



Message from the Principal - Toddlers, Early Years & Primary



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Early Years & Primary Principal

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am writing this from a cold and windy UK, which seems a very long way from the blue skies and warmth of Bangkok. Although I suspect those blue skies have been quite elusive this week - I have been in close contact with school and I am aware that the pollution has continued to be a challenge this week.

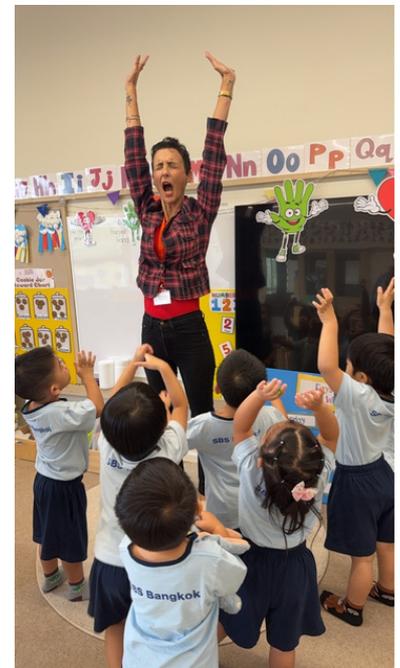
As I write our SBS U13 basketball teams are participating in the BISAL Basketball Tournament at Singapore International School Bangkok. In fact, I have just been sent a video in which our U13 girls are being presented medals! But I can't tell what colour they are!

What an incredible achievement. To forge a team; to establish an on court competitive presence; to build such a strong and committed team mind-set AND to dominate the U13 Bangkok U13 Basketball scene in the way that our Year 7's and 8's have done in a matter of months is testament to the incredible attitude and potential of our young students and coaches. We are all extremely proud!



This week in pictures and words...

Our Toddlers have stepped into the wild this week as they begin an exciting journey learning all about jungle animals! The classroom has transformed into a vibrant rainforest where our little explorers have been busy stomping like giant elephants, letting out their best lion roars, and swinging their arms just like playful monkeys. The adventure continued as we dove into our new favorite book, *Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?*, introducing even more amazing animal friends to our growing vocabulary. It has been a joy to watch their imaginations soar as they discover the wonders of the animal kingdom through movement and storytelling.





Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children enjoyed learning all about vegetables. They explored the different types of vegetables, where they grow, and the groups they belong to, such as leafy vegetables. Each day, the children created a vegetable of the day using a variety of painting and colouring activities. These activities helped develop their fine motor skills, along with cutting activities that supported hand strength and control.

The children also continued learning about early maths concepts, focusing on big and small and heavy and light. They explored these ideas using hands-on objects they could touch, hold, and compare, making learning meaningful and fun. Worksheets were also used to help reinforce and practise the concepts learned during the week. It was a lovely week filled with hands-on learning, creativity, and exploration!

Reception

This week in Reception, the children have been developing their communication skills by sharing ideas and talking about their home and school experiences. They have listened to and responded to stories, answering questions, and practising predicting what might happen next! This is crucial learning which underpins helping confidence building and understanding in early language acquisition and comprehension.

In Maths, we have been exploring ten frames, practise counting at least ten objects and learning how to sort items into two or more groups based on their characteristics. These activities support number recognition, counting skills, and early problem-solving.

Every week our young learners' Understanding of the World improves as they actively begin to make connections between concepts around them. This week we have been using our artistic flair to design puppets! These puppets have been the key characters in retelling stories. The children's imagination has been boundless in their puppet design and story-making!





A Note from Primary: Growth and Resilience

It has been an incredibly vibrant week across the Primary School at SBS Bangkok. There is a palpable "good busy" energy humming through the hallways, especially as we reflect on how our community has essentially doubled in size since the start of the year. Seeing so many new, happy faces joining our returning students makes us immensely proud of the welcoming environment we have built together.

Finding the Bright Side

While the high air pollution levels unfortunately kept us indoors and led to the postponement of several outdoor sports and play sessions, the spirits of our students remains high. Interestingly, these challenges provided a unique opportunity for our learners to explore different parts of our campus.

