Spotlight on Secondary

St. Andrews International School
Green Valley

November 2017
St. Andrews Honours HM King Rama IX

On Thursday October 19, St Andrews Secondary School Community paid their respects and honoured the memory of the late King Rama IX during assembly. We joined with all people in Thailand in saying goodbye to our beloved King.

Official IGCSE Certificates Arrive

Congratulations once again to our current year 12 class on the IGCSE results that they achieved at the end of year 11. These students recently received their official Cambridge and Edexcel IGCSE Certificates. As a class, these students achieved grades of A* - C 88.3% of the time compared to a UK average of 68%. Our students also achieved grades of A* - A 38% of the time compared to the UK average of 22%.

Individually, Jade achieved the amazing result of 10 A* grades; Eliza finished with 10 grades of A* and A; Andy 9 grades of A* and A and Dong—Gun 8 grades of A* - A. Congratulations again everyone!
Loy Kratong Celebrations

On Friday November 3, students, teachers and parents came together to celebrate the annual festival of Loy Kratong. Students of all ages sat in their Island Community groups and helped each other make Kratong’s which they then took home and floated with their family that evening. Many thanks to the Thai teachers for organizing our school Loy Kratong celebration and thanks to the many parents who supplied flowers or came along to help make Kratongs.
At St Andrews students enjoy learning through a 'hands on' approach. In English lessons Ms. Taylor's year 9 class have been reading the novel 'Fat Boy Swim' by Catherine Forde. The main character in the book is a fantastic cook and his kitchen is his sanctuary, a safe place where he can escape from his problems. We decided that it would be great if year 9 students demonstrated their cooking abilities using the new kitchen at school. Students successfully created some tasty treats such as: shortbread, Victoria sponge cake and strawberry pancakes. However, some dishes didn't turn out the way they were supposed to and Timofei and Clayton reflected on this activity saying, "I think we need to follow the recipe next time!"

Over the last couple of weeks, students from Years 12 and 13 have started to use the new IB Art Studio. It is great to see IB students working independently in the studio while younger students work in the main art room. In addition, Year 10 IGCSE art students have finished some excellent work for their first unit “All About Me”. You can see more of this work on display around the school and on the Secondary Art Firefly pages and the St Andrews Art and Design Facebook page.

Mrs Sue Castle (Art Teacher)
Year 11 Students Help to Teach Year 5

Recently Year 5 tuned in and engaged with their new Unit of Inquiry, Natural Disasters, with a little help from some friends. As part of this the ‘Communication’ profile, the Year 11 Geography students shared what they have learnt about the South Asian Floods that have affected more than 16 million people in 2017. The Geographers discussed with the year 5s the causes, effects and management of the floods, as well as possible solutions. It was a very creative lesson with demonstrations and quizzes, all of which were student-led. Ms Nikki and Mrs McHugh would like to congratulate the Year 11s for their hard work and the Year 5s for being so inquiring on their learning journey.

Year 10 Detectives Solve “Cold Case”

Recently in an English lesson Year 10 enjoyed solving a ‘cold case’ to help with their study of ‘The Tell Tale Heart’ by Edgar Allen Poe. They used the school’s Breakout Edu kit, which recreates the same sort of immersive experience you have in an escape room, and acted as detectives of Poeville Police Department to re-open a 150 year old case. They worked on case documents, sorting through clues and evidence, to open a series of locks. Once the box was opened the solution to the case was revealed, and they had time to discuss whether they agreed, and to reflect on their own collaboration and communication skills. Great detective work, Year 10

Motorbike Safety Demonstration

Year 10 and 11 students were recently given a demonstration why you need to wear a helmet on a bike. The assembly focused on motorbike safety as this is a particularly worrying issue for Thailand’s youth, with close to 4000 deaths a year due to motorcycle accidents (nearly half of these didn’t wear a helmet). Mr Frost spoke of ways that motorbike riders can increase their chance of survival by up to 10 times: wearing protective safety clothing, no flip flops and a good quality helmet. A graphic display of the need for a helmet was seen by the demise of an unprotected watermelon when it was hit with a baseball bat, compared to a melon which was well protected with a full face helmet. Mr Wilson also spoke of recent events in which students from other schools have suffered serious head injuries to reinforce this safety message. St Andrews is a family and we want to ensure the safety of our community, so we hope the students took on board this very important message.
Equal Playing Field Initiative: Girls Can!

Playing football on the roof of Africa - a Guinness World Record, organised by the 'Equal Playing Field' initiative, was recently set by a team of female athletes involving Ms Handy, one of our St Andrews’ PE Teachers. They scaled Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's tallest peak, to play the highest game of football ever in the world! This was to raise awareness of equality for girls and women across the globe and show that #girlsCan. What a fantastic achievement! On the afternoon of Tuesday November 7, our students were lucky enough to get the chance to watch the Equal Playing Field’s documentary. Hopefully our students were inspired and will now take up the struggle of equal rights for all!

