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RC International School participates in the 2012 Thailand International Exhibition

Held at the Royal Paragon Hall in Siam Paragon from 30th of March to the 1st of April, 2012, the Thailand International Education Exhibition or TIEE 2012 finally came into eventful reality. Originally planned for November 2011, the exhibition was delayed due to the worst flooding that had ever happened in Bangkok. The TIEE is an annual event co-sponsored by the International Schools' Association of Thailand (ISAT) and the Department for Export Promotion (DEP). This year's exhibition was participated in by many educational institutions from other countries, mostly around Southeast Asia region.

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As an ISAT-member school, RCIS had the opportunity and the privilege to participate in the exhibition once again. The school proudly set-up its booth alongside other international schools in Thailand, which was professionally manned by our teachers and joined by some members of the RC Student Council.

The school also presented two stage performances which were met with loud applause by the audience. The Year 3 students showed off their modern interpretation of a Muay Thai dance, whilst a group of Year 4 girls, the Sweet Dancers, charmed the audience with their high energy dance performance.

National Curriculum Tests Results 2011

Almost a year after its administration, the results for the National Curriculum Tests 2011 were finally released on Tuesday the 15th of May, 2012. The National Curriculum Tests is an assessment administered in U.K. schools and other independent schools around the world that follows the British National Curriculum also known as the National Curriculum for England and Wales. The NC Tests ascertain each student's attainment level or proficiency in Mathematics and English (Reading and Writing). The expectation is that an average 7-year old/end of Year 2 pupil is expected to achieve Attainment Level 2, and an average 11-year old /end of Year 6 pupil is expected to achieve Attainment Level 4.

Results of the 2011 NC Test for RCIS showed that 93%, 88% and 81% of Year 2 pupils achieved the expected attainment level 2 or above for Mathematics, Reading and Writing respectively. On the other hand 80%, 78% and 70% of Year 6 pupils achieved the expected attainment level 4 or above for Mathematics, English and Science. However, all or 100% of Year 6 pupils achieved attainment level 4 or above for Writing.

National Curriculum Tests Administration 2012

This year's National Curriculum Tests administration is set to be administered in the early part of June, 2012. RCIS is still awaiting for the arrival of National Curriculum Tests materials from the National Testing Agency in the U.K. The school will send out a letter of advice about this undertaking in time for the actual administration.

Scholarship Grantees

This school year, two of RCIS's students were offered academic scholarship grants by another international school in Bangkok to pursue their secondary education. **Miku Suga** and **Shaurya Taparia**, Year 7 and Year 6 students respectively managed to secure scholarships after successfully passing the stringent screening procedures. **Miku** and **Shaurya**'s names have now been added to the growing list of RCIS's Alumni who have secured scholarships from other international schools in Bangkok.

The RCIS family is very proud of you and wishes you continued success. Congratulations!

Make-Up Classes Finally Over

The end of Term 2 on Thursday the 12th of April, 2012 also marked the end of our "making-up" for lost school days brought about by the worst flooding that had happened in and around Bangkok the previous year. This means that RCIS can now revert back to its usual school calendar this 3rd term of school year 2011-2012. We would like to say thank you to the students, parents, teachers and staff for the support and the co-operation shown during the make-up classes.

International Schools' Assessment 2012 Results

The results of the International Schools' Assessment (ISA) February 2012 administration have finally been released. ISA is an externally marked assessment that assesses the students' skills in Mathematical Literacy, Reading and Writing (Narrative and Exposition) from Years 4 to 11, designed by the Australian Council for Education Research or ACER. Thirty thousand nine hundred students from one hundred eighty schools in fifty-eight countries around the world took part in the ISA February 2012 administration. In this assessment, the expectation is that the average proficiency of 15-year old students in the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries is expected to be at 500 points in the ISA Scale Score. Some RCIS students have already achieved 500 points in some areas of assessment, and this means a very high performance for them. Amongst the students who achieved 500 points in the ISA scale score are:

