



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



**Rachel Crossland**  
Early Years & Primary Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we celebrated Book Week with lots of reading enrichment - it was a week of reading and stories where imagination and creativity were front and centre. The list of learning is endless, but includes; literary quizzes; book character drawing; badge designs; book mark-making; quiet reading in our very own SBS 'Book Nook'; D.E.A.R. Time and much much more!

However the undisputed jewel in the crown was today - our Book Week Finale! SBS Bangkok was awash with cardboard, colour, fabric, accessories, and stories as we leaned into our creativity, proudly wearing our book character costumes and parading together as a whole school. From Teachers to Toddlers, and from DIY tractors to elaborate historical figures, the campus transformed into a living library where book characters were flamboyantly paraded by our community - staff, teachers and students alike.





## Literacy League



This week was an ideal opportunity to launch our vertical 'Buddy Reading Programme' known as the SBS Bangkok 'Literacy League'. Thank you to our wonderful Year 7 & 8 students who are volunteering their time to read to our younger learners.



Our Secondary School 'Reading Superheroes' will continue to embed a love of stories with our Early Years children and in turn develop their own leadership qualities.



## Visiting Author



We were delighted to welcome Sarah Roberts to the SBS Bangkok campus today who pulled back the curtain on the creative process of writing and revealed her particular source of inspiration - the natural world.

Sarah shared her environmental and animal stories from her work which has taken her all over the world. She talked about her inspirational journey as an environmental journalist and author and narrated lots of her very own stories for our students to enjoy. We hope that meeting and listening to a 'real-life' author has helped turn the abstract concept of writing into a tangible career goal for students, and has helped to embed a real passion for words and reading





## D.E.A.R. TIME!

IT IS  
**DEAR**  
DROP EVERYTHING AND READ  
TIME!

At 9.50am on Wednesday the Harry Potter theme echoed around the school and signalled the beginning of D.E.A.R. time - 'Drop Everything And Read'. The school suddenly quietened and various areas of our campus filled with children immersing themselves in books. Staff, teachers and children sat quietly and were swept away by stories.



This week's literary celebrations were a timely reminder that reading isn't just a 'subject' or something to do - it's an adventure that can last a lifetime, and is the key to unlocking human potential and imagination



## Welcome Ms Gigi!



I am delighted to formally welcome Ms Gigi to our Teaching Team this week. Ms Gigi was due to join us in August but has very kindly made arrangements to start early to cover Ms Bhavika's maternity leave - I know you will make Gigi feel very welcome!

## Getting lost in the Jungle!



A little like the Early Years friend 'Lenny the Lion', my Early Years Sports Day report also got lost and didn't make it to last week's newsletter. Here is a taste of the Early Years' jaunt through the jungle last week where the Head, Heart and Hands were tested in various physical activities. It was a morning full of joy and community collaboration with Physical Literacy at its heart. Thank you to all of our SBS families who attended and took part with such enthusiasm and humour!



## Toddlers & EY Holistic Enrichment - The Zones of Regulation



To ensure we are bringing the most current educational practices to our classrooms, our Toddlers and Early Years Team teachers will, over the next month, be engaging in research-based training which focuses around 'The Zones of Regulation'. This conceptual framework has been developed by Leah Kuypers and serves to help children (and adults) develop the skills of self-regulation. It categorizes all the different ways we feel and our states of alertness into four colored 'zones'.

This approach to emotional regulation will then be gently delivered during homeroom time and beyond. Our children will begin to recognize which zone they are in and then be able to use 'tools' to move back toward a state that is helpful for whichever situation they are in. Your child's homeroom teacher will be sharing some simple 'zones' messages via seesaw over the next two weeks to give you a flavour of the framework and how it can be used to help regulate emotions and to help children learn.

If your child comes home talking about colours - they may not just be referring to paint!

## Ring-Pulls/Pull-Tab/Zip-Tabs!



There are many different names for this item depending on which part of the world you are residing but the one constant about this little metal item is the impact that it has when many are collected and used for good. Gary (Secondary Principal) and I visited the Tondo Dumpsites in Manila several years ago and we saw firsthand how this tiny inanimate object has the power to transform lives, and perspectives. This project not only helps to provide a living for many - it gives them a sense of purpose and pride. We will periodically count and compare the ring-pulls and award House points, but the project will be ongoing, so please keep collecting!



## ‘Learn to Play the Liverpool Way’

We are thrilled to announce that SBS International School Bangkok has officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Liverpool FC International Academy Thailand! This landmark partnership is an opportunity for our students to develop their football skills under the same coaching philosophies and technical programmes used by the pros at Anfield. Whether your child is a budding footballer or just loves the beautiful game, this partnership is designed to inspire the next generation of champions - both on and off the pitch.

Our Liverpool FC International Academy programme for Term 3 will be announced shortly!





## Congratulations!

Our wonderful Y6 pianists have much to celebrate - ChiCha and Ample have recently been extremely successful in their musical endeavours. Both took part in the recent Young Musician Music Competition 2026 (IYMMC Music Competition – Thailand) and both achieved 2nd place awards. This is an extremely impressive achievement and we are very proud of them both - well done Chicha and Ample!





## Tennis Success!

We have also had success on the tennis court with Chomkwan (Y5) making it to the 12 & Under Girls' Tennis Finals in the 46th Tecnifibre Schools Tennis Junior Tournament 2026



Chomkwan has been training hard with this tournament in mind and was eager to challenge herself and compete against many talented young players from schools across the country. Both Chomkwan and her partner focused on teamwork, communication, and mutual support throughout the matches, an approach that saw them through to the finals. Well done!

## Swimming

We have been delighted to have begun our swimming programme this week with ALL of our year-groups participating in Swimming lessons as part of the PE programme. Our students participated with their usual zest and enthusiasm and it has been great to see them maximising the opportunities this amazing facility offers. Our Early Years have also returned to the pool this week, and were very happy about being back in the water!

## Playground Developments

Please note that from now on, the EY Playground slide will be operational during the daytime for play and breaks but will be closed at the end of school day. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



## Upcoming events

- Saturday 21 March - U13 Boys BISAL Basketball Tournament at BASIS
- Friday 27 March - Blue Sharks Birthday (House tops to be worn by Blue Sharks only)
- Monday 30 March - Basketball tournament (Y1/2) Berkeley International School
- Thursday 2 April - T2 Active8 ends
- Friday 27 March - Blue Sharks Birthday
- Friday 3 April - House Songkran Celebration (more details to follow)
- Friday 3 April - End of Term 2
- Monday 20 April - Term 3 Begins

## 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](mailto:schoolmanager@sbsbangkok.ac.th).

We deeply appreciate your continuous support and cooperation.

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

## Closing Note

Thank you for your continued support this week - enjoy the weekend with your family.

Warm regards,  
Rachel Crossland  
EY and Primary Principal



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