



Garden International School Newsletter



IB World School

11th November 2010

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of GIS,

There are some exciting events coming up soon for you to enjoy.

The Secondary Production (a must-see "Little Shop of Horrors") will have public performances on the evenings of the 24th and 25th of this month. See later for more information.

The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, 4th December between 10.00am-2.00 pm. There will be many exciting games and activities for the children as well as many varied and interesting stalls for parents. Entry will be by donation with the donations used to support Dek Dee school. We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fair on the 4th of December 2010.

Next week will be the first P.T.A. (Parent Teachers Association) committee meeting of the year. It will be held in the school library at 7pm on Tuesday 16th November. We still have spaces on the committee so if you feel that you could give some time to help improve the school and be part of that bridge that links parents and teachers, please come along. You will be most welcome

Finally, tomorrow (Friday) night's Diwali evening promises to be something special. I hope to see you in the new grassed area by the Primary school at 6pm. During the day the lucky Primary students will be enjoying many special events.

**Kind Regards,
Dave Moroney, BSc, PGCE, MA**

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Up-coming events:

November

12 th	Diwali Evening
19 th	Loy Kratong
24 th and 25 th	Secondary Production
29 th – 2 nd December	Year 5 and 6 trip to River Kwai

December

4 th	Christmas fair at GIS
6 th	No school – The King's Birthday
9 th	Key Stage 1 Christmas Show
9 th	Reports go home
10 th	No school – Constitution Day
13 th	GIS primary has Talent Round 2
13 th	Secondary parents' evening
14 th	Christmas Concert
15 th	End of Term, enjoy your holidays

Health and Safety

As you know, the safety of the students in our care is paramount to us. This week we had scare in the car park after school. A boy ran across the car park (while on his mobile phone) and was hit by a bus. It wasn't serious, but it does wake us up to potential dangers. Please support us in reminding students that, yes, the school is a safe and secure environment, but that there are some areas where they need to take special care.

We now have a lock on the Primary sliding gate (in the new grassed area). It will be locked at 8 am and opened at 3.10, the same time as the front entrance gate. This is for the protection of our students. It stops 'strangers' from wandering in during school time. Parents are invited to wait in the seating provided in the new grassed area or the seats outside the front office next to the notice boards.

Over the recent break we upgraded the Science preparation room to meet international safety standards. Over the Christmas break we will modify the laboratory gas fittings to match the same standards.

The upgrades, along with so many improvements to the facilities in the school (such as creating an additional Secondary Thai room over the holiday) were made by our maintenance team lead by Mr Martin Hambling and K Goi. The team always do a great job often without due recognition, so I would like to publicly thank them here for the good work that they do to improve the school.

The highlight of the Christmas Fair is always the raffle draw. We would like to ask parents to join us in making this a particular success by donating items that can be raffled.

To thank our kind sponsors, all sponsors of the bigger donations will be mentioned by name or by company name during the raffle draw and in addition we invite you to attach your company logo to the donation.

Students have been given raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair. Each ticket gives a chance to win a prize on the Christmas Fair raffle.

In addition, this year there will be a 3000 Baht cash prize for the person selling the most tickets.

Once tickets have been sold, the money collected, with any unsold tickets, should be returned to the class teacher or to Mr. Grisdale or to Khun Bonnie. The deadline for selling tickets is Friday, 3rd December 2010. *Please make sure you put your name on the stubs of the tickets*, if you want to be eligible to win the prize for the most tickets sold. If you want more books see Mr. Grisdale or Khun Bonnie.

Also, if you want to run a stall (at only 300B) please complete and submit the stall form attached.

Great Food!

Year 4 has been exploring a village in India this term. We had a very special afternoon before half-term break when a few mums volunteered to come in and teach us how to



make some yummy Indian snacks. We learned about the ingredients, the cooking methods, the



significance attached to the treats they made and then, best of all, we got to sample the finished product! Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and gave a big thanks to the mums for taking the time to join us in our learning.

