



Message from Secondary Principal



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Secondary Principal

Dear SBS International School Bangkok Families,

It's been another whirlwind week here at school! As we approach the end of Term 2, the energy in our classrooms remains high, and our students continue to push themselves in every subject. Here is a look at what we've been up to.

Last Saturday, I had the pleasure of attending the International School Educational Fair. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet prospective parents and share what makes our community so special. A massive "Well Done" to Proud (Year 7), who volunteered to sing at the event. She represented the school with incredible talent and poise, we are all so proud of you!

The intellectual buzz continued this week with the latest installment of our Science TedTalk series. This week's focus was Gravity, and it was fantastic to see our students engaging with such complex concepts with curiosity and enthusiasm.

On Friday morning, we held a productive meeting with our PTA Representatives. We truly value the collaboration and support our parents provide in making our school a better place. We discussed a number of initiatives, including a Bake Sale and Parent Workshops / coffee mornings for Term 3 - more details on both these initiatives will be coming soon.

Following this week's update from our Head of School, we are excited to look ahead to August, when we project our community will grow to circa 300 students. This expansion includes significant momentum in our Secondary school, which is set to reach a population of 60 students across Years 7, 8, and 9. This growth is a wonderful reflection of the vibrant, "special place" our staff and families have built together, and we are incredibly proud to see our Secondary provision flourishing as part of this journey.

As a result there will be some changes to the Y7&8 combined tutor group as well as the areas in the curriculum where the class is taught together. More information about this will be sent home next week.

We ended the week in true style by celebrating the Blue Sharks' Birthday! It was the perfect way to wrap up a busy five days and head into the weekend on a high note.



PE

During Week 2 of our Swimming unit, students continued to develop their skills by reviewing the front crawl and progressing to the introduction of the breaststroke.

Lessons focused on breaking down the breaststroke technique, with students practising arm movements and the frog kick through targeted drills. Students were grouped according to their ability levels to support effective learning:

- Beginner students used kickboards to focus on developing correct leg movement.
- Intermediate students combined arm and leg coordination.
- Advanced students practised the full breaststroke with an emphasis on timing and technique.

At the end of each session, students participated in a short game of water polo, providing a fun and engaging opportunity to apply their swimming skills while promoting teamwork and communication.

It was a productive and enjoyable week, with students showing improvement in both their confidence and technique in the water.

ENGLISH

Year 7

We officially wrapped up Chapter 8: The Potions Master. Beyond the drama in Snape's dungeon, students have been working hard on their compare and contrast paragraphs.

Using specific evidence from the text, students analysed the traits and motivations of two characters from the first half of the book. It's been wonderful to see them move beyond surface-level descriptions to really understand why characters like Harry, Hermione, or Draco act the way they do.

This week's linguistic focus was on figurative language. We reviewed the "how" and "why" behind:

- **Similes:** Comparing two things using "like" or "as" (e.g., "His eyes were as green as a fresh pickled toad.")
- **Metaphors:** Direct comparisons stating one thing is another (e.g., "The castle was a labyrinth of secrets.")

The Homework Challenge: As students read Chapter 9: The Midnight Duel, they are tasked with becoming "literary detectives." Their mission is to locate and record every simile and metaphor they find in the chapter to share with the class.

Our vocabulary journey continues! I am incredibly proud to report that 100% of students met their required training goals last week.



Consistent practice on Membean is the best way to expand their "word bank," and we are aiming for another perfect streak of completion this week. Please encourage your student to log in and get those minutes in early!

Important Reminders

- **Reading:** Finish Chapter 9 by our next session.
- **Membean:** Goal deadline is Sunday at midnight.



Year 8

From heroic rescues to complex moral dilemmas, our students are tackling some of the most profound themes in S.E. Hinton's classic, *The Outsiders*.

This week, we turned the page to Chapter 7, and the classroom discussions were nothing short of electric. We explored a central paradox that defines the Greasers: How can someone be a "juvenile delinquent" and a "hero" at the very same time?



As the media in the novel begins to portray Johnny and Ponyboy as heroes for their actions at the church, we challenged students to think critically about labels. We discussed:

- **The Power of Narrative:** Why does the public change its mind about the boys?
- **Complexity of Character:** Understanding that people are rarely "all good" or "all bad."
- **The "Two Truths" Concept:** Acknowledging that the same person who breaks the law can also risk their life to save a stranger.

