

### Science explains

#### Science News

Students in years 8, 9 and 10 have spent the first term studying Biology in their Science lessons. They have produced some fantastic work and there were some very good results for the end of term assessments. Years 8 and 9 have now moved onto the Chemistry topics for the year while Year 10 are finishing the Biology units needed for the Cambridge IGCSE. Year 9 will be working very hard this term as they prepare for their Cambridge Secondary 1 Checkpoint Exam. It has been a fantastic first term in the Science department.

#### Student Council

The **Student Council** has been busy at Bloomsbury International School. Concerned with living healthy lives the council want to set up a nutrition committee with students and staff to ensure a healthy tasty balanced diet is encouraged, and to discuss healthy snack food choices at school.

The class reps are: Y3: Gamsai, Y4: Jessica, Y5: Proud, Y8: New, Y9: Amisha

The IGCSE class reps are the Head Boy and Head Girl: Wahyu and Amira

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 19 January – Primary Open Morning
- 28 January - House Sports Competition
- 5 February – Chinese New Year Celebration
- 5 February – Last Day of school
- 8 – 12 February – Half-term Break
- Monday 15 February – Back to School
- 21 – 25 March - Assessment Week
- Monday 28 March – Easter Holiday (No school)
- 6 April – Chakri Day (No school)
- 8 April – Songkran Celebration
- 8 April – Last day of Term 2
- 11 – 22 April inclusive – Holidays
- 25 April – First day of term 3



### EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TERM 2

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



BLOOMSBURY  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HAIYAI

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# School Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to Term 2 and Happy New Year to everyone. We are very excited to be offering Mandarin as a subject and we would like to welcome Mr Yu Lee to our staff. Yu is from Taiwan and has taught in Australia and the Philippines. We have also welcomed six new students to the school this term. Also, I would like to congratulate Mr Graeme Simpson, who has been promoted to our new Head of Curriculum.

Over the coming weeks we have some exciting events planned in order to get parents more involved in school. The first will be an **Open Morning** in the primary section next **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. We would like to invite all parents to come and watch a Phonics and Literacy lesson in their child's class from **8.30 to 10 am**. This will be followed by a short meeting with Graeme and myself to discuss assessment. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about the way students are assessed in the English National Curriculum.

The second event will be a **House Sports Competition Day** for parents and students on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm**. Thank you to Mr Rowark for organising this event.

Finally, it is with great regret that I write my last Headteacher's message at Bloomsbury International School. Due to changed family circumstances I have decided to return home to Australia. Many of you who have known me for the past two years are aware that I have two children who study in France. For my son, things have not worked out as planned and I need to be there to support him as he returns to continue his study in Australia. For our family this was quite an unexpected event. Life does not always work out as we had imagined and I am very sad to be leaving Bloomsbury and Thailand.

Over the past year at Bloomsbury we have hired a team of fully qualified, highly professional teachers and put a number of important policies and procedures in place. We have achieved membership of ISAT and are well on the way to becoming a Cambridge School. We are working on achieving Council of International School's membership. Hat Yai now has a true international school and I am very happy to have been able to play a role in achieving that. I look forward to following the continued development of the school over the coming years.

My last day in school will be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January and the new Headteacher, Mr Martin Leigh from London, will take up his duties from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. Most recently Martin has been working in an international school in China.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during my time at the school. I would also like to thank the Saisomboon family and Mr Thaworn Senneam for the confidence they showed in me in entrusting me with the role of Headteacher and for the support they have provided to me and my family both in and out of school.

Regards

Elizabeth Courtois

Dear Parents,

I am excited and honoured to be the new Headteacher of Bloomsbury International School and look forward to working with the parents and the owners to build on the great start the school has made and to make it even better.

I arrive in Thailand after spending a year and a half starting a school in China, five years working in a prestigious Swiss boarding school and a year as Head of Secondary at a school in Dubai, so I have extensive experience in international education. Before that I spent the first twenty years of my career in the UK state sector, so I am also very familiar with the English National Curriculum.

One of my favourite quotes in education is, "It takes a village to raise a child", because it recognises that education is not just the process of sending your child to school, but a partnership involving parents, teachers and the community. It also complements the school motto, "Together we succeed".

Regards,

Martin Leigh

## Year 1 News

Year 1 has been learning to differentiate between stories, poems, and plays. Here, they are rehearsing a short play called "The Ker-PLUNK" with Year 2. Together they performed the entertaining story to the whole school last week in assembly.



