Message from Secondary Principal



Gary Crumbie
Secondary Principal

Dear SBS International School Bangkok Families,

What a week it's been across the school! From thrilling action on the basketball court to meaningful moments of reflection and culture, our students have continued to shine both individually and as a community.

We kicked things off following an exciting end to last week, where our U15 basketball team took a landslide victory over TSI. It was fantastic to see our community rally together, cheering the boys on to a well-deserved win! The momentum didn't stop there, on Wednesday, the U15 boys were back on the court for a fast-paced local derby against SBS Rangsit, where they secured a 69-23 victory. We are all super excited for the season ahead. I am also pleased to share that the News report on last week's game in this week's newsletter was written by Mascot - Y9 the U15 Boys' Team captain.

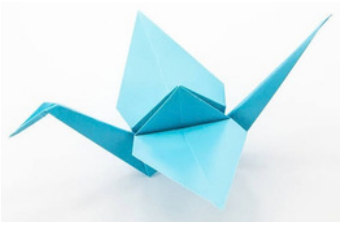
LS4 started the week leading a thoughtful assembly in recognition of the International Day of Peace. The students took ownership of researching the topic and finding creative ways to communicate its significance to the whole Secondary school. As you will see in this edition, they did a fantastic job delivering a message that resonated with us all.

On Tuesday, students discovered which Service Learning Group they will be joining this academic year. These placements were directly shaped by student input, aligning with the causes and community issues our young people shared as being most important to them. We look forward to seeing the positive impact these teams will make over the coming terms.

On Thursday, our entire school came together to celebrate Wai Kru. A cherished tradition in Thailand, Wai Kru is a beautiful opportunity for students to express respect, gratitude, and humility toward their teachers, who guide them on their educational journey. During the ceremony, students presented traditional floral offerings. It was a wonderful occasion that highlighted the strong bond between our students and staff.

International Day of Peace

LS4 did an amazing job being the first tutor group to run their student lead assembly on Monday. They gave a fantastic insight to what International Day of Peace stands for and highlighted the importance of peace and why it matters. They concluded the assembly by asking everyone in the audience (staff and students) to write messages of peace under the wings of pre-made paper cranes. These messages are going to be read by our primary school students.











"On this International Day of Peace, let us all be inspired by the courage of those who champion peace in neighbourhoods, classrooms and communities. And let's call on world leaders to invest in a peaceful future for all people."

UN Secretary-General António Guterres

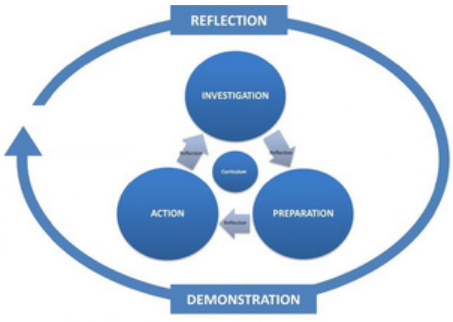
Service Learning 2026/27











Students came together on Tuesday morning to learn which Service Learning Groups they will be in for the rest of the academic year. Supervised by the tutors, students have been grouped based on their passions and interests.

Issues such as health, homelessness, pollution, food waste and soi dogs are just some of the topics of focus.

Berger Kaye's Service Learning Cycle will underpin the work that the students will undertake every Tuesday morning when they come together to meet.

We are very excited to see and share with you the work that will materialise from their journey together as they collaboratively work on a project that is important to them.

Be sure to ask the students questions over the coming weeks as they start their investigations.

Drama

Year 7 students are developing an understanding of blocking and purposeful movement onstage. Students are exploring how an actor's position, movement and relationship to other performers can help direct an audience's attention and communicate character relationships. Practical activities encourage students to make deliberate rather than accidental staging choices.







Whereas, in Year 8 this week, students are developing their knowledge of stage positions and blocking. Students are learning to identify and use different areas of the stage accurately, while exploring how positioning and movement can affect focus, relationships and the way an audience interprets a scene. The emphasis is on combining theatrical terminology with practical performance skills.

Finally, the Year 9 Drama group is exploring how blocking can create tension and communicate meaning in performance. Students are making increasingly deliberate choices about movement, distance, positioning, stillness and focus, considering how a director can use these elements to shape an audience's response. The work develops both practical performance skills and the analytical thinking needed for later Cambridge Drama study.

Student-Led Mandarin Teaching

Our student-led Mandarin teaching project continues to grow. This week, Y9 students completed their Mandarin teaching practice with Y6 students, followed by feedback and self-reflection.










Y7 students are now preparing for their teaching practice with Y3, while Y8 students have started preparing to teach Y1 students.





Across three rounds of the project, we have continued to refine our approach and provide stronger support for students, including rehearsal lessons, shared teaching instructions, and teacher modelling. Step by step, students are becoming more confident in learning from and teaching one another.



