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SWIMMING GALA

WHICH HOUSE REIGNED SUPREME?

NOT SO BRIGHT...

A REVIEW AND PICTURES
OF A GREAT SCHOOL PLAY



SAVE OUR HOME

YEAR 9 PUPILS MAKE
THE WORLD SIT UP
AND LISTEN

ID CARDS

COMING SOON:
INDIVIDUAL BAR CODES
FOR ALL PUPILS



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Term 3: Put it in your diary...

Date	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday 19 th April	First Day Back	Whole School	
From Monday 25 th April	Clubs begin Swimming begins	Whole School	
Monday 2nd May	May Day	School Closed	
Thursday 5th May	Coronation Day	School Closed	
Friday 6th May	Holiday	School Closed	
Tuesday 17th May	Visakha Bucha Day	School Closed	
June 13 th – 17 th	Exam Week	Year 3 - 10	Varies for each class
Tuesday 21 st June	Awards Day First School	First School	9.00AM to 10.00AM
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 6 – 10 School Play	Alliance Francaise	10.00AM to 12.00PM
Friday 24 th June	Awards Day Upper School	Goethe Institute	10.00AM to 12.00PM
Friday 24th June	Last Day of School		
Tuesday 23 rd August 2011	First day of Term 1, 2011/2012	Both Campuses	Normal Time

News from the Garden

Term 2 has been even more hectic, yet even more dynamic and exciting than the first term. We have had Year 9 pupils perform in the Save Our Planet conference, a superb Year 3-5 school production, Swimming Galas for the First School and Upper School, Book Week with a visiting author, Design Technology Day, Humanities Day and more. Not forgetting that our school has been on some incredible school trips, with Secondary going to Beijing and The Body Show, IGCSE pupils studying in Koh Samet, Year 3 and 4 exploring Khao Yai, Year 5 visiting the river, Year 6 heading to Krabi, Year 2 splashing at the seaside and Nursery and Reception also taking day trips. We also have a budding star amongst us; Abu from Year 9 was selected to represent the 'Can U Kick It' academy in a Futsal tournament in Malaysia so we wish him the best of luck in his pursuit of professional football. The school have also competed in futsal against seven other schools, with all pupils playing extremely well. The Under 13's mixed and Under 15's girls are now in training for the school basketball team for competitions next year.

Along with all of this, we are also offering the highest standard of education we can, allowing all our children to develop as learners both in and out of the classroom. Numbers have increased in both primary and secondary, and our close relationships with the parents has come along way this term with our 'Parent to Parent' night organized by the PTA. We hope many of your questions have been answered and potential issues addressed. Overall, Term 2 has been a whirlwind of a success.



Secondary pupils in Tiananmen Square, Beijing

The Future of the Garden?

Here at GIS Bangkok, we are always evolving and looking to move forwards. Our current project is to issue all staff and pupils with an ID card and a barcode that is unique to them. They will use this barcode as a pupil ID and can then scan books and other resources in and out of the library. It allows us to track our resources, as well as allowing us to see which pupils are reading enough! Our aim is to have a completely catalogued, working library server by the end of this academic year, with pupils being able to go online and see what books are available to borrow. The tricky process of securely networking the First school to the Upper school is also in its final stages.

Energy Audit: We recently had an energy audit to give us an idea of how much energy we are using, how much we are wasting and how much we can save. The air conditioners, unsurprisingly, are using a lot of energy and are not efficient. We are in the process of buying a product called Aircon Miser to attach to the existing units which will hopefully improve their efficiency by up to 60%! This will allow us to save money on our electricity bills, but more importantly, reduce our carbon dioxide emissions substantially.



The front and back view of the ID cards, showing the unique barcodes for every pupil. The address above the barcode will allow pupils to access the library server from home.

Not So Bright and the 11 Dwarves...

Years 3, 4 and 5 performed an original take on a traditional fairy tale with their brilliant show Not So Bright and the Eleven Dwarves. Onisha starred as the princess, Not So Bright, the King's (Nont's) pride and joy but the envy of the evil Queen (Soo-Yeon). The Queen's amazing Magic Mirror (Katie) kept the Queen riddled with jealousy throughout the story.

Not So Bright had a narrow escape from the Woodcutter (Pranav) sent by the Queen to kill her. She ended up living in the forest with the colourful dwarves, led by Doc (Amirah). The evil Queen almost succeeded if it hadn't been for the handsome Prince (Jun) who saved the poisoned princess - much to everyone's joy.

Beautifully narrated by Kenichi, Star and Manav, with a cast of pixies, goblins, elves, a wonderful dancing forest and of course the dwarves, the show was a great success. 2 months of hard work, seemingly endless rehearsals, dance and song practices, the making of props, costumes and everything else all paid off! Thanks and congratulations to everyone involved, especially the stars of the show, the pupils themselves.



Celebrating Learning

Below is a compilation of photographs from the special academic activities we have celebrated this term: Book Week and DT Day.



Clockwise from top left: Chao Praya's Healthy Eating poster. Willy and Kenichi making vegetarian pizzas. Kwai's poster. Florence and Alex cooking their healthy meal. The judging panel: Chao Praya were victorious!



Clockwise from top left: A Romeo and Juliet recital. Bernice reading to the school. Jun reading from a book studied in Y4. Mr. Callaghan conducting the quiz. Year 2 in fancy dress as book characters. Amirah contemplating her answer. Visiting author Janice Santikarn and her books.



Save Our Planet

On Friday 18th March, our Year 9 pupils presented their views on the future of our planet to hundreds of business people, environmental activists and journalists from all around the world. All pupils spoke beautifully, clearly and fluently and they have been regarded as the stars of the show. They will feature in the ASEAN Affairs magazine and on the SOP Facebook and YouTube sites. They were a real credit to their school, family and friends. If you would like to see their presentation, please visit the 'gisbangkok' YouTube site or follow the link http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PiYg8X_TPO



Swimming Gala!



Relays: Take your marks, set....GO!



Year 4 Freestyle



Relays second leg.....



Fun in the water after it finished



Gordon racing against Erika and Kiky



The younger children balancing on the mats



Lots of splashing on the mats!



Abu can finally swim!

Mekong were the winners!