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"Hope for Japan"



Mission Accomplished!

On March 11th of this year the most powerful earthquake to hit Japan since records began, struck the north-east coast, triggering a massive tsunami.

As the world reacted with shock and sadness our Year 7 students; Latisha, Akshat, Sneha, Kym, and Lapat decided to do something to help. From an idea suggested by Ms. Ailene's Year 4 class, they decided to hold a Toy, Book and CD Sale as a way of raising money. The "Hope for Japan" fundraising activity was born.

Posters were made and calls for donations of used items went out to all students. Our students answered the call and donations poured in over a three week period. Some students even went out into their neighbourhoods and did 'door-to-door' collections or made private donations themselves and we would like to thank each and every one of them here for their hard work and efforts towards the success of this campaign. Large cash donations totaling 11,296 Baht came in from:

Akshay, Khushboo, Shivika, Aash, Sahil, Anand, Shubham, Purvaansh, Akshat, Miku, Parewa, Keven, Amy and Lapat

On Thursday, May 19th, during our morning Sports period a 'good-as-new' sale was held. With items from 5 baht to 50 baht and three raffle draws, two for book sets, won by Man and Khushi and one for a large stuffed panda bear which was won by Muskan, we collected an unbelievable total of:

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND BAHT!

We invited representatives from our Japanese RC families, the Sugas, Shizume's, Oda's and Kyo Kever's to accept this money on our behalf and forward it on to the Japanese relief efforts. We also wish to express our sincere, heartfelt thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery to the great nation of Japan.



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保管金受領証書
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氏名殿 RC INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
Mr./Ms.
金額 25,000-
Amount in Japanese Yen
東日本大震災による被災者の救援の目的を有する寄附金として、上記金額を受領しました。
This is to certify that we have received the above amount of money for support the victims of earthquake and tsunami.
日本国政府より被災者支援の目的を有する寄附金として、上記金額を受領しました。
在タイ日本国大使館
Embassy of Japan in Thailand
総務課長 岡田 隆
Treasurer Takashi OKADA
〒100-0001 東京都千代田区千代田

- Ms. Dalli.

Songkran Success

Typically celebrated between the 13th and 15th of April, this year's Songkran came early for the students of RC, as on the final day of Term 2 the children partook in the traditional Thai New Year celebration. It was a fun packed day of learning, water play and quizzes, where all went home happy and satisfied. The day started off by looking at the more traditional roots of Songkran, as the Year 5 explained to the school the customary activities that normally take place all over Thailand on this sacred holiday. This was then followed by the Year 2 reprising their dance from the 2010 Christmas Show performing a fascinating combination of Muay Thai and dance. The Year 6 found it their responsibility to inform the students of how to play Songkran safely in a very unique and entertaining way. This portion of the day was then rounded off with the traditional *Rod Nam Dam Hua*, as each of the students paid respect to their teachers.

And so, after a quick break it was time for everyone's favourite part of the day; the water activities. The school was split up into two groups, with the younger kids heading to the roof to play, and the elder kids playing downstairs. After an energetic game of chair ball and splash the teacher, things were about to get a lot more wet as the games moved on to the swimming pool area, and by lunchtime no one was left dry.

The afternoon started with a very appetising buffet - thank you to all who contributed. Also for the first time, RC held its own Megamind Quiz Challenge, with Five teams competing to be champions. Presented by Mr Tim and Ms. Dalli, all that participated showed tremendous knowledge, though in the end it was Team Langan that proved victorious.

Though overall everyone went home happy. We were actually lucky in the first place to have actually been able to have such a fun day out playing in the sun as the weather had been very questionable in the days running up to the celebration. Luckily the sun came out to make sure a fun time was had by all, as RC celebrated the coming of 2554.

Sawat dii bpai mai!

- Mr. Andrew



EY Songkran

The day of our Songkran celebration arrived and it was cold!

