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# Garden International School Newsletter

From the Principal

31st October 2008

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of GIS,

Last week was the **terrific Diwali show** in the school. Congratulations to the participants. I will give a special mention to Aman and the team of Ketiki, Sajan, and Priya for ensuring the success of the event, and I would also like to thank the parents who brought in such delicious food.

It is nearly that time again: the **Christmas Fair is scheduled for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. This is really fun time for all the family and we hope to see all of you there. The office is presently collecting items to be used in the annual Christmas Fair **Raffle**. If you have any new items such as a T.V., electrical fan, guitar, box of chocolates, stuffed teddy bears, etc. please hand them in at the office. Also, if you know of anyone who would be interested in donating items for the raffle, please let us know. Tickets for the raffle will be going out shortly. If you like to **run a stall** at the Christmas Fair to sell products then please fill in the attached document 'christmas fair stalls' and return it to school or e-mail us the information ([marketing@gardenrayong.com](mailto:marketing@gardenrayong.com)) by Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November. There will be a charge of 500 baht per stall.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> is a **Mufti** (non-uniform) day. This means that students can for once leave their uniforms at home! For this privilege they pay a minimum of 50B, with all proceeds going to the benefit of the children at the Mercy Center in Pattaya.

Ms Brett thanks all those parents who have replied already to the **Yearbook Team's questionnaire**. If you have not yet sent one back, please do so soon. She will be contacting some of you shortly if you expressed an interest in helping by placing an advert or assisting with printing. The team has already started work on it, and it should turn out to be well worth the effort.

We will be hosting a **Foyle's Book Fair** in the secondary school library on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of November. This is a great opportunity to buy books in English. You can really support your child's English language development by providing books at home. Lots of great books will be on sale - come and have a look. They are bringing a selection of revision guides for the older students, too. The Book Fair will be open before school until 4.30pm each day.

Kind Regards,  
Dave Moroney, BSc, PGCE, MA  
Principal and Head of Secondary

### ***News from the Secondary School:***

On Wednesday this week the Student Council organised a **movie evening**. The students enjoyed both 'The Sixth Sense' (did anyone guess the ending?) and the pizza. Many thanks to the student council for this initiative.

**I would like to single out some students for special praise.** The following students received either all A grades or 1 or 2 B grades and the rest all A grades on their recent grade cards. The effort they put into classwork and homework are a credit to them and their families.

8W: **Amirah**. 8F: **Kenneth-Lloyd**. 10B: **Daniella, Noot, Romy, Grace, Name, Nan, Christina**. 10R: **Viraj, Ja, June, Anne**. 11B: **Hee Suk**. 11M: **Jun**. IB1: **Stian, Aman, Sajan, Keteki, Jae Min, Tanya**. IB2: **Alice**.

The winner of the **GIS Business Award** for last half-term, awarded by Mr Yarwood, was Ja (Tassaporn Keawphet) from year 10. Ja has produced some excellent work and shown some real entrepreneurial flair. Could Ja be the next Richard Branson?

### ***News from Primary and Foundation***

Congratulations to Ms. Shiells on attaining her MA in Music – well done. It will help to make you an even greater teacher. Well done from all in Primary.

This newsletter goes out on Halloween – I am sure your child enjoyed the Halloween mufti day and hopefully enjoyed the Halloween party too. It was certainly lovely to see all the varoied and scary costumes on display today. Thanks to all the teachers who made the party a success – especially to Mr. Keir who set up the disco and Ms. Lucy for driving us on with her endless energy. Also a great thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson for their stall "Most Gross – Who Dares Wins!!!!". The IB put on their traditional 'Haunted House' and as usual the children loved it....

We were hoping to welcome a new Year 3 teacher as well as a new EAL teacher to Primary last week. Unfortunately both newly recruited teachers returned to the UK for personal reasons. The children were understandably frustrated as were the staff at GIS but we will continue actively recruiting until we fill these positions. Thank you to Khun Noo and Mr. Ceri who are holding the fort in the meanwhile. We have also placed Khun Pia in Year 3 to help out as the teaching assistant in order to relieve some of the workload.

