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JOD MAI KHAO - ASCOT NEWSLETTER

# **MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL**

#### **Donnah Ciempka**

Welcome to another wonderful new year - 2023! A new year and 365 days of new experiences and possibilities.

Since returning to campus this year, we have shared so many glorious experiences with our community. Chinese New Year and our celebration of the Year of the Rabbit, Year 7-9 Residentials in Kanchanuburi and our Year 10 trip to Vietnam.

Term Two has also seen us welcome our new Head of Primary, Ms. Nic Holloway into her new position.

Each day when I arrive at Ascot, I feel so very blessed to be a part of the community that we have. Greeting our students, parents and staff fills me with joy as I see and connect with all the individuals that make up the Ascot Family. Watching the Chinese New Year Concert, I was able to see and reflect upon the amazing array of talents all our community members have, and how special each person is. At Ascot, we embrace the individual and celebrate difference and diversity. It is through this we further connect and become a school where everyone belongs. Sharing our stories, our history and our cultures makes us one and I welcome our community to do so.

As a school we value parent involvement and as we move forward this term, we will be seeking ways in which our parent body can feel a part of the learning community. Be it suppporiting the Valentine's Fair or accompanying a field trip, be it attending parent Zumba or reading to children in your first language. We eagerly appreciate parent involvement and sharing of the collective energy of our community.







#### **NEWS FROM SCHOOL**

#### **Early Years**

Welcome back to the Early Years at Ascot. For those that do not know me, I am Miss Nik, the new Head of Primary, and it is a pleasure to learn from and with the Early Years team. We learn concepts through stimulating play-based learning environments. Our playground supports learning, and the EY teachers plan purposeful learning environments both in their classrooms and outside. Our learners have been involved in water play recently. Think of the concepts they have been exploring: full and empty, sinking and floating and what is water? Play also allows us to develop essential social and self-management skills.





Inquiry-based learning is student-centred and encourages students to ask questions and explore the world around them. Students gain independence by taking ownership of their learning and developing thinking skills. The learners from EY1-EY3 are all looking at how we discover and explore. Each class is taking this inquiry in a different direction, some learners are finding out about space, and others are exploring the natural world. A field trip to a farm will support this inquiry.



### **NEWS FROM SCHOOL**

#### **Primary**

Welcome back to the new term at Ascot. For those that do not know me, I am Miss Nik, the new Head of Primary, and it is a pleasure to be working with the parents, students and teachers across Primary. Our Year 1 to Year 6 students have jumped back into inquiry learning after the December break. Our hands-on learning in these year groups allows students to deepen their conceptual understanding of the world and develop the skills they need to succeed within and beyond the classroom. It is also fun and engaging. Year 3 and Year 6 are currently exploring how scientists think and the impact that science has on the world, and Year 5 are exploring changing technology.





Our learning also focuses on real-world issues and encourages action and problem-solving. Year 1 learners have been exploring habitats, In Year 2 they have been making recycled paper, and there is a garden project in Year 4. If your children take any action at home based on their learning, please let the classroom teachers know so we can celebrate this in school.

We have already enjoyed several community events this term. Students showed great sportsmanship supporting their peers in the recent inter-school football event hosted at Ascot; well done to the Ascot teams for their excellent performance. We also celebrated Chinese New Year and watched some amazing performances by students from across the school.

# **CHINESE NEW YEAR 2023**























#### **NEWS FROM SCHOOL**

#### **Secondary**

**Year 9** - The Y9 IGCSE options presentation is this coming Monday 30 January at 3:00 pm. Parents and students are invited to attend a short presentation from Mr. Allen and Mr. Guthrie, in the meeting room of the new secondary building, about the subjects on offer and how the IGCSE's work, followed by the chance to talk to subject teachers about the courses. The students will then be sent a form to pick their favourite option subjects.

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**Year 11** - The Y11 IB Diploma options presentation will be on Monday 6 February. There will be a chance for parents and students to talk to all subject teachers about the IB Diploma and find out more about assessment and HL and SL subjects.

Year 11, 12, 13 - While the rest of the school was out on residentials, the Y11's/12's and 13's were sitting their mock exams in school. The Y11's and 13's will receive all of their results back at the same time on Monday 6 February at 2:30 pm. Parents are also welcome to attend and then discuss the results with teachers afterwards, more details will be posted on Toddle next week.