We've seen students flocking to the library to discover new books or heading to the sports hall to pick up rackets and balls —activities they might not usually choose when the sun is shining. In fact, the indoor spaces have felt more energetic than ever! Seeing so many "busy bodies" running around and staying active indoors has been a wonderful reminder of their resilience.





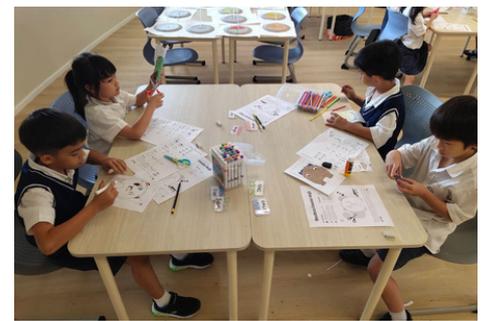
Exploration and Inquiry

The learning continues at a fast pace! In Year 5 we have been learning about biomes in Humanities. Students modeled their own biomes out of modeling clay and presented it to their class. They all showed fantastic teamwork, communication and creativity! In Year 2 this week, students have been diving into the world of Light and Shadows. Through hands-on exploration, they've been discovering the mechanics of light sources and how shadows change size based on distance. It has been a joy to watch them independently create and decorate their projects, showing both scientific curiosity and creative flair.

Vibrant After-School Life

Even with several outdoor ECAs on hold, the joy on our students' faces remains constant. Whether it is the grace of our ballet classes, the focus in our extra Mathematics sessions, or the general hum of creativity across the floors, the variety of opportunities available to our students truly feels like a breath of fresh air.

We are monitoring the air quality closely and are hopeful for significant improvements in the coming weeks so our learners can get back to the areas they love and activities they are passionate about!. In the meantime, the bustling atmosphere indoors is a testament to the strength of our growing school family!





Welcoming new 'Little Learners'

Our campus was buzzing with excitement on January 17th for our Little Explorers PlayDate! New Families had a wonderful time meeting our Lead Toddler and Lead Early Years Teachers while discovering our vibrant learning spaces. The children had so much fun playing on the Early Years playground and leaping into the bouncy castle, complete with slides and a ball pit to splash into. Little imaginations soared in Toddlers Wonderland, and our sensory tables offered a world of hands-on fun with different textures for the children to explore. To top off a magical morning, the little ones enjoyed a delicious healthy snack and a very special treat: our signature SBS tiger cookies made just for them! It was a truly magical morning of play and friendship for everyone involved.





Value of the Week: Helpfulness

This week, our halls were filled with the quiet magic of helpfulness. From a student kindly lugging a classmate's heavy inline skating bag across campus to the teamwork displayed during lunch as peers cleared trays and carried food for one another, our students are proving that no gesture is too small. We also want to shine the spotlight on the incredible adults in our community, including our teachers and especially our front-gate security guards. The amazing Khun Bow and Khun Chot (SBS Bangkok's most cherished married couple)!!

Their compassion can be seen every day, as they open doors, lighten the load of heavy schoolbags, and guide students safely into school, all done with a huge smile and a warm heart. True helpfulness is about "shining your light" outward; it is the act of making someone else's path easier without expecting a "thank you" or a reward in return. When we help simply because it is the right thing to do, we create a ripple effect of kindness that transforms our entire school community. I would like to thank the whole community, especially Gary and our Teaching and support staff for their helpfulness and support whilst Neil and I have been on leave. We are looking forward to returning on Monday!

Champions on the Court!

We are proud to celebrate the achievement of five SBS Bangkok students who represented the U13 Ballers Team and finished 1st Place at the St. Andrews International School Invitational Basketball Tournament over the weekend.

SBS Bangkok Players:

- Mascot - Year 8
- Otto - Year 8
- Porsche - Year 8
- Noyan - Year 7
- Ottin - Year 6

The team was coached by our PE Teacher, Coach PJ, whose leadership, commitment, and passion for player development helped guide the team to victory. Congratulations to our students for demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. A proud moment for the SBS Bangkok community!

Go SBS Tigers!





