

House Maths Day



Measuring the perimeter

On Tuesday 29th March Bloomsbury held their first inter-house maths activity day. Students split into their houses and enjoyed many fun activities including, countdown game, origami, measuring large areas and competing to build the tallest tower out of drinking straws and tape.



Colour by maths

The joint winners were **Suu Kyi and Einstein** who both managed to build towers of **186cm**.



Suu Kyi building a tower

IMPORTANT DATES

8 April	Parent Teacher Conference
8 April	Songkran Festival
8 April	Last day of term 2
11 – 22	April inclusive – Holidays
25 April	First day of term 3
26 – 28	April inclusive – Y9 Checkpoint Exams
5 May	Coronation Day (No School)
20 May	Visakabucha Day (No School)
1 July	Last day of term 3



The International Education Expo - Bangkok

In February Bloomsbury attended The International Education Expo in Bangkok. The Blooms Boyz performed on stage as representatives of the School.



Blooms Boyz at the International Education Expo - Bangkok



Newsletter

New Staff joined the Bloomsbury team



Jonny Allinson

We would like to welcome Mr Jonny Allinson who joined the secondary team as the very excited Business studies teacher.



Natalie Young

We also welcome Mrs Natalie Young as our new Year 1 teacher. Natalie brings two of her three children into the school too and is planning many creative lessons.

Dear Parents

The end of term is always a good time for reflection and thinking ahead. I arrived at the school on 1st February and it feels like a lot longer than eleven weeks because it has been so busy. For a small school there is so much going on and this is down to the passion, involvement and creativity of everyone associated with us.

I believe the most important qualities of this school are its values and the quality of its teachers, and one of my most important jobs is to maintain these strengths. We are fortunate in that despite being a very young school, Bloomsbury is regarded highly in the local community, which makes the recruitment of new students and new teachers much easier. Only the other day I received a comment from a medical professional at Bangkok hospital who said the Bloomsbury had the best teachers.

However, in order to maintain success and help our students achieve we have to change, to evolve. While the school has strong foundations, I am looking to build upon them to take it into its next phase. Changes I wish to implement will be in the areas of information technology, assessment and behavior policies. Working with the board, parents, teachers and student council, I will also be looking at our school day, curriculum and extra curricular activities.

The holiday has come at a good time. We all need some time to wind down and prepare ourselves for the next term, which will hold new challenges and opportunities. I wish you all a relaxing, restful and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you on 25th April.

Regards

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THE VOICE



All students were excited for The Voice Final

This month Bloomsbury International School held its very own “The Voice” competition, complete with spinning chairs



The judges with the top acts: Vincent 3rd place, Beam 2nd place, and Lookpad 1st place

Judges from the UK came in especially to judge the final performances and gave third place to Year 9 student Vincent, 2nd place to Year 8 student Beam, and 1st place went to Year 3 student Lookpad.



Lookpad won the show

Blooms' City

In Term 3, the Year 5 and 6 classes will create a city as part of a cross-curricular project. A thematic approach will be taken, and Year 6 will learn about cities and construction in Literacy and Numeracy, and will be paired with the Year 5's in Geography, Science, and Design and Technology.

Through this project, students will develop theoretical knowledge, paired with the opportunity to apply their knowledge in the construction of the mini-city. Topics to be covered include: statistics, angles, shapes, electricity, mapping, 2-D and 3-D design.



Building this city will aid students in understanding the relevance and practicality of the topics covered, and will hopefully allow them to develop their skills and interests further.

To maintain our recycling efforts at Bloomsbury, **staff and students are asked to bring in any recycled cardboard, boxes, or cartons to use in the city's construction.** Any recyclables can be brought to Miss Richardson.

Extra Curricular Activities

There will be some exciting new changes in the ECA's next term as more activities will be offered and students will now be split into primary and secondary groups rather than by class. All the details will be given out in the first week of term 3 and the clubs will start in the second week.

House Team uniforms are now for sale!

Backpacks, shorts and t-shirts are now for sale. Represent your house with pride by purchasing your team colours.



Einstein



Turner



Newton



SuuKyi

Price list:

Shorts -590 baht

Shirt- 590 baht

Backpack- 1,190 baht

Please note that uniforms are mandatory for all students. Purchase of a backpack is optional.



Contact the office to collect yours.

Culture and Educational Competitiveness

On March 30th, Assistant Professor Dr. Chatnarin Metheekul came to Bloomsbury to provide a seminar for staff, students and guests about Cultural Competency and ASEAN Educational Competitiveness.



Assistant Professor Dr Chatnarin Metheekul and Mr Martin Leigh

Through a series of stories and a historical background of ASEAN, Dr. Metheekul taught attendees the importance of English in an increasingly global market. He stated that while understanding the language makes it easier to navigate English-speaking environments, cultural knowledge is also essential.



Students attending the talk

He stressed the importance of collaboration in education, which is a value Bloomsbury maintains through its diverse staff and student body.