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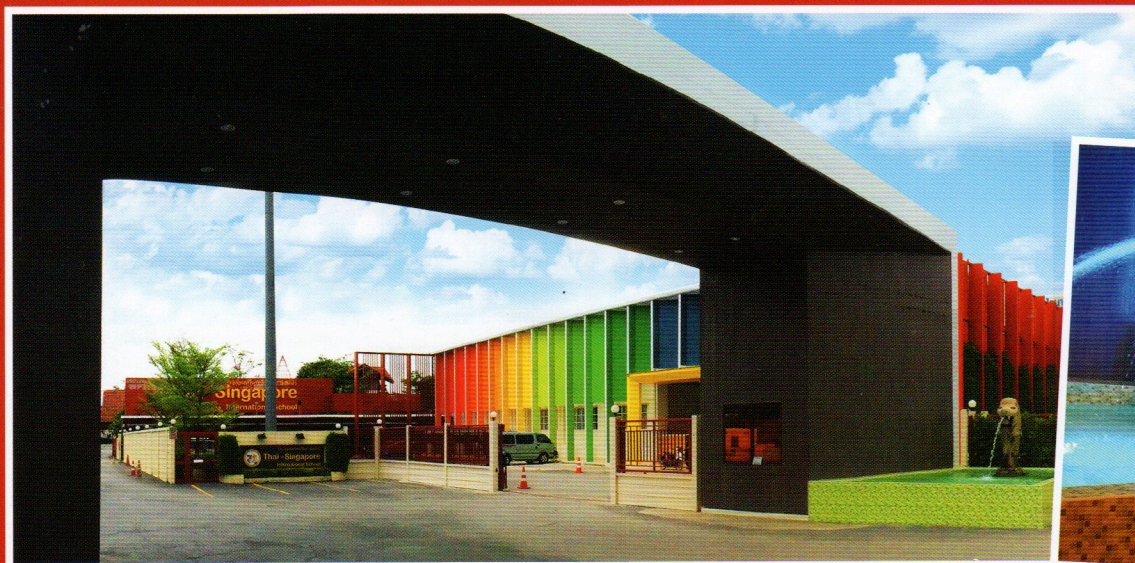
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TSIS Strives and Shines with Silver Award



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In the academic year 2015-2016, TSIS embarked on a journey of self-improvement. The school invited accreditors from Education Development Trust (EDT) to validate our achievements. Prior to the accreditation, all school staff worked very hard to review and improve on our many school processes. Members of the top management met weekly to make improvements and worked on the reports to be submitted. All other staff gathered evidence and data to support the report. Parents and students were also involved in the process where they gave feedback for improvements to the school. All in all, it was a very engaging process where the whole school and its stakeholders were in sync and geared towards achieving the best for TSIS.

EDT sent accreditors to TSIS on 14th-16th of March 2016. Besides carrying out classroom observations of our teachers, they interviewed various staff, management, parents and students, went through our data and reports extensively and gave constructive feedback.

At the end of the accreditation process which lasted for three days, TSIS achieved a silver award under the International School Quality Mark (ISQM). We are very proud of our achievement and would like to thank everyone involved. We would also like to assure our stakeholders that we will continue to improve and bring TSIS to the next level.

By Mr Ricky See
VP and Lead Evaluator for Accreditation



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A Message from the Principal

By now, I'm sure all of you are aware that, following a rigorous inspection in March this year, the school has achieved the Silver standard in the International School Quality Award (ISQM) from the Education Development Trust. With this accreditation, parents can be assured of the quality of education delivered by TSIS. However, we will not rest on our laurels and will continue to strive to provide the best for our students.

We are also pleased to inform parents that the school has set up a TSIS Secondary Scholarship Award for the new academic year. There will be a total of 5 full awards and 5 partial awards amounting to THB 1.3 million and THB 680,000 respectively, for 4 years of study from Secondary 1-4.

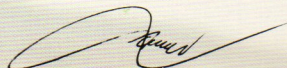
The scholarship examination will be conducted on 2nd July 2016 and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by a school panel. This scholarship is open to students from other schools.

From my daily inspections of the school I can report that construction of the 3-storey 'Victory Building' is in full swing. We are patiently awaiting its completion in August 2016 to accommodate our ever-increasing enrolment.

Last but not least, our pioneer Primary 6 students will be taking their IPSLE from 11th to 25th July 2016. We have made plans to help them revise and prepare and would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best in their forthcoming examination.



As Term 3 is drawing to a close, we thank one and all for staying on course with us in our endeavour to build TSIS into a school of choice in Samut Prakan. We look forward to welcoming the 2016/2017 academic year in with our first batch of Secondary Year One Students.


