



## Message from the Principal - Toddlers, Early Years & Primary



**Rachel Crossland**  
Early Years & Primary Principal

**Dear Parent/Guardians,**

As we enter the exciting final fortnight of the term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible energy and enthusiasm our families, students and staff have all brought to SBS Bangkok. Thank you for making this first term such a resounding success, and for what I am sure will be a memorable and festive end to the term.





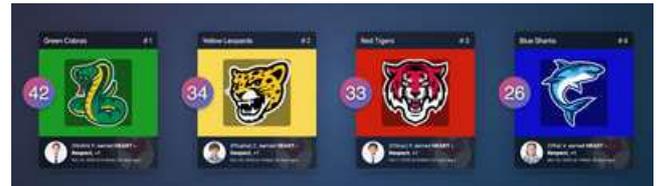
## House Point Blackout!

The battle for House Points has continued this week and here is the current leaderboard. Towards the close of every term, there is a 'House Point Blackout'. This means that the leaderboard will not be shared until our final Christmas assembly on Thursday where the final winning House for Term 1 will be revealed!

Year 2 - Year 8 House Points



Nursery - Year 1 House Points



## Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025

A gentle reminder to bring your shoeboxes wrapped in festive paper into school this week either on or before Thursday 11th December. Please fill your shoebox with a thoughtful mix of: Toys (no toy weapons, please), School supplies (notebooks, pencils, crayons, etc.), Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, hairbrush, etc.) and Second Hand clothes (good condition - no underwear).

PLEASE LABEL YOUR Christmas Shoebox for the intended recipient - Boy or Girl and Age Range 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, or 13-15.

For every shoebox, 10, (yes 10) House points will be awarded, so this could make all the difference to the final House point results on Thursday!

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**  
HELP US SPREAD JOY THIS CHRISTMAS!  
We're collecting shoebox-sized gifts for children aged 2 to 15 years in need across Thailand.

**YOU CAN DONATE**

- Toys** (no toy weapons)
- School supplies** (notebooks, pencils, crayons, etc.)
- Toiletries** (toothbrush, soap, hairbrush, etc.)

Please wrap the box in festive paper and clearly label:  
Boy or Girl | Age range (e.g., 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-15)

Please bring your boxes to school on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**TEN 10 House Points for every shoebox**



## Service Learning

Welcome back to Service Learning at SBS International Bangkok - last week we asked you:

But where and by whom are these beautiful products made?

This question was in relation to the amazing handmade products from Ring Pulls.

**Where?** The Tondo Dumpsite is situated north of Manila and is home to over 12,000 residents. Tondo is known as the poorest slum in Manila.

The term "Tondo dumpsite" refers to Smokey Mountain, a former large landfill in the Tondo district of Manila, Philippines, which was officially closed in 1995. The area was named for the numerous fires that would spontaneously ignite from the decomposing waste, producing smoke.

### By whom?

Many of the 12,000 residents living in Tondo are engaged in the informal sector - mainly scavenging, sorting through the waste and earning money from selling recyclable products.

The Purple Community Fund is one organisation that works in the heart of Tondo. One of their key roles is running a Livelihood Programme where the women on the dumpsite are employed to make the Ring Pull products. The income they make is used to educate their children, to cover health care costs and have access to food and clean water.

The aim ultimately is to reduce the community's dependency on the dumpsite for their livelihood. To have a generation of children who are educated and do not need to sort through the dumpsite to earn a living.

**How can you get involved?**  
**Find out next week!**





## Early Years House Play-Day!

This inaugural event provided a sea of colour on Wednesday, as our Early Years children wore their House shirts with pride and forged new friendships with each other! Even parents wore their House Colours and supported their House in the Dream Team Challenge which took place in the afternoon. I think these pictures say it all! Well done everyone, for your teamwork, and of course for achieving those important House Points! We are excited to bring you more House events in 2026!





## Christmas is coming!

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A reminder about our Christmas celebrations which begin on Thursday 11th December as follows:

- All students are encouraged to wear Christmas themed fancy dress to school. Please see see-saw messages for specific accessories required for the Christmas performance which takes place in the afternoon.
- Toddlers, Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes will celebrate with a special Christmas assembly and Christmas craft session with parents invited to attend and share the festive fun!
- Toddlers and Nursery classes 9.00-10.30/20.45am
- Reception and Year 1 - 10.30/45 -12.00/12.15pm
- Year 2 - 8 Christmas performances and celebration begins at 1.45pm and finishes at 3.15pm. Unfortunately due to limited capacity, parents are unable to attend but we will send a video montage of the event to all families. On this day our lunch menu will have a traditional Christmas theme.

