

CHRISTMAS SHOW

Tickets for the Bloomsbury Christmas Gala will be on sale from the Finance Office from Wednesday this week. Every family must purchase two tickets but we strongly encourage parents to invite family and friends to this event. There will be a show from 6.30 to 7.30pm presented by students and to close the evening there will a Muay Thai and Thai dance presentation from the secondary students. Dress code will be formal, with a theme of red or green.

Tickets are 1500 baht per person. Catering will be from the Centara Hotel.

Each family is asked to bring a wrapped gift to put under the tree. These gifts will be exchanged at the end of the evening. Please ensure your gift is to the value of at least 500 baht.

We look forward to seeing you all on the night!



LOY KRATHONG

On the **25th of November** the school will hold a **Loy Krathong celebration** to allow the students to discover and enjoy this annual Thai tradition which takes place on the evening of the full moon of the 12th month in the traditional Thai lunar calendar.

The Krathong, which means “a basket to be floated on water”, are made from a slice of the trunk of a banana tree or a spider lily plant. Modern krathongs are more often made of bread or Styrofoam. The hand-made Krathongs for our students will be crafted and floated at school in the afternoon from **1.15 pm to 3.30 pm**.

We ask all the students to come to school in the morning dressed in traditional Thai costumes. Prizes will be given in the afternoon for the six best Krathong and costume.

IMPORTANT DATES

23 to 27 November
Assessment Week

Wednesday 25 November
Loy Krathong Celebration

Friday 4 December 6.00 to 9.30pm
Christmas gala Dinner and Concert

Monday 7 December
National Holiday

Friday 11 December 8.30am to 12.30pm

Collection of Term 1 reports and Parent Teacher interviews

13 December to 3 January inclusive
Christmas holidays

Monday 4 January 2016
First day of Term 2



November 2015

School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Bloomsbury has been a hive of activity this half term and at the moment students are getting ready for their end of term assessments which will begin on Monday 23rd November. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the international system is very different to the Thai system and that students are expected to remain in school until the last day of term. Feedback on performance is a very important part of the teaching and learning cycle and after assessments have been completed, teachers will hand them back and go through the answers with students in class. This provides opportunities for students to identify areas of weakness and ask clarifying questions. Teachers can also revise certain topics with their classes.

Over the past two weeks I have been in classrooms conducting informal and formal observations of all teachers. I have been very impressed with the extremely high quality of teaching taking place in the school. Our teaching staff are highly professional and deliver extremely well planned and engaging lessons for your children every day. The students are very fortunate to have such high caliber teachers. I would like to commend the teaching staff for their consistent hard work across this term.

Last week we farewelled Miss Francoise Bohas, our French and EAL teacher. Miss Bohas has been replaced by Miss Sarah Epperson, a fully qualified SEN and EAL teacher from Seattle in the United States. Sarah will work intensively with students on a one to one basis or in small groups. I am currently investigating introducing Mandarin from Term 2 as this is a language prospective parents often ask me about.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Gala on 4th December and at Parent Teacher interviews on 11th December.

Regards

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British International School Phuket

On Thursday 29th of October Mrs Courtois, the Headteacher, and three members of Bloomsbury Board, including Khun Thaworn Senneam, visited Phuket International Academy and The British International School in Phuket to learn about programmes offered by these schools and establish relationships between our schools.

Student Council



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Our Student Council had their first meeting with the Headteacher, Mrs Courtois, and they discussed the ideas that all students had brought to them. Their first success was to get a Student Notice Board where they can put up their own notifications and ensure all important dates and information are displayed. They also discussed healthy food options to be sold in school and getting clocks into all classrooms.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TERM 2

DAY/YEAR	KS1	KS2	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Tuesday	Cake Decorating – Ms Dombrowski	Healthy Lifestyles – Ms Hoffman Yoga	Music – Mr Jones	Table tennis – Mr Campbell	Thai – Kru Nid
Wednesday	Drama Club – Ms Wilson		Art – Mr Knight	or Football – Ms Epperson	
	KS1	KS2	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Thursday	Arts and Craft – Ms Richardson		TBC – Mr Windsor	Music – Mr Jones	P.E. – Mr Rowark

Extracurricular activities run from 15:10 – 15:55 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Each half-term some of the clubs will change to give more variety over the whole year.



Year 10 Newsbeat

World News

Year 10 as part of their Global Perspectives studies, has begun a World News board. Every week each student brings in a news story from around the world. The class discusses the article and students can then express their thoughts and beliefs, while at the same time learning the thoughts and beliefs of each other.

Topics have ranged from the refugee crisis in Syria, to the forest fires burning out of control in Indonesia, to the actions of modern day heroes such as Malala Yousafzai, to the breath taking discoveries of cutting edge scientists. Knowledge and awareness of our amazing world is an important part of being a productive member of society. Our Year 10 students will have a head start on understanding the problems facing the world today.



READING PROGRAMME

Ms Wilson is reading with each child in Key Stage 1 three times a week on a one to one basis. We are using age appropriate books that will help expand their vocabulary and phonics knowledge.

All children will also begin to learn new exception words. Children in Year 5 and 6 are supported with comprehension skills as well as decoding.





IGCSE ART WORK

Bloomsbury's IGCSE students have worked incredibly hard this term, to produce some outstanding artwork. Every student has put in 100% effort each lesson, and it is a privilege to teach these young artists. The project title is Identity, and we have been studying the artists Stephanie Ledoux and Stina Persson. Students began with a focus on drawing, then experimented with different techniques and media. Mr Knight - ART

LITERACY – YEAR 5



In Literacy, Year 5 have successfully completed reading *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe* by C. S. Lewis. They have improved their ability in scanning text and also took part in reading out loud to the whole class. The next novel that the students will be reading is the classic *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

November – The hairiest month of the year

Every year in November, men from over 21 countries start growing their moustaches to raise funds and raise awareness about men's health issues. This year the men at Bloomsbury have brought this event to Hatyai and instead of raising money for men's health, we have chosen to raise money for a local school that caters for blind and multi-handicapped students: Dhamasakon HatYai School.

CHOOSE YOUR WEAPON



[See which moustaches our teachers grow this month](#)

Year 5 are preparing to create a short film called 'A Mountain Walk' in Computing. They have already learnt the things that make a good movie and watched various trailers and film clips in preparation for making their own movie.

After constructing a script, the students have created their own storyboards which briefly outline the scenes which will be shot. All students have been awarded house points for their great effort!