While we explore the 1960s slang of "rumbled" and "tuff," students are also hard at work expanding their modern academic vocabulary through Membean.

We are seeing fantastic progress! Students have been focusing on:

- **Word Roots:** Breaking down complex terms to find their hidden meanings.
- **Contextual Mastery:** Using their new words in their own writing and during our Socratic seminars.
- **Retention:** Consistency is key, and we encourage students to keep up their "calibration" to ensure these words stick for life, not just for a test.

As we move toward the final chapters, keep an eye out for our upcoming "Point of View" Newspaper (The Tulsa Gazette) Project.

Chapter 9 and 10 show how the media handles the "juvenile delinquent" narrative. Students will act as investigative journalists to show that "two things can be true at once."



Science

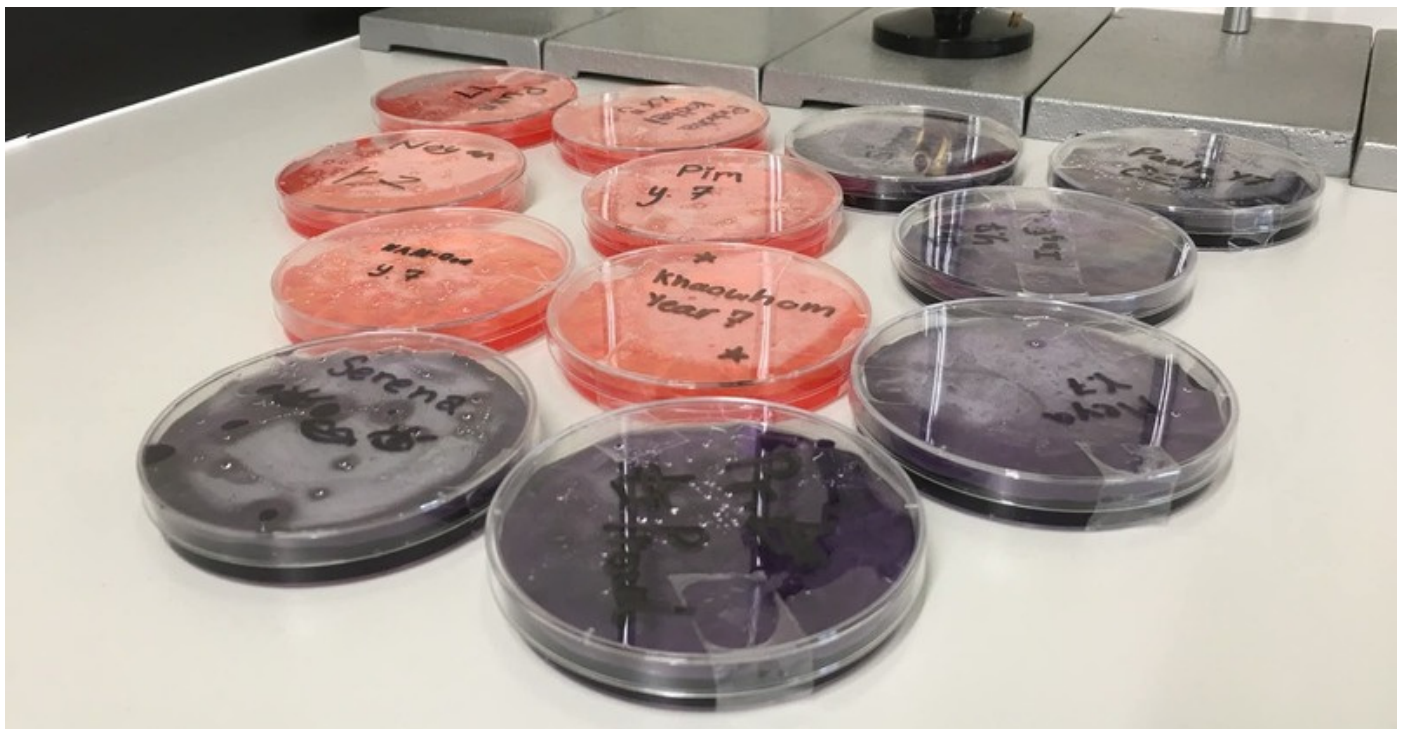
Year 8 scientists have been investigating how essential nutrients (carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, vitamins, minerals, fiber, and water) provide the energy and structural building blocks necessary for a healthy body. By analysing the "Eatwell Guide," students explored the principles of a balanced diet and how nutritional requirements shift based on age and activity levels, noting that the brain alone uses about 20% of our daily carbohydrate intake to stay focused. To bring this theory to life, the class conducted hands-on laboratory investigations using chemical indicators:

- Iodine identified starch (turning blue-black),
- Benedict's solution detected glucose (turning brick red),
- Biuret reagent revealed proteins (turning purple),
- and the ethanol emulsion test showed lipids.