Last week was the monthly 'Star of the Month' and these were the latest winners of that coveted title:

Year	Name of Child	Reason for award
1E	Sally	For a huge improvement in her reading
1K	Mansha	For raising her hand to speak every time
2L	Nutt	For concentrating well and trying much harder
3C	Jun Ho	For learning how to do neat maths
3L	Ridhwan	For always doing excellent work
4H	Lily	For putting in an extra effort and working really hard
4M	Luqman	For catching up all the work he missed

5V	Reha	For always giving 100%
6M	Sunny	For always trying hard
6W	Laila	For trying her best, even when she finds things hard, especially in numeracy
Library	Yash	For being an enthusiastic reader in his spare time
PE	Kelly	For her excellent gymnastic skill level
Swimming	Chris W	For his great improvement, he moved up a set
Music	Hui Eun	For working extremely hard in her flute lessons and always trying her best
Span/ Man	Sae Young	For concentrating hard and always doing her work well
Thai Language	Pop	For working hard and achieving great results
Thai Culture	Kan Kan	For trying hard, being responsible and aiming high
EAL	Boat	For always working hard in class and on her homework
Social Award	Harshita and Ayushi	For helping a new teacher settle into GIS
DT	Pooh	For his amazing design

I attach the order of assemblies. Please feel free to attend our assemblies. They are held at 8.50 in the hall. This week is also the first week for Star of the Month, I hope your child is one of our stars. The names and a photo of the award winners are displayed inside the Primary building.

4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6W
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Thai
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 / SOTM
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	House Assembly / RG
9 <sup>th</sup> December	RG

Year 5 and 6 are currently on a residential trip on a barge to Ayutthaya and all reports show that they are having a great time.

Primary will present a musical presentation of Treasure Island by Robert Lewis Stevenson on November 27th and 28th. "Treasure Island" is an adventure novel by author Robert Louis Stevenson, a tale of pirates and buried gold and was first published as a book in 1883.

Traditionally considered a coming of age story, it is an adventure tale known for its superb atmosphere, character and action, and also a wry commentary on the ambiguity of morality—as seen in Long John Silver—unusual for children's literature then and now. It is one of the most frequently dramatised of all novels. The influence of "Treasure Island" on popular perception of pirates is vast, including treasure maps with an 'X', schooners, walking the plank, the Black Spot, tropical islands, and one-legged seamen with parrots on their shoulders.

This promises to be a fantastic musical pirate adventure on the high seas for the whole family, produced and directed by Mrs. Shiells and Mr. Miller.

Have a great week

Rob Grisdale

### **Sports News**

The PE Department is please to announce that sports team will now play under the name 'Storm.' This is a new identity and here is the logo:



### **U13 and U15 FOBISSEA Games**

March 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 2009

Penang, Malaysia

Three days of competition in athletics, basketball, soccer and swimming and the opportunity to represent the school at an international sports event.

All students that were 12 or under 12 on July 31<sup>st</sup> this year can join the U13 team.

All students that were 14 or under 14 on July 31<sup>st</sup> this year can join the U15 team.

The total cost for the trip will not exceed THB 30,000- This cost includes attendance at the Games, shared accommodation, meals, snacks during competitions, transfer to and from venues, medals, Games souvenirs and memorabilia, officials, airport transfers in Thailand and Malaysia and return flights to Penang.

For the trip to proceed each team (U13 boys, U13 girls, U15 boys and U15 girls) will need to have a minimum of 7 athletes.

Interested students should contact the PE Department for an expression of interest on Monday.

### **ESAC Senior Volleyball**

Senior students traveled to ISE this week to represent GIS at the Senior Volleyball Tournament. Students have worked hard this season to improve their skills and all teams played a good standard of volleyball. Both the senior Boys and Girls finished third in their respective competitions.

<b>Senior Girls Squad</b>	<b>Senior Boys Squad</b>
Tanya	James
Jayleen	Q
Heejo	Guy
Mint	Stian
Rachel	Jan
Tanya	Chai
Naz	Jun
Noot	Jung
Alice	
Georgia	

### **ESAC U13 Basketball**

Next Tuesday ISE, St Andrews and regents will be sending boys and girls teams to GIS play their Tournament. So far this season the U13 GIS girls are unbeaten. The U13 boys played their first games yesterday.

Good luck to both teams.

### **Sports Council**

The PE Department would like to set up a sports council. The sports council would make a positive contribution to the school community. The Sport Council's main purpose would be to assist with school sports by providing support at intra and inter school sports events. Duties would include finding scorers, time keepers, setting up venues and welcoming teams.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this important initiative please contact the PE Department.

### **Sponsors Needed**

Dear Parents of GIS

On February 13 / 14, 2009 Garden International School will be hosting the Valentine's Day Varsity Boys and Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament. This is the first time a sporting event like this has been held in the history of GIS so we want to make it an unforgettable experience for everyone that attends. We also want to make it an annual 'must attend' tournament for every International school in Thailand for years to come.

But to do this, we are asking for the support of our wonderful parents. We are looking for sponsors that can help ease the financial strain that goes along with organizing an event such as this.

Any individual or company making a contribution will be recognized on signage located around the school as well as in our newsletter and on our website. This is a great opportunity to be a part of something special.

