



Heathfield International School, 10/22 Moo 4 Ramkhamhaeng Road, Saphansung, Bangkok 10240, Thailand "Preparing for Life"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well it finally looks like the rain has stopped pouring daily and hopefully getting to school on time will happen, as the traffic is back to normal. Due to the heavy rains this year we have changed some of the scheduled trips on the calendar and will carry these trips out later in the year. I would like to thank those parents who have kindly volunteered to join the Parent Council, co-ordinated by Ms. Nok. The concept behind the parent council is to get parents involved with the school and to help promote and develop events. I am a big believer in parents and school relationships. The school should not just be for your children but also you, a parents and guardians. A successful school is one where parents believe strongly in the schools vision and philosophy, feeling that they belong to the school. I do believe that we have this here at Heathfield and have a 'family feel' to our environment.

This feeling is what many schools would love to have and I feel privileged and honoured that we have this. I am sure that the school as we grow will continue to have a strong involvement from parents and will be the envy of other schools.

This half term in Key Stages 3 & 4 everyone is really pushing to improve even further the levels of spoken English around school. Some students are already showing their positive intent, with Thorfun from year 8 and Phoenix from year 9 deservedly receiving the English speaking ties for this week. On top of the ongoing spelling and grammar competitions, students are practising their public speaking giving speeches in assembly – this week Jade and Tractor gave particularly memorable and well prepared speeches which we all enjoyed.



In other news, there has been a little buzz of excitement regarding school trips, as we approach the first trips of the year in November - more information on those coming soon. Here is Tractor year 8 presenting his speech.

Mr. Ben Year Secondary Maths Teacher



On this first week back from mid-term break, the children of Reception 1 are having fun learning through our Halloween mini-theme. We are singing “10 little witches”, reading “Funny Bones” and “Halloween ABCs” while reviewing letters a-e.

Halloween gives us a chance to do lots of crafts such as in this picture where the children are making black cats with charcoal and yarn. The children are all looking forward to the Halloween festivities on Friday and the promise of candy after trick-or-treating.
Ms. Anne Reception 1 Teacher

This week is Halloween and year 1 are making a spooky collage to put on the wall, also on Friday we will be reading children’s ghost stories and talking about

why we have Halloween.

Outside the year 1 classroom you can now see the art work from the first half term. The topic was Self Portrait and the children produced some fantastic work, so please come and take a look. The first topic in Maths this half term is number sequences and the children are leaning to count in 5’s. It was encouraging to see that the children liked the counting game ‘Fizz Buzz’ so much they didn’t want to go for break.

Mr. Rik Year 1 Teacher

I would like to remind you all that the educational school trips for this term are coming up and soon you will be receiving a letter with details. I hope everyone stays safe and has a wonderful Loy Kratong. Please collect your children at 12.30pm on Monday 2nd November 2009.



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