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Message from the Principal - Toddlers, Early Years & Primary



Rachel Crossland
Early Years & Primary Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next Tuesday, 24 November, is Loy Krathong. For many of our families, it's one of the most special days of the year, and we hope you enjoy it together. It's also a lovely moment to ask your child what they would like to let go of this year, and what they are hoping for in the next.

If your family is new to Thailand, it's well worth seeing. Head to a river, canal or lake at night, and you'll see krathongs floating by candlelight. It's also hard to believe, but Christmas is just around the corner. The Christmas Express is less than three weeks away, and the House tables are ready for your 20K Smiles gifts!

The next few weeks will be busy and full of celebration. We're looking forward to sharing them with you and your family.

Small minutes add up to big learning!

Getting your children fed, dressed, and out the door every morning takes real effort and organisation. I find it hard enough as an adult, so I want to thank you for making 'being on-time' a priority over the past month. Educational research consistently shows that those first few minutes of the school day make a significant difference to your child's academic progress and sets the tone for your child's success. Thank you for partnering with us and giving your child - and their whole class - the best possible start every single day.

Loy Krathong Celebration!

A reminder that we are celebrating Loy Krathong on Tuesday - please see publicity below. Please also be reminded that students are welcome to wear Thai traditional costume to school on this day.



Event details

Tuesday 24 November 2026
8:30–10:30 am
Secondary Building

Families invited

Toddler, Nursery and Reception

Parking

For Years 1–9, please avoid parking at school on Tuesday where possible so spaces are available for families attending.

SBS Vibe!



Many of you have been enjoying the fantastic Friday VIBE performances - I know I certainly have! A HUGE thanks to our Music Department (& 'roadies') who continue to support our brilliant young musicians, giving them so many opportunities to shine! Please come along each Friday at drop-off to enjoy a vibrant start to the weekend!







Seasonal Flu

Thank you for your continued vigilance around your children's health, as we move through this period of seasonal flu. We will continue to monitor and health check on entry, exit and during the day next week. Please do not send your child to school if they present with flu-like symptoms. Our deep cleaning schedule will continue over the weekend.

20K Smiles - The Holiday Season of Smiles and Love

Thank you to all families who have already contributed beautifully wrapped gifts for our partner charity. This year we are partnering with **Bangkok Community Help Foundation** to support their Christmas appeal - 20K smiles.

What is the 20K Smiles Campaign?
An annual initiative by the Bangkok Community Help Foundation (BCHF), bringing the magic, warmth, and joy of the holiday season to 20,000 children from lower-income communities across Bangkok.

For many children, the holidays can be a time when they see others celebrating, exchanging gifts, and making special memories. We believe every child deserves to experience that same excitement, to feel remembered, and to know that someone, somewhere, cares about them.

Making a difference is easier than you think.





How can you help?

- Clear out playrooms / bedrooms at home of unwanted children's toys and wrap them
- Buy a new toy and wrap
- Fill a shoebox (like last year - of new and/or second hand toys) and wrap as above.

Please can all gifts / shoe boxes be clearly labelled stating if gift is for i) Boy or Girl and ii) the age (range 4-13years)

Where do I take my gift?
You can now place your wrapped presents on your designated house table in the EY playground.

What not to include:

- No food items
- No Books (as the charity already has a healthy supply of second hand books)

What to include:

- Toys / Games
- Clothing
- Toiletries - tooth brush / tooth paste / soaps etc.

Mr Johan – Football Coach and PE Teacher



Match Report: Football U9 Home Game vs. JSP U9 Final Score:
Home Team 2 – 4 JSP

Format: Three 13-minute periods
Date: Thursday, November 12th

Our U9 squad put on a tremendous display of grit, heart, and determination at home today against a very well-drilled, organized, and physically imposing JSP U9 side.

Despite being at a significant height disadvantage, our players refused to back down, putting their bodies on the line and matching JSP's intensity right from the opening whistle. Our hard work paid off early when **Paper** - making the most of a brief tactical switch to striker - found the back of the net with a fantastic finish to give us a well-deserved 1–0 lead.

We held that advantage for a good stretch before JSP found their rhythm, capitalizing on a brief spell of momentum to score four goals in quick succession and pull ahead 4–1. Rather than letting their heads drop, the boys dug deep and finished the match on the front foot. Late in the final period, our captain, Rawin, produced a moment of individual brilliance - beating multiple defenders on the dribble before unleashing a perfectly struck shot to bring the final score to 4–2.