We are hoping to find people willing to help with the following:

- **Title Sponsor** – your company would be the main sponsor of the event - i.e.) **GIS Valentine's Day Invitational sponsored by XYZ Company or XYZ Valentine's Day Invitational**
- **Contributions** – utensils, plates, cups, ice, condiments, etc
- **Financial Contributions** – money donated would used to purchase items for the event, such as trophies, medals, tents, referees, etc.

Just to give you an idea of what we have planned; a western style BBQ on Friday night and all day Saturday sponsored by GIS parent Raymond Bodemer's company, Best Quality Foods, a Valentine's Dance, organized by the GIS IB students, on Friday night for all basketball participants and GIS Secondary students, plus much more.

If you would like to get involved or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Lynch by email at [dougl@gardenrayong.com](mailto:dougl@gardenrayong.com) or by phone at 038-630 735.

เรื่อง ขอความสนับสนุนการจัดกิจกรรม

เรียน ท่านผู้ปกครองนักเรียนของ GIS ที่เคารพ

เนื่องด้วยโรงเรียนนานาชาติสวนระของ (GIS) จะจัดกิจกรรมกีฬาที่มีชื่อว่า “The Valentine's Day Varsity Boys and Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament – วาเลนไทน์บาสเกตบอลทัวร์นาเมนต์ชาย - หญิง” ขึ้นเป็นครั้งแรก ในปี พ.ศ.2552 ระหว่างวันที่ 13-14 กุมภาพันธ์ และด้วยกิจกรรมเช่นนี้จะจัดขึ้นมาเป็นครั้งแรก ทางโรงเรียนจึงอยากให้การจัดงานครั้งนี้ เป็นไปอย่างยิ่งใหญ่และเป็นงานการแข่งขันประจำปีงานหนึ่ง ที่จะมีแต่ภาพความทรงจำประทับใจ อันไม่รู้ลืมต่อผู้มาเข้าร่วมงานกีฬาครั้งนี้ รวมทั้งทำให้โรงเรียนนานาชาติทุกแห่งของเมืองไทย รู้สึกว่าคนต้องไม่พลาดการมาร่วมกิจกรรมกีฬาของเราในครั้งนี้

อนึ่ง การทำงานจะสำเร็จลุล่วงได้นั้น ทางโรงเรียนต้องขอความกรุณาจากท่านผู้ปกครองผู้ใจดีที่ประสงค์จะช่วยสนับสนุนเรื่องค่าใช้จ่ายบางส่วนของการจัดกิจกรรมในครั้งนี้

โดยท่านผู้ปกครองที่ให้การสนับสนุนทุกท่าน ทั้งในนามบุคคล หรือในนามบริษัท ทางโรงเรียนจะขอขอกองประกาศชื่อบุคคลนั้น ๆ ลงในจดหมายข่าวของโรงเรียน รวมถึงในเว็บไซต์ของโรงเรียน และนี่คือโอกาสดี ๆ ที่ท่านจะได้มาเป็นส่วนหนึ่งของงานโรงเรียนอันสุดพิเศษเช่นนี้

ทางโรงเรียนหวังเป็นอย่างยิ่งว่า จะสามารถหาผู้ที่มีความกรุณาเพื่อช่วยสนับสนุนในเรื่องดังนี้:

- **ผู้สนับสนุนหลัก** – บริษัทของท่านจะเป็นผู้สนับสนุนหลักในงาน เช่น *GIS Valentine's Day Invitational* สนับสนุนโดย บริษัท ..XYZ.. หรือ อาจใช้ชื่อว่า *..XYZ.. Valentine's Day Invitational*
- **ผู้สนับสนุนนำดื่ม** – น้ำแข็ง อุปกรณ์ งาน ซ้อน แก้วน้ำ รวมถึงซอสปรุงรส อาทิ ซอสมะเขือเทศ พริกไทย-ป่น เป็นต้น
- **ผู้สนับสนุนเงินสำหรับเป็นค่าใช้จ่าย** อาทิเช่น จัดซื้อถ้วย/เหรียญรางวัล ค่าเช่าอุปกรณ์ เช่น เต็นท์ผ้าใบ เป็นต้น

นอกเหนือจากการจัดแข่งขันกีฬาในช่วงกลางวันตามวันที่กล่าวแล้ว ในช่วงกลางคืนของวันศุกร์และเสาร์ ท่านจะได้สนุกและอิมเมอร์สไปกับอาหารเลิศรส บาร์บีคิวสไตส์ตะวันตก โดยการสนับสนุนจากบริษัทของ Mr. Raymond Bodemer ผู้ปกครองนักเรียน ร่วมเดินร่ำในวันศุกร์คืนแห่งวาเลนไทน์ ซึ่งจัดโดยนักเรียนชั้น IB ให้กับผู้เข้าร่วมแข่งขันบาสเกตบอลทุกท่าน รวมทั้งนักเรียนระดับมัธยมได้ร่วมสนุกสนานกัน

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