



Message from Secondary Principal



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Dear SBS International School Bangkok Families,

As we reach the final day of Term 2, it is the perfect moment to pause and reflect. It has been an incredibly fast-paced and productive term, filled with academic milestones, creative breakthroughs, and personal growth. Our students have worked tirelessly, and the energy across the secondary school has been nothing short of inspiring.

There has been no better way to conclude the week and term than with our Songkran celebrations today. Beyond the excitement and the water, I have learnt that Songkran carries a deep significance that mirrors our school life:

- **Cleansing & Renewal:** Just as the water washes away the old to make way for the new, we use this break to refresh our minds for the final stretch of the year.
- **Respect & Community:** The tradition of honoring elders and supporting one another is at the heart of our school values.
- **A Fresh Start:** It marks a symbolic "spring cleaning" of our goals, allowing us to return in Term 3 with clarity and purpose.

A personal highlight from the Songkran assembly this morning was the moment of reflection led by Mr. Crossland and Mr Crossland (Senior). It served as a moving reminder to appreciate the roots that sustain us, even from afar. While my own parents are back in the UK, the ceremony prompted me to pause and feel a deep sense of gratitude for their support. It was a beautiful bridge between our school's Thai traditions and the universal value of honoring family, no matter the distance between us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Em, K. Tuktik and the whole Thai team for their organisation of today. Following up on last week's announcement, our current tutor group was officially disbanded this morning making way for four brand-new tutor groups. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new tutors, who are eager to continue this journey with your sons and daughters. Most importantly, I want to commend the students: they received the news of these changes with remarkable maturity and grace. Seeing them embrace new groupings this morning I am excited for Term 3. While a well-deserved break awaits, Term 3 is already shaping up to be an unforgettable finale to our very first academic year. Here is what is on the horizon:

- **Academic Growth:** End-of-year assessments will provide students the chance to showcase how much they have learned.
- **Service Learning:** We will continue our ongoing Service Learning projects, alongside the launch of some exciting new initiatives.
- **House Spirit:** The battle for the House Cup continues with a fresh lineup of competitions.
- **Expedition Week:** To cap off the year, we have an amazing Expedition Week planned. This will be a vital time for bonding and a special opportunity to welcome our Year 6 students into the fold as they prepare to become our newest Year 7s!

Separate correspondence was sent out yesterday with information about both the expedition in June as well as details on your son/daughter's new tutor, please do reach out to me if you did not receive these important emails.



Songkran Celebrations - in photos





All Change, All Change!

This morning marked the end of two terms of being together as the Secondary school tutor group. As you know, following the two week break, we move to four tutor groups.

I wanted to publicly thank Mr Bowley and Mr Canete for all their hard work, time and dedication to the secondary students. They have helped to ensure all students had the best transition and helped to facilitate the positive, cohesive group they have become.



Despite the new tutor groups - the bonds that have been formed will continue to be there as we move forward into Term 3 and the next academic year ahead.

Mr Bowley and Mr Jimmy will continue to be tutors of LS1. However, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new tutors:



Mr Efange and Ms Riegel
will become tutors of LS2.



Ms Xiao (Ms Elis)
becomes tutor of LS3



Mr Phillips
becomes tutor of LS4



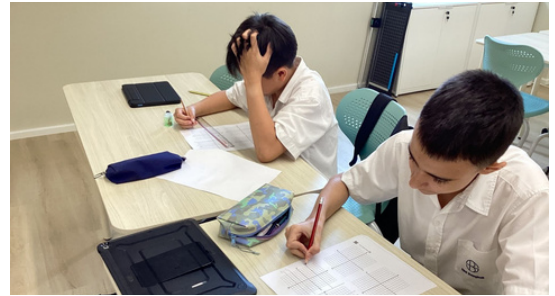
Maths

As we wrap up a short but incredibly productive Term 2, our Year 7 and 8 mathematicians have been busy mastering the art of the linear graph. It's been a week of connecting dots, literally and figuratively, as they transition from simple coordinates to understanding the "why" behind the lines.

