



Message from the Principal - Toddlers, Early Years & Primary



Rachel Crossland

Early Years & Primary Principal

Dear Parent/Guardians,

This week has been full of very special events which have created treasured memories for many of us which we will hold dear for years to come. It has been humbling to see so many people from our SBS family come together to share wonderful moments of learning, play and discovery with their children.

We have been learning with lions and sharks; walking across pirate planks; exploring oceans and jungles; competing against each other in physical challenges; using critical thinking to overcome scientific problems; hunting for treasure; and completing mathematical adventures around the campus.

A casual observer could be forgiven for assuming that these adventures and explorations are merely fun and have limited educational value. It is in fact the opposite.

When we wrap learning in a narrative, we are not just teaching; we are creating a storytelling experience which physically and emotionally changes the way your children learn. Telling a story turns exploration into provocation inspiring critical thinking. It provides children with a concrete world where abstract concepts have meaning and relevance. It allows children to "test drive" different lives and develop compassion and empathy. When a child listens to a story, their brain doesn't just process the language, it's sensory and motor cortexes light up as if they are actually doing those things. The learning is therefore 'encoded' into multiple parts of the brain, making it much easier to recall later.

This week we have in fact, developed our English Language acquisition, our Mathematical mastery, our Physical Literacy, our capacity for collaboration, and we have committed so much more information into our long-term memories!

That is the POWER of story telling! What follows is a small insight to the learning journey we have ALL been on this week...



Chocolate soil?!

A note from Ms Ainsley

This week Year 1B has learned about the four different layers of soil: rock bed, rock fragments, subsoil, and topsoil. To help us understand these layers, our class made an edible soil model. We used peanuts for the rock bed, crushed M&Ms for the rock fragments, chocolate pudding for the subsoil, and crushed Oreos for the topsoil. For fun, we added gummy worms and green grass (crushed green M&Ms) on top!

This was a great hands-on way for students to learn about soil layers and understand how soil is formed. The students had a blast and were very excited to eat their very own soil creations at the end of the activity!

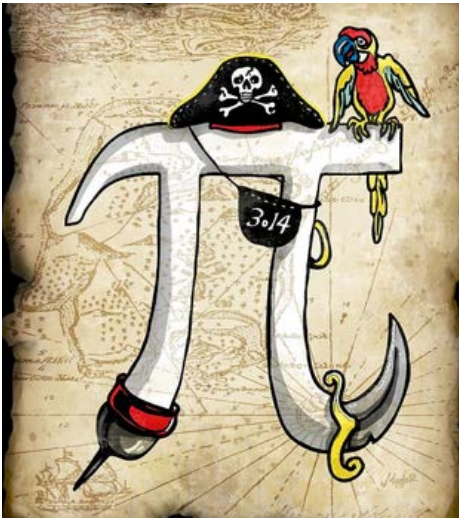




'Pi-rate' Day!



Today we acknowledged Pi- Day which is an annual and global celebration of the mathematical constant of 'pi'. Across the campus in curriculum Maths lessons there was a strong focus on this number which connects a circle's straight-line measurements to its curves. In a literacy twist, our younger learners simultaneously enjoyed celebrating Pi-rate Day, in a mathematical and phonics-based high-seas adventure!





Children enjoyed 'talking like a pirate', 'practicing their 'puhs' and of course they looked the part by arriving at school with gold hoops, hooks and eye patches! Some even showed their courage by walking the SBS Bangkok 'Pirate Plank'!





'Pi-rate' Day Activities!





Our First Toddler Puppet Show

A message from Ms Jani

This week, our toddler classrooms were transformed into 'The Wizard's Magical Fruit Garden' for a truly special afternoon. It was a joy to have parents join our circle and witness the pure wonder as the Wizard called upon his "Magic Helpers" to help fill his empty bowl.

The children's faces lit up with every new visitor! We watched with such pride as they eagerly stepped up to find a banana for the Monkey, an orange for the Giraffe, and a sour lemon to wake up the sleepy Rhino. They shared a proud moment with the Tiger, who offered a friendly roar for his crunchy apple, and giggled as the Ballerina twirled for her strawberry.

Puppet shows are so amazing for toddlers because these characters become real friends in their eyes, allowing them to practice kindness and confidence in such a magical way. We finished our afternoon by singing a sweet rendition of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star together. Thank you to all the families who shared in this "fruitful" adventure with us!





Times Tables Rock Stars!

Learning your times tables isn't just about passing a maths test; it's about building the "mental muscle" necessary for almost every high-level mathematical concept your child will encounter later on.

This week we have introduced the **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** platform for all of our learners from Y1 - Y8 with a 'soft launch' where students have had the chance to explore the platform and use some of the interactive games. Many of them have participated in the TTRS 'World Rocks' event as part of this launch. We will share more information about this next week.

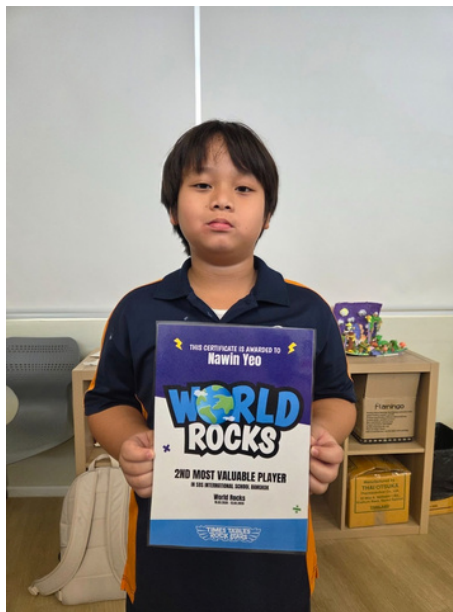
The TTRS platform enables our students to master their times tables (the essential building blocks for mathematical mastery), within a high-energy and gamified experience. By mastering the 1 to 12 tables as early as possible, our students will move beyond 'calculating' (counting on fingers) to 'recalling' (instant recognition).

