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"The learning environment reflects positive, respectful relationships with clear expectations for student behaviour."

“课堂学习环境反映了一种积极、尊重的关系，并对学生的行为有明确的预期目标。”

“สภาพแวดล้อมการเรียนรู้สะท้อนถึงความสัมพันธ์เชิงบวกและการเคารพซึ่งกันและกัน โดยมีการกำหนดความคาดหวังที่ชัดเจนสำหรับพฤติกรรมของนักเรียน”

CIS/WASC May '23



MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTOR

One of the undoubted highlights of the last couple of weeks was the 'So You Think You Can Dance?' competition (spoiler alert: No I don't!). The noise as the competitors and supporters cheered each other on was phenomenal! And as for the delight on the faces of the teams when their team was announced as a winner or runner-up was heart-warming.

I'd specifically like to mention Meolody, Kim and MiMi who provided some fantastic entertainment while the judges deliberated and really showed that 'Charter's Got Talent!' Overall, a great day of fun and friendly competition. Everything that TISAC prides itself on.

Another organisation that we are proud to be a member of is FOBISIA. This organisation consists of over 100 schools across Asia. I was lucky enough to attend their 31st Leadership conference last weekend, here in Bangkok.

The very first speaker on the first day was our very own Dr. Straost! He spoke to over 350 delegates on how we develop and measure our success in teaching and developing global citizenship in our students.

Other speakers presented on service learning, inclusion and curriculum developments.

It was an incredibly proud moment for me to see our school to be shining so brightly in the

company of some of the biggest and most prestigious schools not only here in Thailand but across Asia!

Closer to home it was great to see so many of your at our two Primary sports days this week and, I look forward to welcoming our Secondary parents to theirs next week and then finally everyone to our various end of term celebrations. Please do come along and join in the fun as your children perform on stage.

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.



'Charter opened up a lot of doors for me into international education and studying abroad and I was able to make great friends that still feel like family.'

Peam (Class of '20), University of Rochester. Digital Media Studies and Business



PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

children at the Mercy Centre, and for those who still wish to donate, there's still time to make a difference.

Messages from Head of Primary

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent Sports Days! The energy and enthusiasm from students, staff, and especially parents made these events truly memorable.

of students, listening to their ideas and empowering them to bring about positive change in our school. Their voices will help shape future decisions made in our primary school.

I am pleased to announce that our new Student Council has been elected! We are eager to work with this passionate group

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Your generosity will bring joy to

Finally, our Christmas show rehearsals are in full swing! The students are working hard to prepare a cosmic performance for you. We look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday, 10th December, for what promises to be a festive and heartwarming event.

Mrs. Julie Kelly
Head of Primary
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WHAT'S HAPPENING...



SPACE IN RECEPTION - M

As we are nearing the end of Term 1 the children in Reception are becoming much more independent and showing a great attitude to 'have a go' at completing activities on their own. The last few weeks our topic has been 'Space' and we visited the hilarious story of 'Alien love underpants' by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. The children designed their own underpants and using excellent fine motor skills made their very own unique aliens.

To finish our topic we made rockets from card and by using the end of a plastic pipette and a straw we could send the rocket into the air by blowing into the straw. We experimented with long and short straws to see which would travel furthest.

COMING UP...

- Dec 5th

Fathers' Day (School closed)

- Dec 10th

EY/KS1 Christmas Show for Parents

8.45am *in the Lily Theatre*

- Dec 10th

KS2 Christmas Show

1.30pm *in the Lily Theatre*



YEAR 1B

1B have been very busy enjoying their new IPC topic 'It's Shocking', the budding scientists have been developing their knowledge of electrical circuits and using their practical skills to build circuits of their own. The children worked collaboratively with their classmates to build a light bulb circuit which included a press switch.

In Maths, we have been working on developing our number knowledge from 0-20 using a variety of maths methods including Numicon and dienes. The class have been reciting their numbers to 20 and estimating where different numbers should go on number lines by identifying which numbers are greater than or less than.

In English, 1B have been learning all about questions from one of our favourite Christmas helpers, The Little Red Elf! The children enjoyed reading the story and worked hard to find all of the different questions asked by the characters. They then created their own questions for their favourite character working hard to use capital letters and question marks correctly!