Mr Eng Kee LOW
Principal, TSIS

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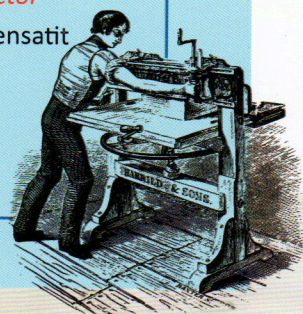
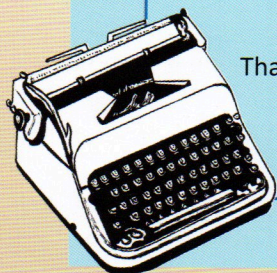
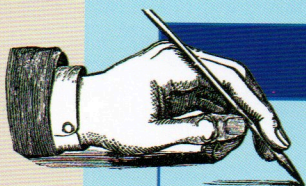
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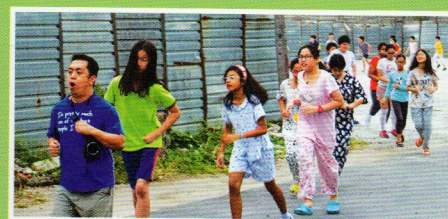
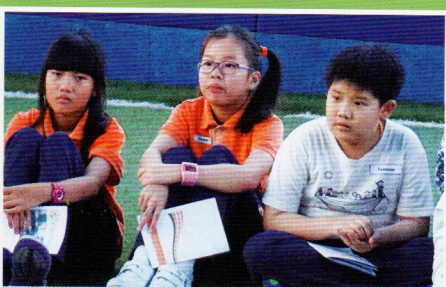
Eng Kee Low





Introducing the Seven Habits of Highly Effective Kids

Get in the habit! That was the first lesson learnt by Primary 4-6 students during our Leadership Camps in February and March this year. The discussions we had were based on the book *Seven Habits of Highly Effective Kids* by Sean Covey, and we hope the lessons will help our students develop appropriate habits to ensure success. We began by defining a good habit and identifying ones that are not helpful to us. We then learnt the seven habits highlighted by Covey, which are: Be proactive; Begin with the end in mind; Put first things first; Think win-win; Seek first to understand then to be understood; Synergize, and Sharpen the saw.



Though the focus of the camp was cultivating good habits, we did not want to undermine the fun of just being in a camp. More than 80 students spent a night in tents inside the classrooms with their friends, which you can imagine, is an exciting venture in itself! We aimed to give the students a real outdoor camping experience as far as possible, so we had the mandatory barbeque, team-building games and lots of singing!



The students have been introduced to the habits that can help them achieve whatever it is they set their minds to. The challenge now is to make them maxims to live by. With consistent encouragement and training from the school, teachers, and parents, every child has the potential to change the world for the better and have tremendous success ahead of them.

By Mr Dexter Din



N1 Assembly Show Summer Salute!

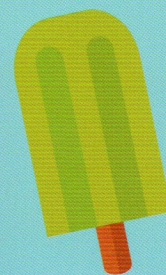


The sun shines brighter and its warmth cannot be denied. It's summertime once again! What greater way to salute summer than with our N1 students showcasing their fun-filled moves on stage. With a fantastic variety of outfit themes from the beach islands and mermaids to sailors, fairies and butterflies, N1 made summer a vibrant blast!

The show's theme song "I'm Walking on Sunshine" was a fun way to start off the programme. Each class displayed high-energy dances combined with cool and trendy summer outfits that surely gave the audience a visual extravaganza. The N1 students capped-off the happy and colourful event with an energetic rendition of everyone's favourite - "Footloose"!

Thanks to the collaborative effort of our dedicated N1 teachers, cooperative parents, and supportive school management the show was made possible.

By Ms Jarilyn Boniao



N2 Assembly Show The Greatest Children's Show of All Time!

Molding young minds and characters is not only about books and pens, but also about nurturing talents that will help children face whatever challenges may come their way. With this in mind, the Nursery 2 team came up with this year's theme for our assembly show – Children's Show of All Time. We focused on a variety of cartoon shows that inculcate good values, celebrate good relationships with other people, encourage positivity and strengthen children's dreams for the future.