Player Highlights & Acknowledgments

- **Goalkeeping Heroics:** A special shoutout goes to **Shawn**, who stepped up and volunteered to play in goal for the entire match. His bravery and commitment between the posts were outstanding - you're a star, Shawn!
- **Sideline Support:** A huge thank you to **Teacher Bob and Simon** for keeping score today, as well as the teachers who came out to cheer the team on from the sidelines.
- **Parent Appreciation:** As always, thank you to our parents for your unwavering support and for trusting the coaching staff with substitutions and playing time. Your positive energy allows the boys to focus entirely on enjoying the game and growing as a team.

Every single player gave their all today. Results aside, matches against strong opposition like JSP are a vital part of our development as we continue working to become the best versions of ourselves. Well done, boys!

Coach Johan & the Liverpool Coaches



The Christmas Express

Both students and staff are very busy rehearsing and preparing for this year's Christmas show. Please remember to reach out to your Class Rep if you have not done so already, if you need guidance about costumes. Please note arrival times below.

Toddler's to Reception families will have reserved parking on the campus. This means that Toddler'a to Reception parents can park at school, drop off as usual, and remain on the campus until dismissal at 12.00pm (please note early dismissal for Toddlers to Year 2). Year 1-6 are asked to use the off-site parking provision and travel to the campus on the transport provided. Parking will be open from late morning.

We will confirm all of these details nearer the time.

A reminder of this year's Annual SBS International Bangkok Christmas Performance, to which families are invited as follows.

Toddler - Year 2
Date: Wednesday 9th Dec
Time: 9.00 - 11.00am
Venue: Sports Hall
Audience: Parents of Toddlers - Year 2
Arrival time: (From 8.30am)

Yrs 3 - 9
Date: Wednesday 9th Dec
Time: 1.45-3.45pm
Venue: Sports Hall
Audience: Parents of Y3-Y9
Arrival time: (From 1.15pm)

Ticket reservations for The Christmas Express have now closed. Thank you to everyone who booked. If you missed the deadline, please contact Reception and we'll do our best to help.

Tickets are 250฿ each and include refreshments on arrival and a photo with Father Christmas after the performance. Proceeds go to the Bangkok Community Help Foundation's 20K Smiles campaign.

If your children are performing in both the morning and afternoon sessions, one ticket per guest covers both performances. Please still enter the number of seats you need for each session so we can plan seating.

We've emailed payment instructions to families who reserved tickets. Please complete your payment before Wednesday 25 November 2026. Your e-tickets will be emailed separately.

A gentle reminder...

We love celebrating students' birthdays here at school, but please can I remind families that only sweet treats such as doughnuts and cakes should be brought in for sharing. Hot or fast food will not be allowed to be consumed.

Please leave any sweet treats in reception. The Homeroom teacher will decide on the most appropriate time to eat them! This will generally be in the afternoon. Thank you for your support.



Red Tigers Birthday



A gentle reminder that the Red Tigers are celebrating on **Friday 27 November 2026** - it's your Birthday! If you are a Red Tiger, please wear your House shirt and PE kit.

Upcoming Events

- **Tue 24 Nov** - Loy Krathong
- **Thurs 26 Nov** - Parent Teacher Phonics Drop-in, 3:30–5:00 pm, school canteen.
- **Frid 27 Nov** - Red Tigers Birthday (House shirts and PE kit please)
- **Frid 27 Nov** - T1 Active8 Finishes
- **Sat 28 Nov** - Open House
- **Wed 9 Dec** - Year 3 - Year 9 Christmas Performance - Parents invited - 1.45 - 3.45pm (Sports Hall)
- **Wed 9 Dec** -Toddlers - Year 2 Christmas Performance - Parents invited - 9.00 - 11.00am (Sports Hall). Please note early dismissal for Toddlers - Year 2 at 12.00pm after lunch
- **Thurs 10th Dec** - Half Day Finish at 12.30 pm (please note corrected date)

Closing

As we wrap up another busy week, thank you to everyone who has already brought in a gift for the 20K Smiles appeal. Every wrapped present will reach a child who might not otherwise have one this Christmas. Next week brings Loy Krathong, our Parents Phonics Event and Open House on Saturday, so there is plenty to look forward to.

Wishing all of our families a restful, happy weekend!

With kind regards,
Rachel Crossland
Early Years & Primary Principal


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