YEAR 3 EXIT POINT

Towards the end of our Vanishing Rainforests unit, the students discussed which learning they wanted to share with their parents and how they were going to do this.

As the Exit Point began, students excitedly ushered their parents into the classroom. Having already prepared their own healthy rainforest drinks, students encouraged their parents to try the different flavours and choose which was their favourite. Parents were also sent on an animal hunt around the classroom.

Whilst students were sharing their learning in Science, Art, ICT and Geography their confidence shone through. Many students were able to discuss different tasks in English and their home language. The students displayed their Effective Communicator skills while proudly sharing their Academic Success in IPC.



YEAR 5 EXIT POINT

Year 5 students recently showcased their learning in the Exit Point for the IPC unit, Weather and Climate. This event celebrated weeks of exploration into weather systems, global climates, and their impact on daily life. Students impressed with their creativity, collaboration, and deep understanding of the subject through interactive presentations, engaging posters, and guided tours.

Parents actively participated in some of the interactive games and activities designed by the students, gaining insights into typhoon safety and city weather reports. They also enjoyed viewing the students' art inspired by orangutans, which reflected the unit's creative aspects. The event concluded with a grand finale featuring weather report videos, highlighting the students' teamwork and innovation.

Thank you to all parents for attending and to the Year 5 team for leading such a successful unit of learning. The students' growth and enthusiasm were truly inspiring!



THAI CLASS

In Thai language class, students participated in preserving the Loy Krathong tradition by wearing traditional Thai attire, performing Thai dance, and crafting krathongs in the classroom. Each year created a variety of krathongs, such as banana leaf krathongs and lotus flower krathongs. This activity not only allowed students to learn about the beautiful Thai tradition but also helped them develop teamwork and creativity. Additionally, it served as a wonderful opportunity to instill pride in their cultural heritage and encourage the preservation of Thai traditions for future generations.



THAI AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

TFL students dove into the magic of Loy Krathong! They explored its rich history and brainstormed eco-friendly ways to create krathongs. We also discovered how Loy Krathong is celebrated differently across Thailand, including making beautiful Yi Peng lanterns inspired by Chiang Mai's unique traditions. The students designed their own patterns, showcasing creativity and cultural appreciation.



PATANA CHESS TOURNAMENT

On November 17th, ten talented students from Charter International School proudly represented us at the Chess Tournament hosted by Patana International School. The team comprising of Lucas, NJ, Tin, August, Rajvika, Ren, Taesung, Taeyang, Kirin, and Nippon, showed outstanding skill, strategy, and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

Facing challenging opponents from various international schools, our students demonstrated resilience and determination. They earned recognition for their sharp tactics and displayed commendable focus, clinching victories in several close matches.

Beyond the chessboard, the students bonded with peers from other schools, embracing the spirit of camaraderie and friendly competition. Each participant stepped up to the challenge, making us incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements.

We celebrate their hard work, dedication, and the pride they brought to Charter International School. We look forward to seeing them continue to excel and represent our school with such passion and grace.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW STUDENT COUNCILLORS!

A huge congratulations to our new Student Councillors. After a lengthy process of application writing, shortlisting candidates, presentations and democratic elections, each Key Stage 2 class now has 2 Class Representatives. Last Friday, they were formally invited to a mini-celebration in the library where they had champagne (fake) and pizza! They were awarded specialist certificates by Mr Neil Elrick - the Director of Charter. Mr Gaginni and Mr Nixon are very much looking forward to working with the Student Council to help them make positive changes in our school. Their first official meeting will be next week.



Ella 3G



Daivik 3G



Reggie 3T



Aimee 3T



Kyuu 4R



Amelia 4R



Empire 4W



Ren 4W



Smile 5B



Proud 5B



Hanzo 5N



Ping An 5N



Tin 6K



Bani 6K



Nuri 6R



Alice 6R



“ EXCEL, ENGAGE, ENLIGHTEN ”
EVERY EQUATION TELLS A STORY!



PRINCIPAL SPONSOR:
 SERIOUSLY ADDICTIVE MATHEMATICS



JUNIOR MATHS MASTERY CHALLENGE (JMMC)

On Friday, 22nd November, Charter International School proudly hosted the Junior Maths Mastery Challenge (JMMC) for the first time! Inspired by the renowned Singapore Math approach, the event brought our young mathematicians together for a morning of problem-solving.