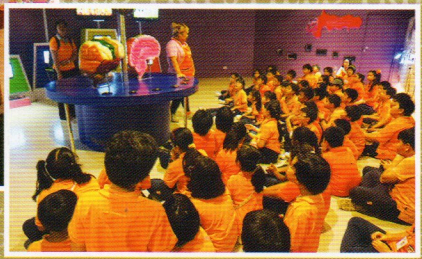
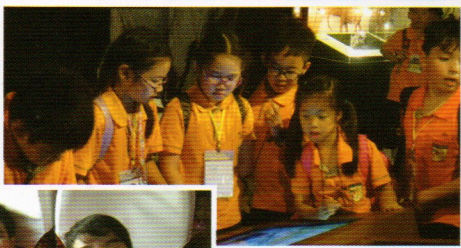
It was a fantastic presentation that was held on the 26th of May. Our



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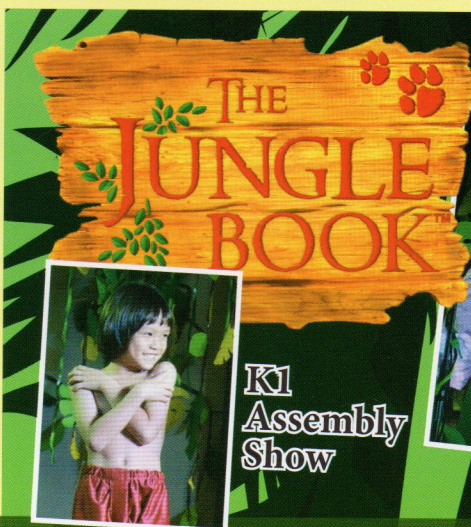
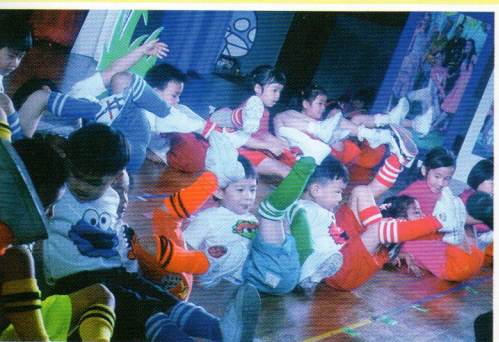


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students showed that they are not only developing in the classroom but that they can sing, dance and act and - best of all - make their parents and teachers proud. The children received well-earned gifts after the show to recognize their hard work. This was another successful assembly presentation!

By Ms Ellen Magbago



K1 students' assembly, The Jungle Book, was a great success. With help from their HRTs and TAs, the students were magnificent in the ambitious production.

In a break from recent convention, the decision to stage the show as a continuous story turned out to be a masterstroke. With different students taking up the role of Mowgli and the characters from Rudyard Kipling's classic tale, the narrative flow was maintained through excellent set design and costumes. This gave many students the chance to shine and show off their acting, singing and dancing talents.

Most importantly the students had lots of fun rehearsing and performing, whilst learning about the jungle. Parents will be looking on to see if TSIS can top this delightful show!

By Mr John Thomson



วันเฉลิมพระชนมพรรษา สมเด็จพระนางเจ้าสิริกิติ์ พระบรมราชินีนาถ และวันแม่แห่งชาติ

สมเด็จพระนางเจ้าสิริกิติ์ พระบรมราชินีนาถ ทรงพระราชสมภพเมื่อวันที่ ๑๒ สิงหาคม พ.ศ. ๒๔๙๕ ทรงสำเร็จการศึกษาระดับมัธยมศึกษาที่โรงเรียนเซนต์ฟรังซิสซาเวียร์คอนแวนต์ เมื่อมีพระชนมายุ ๑๖ พรรษา ได้เสด็จตามพระราชบิดาไปดำรงตำแหน่งเอกอัครราชทูตประจำกรุงปารีส ที่นั่นพระองค์ได้เข้าเฝ้าสมเด็จพระเจ้าอยู่หัวภูมิพลอดุลยเดชครั้งแรก ทรงประกอบพิธีหมั้นเมื่อวันที่ ๑๕ กรกฎาคม พ.ศ. ๒๔๙๒ ณ กรุงลอนดอน ประเทศอังกฤษ และเมื่อวันที่ ๒๘ เมษายน พ.ศ. ๒๔๙๓ ได้จัดพระราชพิธีราชาภิเษกสมรสขึ้นที่วังสระปทุม

สมเด็จพระนางเจ้าสิริกิติ์ พระบรมราชินีนาถ ทรงมีพระราชโอรสและพระราชธิดา ๔ พระองค์ คือ ทูลกระหม่อมหญิงอุบลรัตนราชกัญญา สิริวัฒนาพรรณวดี สมเด็จพระบรมโอรสาธิราช เจ้าฟ้ามหาวชิราลงกรณ์ สยามมกุฎราชกุมาร สมเด็จพระเทพรัตนราชสุดา เจ้าฟ้ามหาวชิราลงกรณ รัฐสีมาคุณากรปิยชาติ สยามบรมราชกุมารี และสมเด็จพระเจ้าลูกเธอ เจ้าฟ้าจุฬาภรณวลัยลักษณ์ อัครราชกุมารี