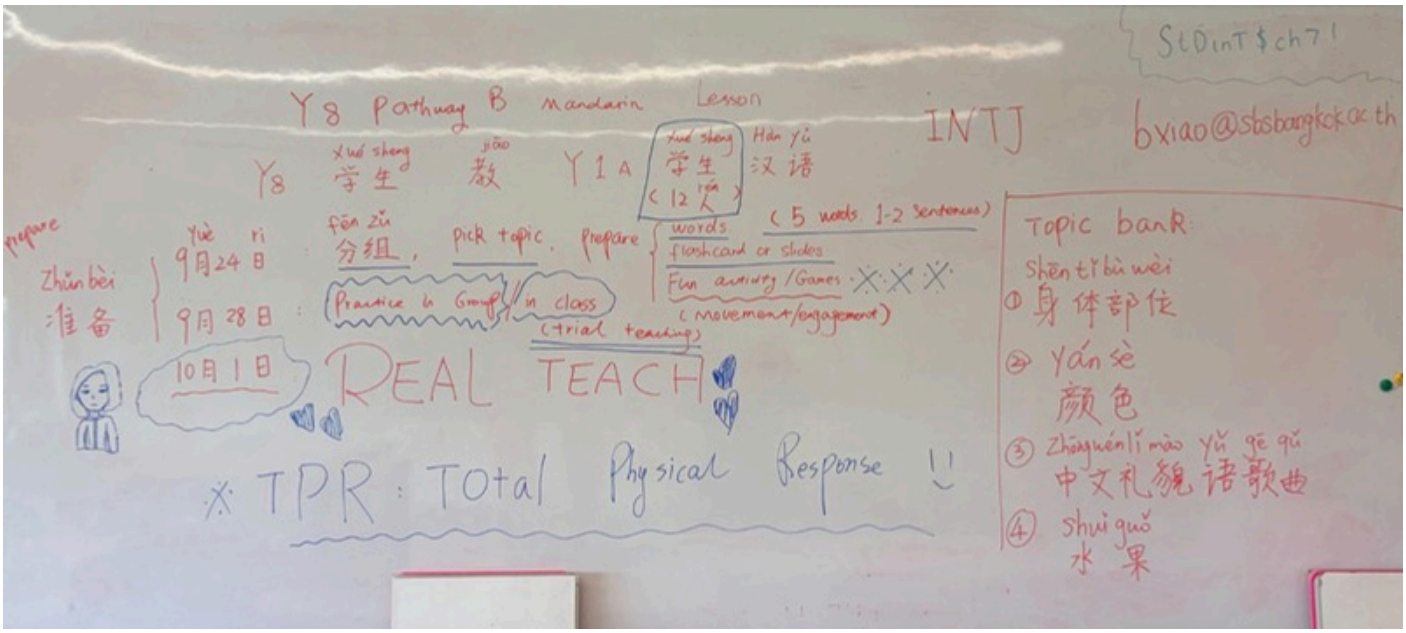












Mandarin Coffee Shop

Next week, our Mandarin Coffee Shop will take a new form. Students will work in three groups to run a **restaurant, café and shop,** while Chinese teachers and Chinese-speaking students take on the role of customers in a series of real-life Mandarin scenarios.

Students have already started preparing menus, QR codes and other materials for their businesses. Y9 will lead the first round, followed by Y7 and Y8. We are looking forward to seeing their Mandarin come to life through this immersive experience!

Thai

Year 7
This week, students learned about คำการันต์ (silent letters) in Thai. They had fun taking part in a vocabulary guessing game, where they gave clues to help their partners guess the words. Students also worked together with their Homeroom teachers to make Wai Kru trays.

Year 8
Year 8 students learned about different types of Thai words, focusing on nouns, verbs and pronouns through games and group activities. They also explored classifiers (คำลักษณนาม), which can sometimes be tricky to use correctly, and practised choosing the right words for different contexts.

Year 9
Year 9 students learned about persuasive speaking through a Thai story. They practised reading, summarising and interpreting the story, before exploring how language can be used to persuade others. Students also shared their ideas and discussed the different techniques used by the characters in the story.





Wai Kru Ceremony 2026

Our Year 7–9 students took part in our **Wai Kru Ceremony.** Students learned about the importance of Wai Kru, its symbols and how students traditionally show respect and gratitude to their teachers.

Students worked together to plan and decorate their class Wai Kru trays, using their creativity and teamwork. It was a happy day for both students and teachers, and a lovely way to experience Thai culture together.










Congratulations

Noyan - Y8 recently participated in the Vienna Mozart Philharmonic International Music Competition, an international music competition bringing together young musicians from different countries.



After successfully qualifying through the preliminary round in the Drum – Grade 5 category, Noyan advanced to the international final round held in China.

