

# CHARTER NEWS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Events calendar updated**



Please scan QR code for the updated events calendar.

- **Page 2**

Messages from the Director:  
Your opinion matters! Please complete our parents' opinion survey.

- **Page 3**

Primary newsletter:

- What's happening in Primary
- Star of the week
- Upcoming events

- **Page 9**

Secondary newsletter

- What's happening in Secondary
- Students' Achievement



'ชาร์เตอร์มุ่งมั่นอย่างต่อเนื่องในการส่งเสริมการเรียนรู้ทางวัฒนธรรม ซึ่งได้หยั่งรากลึกและกลายเป็นส่วนหนึ่งของอัตลักษณ์ทางวัฒนธรรมและแนวคิดหลักของโรงเรียน จากการสนทนากับผู้อำนวยการ คุณครู และนักเรียน พบว่าชาร์เตอร์ให้ความสำคัญกับการเป็นโรงเรียนนานาชาติที่ใช้หลักสูตรของอังกฤษ ซึ่งเอกลักษณ์นี้แตกต่างและโดดเด่นจากโรงเรียนอื่น ๆ ในกรุงเทพมหานคร'

'查特国际学校对跨文化学习的承诺是持续不断的，已经融入并成为学校文化认同和思维方式的重要组成部分。通过校方领导、老师和学生对话，一致将查特定义为一所采用英语课程的国际学校，这种定义与曼谷其他学校是独立且不同的。'

*'Charter's commitment to intercultural learning is ongoing, embedded, and very much part of the cultural identity and mindset of the school. Conversations with leadership, teachers and students suggest that Charter identifies as an international school with an English curriculum. This identity is separate and distinct from other schools in Bangkok'*

CIS/WASC May '23



## MESSAGES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Over recent weeks and months we have put a lot of time and effort into connecting with you, the school's parents.

I hope that you see that we are not just providing an excellent education for your children, but are getting much better at making sure you are included and that you understand what it is the school is trying to do and what you can do to support their education, so that we have a really strong home-school partnership.

Last week it was fantastic to see so many enjoy Ms Thurlow's introduction to the IPC in the Primary school. It is a real testament to her skill as a teacher to see so many of you leaving with huge grins on your faces.

We also had a great turnout for the talk on cyber dangers to Secondary parents. For those who missed it we showed the variety of topics we cover to help your children make good decisions online, how we approach cyber bullying and what you can do at home to help keep your child safe.

You will already have seen the new and improved Charter News. This edition, we have started to translate it into Thai.

Finally, we would love your voice to be heard. Last week we launched a survey to gather feedback from parents across the school.

Many thanks to those who have already filled it in. If you haven't yet completed it, please use the QR code below to access it. It should only take you 10 minutes or so, and it will really help us focus on what is important to you.

As always, you are welcome to contact me with any questions you may have. We can either meet in person or drop me a line at [nelrick@charter.ac.th](mailto:nelrick@charter.ac.th).



**' Charter opened up a lot of doors for me into international education and studying abroad and I was able to make great friends that still feel like family. '**

Peam (Class of '20), graduated a Bachelor's degree in Digital Media Studies and Business at University of Rochester.



# PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



A special thank you to Mr. Schoefield for running these tournaments so smoothly, helping to foster such strong bonds between students while making lunchtime even more fun and energetic.

## Messages from Head of Primary

Dear Primary Parents and Guardians,

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend our parent-teacher conferences. It was wonderful to meet with so many of you and discuss the fantastic progress your children have made this term. Your support and engagement in their learning journey make such a difference, and it was clear how much effort the students have been putting into their work.

This half-term has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, including our successful Phonics Coffee Morning.

It was lovely to see so many of you participate and learn more about how we support early reading skills. Additionally, the Year 3 trips to the Metro Forest were a highlight, giving the children hands-on experience with nature and sparking their curiosity about the environment. The students were so enthusiastic, and the trips brought learning to life in such a meaningful way.

We've also had some fantastic interhouse tournaments taking place at lunchtimes, which have really raised the level of teamwork and excitement around the school. The house spirit has been truly infectious!

Note about Uniform:

As we approach the second half of the term, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining our school uniform standards. Wearing the correct uniform helps create a sense of pride and unity among our students. After the half-term break, please ensure that long hair is tied back or secured with a hairband. School shoes should be black, although we do allow black trainers with a small amount of white. Colourful trainers may be worn on PE days only.

We hope that you and your families enjoy a restful and happy break, filled with well-deserved relaxation and fun activities. Thank you again for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the next half-term.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Julie Kelly  
Head of Primary



STAR OF THE WEEK  
4TH OCTOBER 2024

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## RECEPTION-M

In Reception we have been measuring capacity. The children were given different sizes of containers and asked to estimate which one they thought would hold the most water. To work out if their estimate was correct, the children were given coloured water to fill up the containers. It was great to see the children working so sensibly together to help pour the water from the containers into measuring cylinders, and discussing the results together to determine which container held the most water. Mathematical language such as 'full', 'empty', 'more' and 'less' was used. Maybe you can reinforce the meaning of these words at home.