Delicious Dutch Trip

Recently St. Andrews Dutch and Belgium recently students tested their language skills and their tastebuds during their trip to a Belgian chocolate and cake decoration factory. The factory has three departments: sugar, chocolate and marzipan and the students listened to an explanation of each process in Dutch. As well as sampling the delicious Belgian chocolates, they were also able to test out their decorating skills and at the end took some home to show their parents what they had created (that’s if they didn’t eat them on the way back to school!) What a fun trip for the Dutch Stream at St Andrews!
Military Training Completion

Recently some of our Thai students completed their military requirements with parachute training at the army camp in Chonburi and shooting practice at the navy camp in Sattahip. At St Andrews our Thai students have the significant advantage of being able to complete their 3 month Ror Dor requirements over the span of 3 academic years, starting from July at the end of Year 10. Unlike other schools in Bangkok, our students attend a half-day session for the whole month of July each year which then leaves them free to take part in other activities during normal term time. Students fulfil their military training requirements for Thai nationals in July at the end of Year 12 which then allows them to concentrate on their studies in Year 13 on their pathway to university.

Important Dates for your Diary

- **November 16**
  St Andrews School Fair
  1.20pm—3.20pm

- **November 17**
  Term 1 Report Cards
  Sent home

- **November 21**
  Year 7 Geography Field Trip to Na Jomtien

- **November 22**
  Parent Teacher Meeting Day

- **November 23—26**
  Phuket 7’s Football Tournament

- **December 1**
  International Day

- **December 5**
  Public Holiday for HM King Rama IX’s Birthday

- **December 9—11**
  Harrow MUN

- **December 13**
  Carols by Candlelight

- **December 15**
  Last Day of Term 1

- **January 8**
  First Day of Term 2

- **January 15—19**
  IGCSE & IB Mock Exam Week

To check all upcoming school dates please click on this link: [http://vle.standrews-schools.com/dashboard/cal/1079/1](http://vle.standrews-schools.com/dashboard/cal/1079/1)

To access the 2017—2018 Calendar click here: [http://vle.standrews-schools.com/Resources/Home%20%5Bf%5D/Dashboard%20%5Bf%5D/Academic%20Calendar%2017-18.pdf](http://vle.standrews-schools.com/Resources/Home%20%5Bf%5D/Dashboard%20%5Bf%5D/Academic%20Calendar%2017-18.pdf)
Supporting the Annual Poppy Appeal

On Thursday November 2, Major Tony Wilson and Captain Martin Orchard from the Royal British Legion came to school to speak to secondary students and staff about the work that the Royal British Legion does to support people who have been affected by war. The two gentlemen explained how the annual Poppy Appeal was used to raise funds to support not only people in the UK but in Thailand as well. As a part of their CAS work, some of our Year 12 students have been assisting in the selling of poppies and spreading the message of why we will never forget those who have died or been affected by conflicts around the world. Mr McHugh also led our Remembrance Day assembly on November 9 and asked us to remember those who have fallen and to also reflect on just how lucky we are.

MUN Conference

On Sunday October 8, a number of our secondary students participated in an MUN conference that was held at Bangkok Patana School. For some it was their first experience of MUN whilst other students such as Mild Y13 are now more experienced and are involved in chairing different committees. No matter what their level of experience is, it is a valuable learning process for all of the students involved.
More Golfing Success for Tae Tae

Congratulations to Tae Tae in year 10 on his recent golfing success winning the recent B Boys competition at Eastern Star. Tae Tae is currently practising very hard as he has been selected by the Thailand Golf Association (Eastern) to compete in the "26th SICC/DBS Junior Invitational Golf Championship 2017" golf tournament in Singapore from December 3—8. Good luck Tae Tae and well done!

Talented Horse Riders Emily and Foei Foei

St Andrews has many, many talented students in a wide range of areas including horse riding. Emily from Year 9 recently competed in a major FEI horse jumping competition hosted by Thai Polo and Equestrian Club in Pattaya. Anna, her coach, said "Emily entered three classes and came 5th which was a great result as she has only entered a handful of competitions previously. She is a very competitive rider and shows great skill and confidence during the jumping events - well done!"

Foei Foei in year 11 is also a talent rider. Recently she competed in B.Grimm CSI1* World Cup sea league #2 for Thai Polo and Equestrian club Accumulator Open 80-90 cm. On the first day of competition Foei Foei came fourth and on the second day fifth. Well done Foei Foei!
Well done to all of the staff and students who took part in the 100k challenge. The idea was to motivate people to exercise more and lead a healthier life by trying to walk or run 100km during the month of October. For those who enjoy swimming the aim was 25km and for bike riders 400km. A large number of the St Andrews community took part and really enjoyed getting involved. Mr Standen is now busy trying to think up the next challenge!

St Andrews Cross Country

Congratulations to all the cross country runners who competed with such great spirit in the recent island community event. Samet were the overall winners, but everyone who crossed the finish line should be proud of their accomplishment. It was a fun afternoon for all, thanks to all the parents who turned up to support the runners!
On Thursday November 2 secondary students took to the water for the annual swim gala. Under sunny skies the students competed for their Island Communities in U13, U15 and Senior age group races. After all the races were finished and the scores were tallied, SAMUI came out on top, followed by Samet, Chang and then Phuket. All of the finals were timed so that we could create a bank of new St Andrews swimming records. A copy of these are listed below. Well done to everyone, especially the members of Samui, and the new swimming record holders.

## Sensational Secondary Swim Gala

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