The challenge was a fantastic opportunity for students to showcase their skills, build confidence, and deepen their love for mathematics. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and determination as they tackled complex problems and celebrated their achievements.

This event reflects our commitment to fostering a maths-loving community, where curiosity and mastery are central to learning. Hosting the JMMC is just the start of our journey to inspire students and provide opportunities to grow as innovative and capable mathematicians.

A huge well done to all participants - you made us proud! Let's continue to soar to new heights in mathematics together.



COFFEE MORNING: SUPPORTING MATHS AT HOME KS2

A special thank you to Mr Tom Brown for once again showcasing the importance of problem-solving, mathematical challenges and using open-ended resources to encourage critical thinking in Maths. There was a great turn out of willing and enthusiastic parents at our recent Key Stage 2 Coffee Morning with great collaboration and some fabulous questions at the end. We love learning with the parents at Charter and look forward to inviting you into the classrooms to further explore Maths next term with the students! Watch this space





COFFEE MORNING: Y5 RESIDENTIAL PARENT

Year 5 Kanchanaburi Residential Trip Coffee Morning Recap

On Monday morning, November 18, we held an engaging coffee morning to share details about the upcoming Year 5 residential trip to iCamp in Kanchanaburi, taking place from February 26–28. Led by the trip leader, Mr. Nixon, the session included introductions to the iCamp staff, Mr Paul and Mr Mhel, who will support the students during their stay.

Key information was shared about the packing list, itinerary, accommodations, facilities, food, medical provisions and more. Mrs Kelly spoke about the importance of the trip, highlighting the invaluable growth and development it offers students, as well as the fun and exciting experiences ahead. Mr Brown was also in attendance to support the discussion and answer questions.

The session concluded with a Q&A, where parents asked thoughtful questions. This trip is an important milestone in Charter's high-quality residential program, fostering independence, teamwork, and experiential learning.

Thank you to all who attended!



COFFEE MORNING: Y6 RESIDENTIAL

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the coffee morning to learn more about the upcoming Year 6 residential trip to Chanthaburi in March! Representatives from Traidhos Three Generation shared a detailed overview of the exciting activities and events planned for the students. From team-building challenges and outdoor adventures to environmental learning and cultural experiences, it promises to be a trip full of discovery and growth. The presentation gave us confidence in the trip's organisation and safety, while building excitement for the incredible memories our children will make. We can't wait for this enriching experience!



SPORTS ROUND UP



EYFS/ KS1 SPORTS DAY

Thank you so much for attending a really fantastic sports morning for our youngest athletes. It was so lovely seeing the children participate in a great range of physical challenges, spurred on by families. The event was well organised, ran extremely smoothly and showcased the great work that the PE team do on a daily basis. It was clear how much our students love PE and how important it was to have their mummies and daddies there to cheer them on.



KS2 SPORTS DAY

A huge thank you to everyone for your energy and enthusiasm during our KS2 sports day. There was a vibrant atmosphere where the community joined together to celebrate the fabulous sport that takes place at Charter. The determination from our young athletes was tangible as well as teamwork combined with a healthy dose of competition. For many children, sports day is the highlight of their year.

Thank you to the PE team who put their heart and soul into organising days like this. We really appreciate you. Thank you parents for coming along.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



ACRE YEAR 3

Congratulations to Acre on achieving 2nd runner-up in the Boys' Singles Under 8 category at the JNT Tennis Junior Championship held on November 16-17, 2024. Acre is a shining example of a dedicated and talented student. We commend Acre on this accomplishment and encourage him to continue striving for excellence.



EMPIRE YEAR 4

Congratulations to Empire in 4W who recently took part in the Asian Science and Mathematics OlyWe are delighted to announce that Empire has been awarded a Gold Medal Certificate from the Thailand English Speech Contest (TESC) 2024 in the Grade 1-3 category. Empire's speech on "Environmental Conservation at My School" highlighted the school's eco-friendly initiatives. This achievement showcases Empire's exceptional English language skills and confidence. We commend Empire on this accomplishment and wish him continued success.mpiad for Primary and Secondary schools and received an 'honorable mention' for his work.