G.I.S Gets Ready For Blast Off! By Shomit and Jignil

To get started with their latest science topic, students from Year 6 and 7 went on a trip to the Planetarium and the Science Centre in Bangkok on the 2nd of November.

As soon as they got seated in the planetarium, the show started and they learned all about the planets, stars and galaxies. They also watched a short film about how telescopes work and how they were invented.

After the show in the planetarium had finished, they went to explore the science centre, and then they move on to the aquarium. They saw many shapes and sizes of fish! When the children had finished looking at the fish, they walked across the road to the prehistoric building where they learned about the dinosaurs that used to roam through Thailand. When some of the children from G.I.S were asked about the things they liked best, one of them said, "I liked the planetarium and the aquarium and I think it was great!" We will certainly be looking forward to another trip like this one!



Hallowe'en was scary fun as always!



Stay fit and healthy everyone by Mr Berry

The Year 8 KET (Key English Test) class have reached unit four in their 'English in Mind' exercise books. It is all about healthy living, including how to stay fit and eat healthy food. In a recent lesson, the 3 different types of milk (Zero fat, low fat and full cream) were demonstrated by having a milk tasting competition.

All the students now know the difference between the types and how they are colour-coded by their different coloured tops. New vocabulary learnt includes: calorie, unhealthy, exercise and burn off.



Shanty Town by Brinda Balasubramanian IB2

Creativity, Action, Service is at the core of our International Baccalaureate (IB) studies at Garden International School. As a way of engaging with our local community, the IB2 students decided to plan a day that would involve helping some underprivileged people in Ban Chang and be an educational experience for some younger students at school.

Before visiting the shanty town with the students we made sure that we sent a representative to speak to the people in the shanty town to ensure that they did not mind us coming. We also wanted to know exactly what we could do to help them rather than simply imposing ourselves. At first the people were a little cautious, but when they realised that we just wanted to help became more relaxed and

animated about projects they thought we could become involved with.

Our day started with us, the IB2 students who are the eldest students at the school visiting the local shanty town along with Year 9 students, We had spent the previous two weeks asking for and collecting donations of clothes, rice, milk, and daily necessities that we could bring with us. With the help of the people there we then showed the Year 9 students around the place to make them aware of the surroundings where the bathrooms had no proper doors and stagnant water lay collecting mosquitoes.

Although it was a shanty town, the local people had used materials like old tyres to grow bright red flowers, which were admired by all. The people living there obviously took a great pride in their homes. We arranged to hand out the donations fairly to all the people in the town – making sure that we gave equal rice and milk to each family. We left the shanty



town smiling for having a chance to help out and in turn bring smiles to the people who lived there.

After we reached school the Year 9s were split into two groups and were asked to build their own shanty town house using materials which were provided from the Maintenance Department at GIS. This activity provided all the students with an opportunity to work together and communicate as a group in order to accomplish the given task as well as understand how difficult it must have been for the people they had just met to build their own houses.

Both groups did fantastically well using clever methods to ensure that the roofing was at an angle to allow water to roll off, and that supports for the walls were reinforced.

After a short break the students were brought to the classroom to recall the limitations and success stories for building the shanty town house, as well as to reflect on their earlier visit to the shanty town. Then they were given a Decision Making Exercise in which they assumed the role of Government Advisors. We gave the students some monopoly money to spend and asked them to decide how they should spend it to improve their own shanty town. They had to decide what their priorities were for development in the first year and then again in the second year.

It was a pleasure working with them, and we learnt a great deal about ourselves and about our community on that day. We, and the Year 9 students, have come away from this day more aware of our local community and the world around us.

A world that we see every day, but that we will now see with our eyes more open.

Sports News

Secondary Swimming Gala

After 44 events, Cobra House trailed Eagle House by just 5 points, 327-322. In order to secure victory in this year's Secondary Swimming Gala, and second in as many years, they needed a strong showing in the day's final event; the grueling biathlon.

Not for the faint of heart, this event, consisting of a 250 meter swim followed by an 800 meter run, made for an exciting finish to a great day of swimming.

