

Newsletter

March 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been a very busy February at Bloomsbury International School Hat Yai, especially for our Year 11 students who have been preparing for the exam season to begin in full. Having seen how much each member of this year group — along with every other member of the school — has grown as an individual over the span of this academic year, it is remarkable to think of all that has been achieved. Yet there is so much more to look forward to.

Looking forward, we will continue to remain rather busy with one of my favourite events of the year: World Book Day. As a qualified teacher of English, reading holds a very special place for me and days like this are a wonderful celebration of the magic that books have to offer us all. Studies have shown that reading can have a vastly positive effect on a student's learning, so it is our job as teaching professionals to encourage as many of our young people as possible to engage in reading in and out of school, and an opportunity to dress up is never to be missed.

There will also be a Science Day in March, following the successes last year of our Maths Day and Languages Day. This will be a fantastic opportunity to inspire scientists and inventors of the future within our student body and a fun way to learn about the sciences through kinaesthetic activities.

I would like to take this time to introduce the latest members to our exceptional team of teachers, Ms Feifei Dai and Ms Yuning Yan, who are teaching Mandarin to Key Stages 2 & 3 and our IGCSE candidate respectively. They have already made a big impression and I am sure that their input into the department will help our students become more confident language learners.



Chinese Teachers

Finally, if you have any issues relating to your child in school, please do not hesitate to contact me, as I believe that open, frank communication is essential and that every child deserves the best opportunities open to them and to achieve the best possible outcomes they can.

Kind regards,

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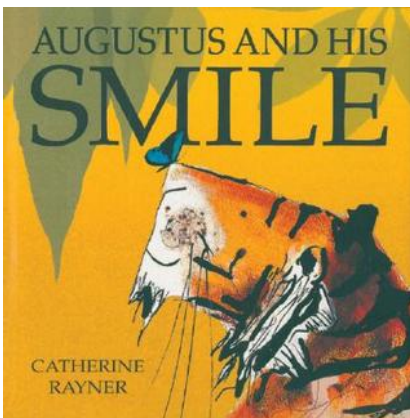
Pre Primary in their majestic tiger masks

Last week's focus in **Pre-Primary** was about the majestic tiger. Ms Graco and the children talked about the tiger's beautiful features, habitat and behaviour when hunting in the wild. The children really enjoyed studying this and especially loved making tiger masks. Can you guess who our little tigers are?



Year 2 created book covers in Art in a cross-over with their English lessons.

Keeping with the tiger theme, Year 2 have been reading "Augustus and His Smile" by Catherine Rayner, with their teacher, Miss Williams.



Original cover

In Year 2 our topic is 'Going Wild.'



We have been learning the story of Augustus and his smile in English lessons.



In Art we created collages to make our own front covers.



We used lots of different materials such as glitter, card, paint and coloured tissue. We had great fun!



Valentine's Day Roses

Bloomsbury celebrated **Valentine's Day** with a charity fundraiser. Students and teachers were able to buy roses to send to their valentines.



Students sold roses to raise money

Students at Bloomsbury prepared and delivered the flowers during the morning lessons, bringing smiles to the students and staff that lasted longer than the day!



4490 THB was raised for charity

Charity allows us to give freely without expecting anything in return. We are very proud of the students who raised 4490 THB for charity.



Prepared for delivery

Our students demonstrated the virtue of charity by being generous with their presence, time and money.



Card Club ECA

Extra-curricular Activities

Since the half-term we have started several new ECAs including Minecraft, R-C Club, card, History, Scratch-coding and movie clubs. We also continue with the most popular clubs like football, archery, glee and cooking.

ECAs run throughout the term on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 15:15 to 15:55.

Important Dates

Wednesday 5 April
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Monday 24 April
Tue 25 – Thu 27 April
Friday 5 May
Wednesday 10 May

Songkran Celebration
Last day of term 2
First day of term 3
Y9 Checkpoint Exams
Coronation Day (*school closed*)
Visakhabucha Day (*school closed*)

IGCSE Exam Dates

Art Exam Tues 4 - Wed 5 April
ICT Practical Tue 25 & Thurs 27 April



My Little Monster ECA

Mr Windsor taught Y2 and Y3 all about different aquatic animals in his fun My Little Monster ECA.

The students really loved meeting the turtles (pictured above) and insisted he kept them at the school from now on!



KS3 and KS4 playing football

Football remains a popular after-school club with both Primary and Secondary students.

“Children must be taught
how to think, not what to
think”.

- Margaret Mead

Sixth Form



Andrew Elliott

I am happy to join Bloomsbury International School Hatyai as Head of its Sixth Form. I have been working as an international education manager in Thailand since 1999 and am impressed with the considerable progress the school has already made as a quality provider of UK-derived pre-university education.

I look forward to building on and extending this successful base with the inauguration of the Sixth Form and to seeing further progress as this develops and grows in the months and years ahead. Please feel free to contact me with any queries, comments or suggestions.

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