Mathematical Literacy

Miku (Year 7, age 12)	- 551
Purvaansh (Year 7, age 12)	- 584

Reading

Purvaansh (Year 7, age 12)	- 512
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Narrative Writing

Phimnara (Year 5, age 10)	- 567
Ploaynayay/Fay (Year 5, age 10)	- 525
Sowmya (Year 6, age 11)	- 547
Duong (Year 6, age 11)	- 501
Rachakorn (Year 7, age 12)	- 501
Purvaansh (Year 7, age 12)	- 547
Miku (Year 7, age 12)	- 525

Expository (Argument) Writing

Sowmya (Year 6, age 11)	- 517
Shaurya (Year 6, age 11)	- 517
Purvaansh (Year 7, age 12)	- 564
Poonyapa (Year 7, age 12)	- 517

RCIS's average performance in the ISA February 2012 administration was above the performance of other like schools (i.e. schools with the same proportion of native and non-native English speaking students) across year groups. The school's overall performance can be placed between the middle and high average group across all areas of assessment.

- Mr. Bernie

Welcome to the wonderful world of Alice in Wonderland

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The Year 1 and 2 Camp was filled with fantasy, fun for all. To set the scene, Wonderland was created with brightly coloured teapots, cups and saucers and images of the story's main characters. A large table was prepared in readiness for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

A very special play was presented to the pupils with Teacher Brenda as the story narrator. Alice, the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter and the despotic Queen of Hearts, made classroom-style role play appear quite professional. The other members of the cast, Walrus, Tweedle Dee/Dum, the Blue Caterpillar, Cheshire cat and Alice's sister, all in superb costumes, entertained and gave sterling performances.

History could have been re-written as the Mad March Hare was late for his very important date at the Mad Hatter's dinner table. Alice had obviously followed the wrong bunny. The White rabbit appeared rather punctual under the circumstances.

The children seemed a bit awe-struck by the final stages of the presentation, as the Queen of Hearts boomed that she would be chopping off some heads. Well, that's Teacher Mary for you, er, I mean the Queen of Hearts.



So that the pupils didn't feel left out of the dressing-up fun, an art and craft activity waited in the wings. With lovely blue Alice bands decorated by the girls and charming, green, mad, top hats assembled by the boys. They made a super addition to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, and what a delightful occasion it was! With fifty Alices and Mad Hatters sat together, enjoying the delights of western food.

With White Rabbit speed, the activities continued on to the competition. With a Wonderland inspired theme, the children assembled into their teams. The co-operation and team spirit was second to none and the atmosphere electric, as they raced, set tables, threw ping pong balls and hoops and explored for Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum.

As the afternoon drew to a close, it was time to slow things down and enjoy one last treat at the Mad Hatter's table. The brightly coloured iced cupcakes, that the Queen of Hearts had made earlier were a welcome sight, especially after all that running around.

It was then time to wake up and return back to reality. Fifty Alices and Mad Hatters had all played their part in the story with enthusiasm and team spirit.

- Ms.Samantha



School Field Trip for Term 2

EY Trip to the Planetarium

On Thursday the 2nd of February, 2012 the pupils from Nursery and Kindergarten together with their teachers and teacher assistants set off on their field trip to the Planetarium located along Sukhumvit Road, Ekkamai. The pupils were all excited and amazed with the many different things to see and learn about that it took a little longer for everyone to shuffle around. Before going back to school for lunch, the pupils ecstatically spent more time at the Planetarium's play area with lots of hands-on toys for them to play with. The trip was time well spent and the pupils went back to school tired but happy!

- Mr. Bernie



When we arrived, we were greeted by our drivers for the day who loaded us into tuk tuks and 'tuk' us to our first stop, Wat Mahathat. Here we saw the famous Tree Buddha and



explored the old temple site. Lots of photos later we got back in our tuk tuks and journeyed up the road to Wat Thammikarat where we paid our respects to the reclining Buddha and wandered the temple grounds.