As it turned out, the Cobras would have what it takes.



Out of the 14 competitors in the event, Cobra athletes took the top three places and won the 2010 Secondary Swimming Gala by 29 points over the Eagles.

Thomas (IB1) swam and ran while Marissa (Y8), Coco (Y8) and Frank (Y10) did the swimming and Vee (Y9), Luqman (Y10) and Daniela (IB1) did the running.

There were also some great individual performances for the

Cobras on Friday. Marissa had an outstanding day finishing with a perfect 6 wins in 6 races. Thomas won 4 of his 5 races, while Luqman won 3 of 4 races and Coco won all three of her races.

Florence (Y8) won 4 out of her 5 races to help the Tigers finish in third place.

Many thanks go out to all the competitors for their wonderful effort, the PE staff for organizing, the House captains, the race Marshals, MIS Dept. and Mr. Yarwood for hosting.

Team House points

Cobra40
Eagle30
Gecko10
Tiger20



The latest overall point totals, including all events to date, are:

Cobra	69
Eagle	64
Gecko	47
Tiger	52

Ben's Hat Trick Leads GIS Over ISE 4-2 by Vanessa Vanderpoel, IB1

The GIS Varsity Boys Football team defeated ISE 4-2 on Monday afternoon.

The Storm opened the scoring four minutes in when Ben fired a shot past the ISE goalkeeper. Nic started the play with a lead pass to Thomas who, after pulling the defender towards him, slid a perfect pass to Ben alone in front of the goal.



However, the lead was short lived. In the 8th minute, A foul led to an ISE free kick which ISE converted to tie the game at one each.



The goals would come fast and furious in the next 10 minutes.

ISE took the lead but GIS would get that one back quickly. Luqman, subbed for Thomas, would tie the score 2-2 just one minute after ISE went ahead. Ben took the ball down the right side and crossed it to Luqman who fired a shot off the left post and in.

Two minutes after the tying goal, Ben would convert Luqman's rebound into a half empty net to give the Storm a 3-2 lead going into halftime.

Kento and Martin tightened up the Storm's defence in the second half to limit ISE's scoring opportunities. GIS would deliver the knockout blow with a few minutes remaining in the game.



After fighting off an ISE defender in the left corner, Ben would notch his third of the game, and second career hat trick at GIS, to seal the victory.

GIS now sports a 2-0-1 record on the season. They next play on November 16 at home against Regents.

GIS Win Their Third Straight *by Mr Lynch*

The U15 Girls got a strong offensive performance from Pim in their 20-6 win against St. Andrews on Thursday afternoon.

The Storm led 12-2 at the break and pulled away in the second half en route to the win. Pim led all scorers with 12 points, Mook added four and Jida chipped in with two points. Coach Edwards is working to improve his players' defensive effort during the contest. This is a concern and something to be worked on if the Storm hope to be successful in the future.

Mook Wins Bronze Medal At ESAC Meet *by Mr Edwards*

The 10 students who took part in the ESAC Cross Country Meet hosted by St Andrews really did the school proud with their performance at the event.

All students completed the course with great placings in each age division.

In the Under 11 Boys event, Sang Hyun Y5 finished 25th, Owen Y5 came 27th and Chan Y4 placed 45th out of 70 competitors.

In the Under 13 Boys, David Y8 finished 16th and John Y8 placed 18th out of 30.

In the Under 13 Girls, Florence Y8 finished 6th overall out of 20 runners.

And finally, in the Under 15 Girls, Mook Y10 won a Bronze Medal, while Mar Y10 finished 6th, Anna Y10 finished 17th and Stam Y10 placed 19th out of 30 competitors.

Well done to all the students who participated.

Just a reminder that all GIS sports results and information can be found on the GIS Storm website: <http://sites.google.com/a/gardenrayong.com/gis-athletics/home>

*****STORM BASEBALL CAPS WILL BE ON SALE SOON FROM THE PE DEPT.*****

Watch the website for more information



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