding of the road ahead.

Thank you to all who attended and contributed to this meaningful discussion. We look forward to supporting our Year 9 students as they take this important step towards their future success!



## SECONDARY OPEN DAY

We were delighted to welcome prospective parents and students from Year 4 to Year 13 to our Charter Secondary Open Day, offering them a firsthand look at the outstanding education and opportunities available at Charter International School.

Guided by our capable and enthusiastic Sixth Form students, families toured our Secondary School, experiencing the vibrant and dynamic learning environment that defines Charter. From visiting classrooms and witnessing engaging lessons in action to learning about our IGCSE and A Level programs, university pathways, and extensive extracurricular opportunities, parents gained valuable insights into how we support and challenge our students to achieve their full potential.

It was a pleasure to meet so many families exploring the next steps in their children's education, and we hope the visit gave them a true sense of daily life at Charter. A huge thank you to our Sixth Form ambassadors for their warm and knowledgeable guidance, and to all who joined us—we look forward to seeing many of you become part of our school community!

