

Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter

We have certainly had our ups and downs over the last few months. We closed at the end of last term with a certain optimism in the air. We celebrated Christmas together as a school and we all went off after this to recharge our battery cells under the assumption we would be returning in January reinvigorated.

Little did we know at the time that the Covid-19 situation would deteriorate and we see would find ourselves having to open our VLE portal and teach online.

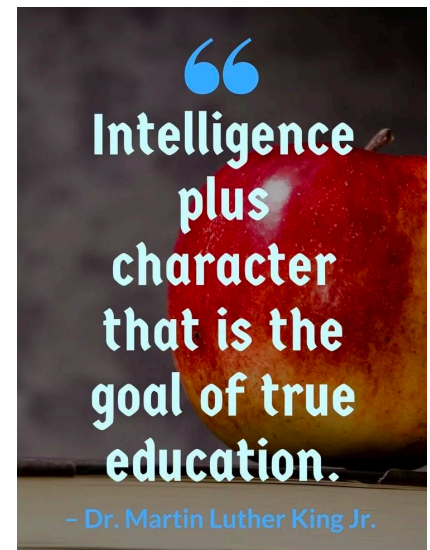
This lasted until the end of January 2021, when we returned to school and implemented our Social Distancing policy, which has remained in force to date in any event, the learning continued, and, as you know, we have just held our term 3 examinations thanks to your ongoing support and cooperation and the hard work of our entire SSIS team

As we approach the end of our third term, please take some time out to enjoy a small trip down memory lane and revisit some highlights from our third term.



Michael Charles, our Director of Studies and Ajarn Pattama Ruensuk, our assistant director, had a chance to meet with primary/secondary parents on March 19 while enjoying delicious snacks and drinks. Ajarn introduced our new teachers, who we are all very proud of, and outlined different pathways open to our students after high school. Parents then asked many questions which were very helpful to us to develop future programs. Clearly, we all have the same goals, which is encouraging our students to acquire 21st century competency skills and become lifelong learners. We will attempt to have parents' meetings once per month discussing a different topic each time.

Quote of the Day!



Christmas Fun



We ended the last term with our fun Christmas party. Social distancing requirements were being relaxed at the time and we were able to invite parents. The whole school community; students, teachers, staff and parents, enjoyed all the Christmas trimmings including a visit from Father Christmas and presents all round.

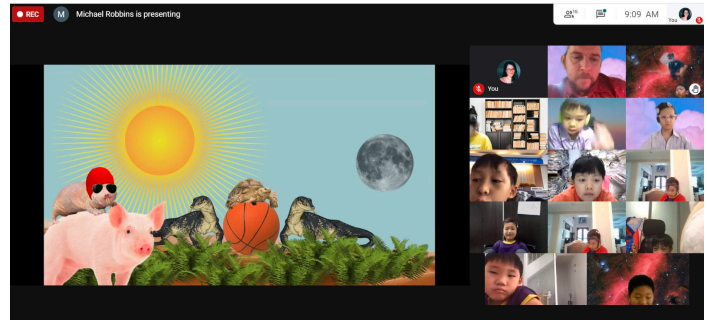


Online learning

But after the Christmas fun – online learning. Unfortunately after our Christmas fun and the Christmas holiday break the Covid-19 figures in Thailand and Bangkok began to peak and this meant the school could not open on 4 January as planned and the school went into



“Online Learning” mode. Our technical team and our



team of teachers worked hard to recreate our VLE platform and an online learning programme.

As the situation was unexpected our students had to collect their books from school.

Online learning started Monday 11 January and continued through to the end of the month and students were able to return to school on 1st February 2021

Bagan Race Presentation

On December the school joined in the Bagan 2020 International Friends Virtual Race. On January there was a virtual award ceremony. Participants were awarded a medal and our staff members won the various prizes:



Return of Morning Assembly



In February we recommenced Morning Assembly, still adhering to social distancing rules. The morning assembly consists of the raising of the flag and a short presentation from the students. Over time all students will give a short presentation which will help build student's presentations skills and confidence levels.

Updated School Calendar

Due to the Covid-19 situation in Bangkok this year the school year has been extended to the end of June. A new school calendar was issued and distributed to all parents.

If you do not have a copy of the updated school calendar, please contact your child's Form Teacher.

Singa Math and Hippo International English Language Olympiad



During February and early March the school participated in the Singa Maths and Hippo International Language Olympiad. Students from P3, P4, P5 and P6 participated.



Chinese New Year Celebration



In February the school held its Chinese New Year Celebration complete with Lion dance performed by our own students. Due to Social Distancing requirements we were unable to invite parents to participate this year, but a fun time was had by the students.

Congratulations!



Well Done & Congratulations Marlin! On behalf of the management and staff of SSIS we would like to send our heartiest congratulations to our student Marlin for achieving good results in the recent iPSLE. Keep up the good work!

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