



Newsletter



Term 2 - Full of Learning Excitement!

Happy New Year and welcome back to the **Term 2** edition of the *Newsletter*. Although it sounds a bit late to welcome our returning students, and to our new students who joined us this term, but there is a saying that goes *"It's better to be late than never."*

We've been very busy for the past two months due to the recent quality assessment that the office of National Education Standards Quality Assessment has made. A brief details of this assessment will be read on the following pages of this newsletter.

This term, IBS continues to provide the opportunity for every student to acquire and develop the knowledge, skills and understanding that will prepare them for their chosen path into, and through adult life, able to accept fully that every right has, in equal measure, an associated responsibility.

The entire IBS teaching staff are working together to provide opportunities for the students to learn, listen, talk, experiment, investigate, develop mathematical concepts and to develop intellectually, physically, socially and emotionally. Through students hands-on experiences of a wide range of materials, they learn to expand their awareness of the world around them.

Since this is the  final term, we are looking forward to a v  d final term and to finishing the year strong with the full support

of the IBS teaching staff and with the full cooperation of our smart and diligent students.

Vocabulary

1. **edition (n)**- any particular issue of a newspaper or newsletter
2. **opportunity (n)**- a good chance
3. **acquire (v)**- to gain by one's own effort
4. **develop (v)**- to build up; to widen
5. **concept (n)**- an idea or thought
6. **assessment (n)**- evaluation
7. **details (n)**- information



Education Quality Assessment

The Office of National Education Standards and Quality Assessment have inspected and assessed the education quality of the school last 14, 17-18 December 2008. The assessment was administered by Ajarn Veena Rathanaphan and Ajarn Wanna Ampornsunthornrat. The school provided all the necessary documents that they needed to support the standard quality of the school. They also inspected the school building, the rooms and other facilities.

The main focus of the assessment includes the school quality assessments which set out to measure the level of quality of inputs and outputs. This is also the judgment of the overall quality of the IBS2 on specified component elements.

The other area that they have concentrated is the assessment of the student learning, which covers the whole development of student learning evaluation process.

The committee also covered the assessment of teaching and learning which include assessment of how well the teachers have performed, the appropriateness of teaching processes and practices including the suitability of methods of assessing student progress and development.

Overall, the school was rated as *Good to Very Good* performance rate based on the *18 Standards* that they have set as criteria. *The school would like to thank all the teaching staff for their untiring effort in supporting the whole school to fulfilling its missions and goals.*

Vocabulary

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| 1. <i>assessment (n)</i> - evaluation | 6. <i>committee (n)</i> - group chosen to do task |
| 2. <i>necessary (n)</i> - required | 7. <i>suitability (n)</i> - right for purpose |
| 3. <i>standard (n)</i> - level of quality | 8. <i>methods (n)</i> - techniques |
| 4. <i>component (n)</i> - a part of something | 9. <i>appropriateness (n)</i> - suitable for occasion |
| 5. <i>development (n)</i> - process of change | 10. <i>progress (n)</i> - positive development |



IBS Achievement Awards

IBS 2 was rated as **Second Highest Rate** for level 3 in Thai Subjects, while *IBS 3* soared high with their **Excellent Rate** in all subjects, particularly in Maths. The said **Rating** was awarded by Ministry of Education in Area 2 District.



The school is very proud to announce and congratulate our 4 students who successfully passed the S.W.2 Pre-Entrance Examination administered by the Government Schools on 15 December 2007.



1. ***Piyanas Premjitsatien (Gift)*** of Grade 6B took the examination for 5 subjects. She ranked **number 1** in English subject and received a **Gold Certificate Award**. She also ranked as **number 3** in Thai subjects and received a **Bronze Certificate Award**. Overall, she ranked number 236 among the 1,629 students who took the exam.



2. ***Nutchanon Jindarojanakul (Nut)*** of Grade 5B ranked number 543 among the 3,013 students who took the examination. Nutchanon consistently maintains his performance as one of the best students in his class.