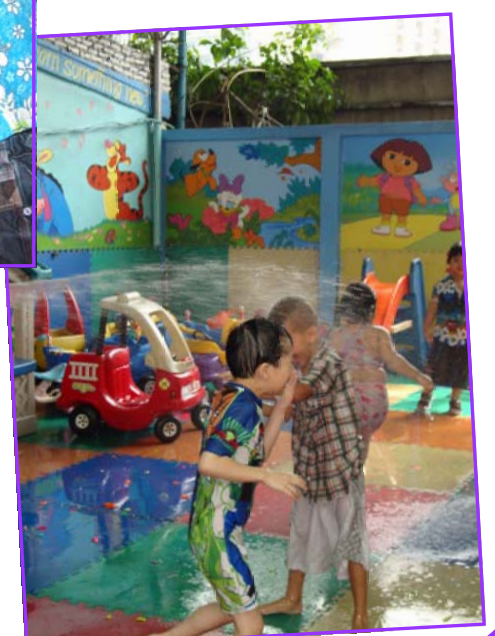
My co-workers and I were wondering if we would be able to play, concerned that the children would get sick if they got wet. But lo and behold, out came the sun, the day brightened and it was time to have some fun!

Firstly, though it was time for the children to pay their respects to their elders so Khun Kung and Mr. Bernie joined us and the children poured water over their hands. Ms Fiona also played her part in the festivities by telling the children the story of Songkran.

With the formalities over, it was now time for the waterplay; the part that the children had been waiting excitedly for.

Almost everyone had fun with the water games, except the few children who felt a little scared with all the noise and looked on, while others play.

Later, the children enjoyed their buffet lunch. Thank you to all who contributed.



Megamind Masters

How many eyes does a Horseshoe Crab have? What is the silent letter in the word “thumb”? Name the Powder Puff girls. What is the smallest of the world’s oceans? Do you know the answer? The Megaminds did!

Mr. Tim, RC’s own “Mr. Megamind” look-alike, asked these and many other questions of the participating teams during the **Megamind Challenge**, which was held during the Songkran Celebration Day. The ever-beautiful Mrs. Fiona assisted as “Wheel Spinner” and lovely Ms. Dayline our Point Scorer.

Five teams were selected by a process of elimination. Students were given a General Knowledge Quiz and the five highest scoring students from Years 2 to 6 joined the Year 7 students to make up teams. Using the last names of the five most intelligent people living today; namely, Ung-Yong, Langan, Vos Savant, Kasparov and Emagwali, students were challenged to answer questions ranging from Math, World History and Grammar to Grab Bag and Foreign Phrases.

It was a close match but in the end Langan, under the leadership of Mr. Paul and Kym claimed the title of “Master Megaminds”!

Our congratulations go out to all participants with honorable mention to Purvaansh, Kym and Bhavesh who scored the most points for their teams. Let’s see who makes the team next challenge!

Megamind Team Members were:

UNG-YONG

Sneha
Fame
Sowmya
Sbai
Thanya
Nina
Ms. Lina

KASPAROV

Akshat
Shivika
Bhavesh
Muskan
Viral
Ravin
Mr. Andrew

LANGAN

Third
Shubham
Bernard
Keven
Anyssa
Nirada
Mr. Joe

VOS SAVANT

Kym Athena
Purvaansh
Man
Aash
Pooja
Pooh
Mr. Paul

EMAGWALI

Latisha
Smit
Duong
Mithil
Sasina
Advika
Ms. Mary

- Ms. Dalli



Early Years Friday Camp

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The Early Years' pupils had their Friday Camp once again on the 25th of March, 2011. Wearing their colours: white for Nursery, pink for Kindergarten 1, green for Kindergarten 2M and yellow for Kindergarten 2T. They all had a day full of fun-filled activities such as face painting with Ms. Hiromi, Miss Agnes and Ms. Luey, dancing and aerobics with Miss Maureen, origami with Miss Tahira and storytelling with Miss Enna.



THE CAMPING EXPERIENCE

The school camp is one of the most anticipated events in the RCIS calendar. It proves to be the perfect learning tool in helping students gain self confidence and most of all independence and Bonanza at Khao Yai certainly offered the ideal environment to achieve this. This year's camp was like no other. The experience and memories created are certainly worth treasuring. From the fun-filled bus ride, all the way to the action packed awarding ceremony; everything was a blast. It all began days before the camp, excitement and anticipation enfolded every corner of the school. Tests, class work and homework didn't seem to matter..... CAMP was the hottest buzz in town.

On the actual camping day, I was met by an unusual scene which blew me away. As early as 6:30 in the morning, I saw students entering school grounds...not with their school bags but with their suitcases. This made me wonder if they were really going for an overnight camping trip or a long summer vacation. If the suitcases seemed bizarre, the departure was theatrical. Parents stood near the bus waving their kids goodbye with flying kisses. It resembled a scene from the movie, "The Titanic". The bus trip took about 3 hours and every 30 minutes of it you, would hear someone enquiring, 'Are we there yet?' I couldn't blame them; the joy and anticipation on their faces was academy award material.