As a healthy snack tip for staying alert and avoiding a sugar crash, we recommend swapping processed crisps for a handful of unsalted seeds or "eating the rainbow" with colourful fruits to ensure a full range of vitamins. It has been a fantastic unit seeing the students connect the chemistry on their plates to the biology of their own growth and well-being.

Year 7 scientists have been exploring the invisible world of microorganisms, identifying the diverse roles that bacteria, viruses, and fungi play in our daily lives. The students investigated how these microbes can be both beneficial, such as in the production of yogurt and bread, and harmful as pathogens that cause diseases like the common cold, athlete's foot, or food poisoning. To bring this microscopic world into focus, the class stepped into the role of microbiologists, practicing essential aseptic techniques to culture bacteria on nutrient agar jelly. By monitoring the growth of these colonies in the lab, students gained a firsthand understanding of how microbes multiply and the importance of hygiene in preventing the spread of infection. It has been a fascinating unit that has encouraged the year group to look at the world around them—and even their own hands—in a completely different way!





Thai Language

Year 8 students learned about Royal Procession Poetry in Praise of Savoury and Sweet Dishes (ภาพย้เห่ชมเครื่องคาวหวาน). This week, students chose a dish from the poem that they were interested in. Then, they studied the recipe and planned the ingredients they needed to buy to cook it. Students did a great job, and it was delicious, we can confirm!

Thank you to all parents for supporting this activity. The students were very happy!



Year 7 students practised their reading, writing, and speaking skills by creating posters to recommend books they were interested in. Then, they presented their work in front of the class. Students did a great job, their speaking skills improved a lot, and they put a lot of effort into this task!





Mandarin

This week, students continued developing their understanding of time expressions and daily routine language through task-based and collaborative learning.

Year 7 students learned and practiced expressing time and daily activities using a task-based learning approach supported by peer collaboration. Through interactive games and movement-based activities, students developed a clearer understanding of hour, minute, quarter, and half (点 / 分 / 刻 / 半), improving both accuracy and fluency.



Year 8 Pathway A focused on real-life communication tasks. Students engaged in authentic conversations with a member of the school community, asking questions in Mandarin about daily routines, such as whether breakfast was eaten and what was eaten. They were able to ask questions confidently and identify key information from the responses. In addition, students conducted an interview task with a new teacher, Gigi, created a mind map, and attempted to introduce the teacher in Mandarin, strengthening both speaking and information organisation skills.

Year 8 Pathway B completed their previously assigned Daily Routine project tasks. Students selected different levels of challenge and presented their work through writing, podcast recordings, or short videos, demonstrating differentiated outcomes based on their proficiency.



Through task-based learning, real-life interaction, and varied output formats, students continued to build confidence in using Mandarin in meaningful contexts.



Science TEDTalk Series - all things Gravity

Ingfa (Year 7) and Navy (Year 8) delivered an insightful presentation to their peers and staff during Friday's break on "The Effects of Gravity on Objects." This impressive talk showcased their growing confidence and public speaking skills. Their deep understanding of the topic is a testament to the dedicated time and research they invested in the subject.





Congratulations

U13 Boys BISAL Basketball Tournament – March 21 @ BASIS International School



Last Saturday, our SBS Tigers U13 Boys Basketball Team competed in the BISAL Tournament held at BASIS International School. The team showed great determination and growth throughout the day, competing against strong schools in the league.

Game Results:

- SBS Tigers def. RAIS – 21–6
- SBS Tigers lost to Norwich – 12–19
- SBS Tigers def. BASIS – 22–14
- SBS Tigers lost to TSI – 9–13

The team finished 3rd place overall, a strong achievement that reflects their continuous improvement and commitment to the game. It was especially encouraging to see the players develop their teamwork, confidence, and overall game understanding throughout the tournament. Each game provided valuable experience, and the team continues to make steady progress with every competition.

We are very proud of our progress, particularly as this is our first year as a newly opened school. The growth and development of our players and team have been truly encouraging.

We are happy with the results and will continue to improve with every tournament. We are confident that we will keep progressing and reach our goals.





