



Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. curiosity (n) - eagerness to know about or to get information
2. desire (tv) - to want something very strongly
3. variety (n) - a specific type or kind within a general group
4. throughout (prep)-in all parts of
5. pleasure (n) - a feeling of happiness
6. pride (n) - the happy satisfied feeling somebody experiences when achieving something special
7. explore (v) - to make a careful study of something
8. Considerate (adj) - having regard for others and their feelings

Great Learning Opportunities at IBS

Hello to all and welcome to the Mid-Term Issue of the newsletter. This *issue* is a full-packed of information that you need to know.

IBS nurtures a child's natural curiosity and desire to grow. We accomplish this by exposing them to a variety of fun and meaningful activities throughout their school career at IBS. Students enjoy many opportunities to develop their talents and skills in reading, sports, singing, solving problems of all kinds, and working constructively with classmates.

Students show a great deal of pleasure and pride in their activities. The social, emotional and academic development of our students is important to us. Our teachers plan their academic programs to meet various student needs. We treat all areas equally and we meet students needs through the many and varied school and community activities.

In addition, teachers and students actively explore ways to use technology to extend and enrich learning.

We believe in open communication between home and school and we encourage the parents to join conferences whenever the school is calling for such meaningful activity.

Assemblies and day to day activities stress how important it is to listen, be considerate, and give one's best each day.



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Student Affairs



Learning Enrichment Opportunities

Our school is committed to providing a developmentally appropriate program, using instructional approaches that involve students, integrate curriculum and emphasize the learning process. A hands-on approach in Maths and Science helps to guide students to become competent and resourceful problem solvers as well.

The responsive classroom approach also contributes to the development of independence and self-discipline, a community spirit, and respect for differences in others.



Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. appropriate (adj) - proper
2. approach (n) - a way of doing something
3. integrate (v) - put together
4. curriculum (n)- topics taught with a subject
5. competent (adj) - having enough skill
6. resourceful (adj) - full of initiative
7. responsive (adj) - showing positive response
8. independence (n) - self-determination

The Importance of Music at IBS

Music is a part of everyday life in our school. It provides all students the opportunity to develop an appreciation of music through performance, listening and experiencing quality music. It develops a student's values through a spiral curriculum that encourages growth in musical understanding, knowledge, attitude and abilities. As educators, we strive to create a positive, non-competitive atmosphere while encouraging students to achieve their greatest potential. Through the study of music, children at IBS learn to work together in a cooperative atmosphere, developing a sense of commitment and responsibility.



Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. appreciation (n) - recognition of something's qualities
2. quality (n) - the degree of excellence of a thing
3. Potential (n) - a capacity to develop



Events and Celebrations

Teacher's Respect Day was celebrated last 12 June 2008. We had program that lasted for about an hour. One of the highlights of the program was the rendering of messages to the teachers which was delivered in three languages - Thai, English and Chinese.

The students offered flowers to their teachers as a sign of respect and gratitude. This was also the perfect time for our students to remember the sacrifices of their teachers in molding their lives to be good persons and good citizens of the country. They know that the lessons they have learned from their teachers will remain with them throughout life. Our students are also aware that the teachers also need encouragement and support from the community to feel that their devotion to students is appreciated.



Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. highlights (n) - best part
2. render (v)- portray something artistically
3. mold (v) - influence somebody
4. aware (adj)-knowledgeable
5. encouragement (n) - support that inspires confidence
6. devotion (n) - dedication

Buddhist Lent day was celebrated last June 15, 2008. Buddhist lent is the most important religious holiday for monks, novices, and laypeople in Thailand. Monks stop wandering and stay on the temple grounds. Novices benefit because they receive additional education. Laypeople stop doing evil and cut back on bad habits. Some people take this opportunity to purify themselves and start a new life.

As part of the celebration, the parents and students arrived to school as early as 7.30 a.m. to prepare their offerings to the Monks. They wholeheartedly joined this ceremony believing that this is one of the many good things that their children need to see in them. The donation money that the school had collected was **49,999** baht. All donations - in cash and in kind were donated to three charitable institutions.

Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. religious (n) relating to religion
2. novices (n) - religious students
3. Laypeople (n) - common people





Assessment Strategies

Assessment strategies are used to establish ways of measuring the effective learning and assessing student progress by reference to stated learning objectives. And one of the many assessment strategies is by giving test to the students whether subjective or objective type of assessment. The teachers have used tests of various kinds to find out how well students are learning and if their instruction has been successful or not. In general, the teachers use tests to:

- ✓ diagnose students strengths and weaknesses;
- ✓ monitors each students progress;
- ✓ assign grades;
- ✓ determine the teacher's own instructional effectiveness;
- ✓ provide information to inform instructional and curricular decisions;
- ✓ and to help teachers to clarify their instructional decisions.

In connection with this, the Mid-Term test was scheduled during the week of 21-25 of July, 2008. We believed that all students did their best on the said examination.

Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. strategies (n) - a carefully developed plan
2. establish (v) - set up something
3. diagnose (tv) - identify or analyze
4. curricular (n) - subjects taught



Thai National Language Day

Thailand is the only country in Southeast Asia which has never been under imperialistic Western power, and has been a nation with its own unique language and culture for more than 700 years. The Thai people are proud of what they have achieved and preserved about their language and culture. They are happy to tell other people of how unique their language is. This is the reason why it is worth to celebrate 'Thai National Language Day'.

