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Message from the Principal - Toddlers, Early Years & Primary



Rachel Crossland
Early Years & Primary Principal

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am delighted to share this week's Primary Pulse with you with the Friday take-away and key dates and items for your consideration for the upcoming week. Thank you to our students for their hard work and to our families for their continued support. This weekend take time to relax, recharge, and enjoy a well-deserved weekend. We can't wait to see everyone back on Monday, ready for another inspiring week!

Friday Takeaway



A message from Mr Ian

Why a Little Boredom Is a Good Thing

It's tempting to fill every afternoon with activities, but research suggests that unstructured downtime is actually where some of the most valuable learning happens. When children aren't told what to do next, they're forced to draw on their own creativity, problem-solving, and self-direction — skills that don't get much practice when every hour is scheduled.

I got a real taste of this recently when I found myself teaching a group of students how to play Categories and Never Have I Ever — the kind of games most of us grew up inventing on long car rides or rainy afternoons with nothing else to do. What struck me wasn't that they picked the games up quickly (they did) — it was that no one had ever shown them in the first place. Left with a bit of downtime and no device in hand, they genuinely didn't know where to start.

It was a good reminder that entertaining yourself is a skill, not something kids just arrive with — and like any skill, it only develops with practice.

So the next time your child says "I'm bored," it might be worth resisting the urge to solve it for them right away. A few minutes of nothing to do is often the push a child needs to invent a game, start a drawing, or simply sit with their own thoughts.

Try it this week: leave one afternoon unplanned and see what your child comes up with — you might even teach them a game or two of your own along the way.

'Children that READ SUCCEED'

Phonics Programme Underway



Our daily Phonics Programme is now well underway for our Reception to Year 2 classes. Please can I remind you to purchase an SBS Bangkok Book Bag as soon as possible - next week your child's Phonics Teacher will be sending home lots of materials and resources for you to support your child's reading journey. Daily Readers will also be sent home from Monday. You will also receive an invite to join your child's Phonics Seesaw class - this will be an important method for your child's Homeroom Teacher to inform you about daily and weekly Home Learning/Reading tasks.

Late Pick-up Reminder:

Please note that from next week late pick-up will continue to be located in the library but a charge will be applied according to the following times:

EY late pick-up grace period: 2.15pm-2.45pm (after which a charge will be applied)
Primary (Y1-3) late pick-up grace period 3.10pm-3.40pm (after which a charge will be applied)

Wai Kru - Thursday 24th September

Wai Kru is approaching, (a traditional Thai ritual where students express formal gratitude and respect to their teachers). At SBS Bangkok we will celebrate Wai Kru on Thursday 24th September.

For **Early Years,** if parents wish, students are welcome to bring flowers to school on the Thursday to present to their Homeroom Teacher and Thai Teacher. For students who are unable to bring flowers, the school will provide artificial flowers for them.

For **Primary and Secondary,** we would appreciate parents' support in asking students to bring flowers to school on Thursday 24 September to contribute to their class Wai Kru trays. The school will provide the trays and some materials for each class.
For safety reasons, please do not allow your child(ren) to bring any sharp or potentially dangerous materials to school.

Students are also welcome to bring a flower garland (พวงมาลัย) or flowers to present to their Homeroom Teacher and Thai Teacher. If students would like to do so, we kindly ask parents to prepare these from home, as they are not included in the flowers provided by the school for the class activities.

The main celebration will take place during Periods 1 and 2 before break. Please ensure your child is dressed in formal uniform for this period - if they have PE on this day then they may bring their PE kit into school to get changed after the event.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful teaching team.

Upcoming Events

- **Thurs 24th Sept** - Wai Kru Celebration
- **Fri 9 Oct** - Report 1 Published
- **Frid 9th Oct** - INSET DAY (no school for students)
- **Mon 19 Oct** - Term 1B commences

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/18iS6njk6hGwAxJyrw46umlYdy2Ly8ewc/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);
- School Receptionist (receptionist@sbsbangkok.ac.th)
- Principals (gcrumbie@sbsbangkok.ac.th and rcrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th);
- Head of School (ncrossland@sbsbangkok.ac.th).

Closing

Warm regards,
Rachel Crossland
EY and Primary Principal




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