On arrival, we were greeted warmly by the staff and showed to our rooms. After a quick rest, everyone was ready to start the camp. The students were grouped into four teams, The Marines, The Army, The Air Force and The Navy. The Air Force showed that they were the team to beat as they took the first place in the flag making contest early on in the competition. It didn't take long for The Navy to realise that they too meant business as they bagged the first place in the Taekwondo Dance competition with their spectacular presentation. With two defeats under their belts, The Marines and The Army muscled their way through the Treasure Hunt only to be out smarted by the Uncanny Air Force with the help of their Super teammate IN, who by a sheer stroke of luck found almost all the clues to win the game. Beaten and bruised, The Marines and the other team would live to fight another day. The night ended with camp songs, laughter, food and more food. As the campers slept, The Marines vowed to fight back and never give up.... Until now!!!

(Am I right, Ms Dallí?)

Overall, it was one camp that not only the students enjoyed but the teachers as well. Aside from the competitions, we had other activities, The Pendulum and Flying Fox were at the top of the list. At the end of the camp, The Air force went home with medals and the title of “The RC Camp Champions”. In reality, all the students and teachers were winners in their own little way, though some went home without any medals or special awards, they took with them priceless memories.

“If I were to organise a camp every single day of my life, with the team of teachers and staff I have.....I will do it without hesitation. My heartfelt gratitude to Ms Ailene, even 5 months along, she assisted me the best way she could, Khun Hong for arranging all the transportation and accommodation, Mr Bernie for guiding and approving all our plans, all the teachers for your hard work and cooperation, Pi Phet for your creative ideas in designing and providing us with our t-shirts, bandanas and certificates and most especially to Ms Sana who gave a dedicated effort to make this camp one of a kind with her dazzling Special awards. ”

-Mr. Joe



The Little '1's' Camp

*The Key Stage 2 and 3's set off on **their** adventure presenting us, the Key Stage 1's the perfect opportunity to have our own little Camp experience.*

Although we couldn't provide the thrills that the Khao Yai Camp certainly did, I like to think that the effort that my team of teachers put in surely entertain our troops. Our little campers and teachers arrived at school decked in their assigned colours, a fitting start to the activities that lay ahead. The first planned activity was the Treasure Hunt, each team was given a list of items they had to find and bring back to their base. Children were running around excitedly, even some of the teachers got caught up in the moment, only under threat of penalty points could I hold them back. When the teams had found their loot, an extra bonus was offered, the teachers and leaders were asked to find a giant replica of Kate Middleton's engagement ring, the reward was 10 bonus points. Congratulations Ms Maia!

The fun and games continued until snack and well after. Four activities; Art & Craft with Ms Sawanee and Ms Yui, Zumba with Ms Ashleigh and Ms Yam, Thai Games with Ms Fiona and Ms Ann and Singing with Ms Maia, Ms Ying and myself were planned and executed with relentless determination. By lunch, I know I wasn't the only one that was pooped!

The afternoon brought us around our imitation campfire (thanks Ying), where we had a Zumba and Camp Song Face Off. Each team performed, firstly, their Zumba routine and then the two camp songs they had learnt. Points were awarded.

When totaled, the results were, in reverse order, Red and Yellow in joint third place, Green in second and the winners....the Blue Team.

I think it's safe to say, everyone had a great day!

My gratitude to my team of teachers,

Ms Sawanee, Ms Ashleigh. Ms Fiona, Ms Ann, Ms Maia, Ms Ying, Ms Yui and Ms Yam. A job well done!

- Ms. Mary



ONESQA's Accreditation Certificate Finally Received

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RC International School has finally received the Accreditation Certificate from the Office for National Education Standards and Quality Assessment months after successfully passing the thorough and stringent quality assessment process in May 2010. We are happy to share this achievement with our school community – teachers, administration and staff, students and parents. Thank you for your continued support to RC International School and Ruamrudee Learning Centre.



Year 3 Time Machine



In Year 3, during Term 2, we learnt about Bangkok in Geography and History. In one of our lessons we learnt about old toys and how children had fun and played games before TVs, DVDs, PSPs, Wiis, ipods and ipads came along. One of the toys was a pair of coconut shells on string that you could walk on. We managed to get several pairs and they quickly became a popular addition to the playground.