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วันแม่แห่งชาติ

ความเป็นมาของวันแม่แห่งชาติในประเทศไทย

ปี พ.ศ. ๒๕๑๙ คณะกรรมการอำนวยการสภาสังคมสงเคราะห์แห่งประเทศไทย ในพระบรมราชูปถัมภ์ ได้กำหนดวันแม่ขึ้นใหม่ให้เป็นวันที่แน่นอนโดยถือวันเสด็จพระราชสมภพของสมเด็จพระนางเจ้าสิริกิติ์ พระบรมราชินีนาถ วันที่ ๑๒ สิงหาคมเป็นวันแม่แห่งชาติ และกำหนดให้ดอกไม้สัญลักษณ์ของวันแม่ คือ ดอกมะลิ

การใช้ดอกมะลิ เป็นสัญลักษณ์วันแม่ ก็เพราะดอกมะลิเป็นดอกไม้ที่มีสีขาวบริสุทธิ์ มีกลิ่นหอมที่หอมไปไกลและหอมได้นาน ผลิดอกได้ทั้งปี อีกทั้งยังนำไปปรุงเป็นเครื่องยาหอมใช้บำรุงหัวใจได้ด้วย ซึ่งคุณสมบัติเหล่านี้เปรียบได้กับความรักอันบริสุทธิ์ลึกซึ้งที่แม่มีต่อลูก เป็นความรักที่เปี่ยมไปด้วยความเมตตากรุณาที่ไม่มีที่สิ้นสุด และไม่มีพินิจ มีแต่ความชุ่มชื่นใจถึงความหอมของดอกมะลิ



讲故事教学

讲故事，对全面提高学生的语言能力十分重要。本校中文老师依照学生年龄选择适合的故事，借助故事里的图片、以及老师的口形示范和手势，形象具体地向学生示范发音，使学生不知不觉的掌握语言。此外还要将那些难懂的词或较长的名字，换成容易理解的词，使学生一听就懂。故事说完后，对年龄较小学生采用填充式提问故事内容，较大学生则练习复述故事中部分情节或大意，以促进学生的语言表达能力。中文部也安排小学和幼儿园的学生在升旗仪式后出来讲故事给大家听，不但训练他们的胆量和台风，也培养他们听故事和讲故事的兴趣，借此促进学生的中文语言能力发展。



**Reach
for the
Stars!**



Congratulations to the K2 and P6 classes of 2016! This incredible year has been full of active learning, creativity, confidence building and development for our students, who exceeded expectations at every turn.

On July 8, 2016, we recognised our wonderful K2 students and all their hard work as they graduated from kindergarten marking a momentous time in their lives. The graduation ceremony was held at the Dusit Princess, where friends, family and teachers all gathered together to celebrate the accomplishments of 125 of the most caring, respectful, loving, gracious, cheerful and sincere students.

After the kindergarten graduates, came the turn of our pioneering P6 students, who deserve huge praise for completing their primary education. It is now time for them to progress onto the next level and embark on the brave new world of secondary school.

There were also some special awards given at the ceremony to select students for displaying academic excellence in a variety of subject areas. Well done to the talented and diligent students who displayed great effort in

their academic work! Teachers would also like to say a big thank you to all parents, grandparents and family members for their continued support over the year.

To our students, we are so proud of each one of you. Thank you for a wonderful year.

"You're off to great places, today is your day.

You're mountain is waiting, you're off and away!

You have brains in your head and feet in your shoes,

You can steer yourself any direction you choose.

Oh, the places you'll go!"

-Dr. Seuss

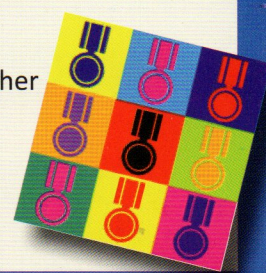
Ms Richelle Fischer

TSIS Recognition Day

Huge congratulations to all of our nursery, kindergarten and primary students for completing another school year! As our students progress through the grades, the work does become more challenging, but they have risen to meet the high standards set out for them. On July 6th, we acknowledged our TSIS students for their success and hard work this academic year. All their teachers are proud of them for studying hard, behaving well and striving to do their best every day. Some students demonstrated excellence beyond expectation in different subjects, and this ceremony was also a time to recognise their talents and efforts with special certificates.