Year 7 students have expanded their horizons into all four quadrants. They've moved beyond just plotting points to identifying specific types of relationships:

- **Fixed Constant Lines:** Mastering the vertical nature of $x=c$ and the horizontal pull of $y=c$.
- **Visual Recognition:** Learning to distinguish between horizontal, vertical, and sloped lines at a glance.
- **Function Basics:** Starting to see how a mathematical relationship between two variables creates a visual story on a graph.

Looking Ahead: After the Songkran break, they will apply these skills to interpreting real-life graphs, turning abstract lines into meaningful data.



Year 8 has been diving deeper into the mechanics of linear equations. They aren't just plotting; they're analysing:

- **The Linear Equation:** Calculating coordinates for functions in the form $x=c$, $y=c$, and the classic $y=mx+c$.
- **The Slope and Intercept:** Identifying how the gradient (m) affects the steepness and how the intercept (c) shifts the line's intercept on the y -axis.
- **Precision Plotting:** Using all four quadrants to ensure their linear equations are perfectly straight and accurate in both the positive and negative parts of the graph.

Looking Ahead: Post-break, Year 8 will use these graphs to predict outcomes in real-life situations, becoming masters of mathematical forecasting.

Important Reminders:

- **Assessment:** Upon returning, both Year 7 and 8 will complete an assessment on Unit 11 - Graphs to showcase their progress.
- **Holiday Homework:** To keep those skills sharp, MyMaths and Workbook tasks have been assigned. Please check Google Classroom for the specific links and reminders.

A Note on the Break:

You've all worked hard this term! Whether you're dodging water buckets or relaxing with family, I hope you have a fantastic Songkran break. Stay curious, and I'll see you back in the classroom refreshed and ready to interpret some real-life data!





