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A GARDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLICATION

A NEW BEGINNING
WELCOME TO NEW PUPILS,
TEACHERS AND PARENTS



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Term 1: dates for your diary...

Date	Event	Location	Time
<i>Tuesday 23rd August</i>	Term 1, 2011/12 begins	Upper School First School	7.50am 8.20am
<i>Monday 29th August</i>	Clubs begin: Year 1 to 11	Upper School	2.45pm
<i>Tuesday 30th August</i>	Swimming begins: Year 3 to 9	Goethe	8.30am
<i>Wednesday 31st August</i>	Swimming begins: Nursery to Year 2	First School	8.30am
<i>Thursday 29th September to Monday 3rd October</i>	U-Smile photographs	Whole School	
<i>Wednesday 5th October</i>	Performance day	Upper School	Morning
<i>Monday 17th October</i>	Science day	Whole School	All day
<i>Monday 24th October</i>	Chulalongkorn Memorial day (substitution)	School Closed	
<i>Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th October</i>	Half term break	School Closed	
<i>Thursday 10th November</i>	Loy Krathong	First School Upper School	9.00am 10.00am
<i>Wednesday 23rd November</i>	Maths day	Whole School	All day
<i>Saturday 3rd December</i>	International School Fayre	Upper School	10.00am to 4.00pm
<i>Monday 5th December</i>	H.M. King's birthday	School Closed	
<i>Wednesday 7th December</i>	Pupil Reports issued	Whole School	
<i>Thursday 8th December</i>	Sports day: Early Years, Nursery & Reception	First School	8.45am
<i>Friday 9th December</i>	Sports day: Year 1 to 10	Naval base, Nanglinchee	9.00am
<i>Mon. 12th to Wed. 14th December</i>	Parent – Teacher meetings	Whole School	
<i>Thursday 15th December</i>	First School show Last day of Term 1	First School Whole School	9.00am
<i>Friday 16th December</i>	Constitution day (substitution)	School Closed	

News from the Garden

Welcome all to the first newsletter of the 2011-2012 academic year. Now that the dust has settled on the first week and the children are all back into the routine of school again it is time to welcome you, the parents, and provide you with an update to goings on at the school over the last few months and some information to help you support your child in the upcoming term.

This newsletter is a 'first' for several reasons as well as being the first of the year: it is the first newsletter that I bring to you as Principal of Garden International School, Bangkok; the first day for all the pupils with their new teachers; a first for those new pupils joining our growing school; and a first for several new members of staff. I wish you all the best for the new term.

During the long break we have continued to develop and move the school ever forward in order to provide your child with an improved environment in which to enjoy learning. The First School grounds and the Key Stage 2 classrooms have received a minor makeover but the

most noticeable is the resurfaced Upper School playground that now sports proper futsal and basketball courts.

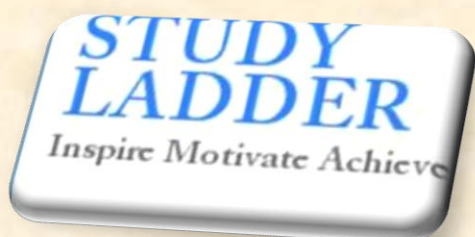
Not only has time and effort been spent developing the physical environment but also the virtual environment of online learning. All children in the Primary department have been signed up to Study Ladder and Secondary pupils to Schoology. These will enable us to safely deliver a wide range of appropriate, online learning activities in school as well as enabling access to homework activities (click on the links below for more information).

I look forward to meeting many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Tuesday 30th August at 5pm, but am always available should you wish to discuss any matter relating to the school.

Best wishes,

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Welcome to some of the new teachers (from left to right): Ms. Sandercock (EAL), Mr. Rose (Yr. 7), Ms. Bailey (Yr. 2), Ms. Kirstie (Reception), Mr. Tom (Yr. 1), Mr. Owen (Yr. 6).



The First School canteen has received a well-deserved facelift and the playground sala has received a new roof.



The Upper School has also had its fair share of attention with a new, purpose-built futsal and basketball court to complement our existing sprint track, long jump and adventure playground.



Many of the parents of First School children come every morning and it was great to see such a big turnout for the first day of the new year.