

# จดหมายข่าว

JOD MAI KHAO - ASCOT NEWSLETTER



## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

**Donnah Ciempka**



As I sit to write this edition of Joh Mai Khao, I can not believe that it is almost the end of Term 1 and we have all been learning and working together for almost 10 weeks. Life in a school is always busy, however, the old saying is true, that times moves even faster when you are having fun. Something I am so proud of at Ascot is that not only are our children having fun but they are also learning too.

The last two weeks have been filled with wonderful events and learning opportunities. Wai Kru celebrations and now this week being Wellbeing Week. We have seen our community come together and focus on community, the Thai Culture, physical, spiritual, mental and emotional wellbeing. Working to support our wellbeing is crucial in educating balanced humans.

Wellbeing is also established through connections and a sense of belonging. As an international school it is important that we embed a respect for and connection to the Thai Culture. During the 2021 - 2022 academic year the school renamed our four house groups: Trojans, Aztecs, Vikings, and Titans. We asked the students to research and select Thai mythical creatures as new names for their houses. Each house chose what they felt represented their house spirit most. Students then designed logos appropriate for their new house names. The new house names are: Phraya Naga, Phraya Kochasarn, Phraya Insee, and Phraya Rachasee.

I want to thank our community for their support during Term 1. Have a safe and restful break.



# NEWS FROM SCHOOL

## Early Years

Over the last two weeks we have had so many moments of joy and celebrations across the Early Years that it is hard to believe we have only been in school for six weeks. With our Wai Kru celebrations including our Thank You card activity with parents and our Parents Zumba morning and feather making for Wellbeing Week, it has been such a busy time.

As we move closer to the end of the first half term, students will continue to enjoy their Unit of Inquiry work with arts activities, recycling and outdoor learning too. With half term just around the corner, we would like to share with you that this year we will be dressing up for Halloween on Monday 31st October. Students can wear any costumes they wish for this celebration.



## Primary

Our Primary students have been enjoying Wellbeing Week with random acts of kindness, yoga, Zumba, films and crafts. It has been wonderful to see the parent community joining us for selected celebrations and we hope to invite you to more things too. Students across the school have thanked and celebrated lots of different people in our community.

Year 4 thanked Khun Fiat for organising their recent excursion too. On our return from the break, our first event will be Halloween on 31st October. All students are invited to dress in a costume of their choice for the day. Students will have the opportunity to join in with themed activities during break times as well. We will continue with our parent coffee mornings after the break too. Each year group has an assigned date to meet and chat casually and make some further connections. Keep your eyes open for your year groups' date and time (attached to the last page of Jod Mai Khao).

# NEWS FROM SCHOOL



## Secondary

**Wellbeing week** - This week in secondary we have been celebrating wellbeing week, with world mental health day coming up on Monday 10th October. Ms. Tyra Cummins and the Y12 students have organised activities such as karaoke, dance-offs and grounded exercises at lunch time throughout the week. The students absolutely loved the chance to get in touch with both their physical and mental wellbeing, as well as exploring what that means in and outside of school.



**Halloween** - All students are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes on Monday, 31st October. Our IB students are busy organising events throughout the week for Secondary school.

**Residentials** - I'm very happy to announce our residentials will return this year and they have all been confirmed along with dates. Residentials are important as they can lead to improved relationships, growth in confidence, development of skills and independence.

**Term 1.1 grades** - Students and parents will be able to view their Term 1.1 grades by signing into the portal from Monday. You will be able to discuss these grades during the parent teacher consultations on Monday and Tuesday next week. The portal will be updated at the end of each half term with the latest grades.

- **Years 11, 12 and 13** will have their residentials at Cheow Lan Lake in Khao Sok National Park from **Monday, November 28 to Friday, December 2**.
- **Years 7, 8 and 9** will be at iCAMP in Kanchanaburi from **Monday, January 16 to Friday, January 20**.



## UPDATES FROM THE AFA

ASCOT FOOTBALL ACADEMY & SPORTS ACADEMY

Term 1 2022/2023 started with all our football teams involved in competitions. September, October and November are busy months with matches every Saturday and Sunday. Our teams are involved in 3 different Football Leagues: 2 Leagues Football 7 aside and 1 League Football 11 aside.

- \* Inter Thailand League 7 aside Football League: U10, U11, U12, U13 and U15
- \* Galaxy Development League - Football 7 aside U10
- \* OAZ 11 aside Football League U12

After 1 month of matches, our teams are doing great in all Leagues. We are in the Top 3 in every single League and we're looking forward to October and November matches to decide the League table.

Our current standings are:

- Inter Thailand League U10 = 3rd place
- Inter Thailand League U11 = 2nd place
- Inter Thailand League U12 = 1st place
- Inter Thailand League U13 = 2nd place
- Inter Thailand League U15 = 1st place
- Galaxy Development League U10 = 1st place
- OAZ 11 aside League U12 = 3rd place



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## October 2022

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- 10-11 Parent Teacher Conference
- 12 Last day of Term 1.1
- 26 First day of Term 1.2
- 31 Halloween Dress Up Day

## November 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30			

- 8 Loy Krathong Day

## December 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

- 5 Father's Day
- 9 House Colours Day
- 16 Last day of Term 1.2



LOY KRATHONG ON THE EVENING OF THE FESTIVAL, PEOPLE GATHER AROUND WATER SOURCES TO RELEASE KRATHONGS AS A WAY TO GIVE THANKS TO THE GODDESS OF WATER AND ASK FOR FORGIVENESS FOR USING TOO MUCH WATER OR CONTAMINATING IT. NOWADAYS, IT IS ALSO A WAY TO GET RID OF NEGATIVITY GATHERED DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND WELCOME GOOD FORTUNE IN THE COMING YEAR.

# COFFEE MORNINGS: DATES AND TIMES



## COFFEE MORNINGS for PARENTS

Year Group	Date : Time
EARLY YEARS	TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER : 9AM - 10AM
YEAR 1	FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER : 9AM - 10AM
YEAR 2	FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER : 9AM - 10AM
YEAR 3	FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER : 9AM - 10AM
YEAR 4	FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER : 9AM - 10AM
YEAR 5	FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER : 9AM - 10AM
YEAR 6	FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER : 9AM - 10AM



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HEAD OF PRIMARY



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