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### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL



Another month has flown by at Ascot as our learning community continues to celebrate all aspects of student learning.

Recently the school welcomed four (4) evaluators from the International Baccalaureate to review the school and our implementation of the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and the Diploma Programme (DP). The team met with many stakeholders in the school from students, parents, teachers, leaders and the governing body to gain an understanding of Ascot and review the effectiveness of our implementation of both IB programmes.

It was a glorious visit where our community openly shared their ideas and this enabled the visiting team to share the following statements:

- Ascot is a happy school. You have happy students, parents and teachers. When a community is happy, students learn.
- The greatest strength of Ascot are your teachers. The quality of the learning experiences and the commitment to student growth and development is commendable.
- Your students love coming to school to learn because they feel safe and they know they belong.

Observations such as these are a constant reminder to us all that we are all so blessed to be a part of the Ascot Family.



#### **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT**

#### Donnah Ciempka

International Women's Day is a day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and to raise awareness of the ongoing struggles that women face in the fight for gender equality.

On March 8, Ascot hosted own own IWD event. Ascot Girls from Year 6 to 13 joined together as a sisterhood in celebrating, acknowledging and empowering each other through stories and successes by our Ascot moms in leadership.





Special thank you to K. Pam, K. Bow and Ms. Sandra for taking the time from your busy schedule to join us today. Your stories, successes and how you've handled tough situations have inspired us and empowered our girls into becoming strong-willed, resilient women of the future.









### **NEWS FROM SCHOOL**

#### **Early Years**

We are excited to share some of the highlights of our recent discoveries and explorations! Our students have been hard at work inquiring about a wide range of topics, including fashion, animals and space. We have documented our discoveries and learning experiences through various mediums, from photography and artwork to written observations and reflections.

One of the highlights of our recent learning experiences was our Book Week celebration. Our students were excited to dress up as their favourite book characters and enjoyed sharing books with their teachers. We hope this inspires our students' love of reading and learning.

The EY playground is an important learning space that continues to evolve to meet the needs and interests of our students. The kitchen and water area have been redesigned and are open for play. Our play space provides excellent opportunities for the learners to test theories and develop their social, thinking and research skills.

In addition to book week, we had our photos taken. Students posed, smiled, played with prompts in their individual photos. We hope you enjoy the final pictures.

#### Primary

We are thrilled to report that Ascot's Book Week was a tremendous success.

One of the highlights of Book Week was the virtual author visit with Michelle Worthington. Our students had the opportunity to meet the award-winning author, ask her questions about her writing, and learn about the creative process that goes into making a book. Michelle's visit was informative, engaging, and inspiring, and our students left with a newfound appreciation for the magic of storytelling.

Another exciting event that took place during Book Week was the Mystery Reader. Each day, a different staff member shared a video of themselves reading aloud a book.







### **NEWS FROM SCHOOL**

The identity of the Mystery Reader was kept secret and students guessed their identity, adding an element of surprise and excitement to the experience. Our students loved guessing who the Mystery Reader was and enjoyed the video reveal.

Finally, we wrapped up Book Week with a Dress Up Day. Today, students and teachers came to school dressed as their favourite book characters, bringing to life the stories they love. The school was filled with creative costumes that showcased the imaginative spirit of our students.







We would like to extend a big thank you to all of our students, families, and staff for making Book Week such a success. We hope that this celebration of literature has inspired our students to continue exploring the wonderful world of books and reading.

We have also had school photos this week. There were many big smiles in the whole school, class and individual photos. School photos serve as a wonderful memory of school for learners and we hope your child had fun taking them.

A gentle reminder to pick students up directly after school, in particular students who are doing after school activities. We do not have teachers or co-educators working after 4pm. Students are asked to sit on the benches by the security hut after this time.

### **NEWS FROM SCHOOL**

#### Secondary

**Book week** - This week was book week in the secondary school. The students have been taking part in competitions all week both in lessons and at lunchtime such as scavenger hunt, story writing, book cover competition, and design a bookmark. We are encouraging students to donate new or gently used books written in their first languages (Punjabi, Mandarin, Thai, Hindi) for our library. A donation box has been set up outside the library.







**Year 9 IGCSE options** - This Friday is the deadline for Y9 students to make their IGCSE option choices for next year. While students are permitted to change their minds after this date, some classes are so popular that once they are full, we will not be able to admit any more students.

**Year 10 to Year 13** - Last Friday, LUSH, the cosmetics company, visited school and gave a presentation to our Y10 to 13 business students about what it means to be an ethical business and corporate social responsibility. It was an incredibly interesting talk and allowed students to see how the theory they learn in lessons can be applied to real businesses. They even received some free goodies at the end!! We also have TRUE visiting school on Thursday 30th March to give a similar talk.

**House Colours Day** - The second house colours day of the year is coming up on Friday March 31st. The sports the students will be taking part in this time will be table tennis, basketball and a new

sport to Ascot...Ultimate frisbee! It's not only sports though, and some of the academic competitions will be a Geography task, spelling bee and a Maths challenge. It promises to be a great day!

**Holi festival** - Last week was Holi, which is a festival celebrated by Hindu's across the world to symbolise colours, love and spring. Our Y12 students celebrated this festival by throwing coloured powder over each other last Friday and this is something we will definitely look to expand and involve more students next year.



We are thrilled to announce the incredible results achieved by our AFA - Ascot Football Academy last weekend at the BIYFF - Bangkok International Youth Football Festival U10 / U12 / U14 / U16. With 24 teams from around South East Asia competing in the tournament, we are proud to report that all four of our age groups, under 10, 12, 14, and 16, made it to the finals.