3. ***Ladawan Akanipat (Bom-Bom)*** of Grade 6B took the examination for 4 subjects and ranked number 236 among the 2,097 examinees. Ladawan is a studious student who always accomplishes the assigned tasks given to her.



4. ***Vechaarpha Mavacha (Proud)*** of Grade 6B ranked number 296 among the 3,013 students who took the examination for 4 subjects. Vechaarpha is a polite student and assumes responsibility well and has a positive attitude towards her studies.



We would like also to congratulate ***Napaporn Nopmaneepaisan*** of Grade 6A who ranked number 68 among the 814 participants in the recently concluded Maths and Science Olympiad held on September, 2008.

Congratulations to all of you and keep up the good work!



High School Life

Believe it or not, if you're in high school right now, you're at a great point in your life. You have your whole life in front of you. And now is a good time to start thinking about your future, to make some initial plans; just remember that plans can be easily changed. Remember too, that experts predict that the average person will change careers -not just jobs -more than five times in his or her lifetime. Now is the time to pursue your dreams!

And as you start thinking about one or more potential educational and career paths, here are some tips to remember in the days ahead.

- ✓ take time to think about you like to do, dream and imagine ideal careers;
- ✓ challenge yourself;
- ✓ work, volunteer or otherwise gain some experience;
- ✓ get as much education as you can;
- ✓ talk with many adults as possible about careers and colleges or universities;
- ✓ remember that everyone must follow his or her own path in life;
- ✓ people change; don't feel locked into any university or career now;
- ✓ don't let anyone control your dreams;
- ✓ and it's never too early nor too late to get organized and begin making plans;



Final Thoughts

High school is a real transition time for teens, as you move into adulthood and the more adult issues of work, careers, and colleges or universities. It should be a time of growth as well as a time of challenge. Have fun, but get the best education you can so that you are positioned to take advantage of further educational opportunities... and no matter where you go after high school in IBS, never stop learning ... read, grow and expand your mind.

The whole country of Thailand is mourning for the death of **HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana**. The Princess died last 02 January 2008 at the age of 84. We would like to send our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Royal Family by offering prayers and meditation every morning until January 18, 2008 (as shown in the picture).





Sports For Health

This year, our Sports Day was held last 21 December 2007. Some parents attended the event and cheered on the students. The emphasis of our Sports Day is on having fun and full participation of the students rather than athletic achievement. All students from each team have prepared cheers and chants during sports competition - basketball, football, chair ball, running relay, tug of war and sack race were among the major games that the students have joined. All students enjoyed the sports activity, everyone was cheering their respective teams during the competition. The teachers also showed their ability in sports by participating in some activities such as basketball and chair ball.

We supposed to have the Inter-School Sports Competition this month of January but it was cancelled because the whole Thailand is moaning for the death of *HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana* last 02 January 2008. The schedule of the inter-school sports Competition is still tentative until further announcement.

Vocabulary

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| 1. <i>athletic (adj)</i> - physically strong; active | 8. <i>competition (n)</i> - contest |
| 2. <i>emphasis (n)</i> - importance | 9. <i>tentative (adj)</i> - uncertain |
| 3. <i>event (n)</i> - important occasion | 10. <i>announcement (n)</i> - written notice |
| 4. <i>cheers (n)</i> - a shout that express happiness | 11. <i>moaning (v)</i> - expression of misery |
| 5. <i>chants (n)</i> - phrase spoken repeatedly | 12. <i>ability (n)</i> - being able |



An Array of Talents

The school celebrated the Father's Day which was also the commemoration of His Majesty's 80th Royal Birthday last December 4, 2007. The students had prepared wonderful performances which showed their exemplary talents in singing, dancing and drama. The show turned out to be a successful one because of the great support of the parents. We have witnessed their joy and happiness during the final part of the show which everyone lit a candle as the finale song was being played. The main objective of the show is for the students to experience a growth in self-confidence and can truly develop their own personalities by singing, playing musical instrument, hosting or acting as someone else.