Before lunch came the highlight of our day, elephant rides. We clambered up to the top of a wooden platform and then, in groups of three, we carefully climbed aboard our rides. It was a bit wobbly but a lot of

fun, even those who were nervous or scared had a good time, no one wanted to get off.

After our ride, it was time to feed the elephants and then ourselves. We headed off to lunch at a small restaurant where several children ate many times their own weight in food.

On the way back to the station, we stopped off to see Roti Sai-Mai (Sweet made from Suga) being made and of course get some samples.

Back at the train station, we had just enough time to say goodbye to our drivers before we hopped on the train back to Bangkok. The train was crowded but we all managed to find a seat and we soon arrived back where we started at Hua Lamphong. Down to the MRT and we were picked up by the school van at Lumphini.

A day of firsts for many of us, first time on a train, first visit to Ayutthaya, first elephant ride, first time on the MRT. For some it was all firsts, but hopefully not the last time. A great day out!

- Mr. Tim

Year 3 Trip to Ayutthaya

Don't be late!!!!

The train leaves at 8.30.

And so did we, off to Ayutthaya for the day.

As we pulled out of Hua Lamphong station we fought for the best window seats from where we could watch the city turn into

Dusit, Don Muang, Rangsit and then the open country all the way to Ayutthaya just over an hour away.



Trip to Bungchawang

ARE WE THERE YET?

Exciting news has just come in about the latest exploratory field trip the RCIS pupils took part in. The pupils from Years 1 to 7 gathered around in anticipation as they loaded themselves and their supplies for the long arduous trip into the unknown lands of Suphanburi. Little did they know that there would be a few obstacles along the way. But it didn't dampen their spirits.

The mood was light during travel but as their excitement grew for the impending expedition, I interviewed some of the children to find out just how they were feeling.

"Yoyo, Arnav and Tiya, how do you feel about being on the trip?"

"I want to see a zebra," commented Yoyo.

"I want to see the fish," exclaimed Arnav.

"I'm very happy to have the day off school!", announced Tiya.

Thikatus from Year One was interviewed.

"I'm hoping to see a giraffe."

These comments were echoed throughout the bus and one student stated,

"I can't wait to get there!"

Finally, the most critical and enquiring comment came.

"Are we there yet?"

The hunger to escape the confines of the transport was apparent.

At last, rolling along the back lanes of Lake Chawak, we came to a stop to refresh our thirst and hunger. This stop gave us our first experience of wildlife on the trip and an insight into how red ants live in their surroundings. What feisty little critters they are, especially when out on the hunt for food. Some were keen to remain with the pupils but none were taken as specimens.

At last, the aquarium was visible in the distance. Upon entering the building, fish tanks were in view at every angle. It was like a smorgasbord for cats and fish lovers alike. There were tuna fish big enough to keep John West happy for a while, especially as it was definitely dolphin friendly.

By far the most curious, was the upside-down fish. It swam upside-down but weirdly looked the right way up. The most impressive construction was the tunnel as it's probably the closest that most of us will get to deep-sea diving. Fish, fish and more fish. Fish from A to Z but let's leave it there.

As we left the water dwellers, it was time to get up close and not so personal with animals of the sharp teeth and stay-far-back type. Some looked liked logs in the water and others pretended to be asleep on the banks. They weren't fooling anyone, with mouths opened wide, baring fangs.

As we ambled around the walkway, a sign in Thai emerged out of the dangerous water. Was it, NO SWIMMING!, in Thai? Whatever it said, a cost of 1000 Baht was incurred. I really don't think anyone would be around to pay that fine.

It was time to move on to the real animals of the world. As we arrived at the zoo, everyone was transfixed by the meerkats. Excited explorers ambled around the park taking in the sights of the big cats. A particularly impressive animal was the white tiger with its blue topaz eyes.