In IBS, we celebrated the Thai National Language Day last 29 July 2008, with a short but meaningful program by our teachers and students.

Vocabulary Enhancement :

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| 1. imperialistic (adj) - domination of one country | 3. achieve (tv) - succeed in doing |
| 2. unique (adj) - being the only one of a kind | 4. preserve (tv) - maintain something |





Drug Free Day

Drug Free is a campaign of the school to free children from tobacco, alcohol and harmful drugs. It also promotes awareness of the danger that this so called 'prohibited drugs' will cause to one's life. The Drug Campaign was held last 27 July 2008. Part of the activity was the 'parade' done within the vicinity area of Bangkapi Square. The students and teachers walked around carrying different streamers with 'Say No to Drugs' written on it.



Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. Harmful (adj) causing damage or injury
3. prohibited (adj) - illegal to use
4. campaign (n) - planned actions
5. Streamer (n) - decorative paper strip

House Competition 2008

The House Competition strikes again on its third year of providing students with the opportunity to participate in any activities that allow them to gain a sense of achievement and confidence either as part of a team or individual. There are four houses for this competition, namely **Griffindor House, Ravenclaw House, Slytherin House and Hufflepuff House**. Any student belonging to any of the four houses will be given house point, if he or she accomplishes the following:

- ✓ Actively participates during class;
- ✓ Practises English at school;
- ✓ Practises good manners and right conduct.



The students who earn the highest points for each house (according to level) will be declared as BEST STUDENT of the house and will be given a certificate which will be announced and awarded during morning assembly. The house that earns the highest points each month will also be declared as the BEST HOUSE.



Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. opportunity (n) advantageous chance
3. achievement (n) success
4. confidence (n) belief in own abilities
5. competition (n) contest



Ramkamhaeng University Invades

The students of Ramkamhaeng University (RU) under the Faculty of Humanities major in English visited the school last 24 July 2008. They have conducted interviews with our selected students as part of the English Activity. The students from the faculty of Humanities were so amazed and surprised that our students can exemplary expressed themselves using the English language. The aim of the said program was to help the students of Ramkamhaeng University enhance and practice their English speaking skill. And, they said that our school is one of the best bilingual schools that could make students speak English. They also visited the Kindergarten Department to witness the small program which our students prepared for them.

Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. humanities (pn) - subjects that involve the study of culture and ideas
2. amazed (adj) - filled with wonder
3. exemplary (adj) - so good that others would do well to copy it
4. aim (n) - a plan to do or achieve something
5. enhance (tv) - improve
6. witness (v) - to experience important event





Mother's Day Celebration

The whole IBS would like to wish Her Majesty the Queen a happy birthday, as she is regarded as a mother to all Thais. We also celebrated the 12th of August as National Mother's Day. At school last Friday, 08 August 2008, the students took part in a special ceremony to honour Her Majesty, and also to pay respect to their own mothers. In spite of the inclement weather, the parents and students arrived early at school to join this special ceremony. We needed to change the sequences of the program because of the rain. The Monk's Ceremony was first presented and it was held on the 3rd floor. It was all very emotional when the Monk gave emphasis about the hardships of being a mother, and there was hardly a teary eye amongst the people present. The program proper for Mothers' Day Celebration - dubbed as 'A Mother's Endless Love' started right after the Monk's Ceremony, and it was held at the school ground. A BIG thank you to all the parents who supported us to make this event possible. We would like also to say THANK YOU to all the teachers who gave their good cooperation to make this activity successful as ever. And lastly, to all IBS students ...hurray for the good job you have done!

Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. *inclement (adj) - unpleasant condition of weather*
2. *emotional (adj) - expressing emotions*
3. *dub (tv) - to honor somebody by giving him/her a new description*





IBS English Radio Program (IERP)

The IBS English Radio Program or IERP gets better and better as we hit another year of providing a resource that serves as a clear alternative for them to learn even outside classrooms. The foremost of which are weather news, IBS news and information, on the spot English conversation, spelling and vocabulary, birthday greetings and horoscope.

The radio program starts at 7.40 a.m. and ends at 7.55 a.m.

Many students are now joining the IBS English Radio Program and most of them have improved their self-confidence in reading, specially when speaking on the microphone.

Vocabulary Enhancement :

1. resource (n) - source of help
2. foremost (adj) - most important
3. horoscope (n) - an astrologer's description of the personality and future of a person in relation to the sign of the zodiac under which the person was born



Student's Achievement

IBS English Radio Program Best Reporters for month of June, 2008

Peemrasu Srivarangkul G2
 Tanishq Sharma G4B
 Shanid Malhotra G2B
 Nathan Freymann G1A
 Sarawut Siracosit SIP G3A
 Pantita Wattanamongkonlap SIP G3A
 Krissada Srisakul G8
 Wachiraporn Srisakul G7

House Competition 2008 Best Students for the month of June, 2008

Griffindor House

Lanna Noipichai G2B
 Tanishq Sharma G4B
 Panuvat Boonpaisit G9

Ravenclaw House

Pavida Kittikamron G2A
 Suppachai Thanrukprasert
 Noraphat Wisetjung G8

Slitherin House

Nathca Udomsilp G2B
 Teetutt Kijkusol G4B
 Krissada Srisakul G8

Hufflepuff House

Pattaraporn Hiranto G2B
 Nuthcanon Jindarojanakul G6
 Wachiraporn Srisakul G7

Upcoming Event:

Scouting for level 1 students : 29-30 September 2008