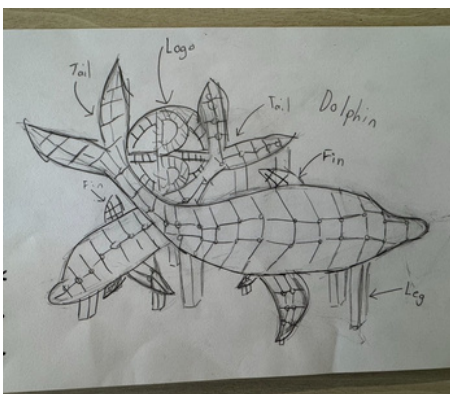
Thank you

A special thank you to **Proud (Y7)** for singing last Saturday at the International School Education Fair which was hosted by the Intercontinental Hotel in the city.





Artificial Reef Winning Design



Congratulations to Aki (Y5) for her amazing Dolphin design incorporating the SBS logo!



Our runners-up, Tee & Otin (Y6), with their turtle design.



Our runner-up, Mali (Y1), with her underwater volcano design.

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, with over 72 designs we were impressed with the time and effort students invested into their designs! We now await the next stage of the process - the construction of our very first Artificial Reef.



SBS International Bangkok - Scuba Diving Club



Please keep your eyes out for the launch of our new Scuba Diving Club in the soon to be released Active8 Brochure for Term 3.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms Ainsley - ahenderson@sbsbangkok.ac.th

Service Reminders

Our loose change collection tubes can be found in the main reception! Please send in all loose change - ever Baht helps and goes towards funding the construction and lowering of our artificial reef.

LOOSE CHANGE
HOUSE COMPETITION

BRING IN LOOSE CHANGE TO HELP
RAISE 20,000 BAHT FOR THE
ARTIFICIAL REEF PROJECT

LEOPARDS SHARKS COBRAS TIGERS

DEPOSIT YOUR LOOSE CHANGE IN YOUR
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RING PULL Competition

• SUPPORT COMMUNITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES
• COLLECT RING PULLS
• EARN HOUSE POINTS

SMALL PULLS, BIG IMPACT!

LEOPARDS SHARKS COBRAS TIGERS

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The Ring Pull collection competition is currently proving to be a neck and neck race between the Blue Sharks and Green Cobras...everyone please keep collecting!!

If you are taking a flight during Songkran - ask the cabin crew to collect the ring pulls from the flight - every ring pull is so important in helping improve the quality of life of those living on the Tondo Dumpsite in Manila.



Happy Birthday Blue Sharks - a day of celebrations in photos





Upcoming Events

- Friday 3rd April - Songkran Celebration

Next Week

- Friday 3rd April - End of Term 2

Looking Ahead

- Monday 20th April - Start of Term 3 & Active8 Term 3 Starts
- Monday 27th April - Friday 1st May - SCIENCE week 2026
- Friday 15th May - Green Cobra's Birthday
- Monday 18th May - Assessment Week
- Monday 15th June - Report 3 Published
- Friday 19th June - End of School Year

Next Academic Year Dates



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SCHOOL YEAR
2026/2027

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Colour Code

- First day of term
- School Day
- School Holiday
- Weekend
- New Staff Induction Day
- Staff Inset Day

School Term Breaks & Holidays

- Term 1 - Mid Term Break - 9th to 18th October
- Term 1 - Holiday - 12th December to 3rd January
- Term 2 - Mid Term Break - 13th to 22nd February
- Term 2 - Holiday - 3rd April to 18th April

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Closing Note

As we reflect on another busy week it is truly inspiring to see the diverse ways our students are excelling, from the "electric" classroom discussions in English to the hands-on discoveries in our Science labs. A huge congratulations again to our SBS Tigers U13 Boys Basketball Team for their fantastic 3rd place finish at the BISAL Tournament, your determination and teamwork are a credit to our growing school.

We also want to celebrate Aki (Y5) for the winning artificial reef design and thank Proud (Y7) for her beautiful performance at the International School Educational Fair. These moments, along with today's Blue Sharks' Birthday celebrations, remind us of the vibrant and supportive community we are building together.

As a final reminder, there will be no swimming this Monday, 30th March, for Year 7 and 8 students; please ensure they arrive in their PE kits for a regular afternoon PE lesson.

Thank you for your continued support as we head into the final week of Term 2. I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend.

Warm regards,
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