They were also familiar to some of the parents who dropped off and picked up their children. One of those parents, Khun Kanjana, mother of Amy in Year 1 and Kathy in K1, took a special interest and so we invited her to visit Year 3 to talk with us about what it was like living here in the past.

The children had already been making up their own questions to ask to find out about the past and now we had a chance to get some answers.

Khun Kanjana visited us one afternoon and talked and answered questions for about 2 hours. She told us about life growing up in a time when things were very different.

Some things sounded hard; walking to school each day, being whacked by teachers!! Some things were similar to today, but a lot cheaper!! But most things seemed like fun.

I'm not going to tell you all the things we learnt about. If you want to know what life was like in the past, ASK!!! Or if you are of a certain age tell the children how things used to be.

History isn't just for the classroom, we live it, so talk about it!!!!

Thanks again to Khun Kanjana for coming to share her stories with us.

- Mr. Tim



The RC Family continues to expand as seven new pupils have joined us this new year. The school administration, teachers and staff are more than happy to welcome them and their families!

Let's all meet them and say our warmest "Hello!!!"



SIRIKAN APAMATHO MARKS
NURSERY



KASET SEBASTIAN AMBLER
NURSERY



AXEL THANAN POWER
NURSERY



ALEXANDRIA ROSE KOGEN
KINDERGARTEN 1



NATHA SAKCHIRAPHONG
YEAR 1S



MICHAEL SJOEGELID
YEAR 1A



SWAYAM KALPESH JOGANI
YEAR 1A

Miss Ashleigh Spence



We are happy to welcome Miss Ashleigh Spence to RC International School who joins our pool of teachers. She replaces Miss Naina who left RCIS to migrate to the United States of America. Miss Ashleigh is from Scotland. A graduate of BA in Social Sciences with Honours in Psychology, she has taught students of various age groups.



This year's individual and group photos were taken on the 22nd and 23rd of March, 2011. Students, teachers and staff wore their best smiles for the camera that day.



The Parents-Teachers' Consultation (PTC) for Term 2 School Year 2010-2011 was held successfully on Thursday the 30th of March, 2011. Many parents attended this time to speak to teachers about their children's progress. Thank you very much for the co-operation everyone has shown.



The National Curriculum Tests' Results 2010

The National Curriculum Tests results for 2010 have been released. The NC Tests for Years 2 and 6 are compulsory whilst the NC Tests for Years 3 to 5 and 7 are optional. Students who sat the National Curriculum Tests in June/July 2010 received a result sheet. At the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2) at age 7 an average student is expected to achieve Level 2 and at the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) at age 11, an average student is expected to achieve Level 4. It takes about two years of study to achieve one level of attainment on the average.

Sustainable living is all about the little things we do: turning the lights off when you leave your room, restraining water usage, turning off electronic devices when not in use, cutting down the amount of waste we throw away through the three R's (reuse, reduce, recycle).

Simple, right? Truth is, simple changes in our everyday habits can often make a big impact to our environment?

Let's Pledge....

Together as a community, I would like to invite RC family to adhere to a few sustainable pledge agreements below. Attached to each agreement, are fun facts to provide more information to raise awareness on the things we do on a daily basis. You can practice at home, school, and work to help our world.

I will set my computer and monitor to sleep when not in use and I will turn it off at night.

Fun Fact

Activating power management on your laptop or desktop computer, including setting the monitor to turn off after 20 minutes of inactivity and the computer to sleep after 30 minutes of inactivity, can cut your computer's electricity use roughly in half. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov.

PC users can use Power Management tools by accessing the Control Panel, then selecting "Power Options." For Mac users, click on the Apple icon in the upper left of the screen, select "System Preferences," click "Show All," select "Energy Saver" from the "Hardware" row, and then adjust the times as indicated above.

I will turn off the lights when I leave a room for more than 5 minutes.

Fun Fact

Turning off the lights, including fluorescent lights, after 5 minutes of inactivity, then turning them on as necessary consumes less energy than leaving them on. Please visit www.energysavers.gov for more details and discussion.

If I am able, I will take the stairs rather than the elevator.

Fun Fact

Did you know that the average person burns 10 calories per minute taking the stairs? Do yourself a favor and reduce your energy consumption while increasing your daily aerobic activity.