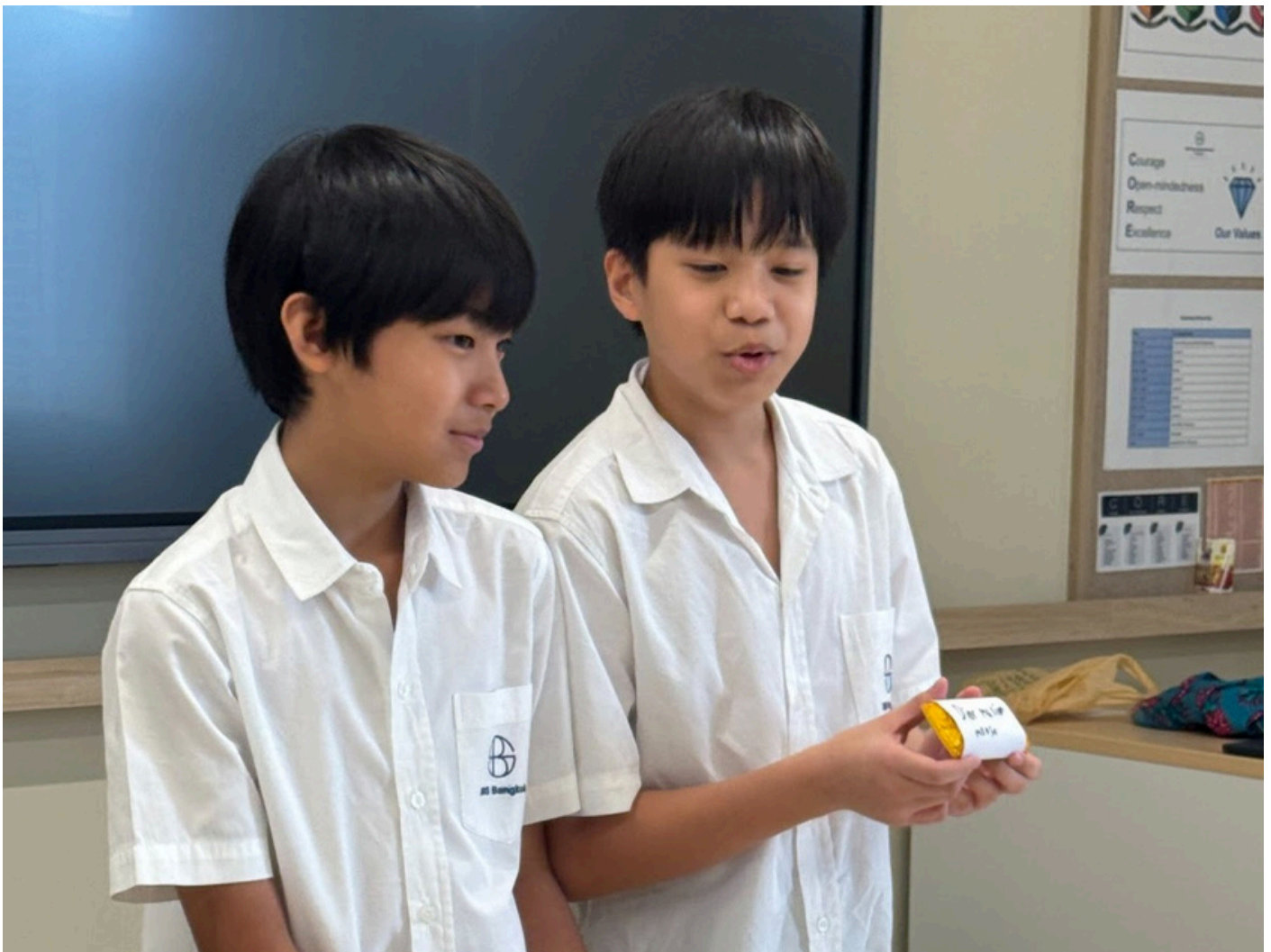
Humanities



Over the last couple of weeks students in humanities have been getting to grips with the topic of consumerism. Thinking about the impact of their consumer choices and how this can sometimes have unintended impacts on people and places far from their homes.

In the last couple of weeks, students have investigated Nestlé looking at the brand, their links to water issues, child labour and exploitation but also the good the company claim they are doing linked to climate change and conservation.

The week concluded with students designing their own ethical bar of chocolate where they had to consider what percentage of sales would go towards the cocoa farmer and other stakeholders in the production line. It was a fantastic end of the term where students really demonstrated their imagination and empathy towards others.





Drama



Our Theatre students have officially taken their final bows for our most recent unit! Over the past few weeks, we've been diving deep into the worlds of Lip-Syncing and Monologues and Scene Work, and the results were impressive.

While the majority of the class opted to submit pre-recorded video performances, allowing them to experiment with editing and multiple takes, one student decided to take the "ultimate" theatrical leap.

A massive Super Shout-Out to Proud (Y7), who chose to perform her monologue live in front of the entire class! Taking the stage without the safety net of a "delete" button requires incredible courage and presence. Brava, Proud, for showing us such grit and talent!

AND an extra thank you to the rest of the class who were phenomenal as an audience - they showed great respect and support during Proud's performance.



Mandarin

This week, our learning focused on the theme of weather and seasons (weather, seasons, temperature, and feelings), brought to life through an engaging and interactive classroom experience.

Students participated in a movement-based learning challenge, where all vocabulary and language points were placed around the classroom. Following structured instructions, students worked independently and collaboratively to search, categorise, collect, and record words into key groups. Alongside the main task, students also took on a hidden challenge, locating marked "secret" cards placed around the room. This dual-task approach created a dynamic learning environment, allowing students to learn at their own pace while maintaining high engagement and curiosity.

Learning outcomes were carefully differentiated:

- **Foundation learners** were able to recognise and read 22 key vocabulary items and respond to simple questions about seasons and weather
- **Developing learners** successfully completed worksheets and participated in short dialogues and role-play activities
- **Advanced learners** extended their learning through two projects: delivering a **weather forecast presentation**, and creating a video, podcast, or vlog introducing their favourite season or describing seasonal changes in a chosen location

In addition, Year 8 Pathway B students presented and reflected on their "Daily Routine" projects from the previous week. Through sharing podcasts, vlogs, and written work, students learned from one another and identified strengths across different formats.

Finally, detailed instructions for the Mandarin Holiday Introduction Project have been uploaded to Google Classroom. Students are encouraged to check the platform and complete the project by following the guidelines provided.



Art

In honor of Earth Day, our Year 7 students will be participating in an inspiring Art & Sustainability project. We are looking to shift our perspective on what we consider "waste" and explore how creative thinking can help protect our planet.