Save the date - CNY and Book Week 2026!

Don't forget CNY celebrations are fast approaching, including our dress up day on Friday 9th February. We are also very excited about our upcoming Book Week which begins on Monday 9th March. How will YOU dress up for our Book Week Character dress-up day on Friday 13th March?

Parent ID Card & Lanyard News

Following our previous communication regarding the Parent ID Card and new lanyard update, we would like to inform you that parents may exchange their Parent ID Cards and lanyards from **Monday, 26 January onwards**.

Parent ID Card & Lanyard Exchange Details

- From **Monday, 26 January onwards**
- Location: **Reception Desk**

Parent ID Card Entitlement (Recap)

- Each family will receive **two (2) Parent ID Cards free of charge**.
- If additional cards are required for other caregivers (such as grandparents or nannies), a fee of **200 THB per card** will apply, with a **maximum of five (5) cards per family**.
- To collect the new Parent ID Card and lanyard, please bring your **old Parent ID Card and lanyard** for exchange.
- For additional Parent ID Cards, payment can be made via **QR Code at the time of collection**.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain campus safety and orderly procedures.

Upcoming Events

- Fri 30th Jan - Yellow Leopards Birthday
- Fri 6th Feb - 100 Days at SBS Bangkok Celebrations!

** We are currently planning activities for this momentous occasion. More info to follow!*

- Sat 7th Feb - BISAL Swimming Meet
- Mon 9th Feb - Fri 13th Feb Chinese New Year Celebration
- Monday 9th - Friday 13th March - SBS Bangkok's Inaugural Book Week 2026
- Friday 13th March - Book Week Character Dress-up day

Pick-up arrangements - End of school and ECA's.

Please also make note of the late pick-up charges which were shared on December 10th. Late pick-up fees will apply after 30 minutes from the end of school/ECA's.

Early Years

2.15pm - EY pick-up

2.30pm - Any EY children who have not been picked up will be supervised in the library.

2.45pm - Any pick-up after this point will be subject to a 'late pick-up charge' (500 Baht per hour).

3.45pm - Any ECA child who has not been picked up - late pick-up charge applies (500 Baht per hour).

Y1-8

3.10pm - Y1-Y8 Pick-up.

3.20pm - Y1-Y4 are taken to the library by supervising staff.

Parents please collect from library.

3.40pm - Any pick-up after this point will be subject to a 'late pick-up charge' (500 Baht per hour).

4.30pm - Y1-Y4 ECA children are to wait in Canteen for collection.

5.00pm - Y1-Y4 ECA children are subject to 'late pick-up charge'.



Reminders

Parent Handbook

May I politely signpost you to the Parent Handbook which is a very useful reference for you. It contains a wealth of information on our policies and processes.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1t248w_jyKYIAtYjVYcdLc0ICLPfx835p/view?usp=sharing

Communication Protocols

Line Application - This is only to be used if you wish to connect with our Admissions team. Primarily this is used by prospective parents wishing to know more about the school, so busy traffic through this channel can mean a delay in response time. Please do not use the Line Application other than to discuss Admissions related issues.

Email - Google Mail (and Google Chat) - Other than a phone call or face to face meeting, this will become the only way of communicating with:

Finance (finance@sbsbangkok.ac.th);
School Manager (schoolmanager@sbsbangkok.ac.th); the
Principals (gcrumbie@sbsbangkok.ac.th and
rcrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th);
Head of School (ncrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th).

Closing Note

What a week it has been - the SBS community has come together this week in the pursuit of excellence in learning, in sport, in our respectful relationships with each other and in our demonstration of character and values. I am extremely proud of where we have come from, where we are, and most importantly where we are going, and in our potential to continue to grow as individuals, as a school and as a wider community.

As we bask in the glory of our U13 basketball success, I leave you with a quote from Kobe Bryant which speaks to the very essence of our mission here at SBS Bangkok.

"The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do."

Have a wonderful weekend, and fingers crossed for blue slides and cleaner air as we move towards February. We are looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday!

Warm regards,
Rachel Crossland
EY and Primary Principal





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