I will bring reusable shopping bags with me to the grocery store

Fun Fact

According to an article in National Geographic, between 500 billion and 1 trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year. This equals approximately 1 million every minute.

I will do my best to reduce food waste by not taking more than I can eat and saving my leftovers for later

Fun Fact

Roughly one third of the food produced in the world for human consumption every year — approximately 1.3 billion tons — gets lost or wasted, according to a FAO-commissioned study.

I will not leave the water running while brushing my teeth, washing my hands, or washing dish

Fun Fact

According to Water Use It Wisely, turning off the tap while brushing your teeth can save up to 25 gallons of water each month.

For more water saving tips, visit www.wateruseitwisely.com.

- Ms. Sana



We have something to tell...

**Sowmya (Year 5) has donated thirteen reading books to RCIS Library.
Thank you very much
Sowmya and **Mr. and Mrs.**
Buddharaju.**



Miku's star continues to shine brightly as she received the second highest rating (95%) for the Trinity Guildhall Intermediate Level Graded Examination in Music Performance in Piano held in Bangkok on September 2010. She was awarded a certificate and a plaque of recognition by the Trinity College London for her exemplary performance.
Our warmest congratulations, Miku!
You continue to make us proud.



*RCIS's Hope for Japan fundraising drive has raised a whopping 25,000 Baht. This project was initiated by the Year 7 students under Miss Dalli's supervision.
Congratulations for a job well done!
Thank you for all the students and parents who made their contributions for this worthy cause.*



The Summer School Programme for 2011 will run from Monday the 11th of July, 2011 until Thursday the 11th of August, 2011.





Upcoming Events

Early Years Friday Camp

The Early Years' pupils will once again have their Friday Camp on the 27th of May, 2011. This time, they will be going to Lumpini Park for a nature walk, games and a picnic treat.

National Curriculum Tests 2011

The National Curriculum Tests (SATs) for Years 2 to 7 students will be held on Monday the 27th of June to Friday the 1st of July, 2011.

Kindergarten 2 Graduation Ceremony 2011

The Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony for 2011 will be held on the morning of Friday the 1st of July, 2011.

Piano Recital

This year's recital for pianists from our after school programme will be held in the school grounds on the morning of Tuesday the 5th of July, 2011.

Progress Report for Term 3 SY 2010-2011

The End-of-Term Progress Report for Term 3, School Year 2010-2011, will be released on Wednesday the 6th of July, 2011. **Kindly check your child/children's bag for the report that day.**

Last Day of School for Term 3 SY 2010-2011

Wednesday the 6th of July will be the last day of Term 3, and indeed the School Year of 2010-2011. Congratulations to all RCIS students for completing another year of study. Job well done!

RC's GOT TALENT III...So You Think You Can Dance!

For the third year in a row, RC is pleased to present the RC's Got Talent Show. This year, we will focus on Dance only. Students from Years 1-7 are welcome to try-out. Auditions will start early June with the Finale to be held on July 5th. Individual and / or group categories include: Ballet, Hip-Hop, Modern, Free-style... Your Style!

HISTORY DAY

June 16th : HISTORY DAY at RC. Students from Year 4-7 will bring history to life with displays, costumed characters and interactive displays for all to enjoy. This is our second History Day and sure to be another great success!

Important Dates

6th July, 2011	- End of Term 3 SY 2010-2011
11th July, 2011	- Start of Summer School Programme 2011
15th July, 2011	- Asalaha Bucha Day (Public Holiday)
16th July, 2011	- Buddhist Lent Day
18th July, 2011	- Buddhist Lent Compensation Day
11th Aug, 2011	- End of Summer School Programme 2011
12th Aug, 2011	- HM Queen’s Birthday
17th –19th Aug, 2011	- Inset Days
22nd Aug, 2011	- Start of Term 1, SY 2011-2012
17th-23rd Oct, 2011	- Half Term Break
23rd Oct, 2011	- Chulalongkorn Day
24th Oct, 2011	- Chulalongkorn Compensation Day
10th Nov, 2011	- Loy Kratong Day
5th Dec, 2011	- HM King’s Birthday (Public Holiday)
10th Dec, 2011	- Constitution Day
12th Dec, 2011	- Constitution Compensation Day
13th Dec, 2011	- PTC Day (Students are not in School)

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