Our project is inspired by the incredible work of Thai eco-artist Wishulada Panthanuvong. She is a social activist who uses her artistic skills to turn vast amounts of waste into high-value art installations. Her mission is to show that sustainability can be fun and that everyone, no matter their age, can make a difference by upcycling materials they find around them



You can watch her story and see her amazing creations here: ["WISHULADA" ผู้เปลี่ยนขยะเป็นงานศิลปะสุดล้ำค่า](#)



Call for help: Materials Needed

To bring our vision to life, we are asking students to collect and bring in "waste" materials from home (please make sure they are rinsed and clean. Wishulada believes that everything around us has the potential to be a masterpiece.



PE

This week marked our Swimming Assessment Week, where students demonstrated their skills in both freestyle (front crawl) and breaststroke.



The assessment focused on technique, coordination, and overall confidence in the water. It was very encouraging to see the progress and effort shown by all students throughout the unit.

To conclude the unit, students enjoyed a session of Water Polo, bringing energy, teamwork, and excitement into the pool. This provided a fun and engaging opportunity to apply their swimming skills in a game setting while promoting communication and collaboration.

As we head into the Songkran Break, we look forward to welcoming students back on April 20, where we will have one final swimming session before transitioning into our next PE unit.

It has been a rewarding and enjoyable unit, and we are proud of the students' enthusiasm, improvement, and positive participation throughout.





ICT

This week students continued their second practical of the term, with a strong focus on developing their data management skills using Excel and Access. Throughout the lessons, students are gaining hands-on experience with essential tools and techniques that support effective data organisation and analysis.

A key area of learning involves identifying and understanding cell addresses in Excel, which helps students accurately locate and reference data within spreadsheets. In addition, students are practicing formatting techniques, such as adjusting fonts, aligning text, and applying styles to improve the clarity and presentation of their work.

Another important skill being developed is writing formulas. Students are learning how to create basic calculations using functions, allowing them to perform tasks such as addition, subtraction, and averaging data automatically. This not only enhances their efficiency but also builds their confidence in handling numerical information.

By combining these skills, students are beginning to see how digital tools can be used to manage and interpret data effectively. This practical work lays a strong foundation for future learning in ICT and supports their overall problem-solving and analytical abilities.

Thai

The Songkran Festival has arrived, and our Year 7–8 students played an important role in preparing for this special event. They showed great effort and worked very hard, producing excellent results.

As part of the celebration, students performed traditional Thai dance and took part in the water-pouring ceremony to show respect and gratitude to elders. They also enjoyed a variety of Thai traditional games and had fun playing water together.

Through these activities, students not only learned about Thai culture and traditions, but also experienced joyful and meaningful moments as a community.



Science TedTalk - all things Gravity

Apologies to Bri (Y8) and Pim (Y7) for referring to the wrong students in last week's newsletter, the article should have read:

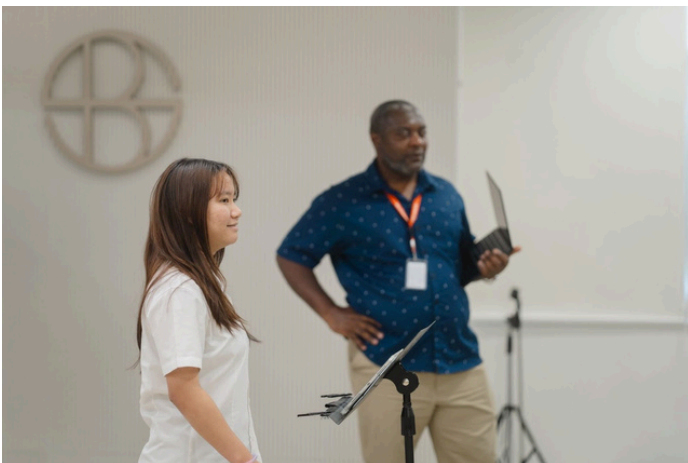
Pim (Yr 7) and Bri (Yr 8) delivered an insightful presentation to their peers and staff during Friday's break on "The Effects of Gravity on Objects." This impressive talk showcased their growing confidence and public speaking skills. Their deep understanding of the topic is a testament to the dedicated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



Science TedTalk - The importance of water

Ingfa (Yr 7) and Navy (Yr 8) shared an insight into the importance of water in this week's TEDTalk. It has been amazing to see how the students are presenting with confidence and this in turn sees students in the audience coming each week with questions ready to ask their peers.