The dedication and commitment that Empire puts into his Mathematics learning is really impressive and has helped him to achieve such notable academic success. Well done Empire!



PUI PUI YEAR 4

We are delighted to congratulate PuiPui on receiving an award from the Graded Examination in Music Performance from Trinity College London for her violin performance. This achievement reflects PuiPui's dedication to music and her growth as a violinist. We commend PuiPui on her talent and wish her continued success.

DORRYA YEAR 5

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of our talented student, Dorrya, who earned the Bronze Medal in Drums at the recently concluded Thailand National Youth Contest.

As a school, we are proud to support and nurture the diverse talents of our students. Please join us in congratulating Dorrya on this remarkable milestone, and let us continue to encourage and inspire our students to pursue excellence in all their endeavors.



AUGUST YEAR 6

We are thrilled to announce that August and his team, consisting of two students from St. Andrews International School Bangkok, have won the championship (1st place) at the VEX IQ Rapid Relay Tournament in the elementary level scrimmage.

Furthermore, they have been awarded the Judges' Award and the Sportsmanship Award at the VEX IQ Robotics Championship Signature Event.

This outstanding achievement showcases the team's exceptional skills in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). We commend August and his team for their hard work and dedication.



SECONDARY NEWSLETTER



Messages from the Head of Secondary

As we count down until the end of the term, our students continue to demonstrate focus, determination, and responsibility for their own learning. This week, students in Years 7 to 10 have been diligently completing their internal exams. These assessments are vital for monitoring academic progress and ensuring that every learner receives the support they need to achieve the best they can.

A special mention this week goes to our Year 7 students, who took the initiative to independently plan and organize a fundraising fair as part of their service learning project for PAWS, a charity supporting animal welfare. Through their creativity, teamwork, and leadership, they successfully ran a vibrant and engaging

event that raised a significant amount of money for this worthy cause.

Their efforts are a shining example of the power of student-led action and community engagement and this project is part of our service learning program in KS3 where students begin developing their leadership skills and getting the opportunity to make real change in their community.

On the global stage, we are proud to share that Dr. Starost represented Charter at the FOBISIA conference as a FOBISIA Fellow. Dr. Starost opened the conference and presented on the topic of measuring global citizenship in schools, and contributing valuable perspectives to discussions about preparing students for success in an

interconnected world. This recognition underscores our commitment to innovation and leadership within the international education community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students and their many endeavors. There is so much to celebrate, and I look forward to sharing more highlights in the coming weeks.

Warm regards,
Mr Adam Plant
Head of Secondary
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TEACHER FEATURE



Kru Guide
Thai TFL

This edition's teacher to be featured is Kru Guide who teaches Thai as a Foreign Language across the Primary and Secondary School.

"Charter is a lovely school to work in. Even after 7+ years here, I still feel happy when I park up each morning and ascend the Himalayan stairs of the Languages Building. I enjoy teaching both English and Drama; added to that, for the past three years I've been fortunate to start each day with the best and happiest Homeroom in the school (okay, maybe I'm biased!).

When I left university and took a summer school job in the UK many moons ago, I never imagined that I'd then teach in Mexico, become a university teacher in the UK then Thailand and then revert back to school teaching again. But that is the joy of life - the new and unexpected, and in this school I've been involved in so many activities beyond the classroom - directing and staging many plays and musicals, taking students on numerous trips, helping out with sports and, of course, dressing up... Although I've been in Thailand almost two decades now, I still see every day as another stage of a journey and continue to find new adventures here, especially with my camera, in the jungle. It matters little how long you've been at a place; what's important is that you see each sunrise through fresh eyes and always embrace each day and opportunity. At Charter I still feel I can do that."

WHAT'S HAPPENING...



PAWS FAIR!

A huge congratulations to Year 7 for hosting the incredible Paws Fair! With 14 vibrant, student-led stalls, the event showcased outstanding teamwork, creativity, and initiative. Students across KS2 and secondary enjoyed two hours of fun, filled with engaging activities, delicious treats, and plenty of excitement.