## COMING UP...

### • OCT 22nd

#### **Coffee Morning:**

Wellbeing in the Early Years

8.10am *Lily Theatre*

### • OCT 22nd

Year 2 Trip to Rama 9 Park

### • OCT 24th

Year 4R Trip to Kad Kokoa

### • OCT 28th

Year 4W Trip to Kad Kokoa

### • OCT 30th

#### **Coffee morning:**

Reading for Pleasure - The Importance of Learning to Love Reading

8.10am *Lily Theatre*

### • OCT 31st

Charter Speed Meet swimming (PRI & SEC)

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## YEAR 1B

Class 1B have been busy building their scientist skills in our IPC topic 'The Magic Toymaker'. Over the last week, the class have conducted a number of experiments examining the different materials toys are made from and their properties in order to help 'The Magic Toymaker' invent the best new toys! Their most recent experiment saw Year 1B building their knowledge of which materials make the best shadows! The children began their experiment by discussing what a shadow is and how they are made. Next, they used this knowledge to work together using a torch to find which material would make the greatest shadow. The budding scientists investigated this using cardboard, paper and plastic and recorded their findings ready to report back to The Magic Toymaker!



## YEAR 3G

Class 3G recently turned into young artists and scientists, as they explored the beautiful world of leaf patterns found in the rainforest. The children began by observing real leaves, closely examining their shapes, lines, and textures. With their observations fresh in mind, the students transferred their ideas into their drawing books, creating intricate designs inspired by the rainforest's natural beauty. Next, using styrofoam sheets as a base, the children carefully traced their designs using pencils. With gentle yet firm pressure, they pressed into the foam, turning their drawings into textured plates for printing. Then came the colourful part! The students applied paint onto the styrofoam using rollers, watching with excitement as their patterns came to life. Once the foam was coated, they pressed their designs onto art paper, creating vibrant leaf prints that captured the essence of their rainforest inspirations.

## YEAR 6

Year 6 learned that in the 20th century, alongside rising global concerns surrounding the state of the environment's health, and our impact as humans upon it, many artists started creating works in collaboration with the physical world to draw attention to ecological issues as well as our relationship and contribution to them.

We created our own piece of environmental art using natural materials causing no harm to the environment. We considered the materials that would be available to us, the message we wanted to convey and the audience for our art.

We hope you enjoy our collages.

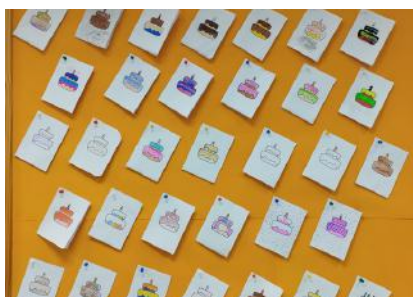


## YEAR 3 TRIP TO METRO FOREST



## MANDARIN

Year 3 have recently completed their Mandarin project called 'Garden of Numbers'. The children learned numbers and placed them on flowers. All the flowers came together and formed beautiful gardens. In Year 4, children have been learning about 'My Family'. Students introduced their family members in short sentences, and drew pictures of them. For Year 5, their project was 'Birthday Card' and the children were required to write a birthday card to a friend or family member, to show their best wishes in Mandarin. Finally, in Year 6, the project theme was 'About Me'. The oldest students made cards all about themselves, including a self-portrait and more information besides their names. Through these projects, students can gain a deeper understanding of the Mandarin they have learned and apply it to practical and creative activities.



## PTCS

The PTCs this week were a true celebration of the wonderful learning that has taken place this half term. Parents listened with interest to how their children have settled and students waited in anticipation to hear the news! So many parents were beaming with pride as they left the classroom. The books and displays showcased the great efforts Charter students apply every day to their learning.



## COFFEE MORNING: LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRIMARY CURRICULUM (IPC)

## COFFEE MORNING: TEACHING PHONICS IN THE EARLY YEARS AND KEY STAGE 1



# STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENT



## REN 4W

Ren from Year 4W did an outstanding job at the Nemo Swimming Championship held at Phraharuthai Donmuang School in the 9-year-old category and here's what Ren achieved:

- 50m Breaststroke - Gold Medal
- 50m Freestyle - Silver Medal
- 25m Breaststroke - Silver Medal
- 25m Freestyle - Silver Medal
- 25m Butterfly - Silver Medal
- 25m Backstroke - Silver Medal

We are incredibly proud of you, Ren!



## EMPIRE 4W

Congratulations to Empire 4 W for winning the silver medal in the Junior Drum category at the Pop & Rock Fest 2024 organized by Trinity College London (Thailand)! We are incredibly proud of your achievement.



# SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

## Messages from the Head of Secondary

As we reach the end of a vibrant first half-term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all the incredible achievements and events that have taken place within our school community.

Our weekly assemblies have been a highlight, with talented students like Kim, Nont, Kant, James and Melody delivering outstanding musical performances that brought a special energy to our Wednesdays. These showcases have not only celebrated the creativity of our students but also fostered a strong sense of community and pride in the achievements of their peers.

