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Congratulations Kindergarten 2!



Congratulations to the K2s! We, the teachers, are very proud of each and every student. The children have filled our days with so much joy being the excellent students they are.

It has been an absolute pleasure being their teachers during the past year; they have all grown into amazing (not so little) children. We can't believe the time has come to send the students off to Primary 1. It is really true what they say, time flies when you are having fun!

We hit the ground running with our K2 Assembly in Term 1. We put on one spectacular show on 'Morals'. Then we got festive for our Christmas

Show that also brought an end to Term 1.

Term 2 proved to be even busier. The students worked extremely hard in preparation for the Chinese New Year celebration performance. The day was a massive success. We had tons of fun during Songkran at school, teachers and students alike! We also saw K2 Loving take the trophy in the (very hot) TSIS annual Sports Day. Congratulations to them and every student that participated.

The third and final term was all about prepping for Primary. And we can say with confidence that this group of students will do exceptionally well. They have grown so much over the

past year, from dependent youngsters into mature independent young learners. It has been a great privilege to witness this growth. We are sad to say goodbye to such an incredible bunch of children, but at the same time it is with happy hearts that we send them off to Primary where they will continue to grow and excel.

The K2 team would like to thank each student for filling our days with joy and making our jobs easy breezy! Well done to everybody for being part of and contributing to one fantastically successful year. We wish the best for all of the students' new adventures.

By Marcel Hill

Student Council Organises Fund-Raising for Nepal

The powerful earthquake in Nepal that killed thousands of lives has put a massive strain on Nepal and its people. TSIS, through the initiative of the Junior Student Council, organised a fund-raising campaign called 'Together weCARE for Nepal' to raise money for the earthquake victims.

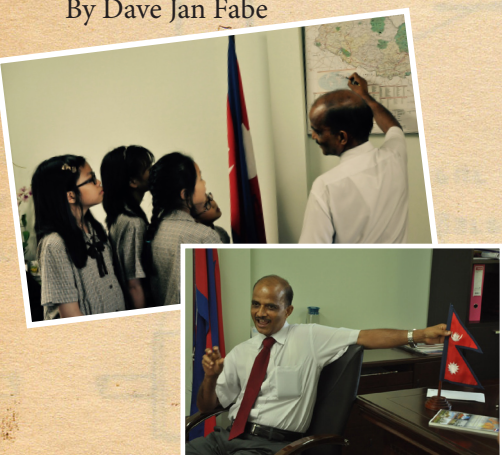


Two booths were put up – one at the school main entrance and the other at the entrance to the Primary Building. Parents, teachers and pupils actively participated in the campaign by generously giving money. Overall, the council was able to raise 60,000 baht.



On 9 June 2015, a TSIS group comprising of four teachers and staff, a parent representative and four student leaders representing the student council visited the Embassy of Nepal in Bangkok to give the collected money. The group was cordially received by no less than the Ambassador, His Excellency Mr Khaga Nath Adhikari.

By Dave Jan Fabe



Term 3 ECA Music Holds 5th Joint Recital



To conclude ECA Music this term, the ECA Music Classes, namely Singing, Keyboard and Ukulele organised a combined music recital on 10 July 2015.

The music recital proudly featured 27 young performers enrolled in ECA Music this term. There was such a remarkable increase in the number of enrollees this term as last term had only 19 pupils performing.



The programme kicked off with a group rendition of the song 'Do-Re-Mi' from the famous Broadway musical, *The Sound of Music*. Following this, the

performers took turns in presenting their respective single performances (Voice, Keyboard or Ukulele), which displayed the musical skill they have learnt in class. Finally, all 27 performers rendered their closing song entitled 'We Believe in Music'.

ECA Singing, Keyboard and Ukulele are taught by Teachers Giovanni Sornito, Hannah Bagnol and Tina Mendoza, respectively. They are very devoted and hardworking teachers who firmly believe in their pupils to excel in music.

By Dave Jan Fabe



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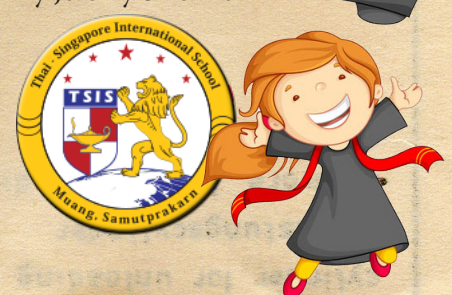
Recognition Ceremony



Primary students have done phenomenal work this year and as a primary teacher, I couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments and growth throughout this year. We have seen our students compete in academic contests, cheer for our classes on Sports Day, and perform in holiday shows. We have also seen them gain the confidence to sing in front of their peers, learn the values of working as a team, and complete the most amazing and unforgettable projects for the Primary Project Exhibition. Most of all, we have seen our students grow, learn, contribute, and play an active role in their own academic experiences.

