



Message from the Principal - Toddlers, Early Years & Primary



Rachel Crossland

Early Years & Primary Principal

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Welcome back to the second half of Term 2 - I hope you had a restful and relaxing week with family and friends. We have returned to a beautifully clean school both in terms of the way our campus is looking (as ever) and with the slightly cleaner air. Thankfully the pollution levels have lowered considerably and our students have been able to let off steam and play, explore together during our play and breaktimes. This has been lovely to see!

We started the week with a Teacher Training Day in which our focus was how we adapt our lessons for EVERY learner. This is a fundamental and crucial element of learning. We maintain the same high standards, aspirations and Cambridge learning goals for all, but the pathway for some students to achieve academic success may look and feel very different.

Parent Teacher Conferences.

These vital meetings are scheduled for next week (Tues 3rd March and Thursday 5th March). Please see the email sent by Neil at the end of last half-term and subsequent reminders from Khun Bambam - School Manager. Please do ensure that you sign up for a slot to speak with your child's Homeroom teacher. This is a very important process in which your child's attainment, attitude and progress, can be discussed.





Book Week - Visiting Author

We are delighted to be able to introduce Sarah Roberts (author of 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley') to our school community on Friday 20th March. This is our Book Week Finale where we invite students to dress up as their favourite book character.

Sarah Roberts is an eco-journalist, animal behaviorist, and author known for her environmental children's books. Her work focuses on teaching young readers about conservation and human impact on the planet. She has an amazing story and she will be running a parent workshop after drop-off followed by student workshops all day on Friday 20th March. She will then be staging a book signing where you will be able to purchase or order a signed book.

Sarah's books have featured on the UK's BBC children's channel. More information about our visiting Author can be found [here](#).

I have lots more good news to share with you this week. We have lots to celebrate, so let's dive in!



U13 Basketball Victory

On Wednesday, our SBS U13 Girls Basketball Team competed against one of our neighbouring top-tier international schools, Bromsgrove International School, and delivered an impressive performance, securing a 26–8 victory. The girls demonstrated strong defensive skills throughout the game, while showing growing confidence, teamwork, and positive communication on the court. Well done to our U13 girls for their excellent effort.

In the second game of the double-header, our SBS U13 Boys Basketball Team also faced Bromsgrove and achieved a convincing 43–24 win, improving their season record to 4 wins and 1 loss. The boys continue to show great progress in their skills, teamwork, and game confidence.

Every game provides a valuable learning experience for our players, helping them develop not only in performance but also in sportsmanship, teamwork, and resilience. We would also like to extend our appreciation to our dedicated coaches and the entire SBS community for their continued support during the games. Well done, SBS Tigers! Go Tigers!





A Message from Ms Dimple in the Library

We are thrilled to announce the 'Design a Badge' competition in celebration of the first ever Book Week of SBS Bangkok. This is the chance to unleash your creativity and contribute to the vibrant spirit of our reading community.

Competition Details:

- Topic: Love Of Reading
- Submission Deadline: Tuesday, 10th March
- Prizes: House Points and the best designs will be transformed into real badges, proudly worn by our staff during this year's Book Week festivities.
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How to Participate:

1. Collect Templates: Templates are available at the library or can be printed (attached). Swing by and pick up the template for creativity!
2. Create Your Masterpiece: Let the imagination run wild. Design a badge that captures the essence of this year's theme 'Love of reading'.
3. Submit Your Entry: Return the completed design to the library by the deadline.

Remember, your badge could become a tangible symbol of our shared passion for books! Thank you for being part of this exciting event. We can't wait to see your artistic flair!



PE Curriculum Swimming Lessons

We are delighted to inform you that our PE curriculum Swimming lessons will begin for all years as follows:

- Week 1 - 16 - 20 March
- Week 2 - 23 - 27 March
- Week 3 - 30 March - 3 April

Please refer to the email which will go out in due course with all swimming lesson related information. We ask that all parents read this very carefully, to ensure that their children are equipped and ready to participate fully in our swimming programme.





The 'Rumble in the Jungle'!

We are SO excited to announce that on Thursday 12th March we will be hosting our inaugural Early Years Sports Day! This year we are going to be hearing some 'Rumbles in the Jungle', and the children will be on a mission to find a very special Lion! This is an opportunity for the children to showcase their physical literacy skills. They will be showing their Head, Heart and Hands in a number of different activities designed to challenge their physical skill, their cognitive ability and their grit, resilience and kindness towards each other.