Passing the tigers and lions in their modest homes it was easy to feel bored along with them, as you could imagine them at their best out on the prowl. The leopards laid down like imitation skin rugs, in the heat of the day so as not to get Spotted!

As we all passed the last lion's cage it was our last interview with one of the inmates.

"How do you like your food, Mr Lion?"

He answered very cheekily.

"Roar!!"

As the exploration team head back, a slithery reptile is lurking in the trees. Its owner assures us that the python is friendly and thankfully it appears to be too lazy to think about demonstrating its coil technique.

It was time to head back to base camp in the heart of Bangkok. All that is left to say is that a good time was had by all and we hope this expedition has shed more light on how to have a very good time on a school field trip.

-Ms. Samantha



RC Beats the Heat with a Songkran Celebration

Shows, water games and one minute challenges were the order of the day when Songkran arrived at RC last month. It had proven to be an especially hot month, even for April, so the promise of water play came as a welcome relief to all involved. The day kicked off with a series of dances to set the festival-like atmosphere, with students from Year 1 and 3 showcasing a traditional style of Thai dance, whilst the Year 4 girls treated the audience to their performance from the TIEE exhibition.



Although customs and tradition can often get overlooked during Songkran, here at RC we believe that it is important for the children to understand the roots and the history of these important Thai holidays, and this year we were fortunate enough to have the Year 5 perform a play telling of how Songkran first started, which was both educational and entertaining for all involved. This was then followed by an informative talk about the customs of Songkran by the school's Thai teachers and the 'Rot Nam Dam Hua', where the children were given the opportunity to show respect to their teachers.



Following a short break it came to the 'wet' portion of the day (*'wet' being somewhat of an understatement*), where the younger years were taken upstairs to play games like watermelon relay, ice endurance and bobbing for ping-pongs, whilst the primary years remained downstairs to play flip-flop bowling, water balloon chairball, and run the gauntlet. Great times were had by all both downstairs and up, with no student left dry once the final activity was over.



After a delicious buffet lunch (thank you for all your contributions by the way), the fun was not yet over, as Teacher Dalli took on the duty of hosting a game-show for the afternoon. The show was called 'A Minute to Win It', and challenged the students to complete a series of activities within a space of a minute, such as bolt stacking, balloon juggling, and egg blowing. All were not as easy as they first appeared. Eventually the final bell brought an end to this exhausting but fun day, and I would like to thank everybody who helped to make it one of the most memorable celebrations in recent years. Sincerely thank you and *Sawadee Pee Mai*.



-Mr. Andrew



RCIS Camp 2012 @ Khao Yai



The residential Trip is one of the most awaited and talked about events in the RCIS calendar. The hype it created was so high, that it took weeks to mellow. This year's trip was one for memory lane as the experience each one got was worth keeping. It actually began weeks before the trip, as excitement and anticipation had been escalating, other stuff in school didn't matter at all; the residential trip to Greenery Resort was hotter than 'American Idol' and 'Britain's Got Talent' combined.

The camping day started in an extraordinary way; pupils came with bags and luggage, good for a week when the camp is just for an overnight. Theme for this year was "Together WE Stand", this proved to be a winning formula as it made each group put away their differences and worked

together as "one well oiled machine". The bus ride going to the site was not a walk in the park at all, excited campers would often ask "How many more hours before we get there?" Fortunately, the teachers brought a big bag of PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING with them and just used laughter as their reply.

Upon our arrival at the Resort, we were treated to a sumptuous lunch buffet which the entire student body enjoyed. After filling their tanks, the pupils were grouped into five different teams. The Lahu, Lisu, Akha, Hmong and the Karen were chosen to be their team names from Thailand's ethnic tribes. Two teachers were assigned to be their lead teacher. After receiving the iconic "Bandanas", it didn't take long for each member to settle in with their group and get on with the task in hand. The first task which was the flag making served as a litmus test for all the leaders and their team members.