The launch of new clubs and activities,

such as The Charter Chronicles student newspaper, has sparked curiosity and collaboration among students, while the Korean Club's kimchi-making session brought lunchtime fun and cultural learning. Extracurriculars like F1 in Schools, Junior Achievement, and Model United Nations have provided students with invaluable experiences to challenge their thinking, develop teamwork, and build leadership skills.

A key milestone this term has been the introduction of CAT4 testing for Year 7, 10, and 13 students, which is part of our commitment to data-driven teaching and learning. This, alongside our regular Komodo well-being check-ins, is helping us to ensure that each student is supported holistically, both academically and personally.

I am also delighted to remind parents

of the upcoming Parents' Evenings, where we will have the chance to discuss student progress and next steps: KS4 and KS5 on the 24th of October, and KS3 on the 29th of October.

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work, enthusiasm, and involvement throughout this term. From our teachers and support staff to our wonderful students and parents, it's been a collective effort that has contributed to the positive and lively atmosphere we all enjoy in our school.

Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved break, and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another fantastic half-term ahead.

Mr Adam Plant  
Head of Secondary

## TEACHER FEATURE



**Kru Wi**  
**Thai Language**  
**MFL Department**

This edition's teacher to be featured is Kru Wi who joins us to teach Thai language across the Primary and Secondary School.

*I am a delightful Thai teacher ready to impart my knowledge and positivity to both Senior and Primary students at our school. My educational journey is marked by my commitment to excellence, with a Ph.D. pursuit in Educational Administration at Kasetsart University, a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Chulalongkorn University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Teaching the Thai Language earned at Khon Kaen University. I am rich in educational experience, not only in teaching but also in training teachers and I have been teaching for more than ten years, witnessing students grasp and succeed in their learning. Assisting introverted students in gaining confidence, which in turn fuels their pursuit of dreams, is particularly inspiring. I am grateful for the opportunity to create a positive impact on the lives of my students.*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...



## MACHMOTORSPORTS SHINE AT THAILAND F1 NATIONAL FINALS!

A huge congratulations to our F1 in Schools team: MachMotorsports who proudly competed in the prestigious Thailand F1 National Finals from 27-29 September, excelling in many aspects of the event—from engineering ingenuity and teamwork to enterprise and branding strategies. The team's efforts were recognised as they achieved an impressive 2nd place in the highly competitive Best Team Identity category. Well done to MachMotorsports for representing Charter!



## BATTLE OF THE BAND INTERNAL AUDITION

Last week, the Lily theatre was filled with incredible performances from five seriously talented bands - two bands from Key Stage 3 and three bands from Key Stage 4 and 5! From rock to pop, the internal auditions had it all – epic guitar solos, incredible vocals, and unforgettable energy. This year promises to showcase an incredibly high standard of band who will go on to represent Charter at the Battle of the Bands Competition.

# COFFEE MORNING : ONLINE SAFETY

At our latest Secondary coffee morning, we focused on Online Safety and the Use of Technology and Social Media. Parents engaged in valuable discussions about the role of chat groups, the impact of AI, and the school's ongoing efforts to help students navigate the complexities of the digital world. We highlighted the importance of responsible online behavior, provided practical tips for supporting students, and shared the school's provision for ensuring students develop a healthy, balanced relationship with technology. It was a productive session as we continue to foster collaboration between home and school to keep our students safe online.



# U13 GIRLS FOOTBALL AT BROMSGROVE



Last week the U13 Girls headed to Bromsgrove to play their first two games of the season. The first match kicked off in the heat of the afternoon and our girls struggled on the large, grassy pitch to match the pace of the hosts and although the team was not victorious on this occasion, it was nonetheless a promising start, and one which gave us all a chance to consider positions and strategy before our second match against Brighton. It was great to see them applying skills they'd worked so hard at in ECA practice, and especially encouraging to see their focus and commitment. We all had a wonderful afternoon, and it was made even better by the really friendly manner in which everything was played and how the three teams sincerely cheered, congratulated and commiserated each other.

# STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENT



## MELODY YEAR 8

Congratulations to Melody (Y.8A) for earning the Platinum Award at the Thailand Talented Musician Competition 2024!

Her exceptional performance at the Bangkok Art and Culture Centre has earned her a spot at the Gala Concert "Young Gold Medalist Musicians of Thailand" at the Aksra Theatre King Power on October 6, 2024. We are so proud of your achievements, Melody!



## FERNGY YEAR 10

A huge congratulations to Ferngy in Year 10 for her amazing performance at the AMG - Thailand Junior Classic at Lakewood Links Country Club this October! Despite the intense heat and tough competition, she showcased incredible resilience and skill on the course.

While she faced challenges with approach shots and iron play on the firm greens, her solid driving and exceptional putting and chipping were the highlights of her game, saving those crucial pars!

Balancing the demands of a new academic year with her golf practice hasn't been easy, but Ferngy's determination and passion for improvement truly shine through. We are incredibly proud of her efforts and look forward to seeing her continue to grow both academically and athletically!

Keep swinging, Ferngy! We are so proud of you!