We are particularly delighted to share that two of our teams became champions in their respective age groups U10 and U14, while the other two finished as runners-up U12 and U16. This is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our players, coaches, and support staff.



Our teams showed exceptional skills, resilience, and teamwork throughout the tournament, demonstrating the values and spirit of our academy. It was truly inspiring to watch them play with passion, determination, and sportsmanship, and we received many compliments from other teams and officials for their excellent performance.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our parents, who have supported us throughout the weekend and helped us achieve this fantastic result. We are proud to represent Ascot and AFA and look forward to continuing our success in the future.

Once again, congratulations to all our players and coaches on this amazing accomplishment, and thank you for being part of the AFA - Ascot Football Academy community.





#### UPDATES FROM THE AFA ASCOT FOOTBALL ACADEMY

& SPORTS ACADEMY



Ascot 9 - 0 Tai Tam Tigers Ascot 1 - 0 FC Bangkok Ascot 3 - 1 JSSL Ascot 4 - 0 BISP Cruzeiro Ascot 4 - 0 Pran Pri Ree Quarter-Final Ascot 4 - 0 JSSL Semi-Final Ascot 2 - 0 FC Bangkok Final Ascot 1 - 0 FC Bangkok B





Ascot 2 - 0 Inspire Budakbola Ascot 5 - 1 FC Bangkok Ascot 2 - 0 APSS Ascot 13 - 0 BISP Cruzeiro Ascot 4 - 1 JSSL

Quarter-Final Ascot 4 - 1 JSSL Semi-Final Ascot 2 - 1 BSL Inter Final Ascot 0 - 1 FC Bangkok J12 (2011/2012)





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ASCOT FOOTBALL ACADEMY & SPORTS ACADEMY



Ascot 1 - 1 BISP Cruzeiro Ascot 1 - 0 FC Bangkok Ascot 1 - 1 Inspire Budakbola Ascot 2 - 0 American School Ascot 9 - 0 Tai Tam Tigers

Quarter-Final Ascot 3 - 1 JSSL Semi-Final Ascot 5 - 0 BISP Cruzeiro B Final Ascot 1 - 0 BISP Cruzeiro





### U16 (2007/2008)



Ascot 2 - 1 BISP Cruzeiro Ascot 1 - 1 FC Bangkok Ascot 3 - 3 BSL Inter Ascot 2 - 0 BISP Cruzeiro B Ascot 1 - 0 Headstart

Quarter-Final Ascot 2 - 0 Headstart Semi-Final Ascot 1 - 0 BISP Cruzeiro B

**Final** Ascot 1 - 4 BISP Cruzeiro

OVERALL RESULTS BIYFF - BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FOOTBALL FESTIVAL 2023 U10 / U12 / U14 / U16 U10 = CHAMPIONS U12 = 2ND PLACE U14 = CHAMPIONS U16 = 2ND PLACE

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Harmony Day
Parent-Teacher Consultations
House Colours Day



Coronation Day Holiday
Term 3 Open House



- 1 Girls' Scholarship Exam
- 5 Last day of Term 2.2/
  - Songkran Celebration

6-23 Songkran Holiday

24 First Day of Term 3

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- 5 Queen Suthida's Birthday Holiday
- 8 Year 2 Sleepover at School
- 13 Year 13 Graduation
- 23 House Colours Day
- 27 Year 6 Graduation
- 29 Last day of Term 3



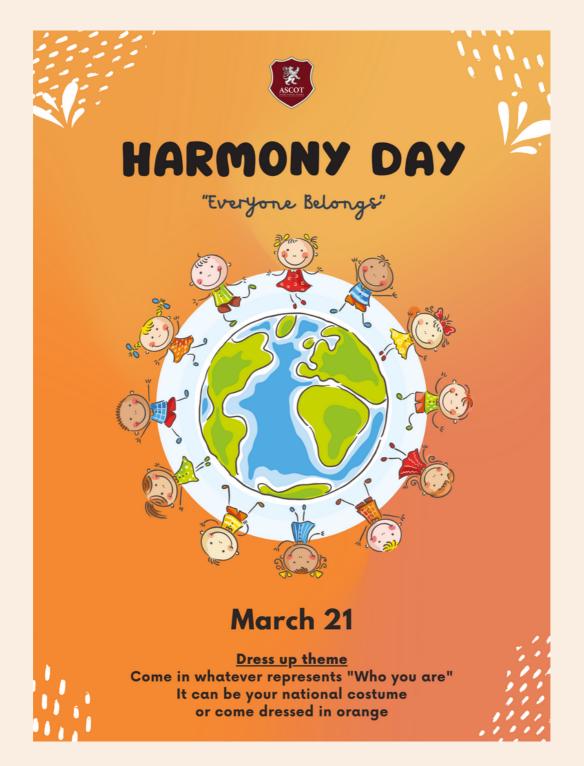
HARMONY DAY (MARCH 21) A DAY TO CELEBRATE AND RECOGNISE OUR DIVERSITY AND BRINGS TOGETHER EVERYONE FROM ALL DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS.

"a school like no other"

COMMUNICATE · COLLABORATE · RESPECT

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **MARCH 21ST - HARMONY DAY**



Ascot will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday March 21st! A day to celebrate and recognise our diversity and brings together everyone from all different backgrounds.

Remember to dress up in whatever represents "Who You Are". It can be your national costume, or come in orange (the colour of harmony day).