Children should wear their House Shirts and parents are encouraged to do the same (either wearing a House Shirt or their House colours).

Parents, this day is for you too, so dust off your trainers and get ready to enter the jungle!



Congratulations!

Huge congratulations go to Fong from Year 4 who took part in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Mathematical Olympiad last weekend. Fong achieved the Bronze Award at this esteemed Maths Olympiad, and we are extremely proud of him. Well done Fong!



Service Learning

A gentle reminder for students across the school to design and enter our first Artificial Reef Design Competition. The deadline is March 13th!



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Artificial Reef Design Competition

Design an artificial reef to support marine life and help protect our oceans.







Things to think about:

1. **Stable structure** - your design needs to be strong and sturdy. Think about shapes which are wider rather than taller.
2. **Lots of Coral Space** - the more surfaces and branches your structure has, the more corals will attach.
3. **Clever Design** - can you include holes, tunnels or spaces for fish and other animals to swim inside and hide?
4. **Be CREATIVE** - thousands of divers will visit your structure - make it fun, exciting and unique.
5. **FINALLY** - can you incorporate the school logo into your design?

Launch:
Wednesday 11 February

Deadline:
Friday 13 March 2026



Your design.
A real impact.



Loose Change competition

To assist and raise funds for the deployment of our very first Artificial Reef on the ocean floor in Koh Tao we are excited to announce a school wide house competition.

Dig deep, search all the places where coins end up - in the car, down the sofa or your loose change pot at home.

Please add your contributions to our collection containers which can be found close to the main reception.



Ring pull collection launch

We are extremely excited to be finally ready to launch our House ring pull collection competition.

Start removing the ring pulls from drink cans and add them to your house collection!! Which HOUSE will win - you DECIDE!



Playtimes - Safety

This week, as we return to outdoor play, we have reminded all of our community about safe and respectful play in our play spaces. Our Reception and Year 1 children have all become special teachers reminding each other of how we use the playground equipment safely. They are all helping each other to remember the Golden Rules of safe play! Please can you also remind your children when you are supervising them in the play areas, that slides are for sliding down and hills are for climbing up! We never EVER stand up on the slide or walk up the slide! Thank you for your continued vigilance.





Snack policy

We are seeing an increasing number of snacks being brought from home, eaten on the school campus and occasionally being shared. Can we respectfully ask you to not give snacks to your child to consume or share on-site. Our lunch and snack provision should be adequate to keep students nourished for the day. If you feel this is not the case, I would welcome your feedback.

You are very welcome to bring snacks for your child at pick-up, particularly if they have an ECA but during the day we would ask that snacks are NOT consumed in public areas and NOT shared with others. We have a number of students with a range of intolerances and the wellbeing of these and all of our students continues to be our top priority. Thank you.





Upcoming Events

- Saturday February 28th - U11 Basketball BISAL Basketball Tournament at Basis International School II (11:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
- Wednesday March 4 - Our U7 Football vs Bromsgrove School (Away). Kick-off Time: 3:15 PM
- Saturday 7th March - SBS Bangkok Open House for prospective families.
- Thursday 12th March - Early Years Sports Day 8.45am -10.30am. (Opening Ceremony will begin at 9.00am in the Theatre).
- Friday 13th March - Toddlers and Early Years Pirate Day! More information to follow.
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th March - SBS Bangkok's Inaugural Book Week 2026 - Book Week Character Dress Up day on Friday 20th March
- Friday 20th March - Book Week Parent Workshop and Book signing with Sarah Roberts

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_jyKYIAAtYjVYcdLc0ICLPfx835p/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

This half term is short but it is packed full of learning, experiences, events, assemblies, sports fixtures, swimming - this list goes on. It will go very quickly and be very busy for us all. Can I encourage you to take a moment, breathe and be present despite the 'rush' that we all feel when we have lots to do.

Remember that these rich and varied experiences are what memories are made of and it is important that we treasure these times and appreciate them in the moment. I say this particularly to parents, and to teachers and staff, who know all too well that time moves quickly and children grow up fast, so let's ensure that we enjoy every growing minute!

Enjoy the weekend with your families - I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Warm regards,
Rachel Crossland
EY and Primary Principal



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