Assembly production by Year 1

## Welcome Mr Lee



## New Chinese teacher Mr Yu Lee

Welcome to the world of languages! Challenge yourself with a different logic and explore new possibilities on your way of learning.

I look forward to getting to know you all and sharing my passion for languages with you.

## PRIMARY OPEN MORNING Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 08:30 – 10:00

You are invited to the open morning in the Primary section this Tuesday 19th January. After watching some Literacy and Phonics lessons you will have a better idea of how your children are learning English at Bloomsbury with the English National Curriculum.

You will then find out about assessment and have the opportunity to ask questions to the senior staff.

It is hoped that this will enable you to be more involved with your child's learning and understand the purpose of what we do here at Bloomsbury.

## Children's Day



Students danced at Airbase 56

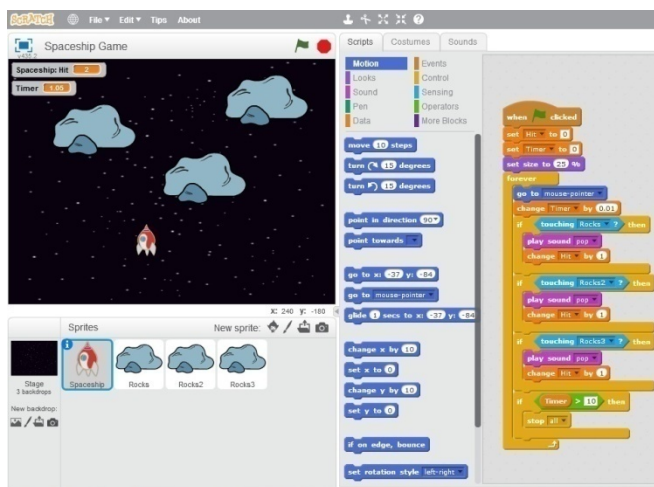
Students from Bloomsbury were invited to join the Children's Day Celebrations at Airbase 56 in Hat Yai on Saturday. The students performed a dance and the Blooms Boyz enjoyed performing two songs.



Staff and Students on Children's Day

## Year 5 News

Since getting back from their Christmas and New Year's holidays, Year 5 and 6 have been creating a video game in Computing. It is called the 'Spaceship Game' and it requires users to pilot a ship and avoid being hit by a rock or alien. The students have learnt how to make a program with sprites moving about the screen. They have also developed ways in which the computer can 'sense' the position of the sprites. Finally, they created a score tracker and timer for it to work as a fully functioning video game to play and share with their friends.



## Year 3 Literacy

In Literacy this week, Year 3 has been doing some fantastic learning! They've started the new term strongly by practising sentence structure and using descriptive language in their writing. Everybody made their own *Holiday Memory Booklet*, where they described their favorite memories from the Holiday break.



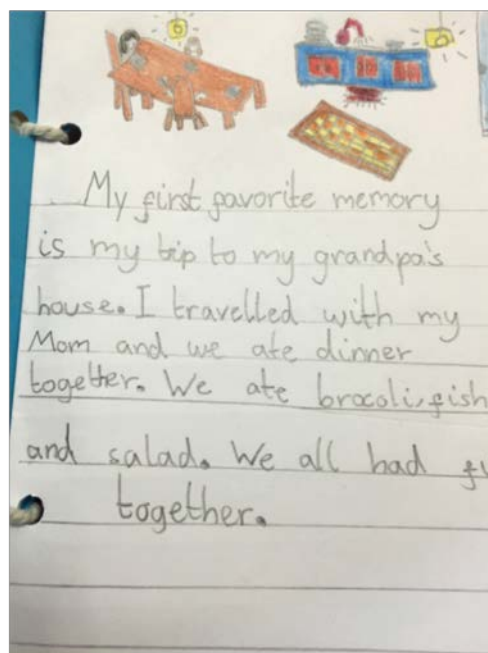
## HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 @ 1pm

On the 28th January Bloomsbury will be having its first Parent-Student sports day. I would like to invite you to attend and compete with your child(ren) in many fun activities. The sports day will start after students' finish lunch (13:00) and run through to the end of the school day (3.05). I look forward to welcoming many of you and hope that you also take part! Mr. Rowark



Note: As the weather continues to become hotter and much more sunny, students are at risk of sunburn and dehydration, both of which can have serious consequences. I would like to ask that **all students, when at least attending P.E. lessons, have a full bottle of water with them** and that they are protected from the sun with **sunblock** (SPF 30+ is recommended). Sabadi Pi Mai! Mr Rowark.



Holiday Memories