Vocabulary

1. **commemoration** (*n*) - act of honoring
2. **wonderful** (*adj*) - outstanding
3. **exemplary** (*adj*) - excellent; commendable
4. **array** (*n*) - group; display
5. **lit** (*v*)- past tense of light
6. **finale** (*n*) - closing moments
7. **objective** (*n*) - aim
8. **growth** (*n*) - importance



Good Atmosphere

Happy students learn well. Each student needs to feel that she/he is liked and valued. We ensure a good atmosphere by having clear set rules that are fair and applied to all. No bullying or teasing is tolerated and all children are given respect. Active children are less likely to get into mischief than bored children, so we provide lots of different activities for them to do.



(1) SIP G2A students proudly show their certificates for the House Competition Behaviour and Conduct Awards. (2) IBS2 musicians render musical presentation as part of morning activity. (3) G1 students intently observe and give conclusion during their Science class.



(4) Grade 2 and 6 students are brave enough to read news and articles during the English Morning Programme. (5) High school students intently listen during the brief orientation on leadership. (6) Grade 9 students work as a group during their English class.

Vocabulary

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| 1. <i>valued (adj)</i> - appreciated; treasured | 7. <i>tolerated (v)</i> - to allow |
| 2. <i>ensure (v)</i> - to make sure; to make certain | 8. <i>mischief (n)</i> - misbehavior |
| 3. <i>atmosphere (n)</i> - environment; surroundings | 9. <i>bored (adj)</i> - not interested |
| 4. <i>bullying (v)</i> - act of hurting a person | 10. <i>render (v)</i> - provide, make |
| 5. <i>teasing (n)</i> - joking | 11. <i>intently (adv)</i> - carefully |
| 6. <i>Fair (adj)</i> - reasonable | 12. <i>conclusion (n)</i> - result of the observation |

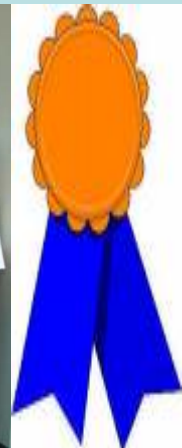
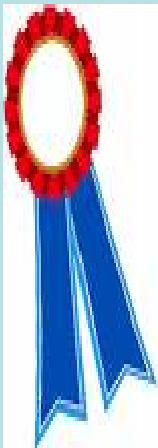




(1) Grade 6 students learn gardening during their Thai career subject. (2) Volunteer students instruct and guide their fellow students to put their plates and utensils in proper places after having their lunch. (3) Some portion of the IBS students during the morning meditation and prayer.

Vocabulary

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| 1. volunteer (n) - to offer service without charge | 5. gardening (n) - crop growing |
| 2. instruct (v) - to teach, to inform, to initiate | 5. proper (adj) - appropriate |
| 3. plates (n) - a serving dish | 6. portion (n) - part |
| 4. guide (v) - to point out the way for; lead | 7. meditation (n) - reflection, thought |



House Competition and Conduct & Behaviour Awardees

Third Row L-R : Angie(G4B), Max(G4A), Ammy(G7), Nick(G7), Oat(G7), Gift (G9), L(G4) & June(G4)
Second Row L-R : Pim (G4B), Friend (G4A), Paul (G4B), Yiam (G4), Max (G4A), Porsche(G4B), Tast (G4), Pooh (G4), Nut (G5B) & Paopae (G4A) **First Row L-R** : Yoon (SIP 2A), Boom (SIP 2A), Ink (SIP 2A), Ploen (SIP 2A), Punch (SIP 2A), Cha-Aoey (SIP 2A), Paen (SIP 2A) & Nook (SIP 2A)
Not in the picture : Opal (G4A) & Emmie (G4A)

Upcoming Events :

G6 Parents' Orientation (15/01/08); G9 Parents' Orientation (18/01/08);
 Scouting for level 2 (31/01-01/02/08); Academic Day (22/02/08)