Residentials - The Y7 to Y9 residential to Kanchanaburi and the Y10 residential to Vietnam were both a huge success, with many students wishing they could have stayed longer and wanting to return next year. I spoke with all the teachers who attended these residentials, and the students' behaviour was outstanding.







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#### **UPDATES FROM THE AFA**

ASCOT FOOTBALL ACADEMY & SPORTS ACADEMY



Welcome to Term 2!

AFA Sports Academy wanted to inform you about the many after-school sports activities available for your children. These activities provide a great opportunity for your child to explore new interests, develop new skills, and make new friends.

Participating in after-school sports activities has been shown to have numerous benefits for children, including increased physical fitness, improved teamwork and leadership skills, and a greater sense of self-confidence. Additionally, children who participate in sports activities are more likely to stay engaged in school and have a positive attitude toward learning.

We have a wide range of sports activities to suit every interest, such as football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, swimming, Muaythai, fitness, dance, cheerleaders, acrobatics, drama, glee club, chess club, ballet tots, and soccer tots. All activities are supervised by our trained staff/coach and are designed to be both fun and educational.

We strongly encourage you to consider enrolling your child in one or more of our after-school sports activities. Not only will they have fun and make new friends, but they will also be developing important physical and social skills that will serve them well in the future.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the activities available, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to helping your child make the most of their school experience.



For more information/ to sign up Email: amaral@ascot.ac.th or Line: @coachfelipeamaral.



# **AFA SPORTS ACADEMY**

**TERM 2 SCHEDULE** 

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Football Girls - SY	Ballet for Tots - EY	Fitness - Y5/6	Soccer for Tots - EY	Cheerleaders - Y1/2/3
3:00 - 4:00pm	2:40 - 3:20pm	3:00 - 4:00pm	2:40 - 3:20pm	2:40 - 3:30pm
Dance - PY	Acrobatics - PY	Glee Club - PY	Drama Club - PY	Chess Club - PY
3:00 - 4:00pm	3:00 - 4:00pm	3:00 - 4:00pm	3:00 - 4:00pm	3:00 - 4:00pm
Basketball - Y3/4	Swimming - Y1/2	Football Girls - SY	Swimming - Y5/6	Muay Thai - PY
3:15 - 4:30pm	3:15 - 4:00pm	3:00 - 4:00pm	3:15 - 4:00pm	3:00 - 4:00pm
Badminton - SY	Fitness - SY	Swimming - Y3/4	Fitness - SY	Dance & Fitness - SY
4:00 - 5:30pm	3:30 - 4:30pm	3:15 - 4:00pm	3:30 - 4:30pm	3:30 - 4:30pm
Football - SY	Badminton - PY	Table Tennis - SY	Table Tennis - PY	Volleyball - SY
4:00 - 6:00pm	4:00 - 5:30pm	4:00 - 5:30pm	4:00 - 5:30pm	4:00 - 5:30pm
Basketball - Y5/6	Basketball - SY	Football - SY	Basketball - SY	Football - PY
4:15 - 5:30pm	4:00 - 5:30pm	4:00 - 6:00pm	4:00 - 5:30pm	4:00 - 6:00pm
	Football - PY 4:00 - 6:00pm		Football - PY 4:00 - 6:00pm	Football - SY 4:00 - 6:00pm

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# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

February						
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- 10 Term 2 Open House
- 11 Valentine's Charity Fair
- 17 Last day of Term 2.1
- 27 First day of Term 2.2

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- Girls' Scholarship Exam
- 5 Last day of Term 2.2/ Songkran Celebration
- Songkran Holiday 6-23
- First Day of Term 3 24



- Makha Bucha Holiday
- School Photos 13-17
- 28-29 Parent-Teacher Consultations
- House Colours Day



- 4 Coronation Day Holiday
- 12 Term 3 Open House



#### VALENTINE'S CHARITY FAIR

JOIN US AT OUR VERY FIRST VALENTINE'S CHARITY FAIR WHERE STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE PERFORMING, FOOD VENDORS WILL BE COMING, AND STUDENTS WILL BE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CHARITY OF THEIR CHOOSING! KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVENT SCHEDULE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **OPEN HOUSE - FEBRUARY 10**



#### **VALENTINE'S CHARITY FAIR - FEBRUARY 11**



Join us at our Valentine's Charity Fair for a day of food, fun and performances. We will also be auctioning off ONE exclusive PARKING SPOT in our indoor carpark for one family for the rest of this school year! Stay up to date with the event timetable on our Facebook page. See you at the event!