The importance of water is a huge topic and the girls did well referring and linking the increasing dependence on AI to the water crisis. It was also lovely seeing links being made to other areas of the curriculum such as Humanities - well done girls!





Congratulations Jay Jay (Y8)



Jay Jay participated in the International Coding Olympiad on March 14, 2026, where he achieved an outstanding result, earning a gold medal and placing 36th out of 242 participants.

Well done to our Year 7 Mandarin students

A particularly memorable moment this week came when a visiting Chinese family toured the school. Four Year 7 students stepped forward to support the visit entirely in Mandarin, introducing the school, engaging warmly with a 5-year-old child, and demonstrating genuine care and responsibility. Their initiative, confidence, and willingness to represent the school reflected strong leadership, empathy, and a meaningful connection to both their learning and the school community.

We are proud to see students not only developing their Mandarin skills, but also growing into confident, responsible, and supportive members of the school.





Next two Weeks

- Songkran Holiday

Looking Ahead

- Monday 20th April - Start of Term 3
- Monday 27th April - 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 8th June - Expedition Week
- Monday 15th June - Report 3 Published
- Friday 19th June - End of School Year

Service Reminders



Remember to put to one side all your loose change from over the holiday and bring to school on Monday 20th April - ever Baht helps and goes towards funding the construction and lowering of our artificial reef.

The Ring Pull collection competition is still ongoing with our Green Cobras in the lead...everyone please keep collecting!!

Taking a flight during Songkran? If so, ask the cabin crew to collect the ring pulls from the flight.

Share our initiative with your local restaurant / cafe - ask them to collect on your behalf

Do you have a collection pot in your work place yet?

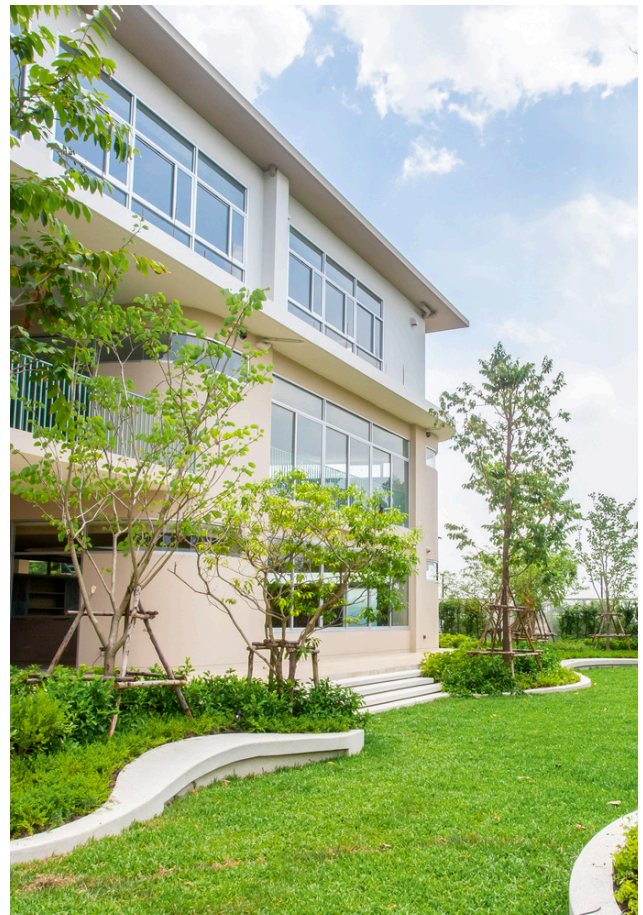
Reminders

Every ring pull is so important in helping improve the quality of life of those living on the Tondo Dumpsite in Manila.

Closing Note

Wishing all our SBS families a very happy holiday and a joyful Songkran. May your break be filled with well-deserved rest and a happy New Year celebration with your loved ones. Stay curious, stay safe, and we will see you refreshed and ready for Term 3 on April 20th!.

Warm regards,
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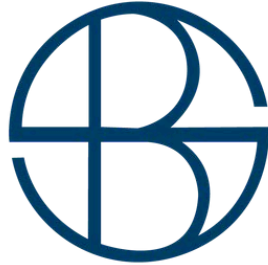


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