As these students learn and grow, we teachers learn and grow alongside them as each class is a medley of individual voices with unique perspectives that make our community at TSIS richer and more dynamic with each year. It has been a privilege to be a part of this enriching experience at TSIS and I anxiously await the accomplishments that lay ahead for our exceptional and gifted students.

By Jeremy Sinsimer



泰新加坡国际学校注重中文教学，而听说能力的培养是学习中文的关键。



小学部除了文本教学，还会有针对性地选择一些学生喜爱的小故事穿插其中。比如课上，老师讲解课文后，也会讲一个与课文相关的小故事，学生听完能够口头复述，并说出故事大意。业余，学生有机会在早操上讲中文故事给全校的朋友听。这样既锻炼了他们的表达能力，也提高了他们对故事的理解能力。在目标明确的教学指导下，我们的学生可以在生活中灵活运用中文来表述所见所闻，也可以在演讲台上一展风采。因而，中文这门语言真正成为了我们学生终身受用的沟通工具。

幼儿园部按照教材“乐中学”的教学宗旨，强调幼儿寓学于乐，通过轻松有趣的方式，在快乐的情境中学习中文。因此中文老师透过游戏与活动诸如讲故事，看图说话，朗诵儿歌以及歌唱等等，协助幼儿用中文表达自己想法，并和老师对话。落实了“听说领先，读写跟上”的教学原则。本学期中文老师还布置了“听说作业录像”将每周中文学习内容制作成本子，配上发音录像，让学生在家里也能练习听和说，家长们更能有效的协助孩子完成当天的家庭作业和复习。另外老师们也加入网上家长群，不仅将“听说作业录像”及时发送给家长，更增进老师和家长之间的沟通机会。我们深信家长，学校以及老师三环的合作交流，必能使我们的孩子在最佳的学习环境中快乐的成长，获得最大的效益。

Field Trips



During Term 3 all of the students went on exciting field trips. These field trips gave the students educational experiences away from their normal school environment. In visiting different educational facilities they were able to learn in an interactive manner. Field trips are helpful to students as they assist children with various learning styles, whether they are auditory, visual or kinetic learners.

Each grade level visited different exciting venues:

N1 – Funarium

N2 – Playtime

K1 – Siam Ocean World

K2 – Kidzania

P1 – Dinosaur Museum

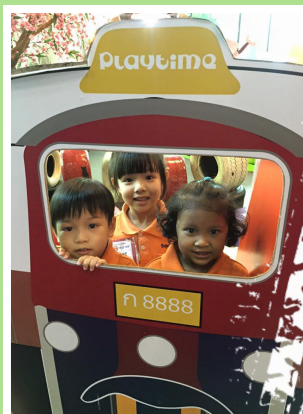
P2 – Science Museum

P3 – Siam Museum

P4 – Children's Discovery Museum

P5 – Parliament House & Vimanmek Mansion

By Candice Ford





A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Teachers and Pupils,

The top management has recently been discussing the three areas we are mostly proud of. After much deliberation, we all agreed on the following:

TSIS is a growing school

The school started eight years ago with less than 20 pupils and within a short span of less than 9 years, the pupils' population has grown exponentially to 722 as of 2 June 2015. The facilities have expanded tremendously to cater for the increased enrolment. We are growing not only in terms of numbers. We realise a growing school is also one which continues to add on valuable activities to its student population. For example, the TSIS Media Bureau which was formed recently is addressing our students' interests in Radio, TV and Print Media. We also constructed a Thai boxing ring to cater to students who are interested in the traditional Muay Thai as an ECA.

TSIS is trilingual

Most of our pupils are able to speak English, Chinese and Thai. It is also observed that the longer the pupils stay in the school the more proficient and confident they are in speaking English and Chinese.



TSIS has an inviting atmosphere with good facilities

The environment of the NK block is homely and lively with a host of display of pictures, posters, wall paintings, and pupils' work on the display board outside classrooms. Pupils have access to: a Lego room, play room, bike area, trampoline, two playgrounds, swimming pools both for their learning and growth and play. For the more athletic pupils, especially from the primary, a soccer pitch and a basketball court are available. The primary block looks equally attractive, with a variety of displays in all the classrooms. Supporting the holistic development of the pupils, the school provides its pupils with a designated art room, music room, two computer laboratories, a science laboratory and a library. All parts of the school are always kept immaculately clean and tidy. Soft and soothing music is played and can be heard along the corridor of the NK block.

As part of the TSIS community, I hope you share the same sentiments. Together we endeavour to build TSIS into an international school of choice.

Yours in TSIS' service


Eng Kee Low

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N1 Assembly

Football is a dance, a rhythm between the players and the ball. The players are told to produce all the tricks and magic they can. Playing football does more than whittle your waistline and firm up your calves. Football provides a chance to unwind and engage socially, all while improving your fitness.