We are extremely proud to share that, in the final round, Noyan was awarded the GOLD AWARD — the highest distinction awarded in the competition final.

This is a very meaningful achievement for Noyan and reflects not only his musical ability, but also the dedication, discipline, and hard work he has put into his drumming.

Tigers take the crown against the Lions



The SBS U15 Basketball team played against TSI at SBS International school last Friday and triumphed with a score of 80-17.

The players in the U15 Basketball team were:
Mascot Year 9
Ottin Year 7
Otto Year 9
Keith Year 7
Thee Year 9
Noyan Year 8
Porsche Year 9
Thane Year 6
Shino Year 8

At the start of the first half we were playing aggressively on defense since they all were bigger and taller than us. We really weren't sure if we would be able to win because we had never seen this team play before.

We helped each other as a team and used teamwork to stop them from scoring. Ottin started the game off with a big 3 pointer and I think this is really what made our team have hope, after that shot we all started getting aggressive in defense and even though we were smaller than them we worked together and got the rebound.

For offense we started using our main plan of scoring points which is - fast break layups! We were able to get a huge lead with this, since our first 5 all were able to score the layups from fast breaks.

The game finished with a dominant lead of 80-17. Our top scorers who led the team in points were Mascot, Otto, Noyan and Thee. In this game the highlights were Noyan's incredible rebounds, Otto's great defensive steals and Mascot's incredible passes that gave chances to everyone to score points.

Our team stats really exceed in scoring since the other team didn't have a way of countering our plan that coach PJ made us.

Before the game coach PJ said "I don't care about the result if we win or lose I just want you guys to give me your best 100 percent effort.

This game really showed our potential as individuals and together as a team despite only being together for a short amount of time. I'm really looking forward to more success with this amazing team.

Finally, I would like to say thank our coach (because his strategy allowed our team to really shine), our parents, teachers and friends who cheered us as well as Mr Neil and Mr Gary for supporting the team without everyone's support we would not have been able to win this game.

Report by: Mascot (Captain)







Tigers triumph in local derby against SBS Rangsit



U15 Boys Basketball Move to 2–0 in BISAL League
Our U15 Boys Basketball Team continued their strong start to the BISAL League season with a 69–23 victory over our sister school, SBS International School Rangsit, in their second game of the season.

SBS Rangsit provided a good challenge for our boys, but SBS Bangkok used their speed, quickness, teamwork, and strong defensive effort to take control of the game.

It was another positive step forward for the team. Their teamwork continues to improve, with the players communicating better, working together on defense, and playing more effectively as a unit. There are still many areas we need to work on and improve, both individually and as a team, but it is encouraging to see the progress from game to game.

With the victory, SBS International School Bangkok moves to 2 wins and 0 losses to start the BISAL League season.

The team will face another big challenge in their next game on 30 September, when they travel to face Anglo Singapore International School 64, the back-to-back U15 Division champions, on their home court.

A big thank you to our SBS school community—parents, teachers, staff, students, and friends—who came out to watch and support our boys. Your encouragement and school spirit mean a lot to the team.

Well done, boys! Keep working, keep improving, and keep playing together.

Go Tigers!


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GAME ON






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WHOLE-SCHOOL
LOST AND FOUND REMINDER

Dear EY, Primary and Secondary Parents,

We currently have several unclaimed jumpers, water bottles and other personal belongings.



WHERE?

Lost and Found shelf near the main entrance to the EY playground.

CLEAR-OUT DATES

Monday 5th – Thursday 8th October

During these dates, all remaining items will be displayed on tables for parents to look through and collect.

Any belongings still unclaimed after Thursday 8th October will be upcycled.

Thank you for helping us reunite these items with their owners! 😊

Next Week

Basketball (Double Header)

- **Wednesday 30th Sept** | 3:30pm | U13 Girls Basketball vs Anglo 64 | @SBS Bangkok
- **Wednesday 30th Sept** | 4:30pm | U13 Boys Basketball vs Anglo 64 | @SBS Bangkok

Looking Ahead

- **Thursday 8th October** - Last Day of Term 1A
- **Friday 9th October** - Staff INSET - no school for students
- **Friday 9th October** - Report 1 published
- **Monday 12th - Friday 16th October** - School Half Term holiday
- **Monday 19th October** - Term 1B starts

Reminders

SAVE THE DATE
Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on **Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October between 3.30pm - 5.30pm.**

More information will be sent out next week with an opportunity to make your appointments before the half term break.

Closing Note

What an extraordinary week it has been for our Secondary community!

From the energy on the basketball court to the quiet reflection during our Peace Day assembly and the beautiful traditions of the Wai Kru ceremony, our students continue to inspire us through their leadership, enthusiasm, and respect. I wish you all a wonderful, relaxing weekend with family and friends, and we look forward to another brilliant week ahead.

Warm regards,
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