By encouraging your child to become a "Rock Legend" or a "Rock Hero" on TTRS, you are giving them the tools to navigate the world of numbers with speed, precision, and most importantly, confidence. Please talk to your child about the platform and encourage them to use it whenever they can. Over the coming weeks we will let you know how we will be incorporating this platform into Maths lessons, House competitions and Homework integration.

I am delighted to announce that the following are our Upper Primary 'World Rocks' Highest scorers. Well done to you all!



1st Place - Punch Year 5



2nd Place - Nawin Year 5



3rd Place - Poby Year 4



Book Week - Visiting Author

The poster for the SBS Bangkok x Asia Books Grand Book Fair features a vibrant orange and blue background. At the top, the SBS International School Bangkok and Asia Books logos are displayed. The main text reads 'Celebrating Our First-Ever Book Week' and 'SBS Bangkok x Asia Books Grand Book Fair'. Below this, an illustration shows two children, a boy and a girl, sitting on a large open book that is flying through the air, surrounded by paper airplanes and stars. A prominent red banner states 'OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Enjoy 10% OFF on all books!' and a smaller orange banner below it says 'Get 15% OFF for purchases over 1,500 THB.' A small 'SALE' tag is also visible. At the bottom, it lists the dates '16 - 20 March | 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM' and the location 'at SBS Bangkok Campus (Visitor Parking Available)'. A small icon of books is accompanied by the text 'Featuring Activity Books, Encyclopedias, Young Adult Fiction, and Educational Toys.' The bottom line of the poster says 'Join us to discover a world of imagination!'.

Our inaugural SBS Bangkok Book Week takes place next week (Mon 16 - Fri 20 March). It is going to be BIG, and is full of literacy enrichment. This year our book week theme is the 'Joy of Reading', and we have a packed itinerary of interactive literacy based activities for the students to get involved

Please read the upcoming events section below for details of Book Week events and activities for parents.

A reminder that on Friday 20 March from 8.30-9.00am Sarah Roberts, our visiting author will be hosting a Book Week Parent Workshop. Please sign-up [Here](#).

Sarah will not only be running workshops for all of our students on Friday, she will also be hosting a book signing on our campus from 2.15pm onwards. This where you will have the opportunity to order and/or purchase a signed copy of some of Sarah's books and have photographs. More information about our visiting author can be found [here](#).

Friday 20th March is also our Book Week character dress up day - we are looking forward to seeing your costume creativity!

Swimming

A reminder that swimming begins for Y1-Y8 from Monday 16 March, (see dates below) and please do remember to complete the swimming confidence form by Monday if you have not done so already.

I am also delighted to tell you the swimming for our Early Years resumes on Thursday 19th now that the pool temperature is a little higher. Swimming lessons will continue from now until the end of the school year.

Global Reef Project

Thank you for your artificial reef designs! We have had lots of entries and will be judging them soon and sharing the result with you.



Upcoming events

- Monday 16th - Friday 20th March - SBS Bangkok's Inaugural Book Week 2026

PE Swimming

- Monday 16th March - PE curriculum Swimming lessons will begin for all years as follows:
 - Week 1 - 16 - 20 March
 - Week 2 - 23 - 27 March
 - Week 3 - 30 - April 3 March
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th March - SBS Bangkok Book Week 2026
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th March - Asia Books Fair in EY playground (7.30 - 4.00pm)
- Friday 20th March - Parent Workshop with visiting Author Sarah Roberts, 8.30-9.00am (Theatre)
- Friday 20th March - 9.00am, Book Week Celebration (Toddler-Reception - Primary Library)
- Friday 20th March - 2.15 - 4.00pm Visiting Author 'Meet, Greet, Photo and Book Signing' session, (Library)
- Friday 20th March - Book Week Character Dress up day
- Friday 27th March - Blue Sharks Birthday
- Monday 30th March at Berkeley International School - Basketball tournament (Y1/2)

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_jyKYIAtYjVYcdLc0lCLPfx835p/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).

Reminders

Campus Safety Reminder: ID Lanyards Required

Maintaining a secure environment for our learning community is a top priority for SBS International School Bangkok. To ensure the highest level of safety, all parents/adults must wear their SBS Bangkok ID & Lanyard at all times while on school grounds.

This clear identification system helps our security team easily recognize staff, parents, and guests. By keeping your ID visible, you actively contribute to a safe and welcoming campus for our students. If you do not currently have an ID card and lanyard, or wish to exchange an old one, please contact schoolmanager@sbsbangkok.ac.th.

We deeply appreciate your continuous support and cooperation.



Closing Note

To close I would like to echo Neil's sentiments shared on Thursday with our Early Years parents. Thank you for your continued support for your children - this support comes in many forms and can range from being there to support at Sports Day to being patient in the evenings with Maths Homework. There are so many ways that you are all enabling your children to reach their potential in steady, confident and incremental steps. Thank you for being present and so involved in such a positive manner. Enjoy the weekend, and whatever you do, find some time to share a story with your children!

Warm regards,
Rachel Crossland
EY and Primary Principal



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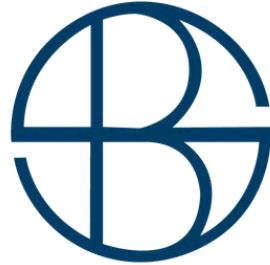


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