This year, the Nursery 1 combined sports and dances through different dance presentations of FIFA World Cup opening songs.

The N1 classes were assigned different FIFA team countries. The classes have had the chance to show the cultural background of the countries by featuring interesting pictures and facts about the FIFA team countries.

The children were naturally attuned to the sound and rhythm of various songs by smiling, swaying, and even clapping their hands. The kids loved the experience and their level of confidence soared on stage. It was amazing to see how they danced to upbeat tunes, knocking the ball around, dribbling, and taking pride in the way they showed off their repertoire.

The dance routines improved their groove, coordination and their sense of how their bodies fit into their surroundings. The dancing and singing helped set the stage for an active childhood filled with all types of movement.

The colourful costumes and theme integrated stage were immediate powerful visual statements for the audience.

The children performed excellently and just like football, it was indeed entertaining.

The show was made possible by the cooperation of school management, staff, supportive parents and the energetic N1 team.

By Myra Alforte



N2 Assembly

The Nursery 2 students showcased their talents at their assembly on 20 May and they showed us that they may be little, but they do dream big! They were donned in costumes representing who they want to be when they grow up. Little sports stars and career people were all around the school grounds ready to showcase their singing and dancing prowess.

Parents were delighted to see their little dreamers on stage as they performed. They delivered the message that even as youngsters, they still have a lot to learn but they already have big dreams.

At the end of the show, the dreamers handed roses to their parents to show their appreciation for their parents' endless love and support for their dreams.

By Donnalyn Orara



K1 Assembly

This year's K1 Assembly Show served up some spectacular performances and all of the students that took part should be immensely proud of themselves. The theme of the event focused on music from the 1970s era, with classic artists ranging from Stevie Wonder to the Jackson 5. A massive thank you goes out to Teacher Giovanni Sornito who worked his socks off to help prepare each class for the show and to Teacher William Lea who organised the whole event and made it run so smoothly. Finally a special thank you goes to all the parents who arranged the costumes and made the kids look amazing!

By Rob Waind





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วันฉัตรมงคล ตรงกับ วันที่ 5 พฤษภาคมของทุกปี ซึ่งเป็นวันสำคัญอีกวันหนึ่งของปวงชนชาวไทย ที่อยู่ใต้ร่มพระบรมโพธิสมภาร ของพระบาทสมเด็จพระเจ้าอยู่หัวภูมิพลอดุลยเดช ครอบเกล้าถึง

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ความสำคัญของวันฉัตรมงคล

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The Manager's Report



Warm regards,

Wanchai Karuensatit

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My warmest salutations to the members of the TSIS Family!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you for making this Academic Year 2014-2015 a success. All of our achievements would not be possible without your support and cooperation. Of course, all terms come with their challenges, and I am thankful that we have remained steadfast during the past three terms.

As we end this academic year and move forward to the new one, I would like to inform you about two school developments that will take place in the near future.

The first one is the renovation of the furniture showroom into a multi-purpose hall with living green walls. It will be known as the TSIS Hall. This will be a well-equipped space suitable for the assembly shows, meetings and seminars with its audio-visual system and environment-friendly design. It can be transformed into a mini-theatre or a venue for various Extra-

Curricular Activities (ECA) such as Gymnastics, Taekwondo and Dance. Parents of the Nursery-Kindergarten students will find it convenient to collect their children during dismissal time as a portion of the hall will be designated as the NK Waiting Area. The TSIS Hall will be opened by January 2016.

The second development is the construction of the TSIS portal complete with the Merlion fountain welcoming the students, parents and teachers. The flow of traffic will be smoother as vehicles entering the main gate will have to go straight to the back of the school to a more spacious parking area. It is expected that vehicles going out of the school will also have an easier time merging with the main traffic due to the improved traffic management system that will be implemented by the school in January 2016.

We hope that with these improvements, you will remain to be our partners as we provide the best education and facilities for your children.



Parent's Corner

We have found that TSIS is the best solution for our family. We have 3 children, two boys (Athi and Chanon) and one girl (Shisa), and we feel that TSIS best accommodates our children's needs.

Firstly, the school is strong academically as well as practically. The children can speak quite fluently in Chinese, English and Thai. At the same time they are also able to enjoy playing sports and spending time with their friends and taking part in school activities.

The second point of strength is that the school has a great personnel team – teachers, assistants, nurses, guards and cleaners. They are all nice and helpful. Consequently the children love to go to school every morning.

Lastly, we as parents would like to thank the school for its kind support and thoughtful academic schedule. The future of our kids is in the school's hands, and we totally believe in the school's capabilities to steer our children in the right direction. We, as parents, are happy to work closely with the school for the benefit of our children.

By Issare Ngamlamiad