We would like to thank all the parents, grandparents, and guardians for their care and support throughout the year. It has been our pleasure to work with such wonderful young people and we look forward to seeing them continue to excel in the years to come.

Ms Ms Laura Gallagher





The Battle of the Voices at TSIS

Now in its third year, the Primary Vocal Solo Competition 2016 organised by the Aesthetics Department ended on a high note in a final showdown on 31st May.

The competition was open to all primary students, who could sign up for the closed-door audition and try their luck at qualifying for the thrilling final round. Overall, there were 76 students – 42 for Category A (primary 1 and 2) and 34 for Category B (primary 3, 4, 5 and 6) – and it was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and participation.

The judges selected eight students for each category and all 16 finalists spent time rehearsing and perfecting their songs during break times in the lead up to the contest. They received constructive feedback from the music teachers to help them improve their overall performance.

When the highly-anticipated day arrived, we all made our way to the Grand Hall for the show. The contestants wore outfits corresponding to their songs and demonstrated what hard work and practice they had put into their performances. The rest of the primary students – including teachers – felt a huge sense of team spirit as they supported and cheered on their classmates on stage.

For Category A, the winners for this year's singing competition were Kaem of P2 Grace (first place), A-Tae of P2 Love (second place) and Sun of P1 Hope (third place). For Category B, the winners were Mark and Rak-oeŷ of P4 Faith (first and second place, respectively) and Tonnam of P4 Hope (third place). They were awarded with trophies, Asia Books gift vouchers and a certificate of recognition for their achievement. The other finalists were given certificates of participation.

Undeniably, singing competitions can be nerve-wrecking, even for experienced singers, so we would like to congratulate all the contestants on their courage in trying out and braving the stage!

At TSIS, organising such competitions is a good platform for our young performers to showcase their singing ability and gain stage experience in a safe learning environment. This is a valuable opportunity for them to develop and increase their confidence and we look forward to uncovering more singing talent in future competitions at school.

By Mr Giovanni Sornito & Mr Dave Jan Fabe

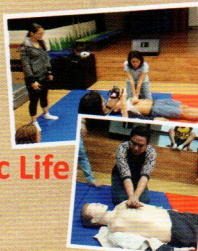
TSIS Elective Programme

The TSIS Elective Program has completed its first year and we have seen some incredible burgeoning talent. Upper Primary students have exhibited their abilities in a diverse selection of electives catered to their interests. They have also then been given the opportunity to show off what they have learnt at the culmination of each term with dedicated elective presentations. Teachers have worked with the students to give them the opportunity to shine in areas other than academics all with the goal of creating well-rounded pupils that are ready for the future. Whether it is singing in the Choir, creating a video for Media Bureau, acting in Drama, deliberating in Debate, or learning new techniques and songs for Violin, the students have gone above and beyond what was expected of them and even challenged their instructors to take them further. The TSIS Elective Program may be new, but its goal is not. At TSIS we continue to ask our students to strive and to shine while we work to create new foundations with the goal of broadening minds and horizons.

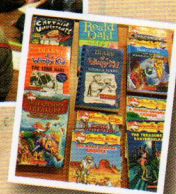
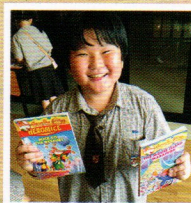
By Mr Jeremy Sinsimer

TAs Undergo Basic Life Support Training

All NK and Primary Teaching Assistants spent a day learning how to give CPR and first aid training last 28 May 2016. Written and practical exams were given to test the knowledge and skills of the teachers in order to prepare them to respond to emergency situations in the school. The weekend activity was conducted by the Bangkok 9 International Hospital.



NEWS BRIEF



Primary Book Swap

The Book Swap did well in its first year at TSIS. Many students were able to pick up books they had never had the chance to read before. It was a pleasure seeing so many students get excited about looking through books, knowing that they would be able to own them by the end of the day.

We also hosted a contest for students who participated. The students were challenged to write a book review about one of their Book Swap choices. We had over fifty book review submissions. There were four grand prizes of 500 baht to Asia Books and many other prizes.

We learned a lot this time around, and next time we hope to expand the Book Swap to all of primary, P1 – P6.

By Mr Patrick Myers

Teachers and Staff Undergo Health Check Up

In order to monitor the health of the teachers and staff, a health checkup was conducted last 13th May 2016 by the Bangkok 9 International Hospital. The whole day activity gave teachers an opportunity to have their blood tested for sugar level, cholesterol, triglyceride, and lipoprotein among others. There were also eye vision test, pap smear and breast cancer screening conducted for the convenience of the TSIS faculty and staff.

By Ms. Ghea Tenchavez