### Christmas Open House

This event starts at 5.00pm on Thursday 11th December and is an event for prospective families only, however some of our students and the PTA will be involved in showcase activities between 5.00pm-7.30pm. You will be contacted over the weekend if your child is invited to attend.

Week beginning Monday 15th December (last week of Term 1) - Christmas themed activities will be held in the classroom for students of all ages.





## Reminders

### End of Term arrangements

We are approaching the end of Term 1 so it is a good time to remind ourselves of logistical arrangements. Please note the following:

- Thursday 11th December - Christmas Celebrations. Students can opt to wear festive fancy dress or normal school uniform. Some teachers will contact parents to request a certain theme of dress. Parents from Toddlers to Year 1 can join the celebrations (please see separate messages sent via seesaw with timings etc)
- Week beginning Monday 15th December - Christmas themed learning throughout the week.
- Friday 19th December - the last day of term finishes for Toddlers at 11.30am; Early Years 12.30; and Years 1- 8 at 1.15pm
- Monday 5th January - School reopens to start Term 2

Please note that we do not have formal assessment/examination weeks for students in Term 1 or Term 2. Regular formative and summative assessments are conducted in class as part of normal teaching and learning.

### 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.

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### 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.

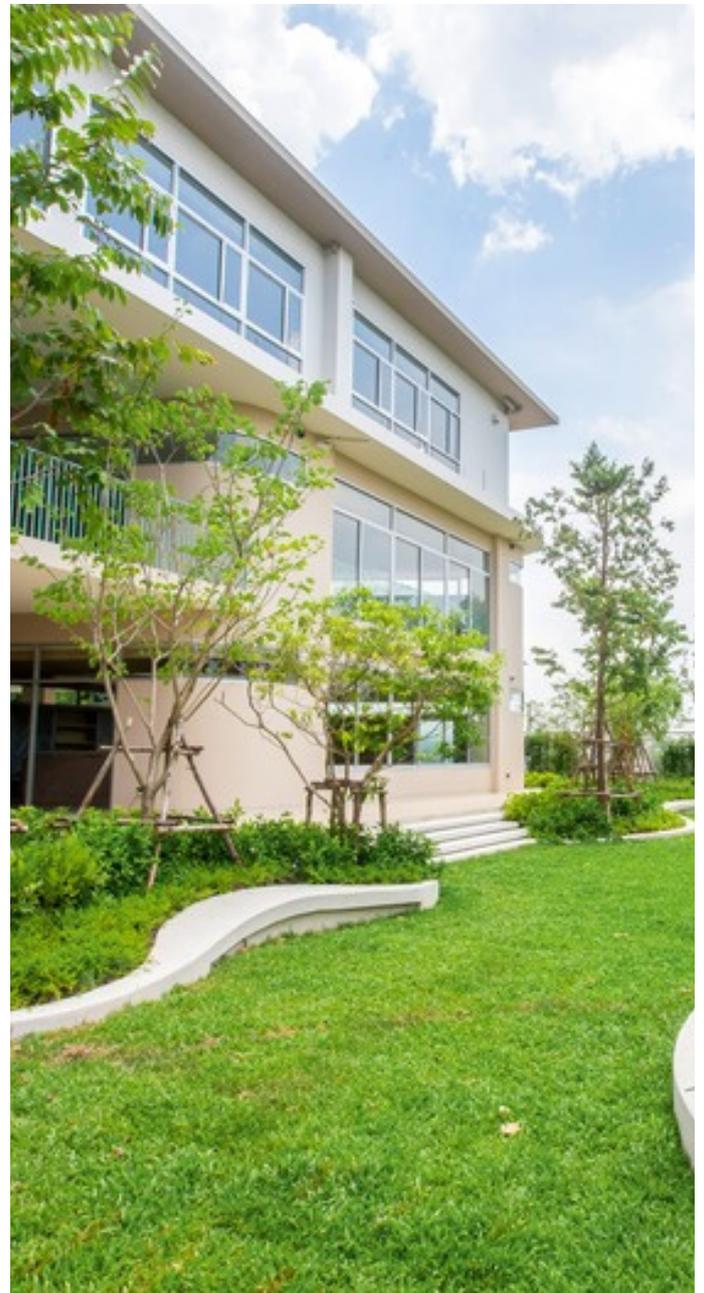
Email - Google Mail (and Google Chat) - Other than a phone call or face to face meeting, this will become the only way of communicating with:

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[rcrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th](mailto:rcrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th));  
Head of School ([ncrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th](mailto:ncrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th)).

## Closing Note

As we head into these final two weeks before the festive break, we want to express our immense pride in how smoothly our inaugural term has gone. Thank you for being such a wonderful, supportive founding community. Enjoy these last two festive weeks before a well earned rest for us all!

Warm regards,  
Rachel Crossland  
EY and Primary Principal





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