



Community

# Newsletter

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## Welcoming the Year of the Rabbit



### ***We Celebrate Everything!***

Students at our senior school welcomed the Year of the Rabbit with a student-led Chinese New Year celebration. At TSIS Junior School, visitors from the Confucius Institute at Bansomdejchaopraya Rajabhat University co-led Chinese New Year activities with our language team (teachers of Thai, Mandarin, Punjabi and Hindi). Celebrations commenced with a dragon parade and concluded with Chinese culture activities led by the Confucius Institute.

We love the enthusiasm and interest of our students as they enjoy cultural celebrations from all around the world!



# Head of School's Message

## *Together, we are building an even better TSIS!*

Although TSIS continues through a period of rapid growth, we are determined to retain our 'big family' feel. We will always be a school where teachers know students by name and have a genuine interest in their holistic development.

In the last issue of our community newsletter, we outlined a series of imminent improvements to develop our school for current and future students. We are pleased to say that many of the facility upgrades have been completed or are well underway.

The main academic buildings at our Bearing Campus have been repainted and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive about their fresh, modern look. Upgrades to basketball and tennis courts have also been completed. Staged refurbishment of walkways, toilets and drainage systems is now more than 50% complete and the refurbishment of the sports hall (gymnasium) has commenced.

At our Wongwianyai Campus, the playground has been landscaped to maximise space for our young learners to play and learn outdoors. The new artificial grass looks amazing. The girls and boys love it and it highlights the beauty of our junior school building. Changes have also been made to our rapidly expanding Early Years' Centre and upgrades to the assembly hall are in the pipeline.

Our leadership team has been interviewing teachers since December for positions starting August 2023. We are now recruiting teachers through 'TES', the network used by leading international schools, and this will ensure that we employ the very best teachers for TSIS students. All teachers have been offered two-year contracts to best ensure continuity for our students as we continue through this exciting growth period.

From August, Visual Art and Geography will be added as options to our IGCSE, AS and A Level programmes. TSIS will also become a lead school in providing an innovative specialist STEAM programme (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) for our Key Stage 1 and 2 students. The new programme will inspire in learners a love of Science!

If you haven't been to our school recently and you would like to see the changes, please arrange a time to visit us. I would be most happy to meet you and give you a personal tour of our wonderful school.

**Andrew Read**  
Head of School



# Special Events

## Christmas Celebrations

Both TSIS campuses celebrated the end of Term 1 with Christmas themed activities. Our senior school students enjoyed a day-long activity which incorporated musical performances, comedy, awards, games, a quiz and afternoon dance party!

We hosted THREE end of term concerts for junior school families. Parents loved seeing the genuine joy and enthusiasm of their children on stage, reflecting the success of our new Arts and Music programme.



## Teachers' Day

On 'Wan-Kru' (Thailand's Teachers' Day), our learners joined activities to pay respect to their teachers and thank them for their dedication and commitment.

Later that week, our junior school students came to school dressed as a teacher!





## Junior School Principal

Since August 2022 our Junior School has welcomed over 100 new children. As this incredible growth continues, Ms. Marlie Human (formerly Deputy Principal) has become the Principal of TSIS Junior School.

With many years of experience teaching in international schools around the world and an in-depth understanding of the British Curriculum, Ms. Marlie first joined TSIS as a classroom teacher in 2019. Since then she has been a Key Stage Coordinator, SEN Coordinator and our Deputy Principal.

## Our Crying Little Lion

Meet Panyha, one of our newest 'Little Lions' who initially joined our *half-day* 'Little Lions' programme.

During Panyha's first week, she cried EVERY day! However, unlike some Little Lions who cry in the mornings, Panyha cried when it was time to go home!

Panyha has now joined our *full-day* Little Lions programme and she hasn't cried since!

***In January, we opened another Little Lions class so we could accept the 2-3 year old children who were on a waitlist. NOW is the time to sign-up for Little Lions for Term 3 or the next academic year!***



## Teacher Recruitment

School leaders have been very busy recruiting new teachers to join TSIS in August 2023. Some of these teachers will teach new subjects including Geography, Visual Art, 'STEAM' and EAL.

One of our excellent new team members will be Mr. Richard from the UK (pictured left). Mr. Richard, a trained primary school teacher with a strong passion for Science education, is the former Learning Officer of Birmingham Science Museum (UK). He will be TSIS' founding STEAM teacher.

## Fathers' Day

Students joined activities for Fathers' Day during their Thai Language and Culture lessons. They learned about Thailand's late King Rama IX, who many Thai people consider to be the father of their nation. Junior School students made cards for their own fathers and messages for our 'tree of good deeds'.



## Mock Examinations

Students in Years 11-13 have successfully completed their mock examinations in preparation for Cambridge IGCSE, AS and A Level examinations in May-June.

The mock examinations included practical experiments for the students who have chosen Science subjects.

We are proud of the commitment our senior students show towards their studies, their ability to balance a range of activities and their habit of enjoying whatever they are engaged in!

## Three-Way Conferences

Parents of our junior and senior school students took the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers.

In most cases, these conferences are three-way, with students joining so they can tell parents and teachers about their schooling experience.





## Sixth Form Residential Trip

Our sixth form students took a break from classrooms to join their three-day residential trip to Koh Sichang.

The residential trip was an important part of our seniors' schooling experience, working with each other to solve problems, overcome challenges and enjoy each other's company before they prepare for Cambridge examinations in the coming months.



## GBAC Updates

Our students have been participating in football, athletics and badminton GBAC fixtures. We have hosted several football matches at our campus.

While our football match results have not been as impressive as our frequent basketball wins, we are proud of our students' spirit, sportsmanship and sense of enjoyment while on the field.



## Our Campuses:

- Wongwianyai - Junior School: Pre-Nursery – Year 6 for students aged 2 - 11 years
- Bearing - Senior School: Year 7 – Year 13 for students aged 11 - 18 years

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