

Primary Principal's Newsletter

Sports' Days

We are holding our annual Sports' Days on 12th, 13th and 14th February. They will all be held at our primary school campus. The students are encouraged to dress in their House Colours as they will be competing for the House they belong to. On the day your child is competing, they must remember their water bottle and a hat to protect them from the sun



12th February Nursery—Rec 1 8:30-9:30am 13th February Rec 2 —Year 1 8:30-10:30am 14th February Year 2—Year 5 8:30-11:30am



We welcome parents to come along and support the children in each activi-

We are also planning some interesting parents events, including our annual tug of war on the Friday, so please come dressed to take part. We are sure each event will be great fun for the children as well as a little competitive!

School Fair: Saturday 7th March

On the 7th March we will be holding our annual school fair in support of Angkor Children's Hospital and Kantha Bopha. We have all been working very hard over the past couple of weeks organising our stalls and, once again, we have some very interesting ones for you to visit, including our delicious cake stall! As usual, we will draw our raffle during the event and we are looking for prizes for this. So, if you would like to donate something (vouchers or a prize), please bring this to the office. **Thank you to all the parents who have already donated a voucher or prize for the raffle.**

This year, we are also encouraging NGOs and businesses from the local community to hire a stall. The cost will be \$40 for a booth. If you would like more information or to hire a stall, please contact our office. We will also have our annual cake stall so any cakes, muffins, biscuits etc. will be gratefully received. We know

there are some great bakers in our community! These can be brought in on the morning of the fair or the day before.

We hope to see you all on Saturday 7th March from 9am.





All cakes welcome!



"Education is all a matter of building bridges."

Ralph Elliso

We are one,
But we are many.

Use of masks in school

Many parents have chosen to send their children to school with masks recently. As a school, we have left it up to individual members of staff if they wish to wear a mask. Wearing medical masks, when not advised to, may cause unnecessary cost, burden and create a false sense of security that can lead to neglecting other essential measures such as hand hygiene practices. Furthermore, using a mask incorrectly may hamper its effectiveness to reduce the risk of transmission. Therefore, if you do wish your child to wear a mask at school, please ensure they comply with the following guidelines from WHO:

- Place mask carefully to cover mouth and nose and tie securely to minimise any gaps between the face and the mask; it should be placed fully over the nose and mouth and never half way on, or on the wearer's chin
- While in use, avoid touching the mask as the mask (when worn for a long time) carries the wearer's bacteria. When touched, this bacteria transfers to everything they subsequently touch
- Remove the mask by using appropriate technique (i.e. do not touch the front but remove the lace from behind)
- After removal or whenever you inadvertently touch a used mask, clean hands by using an alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water if visibly soiled
- Replace masks with a new clean, dry mask as soon as they become damp/humid as the mask will develop bacteria throughout the day
- -Do not re-use single-use masks;
- -Discard single-use masks after each use and dispose of them immediately upon removal.

Coronavirus update

We are continuing to take up to date advice from WHO and remind our students regularly about the importance of maintaining a good hygiene routine, that includes regular handwashing. There is still no vaccine for this virus but to reduce the risk of getting any of the common infectious diseases, we are regularly reminding the children to:

- Wash their hands with soap and water
- Cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth
- Use a paper tissue and throw away after use If your child exhibits any of these signs, please keep them home from school:
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Runny/stuffy nose
- Cough
- High temperature/fever
- Muscle pain
- Extreme tiredness or fatigue

In addition, as a precautionary measure, anyone who has visited China, including Hong Kong, or shows any of the above symptoms will be asked to remain off the premises and call the office instead.

Birthdays

We are very happy to help celebrate children's birthdays in school and we enjoy being a part of a child's celebration. If you do wish to bring in a cake to celebrate, **please let us know the day before** so that we can contact the class teacher who can arrange a time that will best suit the class timetable. Recently, we have had a few incidents of birthday cakes arriving with no prior warning which has caused disruption to the children's learning. As you can imagine, class teachers spend a long time planning their lessons so, out of respect for this and our teachers, please ask the office for the best time to come and celebrate with the class.

Photos

School photographs are now ready to be purchased from the office. This year, we have class and whole school photographs available in a variety of sizes. If you are interested in purchasing your child's class photo, please ask a member of our office team for more details.



Year 2 investigated whether different materials were waterproof and some of the results surprised them!



Star of the Month

We would like to welcome parents to our next Star of the Month assemblies at 8am on:

Tuesday 3rd March - Nursery-Year 1 (R1A performing) Wednesday 4th March - Year 2-Year 6 (4B performing)

The children are very excited about their performances and have been practising hard.

Please Note:

We no longer print our newsletters. You can find them on Class Dojo, our website and outside the school gate.