The fair was a resounding success, raising significant awareness and funding for PAWS Rescue in Hua Hin, a cause close to all our hearts. Special thanks to Mr. Moxey, Ms. Carter and Mr Schofield for their dedicated guidance and support in making this event such a memorable experience. Well done, Year 7 – your hard work truly made a difference! 🐾🎉



MOVEMBER

This November, you may have noticed some extra hair appearing on certain staff members' upper lips—it wasn't a new fashion trend but a part of Movember! Staff have been growing moustaches to raise awareness about prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and male mental health, encouraging vital conversations and early action for these often-overlooked issues. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who supported this hairy journey and helped shine a light on such an important cause!

YEAR 7B: ENERGY CIRCUS

Our Year 7B scientists transformed the classroom into an Energy Circus, buzzing with excitement and hands-on exploration! Students rotated through interactive stations, uncovering the fascinating ways energy transforms and transfers in our world. The room was alive with questions, collaboration, and 'sciency' moments.



EXPLORING "PHRA APAMANI" THROUGH ROLE PLAY



Dive into the world of *Phra Apaimani*, a masterpiece of Thai literature, with an immersive role-playing activity. After studying this captivating tale, students will step into the shoes of its iconic characters—Phra Apaimani, the Sea Ogre, and others—to bring some parts from the story to life. This creative exercise not only deepens understanding of the narrative and its cultural significance but also fosters critical thinking, collaboration, and empathy as students interpret the motivations and values of each character. This is the uncovering of the timeless lessons of bravery, wisdom, and resilience embedded in this Thai literature.

COFFEE MORNING: UNIVERSITY MEDICINE PATHWAY

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our recent insightful and supportive Parents Coffee Morning, discussing how Charter is committed to helping students aspiring to study Medicine at university. We covered a wide range of topics, from what iGCSE and A-Level options are needed, to wider skills students need to develop, to navigating the application process, the importance of some work experience in a related field and how we support students in preparing for that all important interview and other tests.



COFFEE MORNING : THAI UNIVERSITIES PATHWAYS



SPORTS ROUND UP



U13 GIRLS FOOTBALL AT CHARTER

The U13 Girls' football season is over for another year. It has been a mixed season of defeats, draws and a victory, but what shines through is the considerable development of this team. We may not yet have proven ourselves to be powerhouse performers against some bigger teams, but the girls can certainly hold their heads high for the improvement they have made and the commitment they have shown. The Yr7s in particular have never missed training or a match. Our final two games at home saw us against familiar opposition. We again fell short against a strong Bromsgrove team, led brilliantly by Ms Hallas' daughter. Nonetheless, we showed promising movement and certainly fared better than previous outings against them. Our game against Brighton was a nailbiter, and although we were unlucky not to capitalize on a couple of goal attempts, a draw was a fair result in a well battled, enjoyable and friendly encounter. You can see from the smiles in the photographs the positive manner in which we played, and I hope this love of the game and camaraderie continues into next year. Onward and upward, girls!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



JAMES YEAR 8

Year 8 student James, who trains with the EPA Bangkok who are partnered with West Ham United Foundation travelled to London in October to spend 10 days training with the WHUF Performance Academy. His West Ham coaches commented on his determination, movement with the ball and in defending one-on-one situations. Other highlights included a private all access tour of the London Stadium and access to the media area and changing rooms



NAKI YEAR 9

We are delighted to announce that Naki, a Year 9 student, has won the Silver Medal at the Thailand Music Competition 2024. This achievement showcases Naki's exceptional musical talent. We commend Naki on this accomplishment and wish them continued success.



TISAC SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE? 2024

The TISAC So You Think You Can Dance? Competition finally came alive at Charter International School last week. This dance competition is a dazzling showcase of talent, creativity, and passion in dance. Featuring participants from seven TISAC schools, the event spans three categories: primary, lower secondary, and upper secondary. Each category is complemented by live musical performances by Charter's own talented students - Mimi (Year 1), Melody and Kim (Year 8), adding an extra layer of excitement and inspiration to the competition.

From elegant contemporary routines to electrifying hip-hop numbers, the stage comes alive with the energy and artistry of young dancers. Their enthusiasm and dedication capture the audiences' attention, making it a truly unforgettable celebration of performance, teamwork, and school spirit. The TISAC So You Think You Can Dance? Competition is more than an event—it's a testament to the vibrant creativity and collaboration within the TISAC community.

