



Community

Newsletter

Issue 2 - October/November 2022

Recent, Ongoing and Planned Improvements

It is an exciting time to be a part of the TSIS community. After welcoming nearly 100 new students in August, we are experiencing unprecedented interest from families interested in their child joining our junior or senior school between now and August 2023.

The word is out in the community about the clear focus on improving academic and holistic opportunities for students at our senior school under the leadership of Mr. Wayne (our new Principal). To add to the hype, our Bearing Campus is about to start a series of significant facility upgrades and developments!

As detailed on the right, we are constantly enriching education programmes and learning environments for our learners.

Thank you for being a part of the exciting TSIS journey!

Andrew Read
Head of School

Some of our improvements since August 2022:

- New classroom furniture at both campuses.
- New furniture for the senior school cafeteria.
- New senior school Computer Lab.
- 3,500 reading books from the UK for our Junior School.
- Significant investment in Science resources at both campuses.
- New Junior School Art & Music programme.
- Reopening of our Little Lions (pre-nursery).

During December and January, we will:

- Upgrade buildings at our Bearing Campus.
- Landscape the play areas at our Wongwianyai Campus.
- Continue with plans for shade sails at Wongwianyai and SIGNIFICANT facility upgrades at Bearing.

Curriculum expansion in 2023/24:

- Broadened IGCSE and A Level subject options to include Arts and Humanities to complement our current Maths/Science and Economics/Business pathways.
- New STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) specialist learning area for KS1 and KS2 learners.
- Dedicated English as an Additional Language programme.



Our senior school will begin a series of upgrades in December-January.

Special Events



Diwali - *welcome back parents!*

Diwali was particularly special as this was the FIRST community celebration for parents since the pandemic. Due to the rapid growth of our school, we needed to host three Diwali sessions!

The celebrations included well-choreographed dances, skits and speeches. The junior school celebrations concluded with all children AND parents joining a flash mob dance! At the senior school, the event ended with a traditional 'garba' dance - with teachers opening the dance before students and parents joined them!



Halloween

Students truly impressed teachers with their fantastic Halloween costumes. Costumes were not just 'scary'. Many were also fun!

Halloween was a great chance for our senior school Student Council to shine as they led activities for their peers. At our junior school, prizes were awarded for D.I.Y. Halloween costumes, although other costumes were welcome for this international festival!

Halloween activities included treasure hunts, games and arts and crafts.



Special Events

Birth Celebrations for Sri Guru Nanak

TSIS' Sikh students joined various activities for the birth celebrations of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Prior to 'Gurpurab', students performed 'Kar-Sewa' (Temple Spring Cleaning) at the Gurdwara Sahib (Sikh Temple).

On the day of Gurpurab, TSIS students entered the temple in a memorable way with 'Jaikara' (call and response chant) before singing shabads (hymns) and speaking about Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Mr. Andrew spoke about how TSIS' impressive growth can be attributed to our school being built on the universal values of Sikhism such as honesty, diligence and compassion.



Loy Krathong

Students at our Wongwianyai and Bearing campuses celebrated Thailand's Loy Krathong Festival with ceremonies which included traditional Thai performances.

Students then made 'krathongs' from natural materials before floating them in our swimming pools.





Mahidol MOU

TSIS is the first international school in Thailand to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Information and Communication Technology Faculty of Mahidol University. The main objectives of the MOU are to develop our students' IT knowledge and provide opportunities for them to transition to the Faculty of ICT Bachelor Degree programmes.

Celebration Fundraisers

During October and November, children at our junior school joined various celebration to raise money for charities and the work of the Student Council. Some of the fun themes included Twins Day and Pyjama Day!

The girls and boys on the student council used the funds to buy board games for play on rainy days. TSIS students also donated 5,000 baht to UNHCR.

We are incredibly grateful for mums and dads who are always so enthusiastic on special days like these!



Military Training

This year, some of our Thai students from Years 11-13, take part in the 'Lor Dor' programme on weekends (Thai army training).

Our 'Lor Dor' students led a charity campaign and thanks to the generosity of our senior school families, underprivileged children in the north of Thailand received a variety of donated items including clothing, toys and food.

'Langar'

All TSIS' students joined 'Langar' to remember the birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

Sikh Temples all around the world offer 'Langar' (community kitchen) where meals are offered free to visitors. Regardless of their ethnicity, religion, gender or economic status, visitors sit on the floor to demonstrate that all people are the same.



Extra Class Opening!

In Term 1 we resumed our 'Little Lions' for 2-3 year old children (pre-nursery). Due to high demand, we are opening a SECOND Little Lions class in January.

A typical Little Lions day includes Arrival/Free Play, Circle Time, Snack Time, Exploration Centres, Outdoor Play, Lunch, Nap and Story Time. Parents can choose between full or half-day programmes.

Little Lions is the best pathway for children to join Nursery when they turn three years old.

University Guidance

Since 2020, TSIS graduates have been offered places at universities in the UK, USA, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, South Korea and Thailand.

In addition to guests speakers from several universities in north America and the UK, sixth form students attended a recent University Fair at ISB.





GBAC Updates

GBAC Basketball:

The GBAC East Conference finished in late November and we are VERY proud of our six teams:

- U18 Girls - 1st place
- U18 Boys - 2nd place
- U15 Girls - 1st place
- U15 Boys - 2nd place
- U13 Girls - 4th place
- U13 Boys - 2nd place

Our U18 and U15 girls' teams will play against the winners of GBAC West Conference in December. Regardless of the final results, we thank ALL of our players and coaching staff for your commitment to training, matches and having fun!

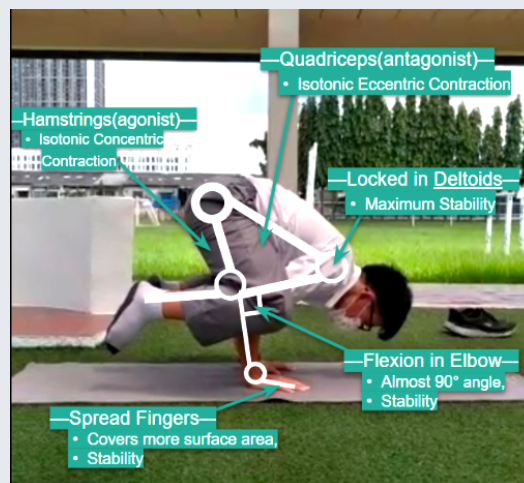


GBAC Football:

In Term 2, the focus of GBAC will move to football. Our teams will continue to be supported by professional coaches to develop our students' skills. We hope the TSIS Tigers will impress on football fields as they did on basketball courts!

IGCSE PE

This year, TSIS introduced PE as an IGCSE subject. Students have completed their first module of Anatomy and Physiology, learning how the body works during exercise. They have already begun their practical coursework video portfolios, a major component of the IGCSE PE assessment criteria.



APEC Sports Event

Students from TSIS Senior School had the honour of participating in the Bangkok Urban Youth Games, arranged by United Through Sports (UTS) an organisation recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The event was planned to coincide with 2022 APEC Conference.



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