The teams were asked to design a flag that represented their team name. The enthusiasm-filled atmosphere quickly turned chaotic as tempers flared up amongst the team ranks. It was pretty obvious that RCIS's students were all smart, with each member wanting their ideas to be heard. It was somehow like watching a senate hearing on a constitutional change. With a quick pep talk from the teachers, the moods suddenly changed into a lighter and positive one.

The second task for the day was designed to let the campers work as a team. They needed to collect their assigned flags which were placed all around the field whilst harnessed together with a rope. The whole of Khao Yai paused for a moment to digest the deafening screams and roars from Team leaders blaring their hearts out, instructions for their team members to follow. In the midst of all the confusion, Lisu team muscled their way through to bank the first place. Many team building activities were played during this trip to enhance the students' leadership skills and to promote cooperation.

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RCIS Camp Continue

After a tiring and sweaty fun-filled afternoon, we were off to Aqua Zone. The kids and teachers were all excited to attempt the Aqua slide which is worth a million tries. They took a break when they had snack and then went back to swim and enjoy the Aqua Zone one more time. At 6:00 a buffet dinner was served. Campers were quite sleepy but the day hadn't ended yet. The Treasure hunt was a challenge for everyone but the Lisu team managed to grab the first place again.



The following morning, campers were up at 6 am, jogged around the resort and had a hearty breakfast to prepare themselves for the "Everslide". The entire residential trip was a test of their strength as a team, patience as a leader and meekness of the members. The outcome was not what I expected it to be; it didn't just show teamwork but leadership skills. As the saying goes that "Leaders are not born but made". At the end of all the chaos and madness the Lisu Team headed by Mr. Paul and Ms. Sana found the perfect formula that propelled them to the top and they did it in a spectacular way!

Overall, it was a successful event! Though exhausted, the happiness and satisfaction in their faces were all that mattered!

- Mr Joe and Miss Ailene

Year 4 Bring Oz to RC

One of RC's newest initiatives to this school year has been the inclusion of drama to the curriculum. In my opinion this has been a great addition to the timetable as drama improves the student's self confidence and public speaking, as well as giving the children an opportunity to work as an ensemble in a co-operative venture. So it was thanks to these additional classes, that at the start of term 2, the Year 4 class decided to undertake the challenge of putting on RC's first ever drama production, by staging the classic story, 'The Wizard of Oz'.



For a class of 8 and 9 year old children, this was by no means no small feat to remember a total of nine scenes of dialogue. Though from the audition to their final bow, at no point were they deterred from this challenge and were all determined to make the production a success. Rehearsals, set design, as well as organising props and costumes took a total of two months to prepare, and in the penultimate week of term 2 they were able to show their hard work, to not one, but two packed audiences. Their performances were received with great applause and enjoyment from everyone who watched. Again I would like to thank the Year 4's and all the teachers who assisted in making the production a success and I look forward to hopefully creating another production with them in the future. To see the finished play please check out their video on YouTube at the address below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9mIBiuI8Pw&list=UU9MKrg3eI41o-r8ere2OXQ&index=2&feature=plcp>

- Mr. Andrew



RCIS and RLC's New Faces

New Teacher

RC International School family welcomes Mrs. Brenda Indrakamhang, our new Year 1 Homeroom Teacher. Mrs. Brenda hailing from the U.S. has been in the teaching profession for a little over nine years mostly teaching young children. She earned her BA in International Studies from Abilene Christian University in Texas, USA and her Graduate Diploma in Teaching at Ramkhamhaeng University Institute of International Studies. Welcome Miss Brenda!

We also welcome Miss Hiromi Chandee. She is RCIS's new Nursery class Homeroom Teacher and will be team-teaching with Miss Agnes. Originally from Japan, Miss Hiromi completed her Bachelor's degree from the United States of America. She has been with RCIS, especially in the Early Years department, for a little more than a year now.

The RC Family continues to expand as sixteen new pupils have joined us this term. 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!!!"



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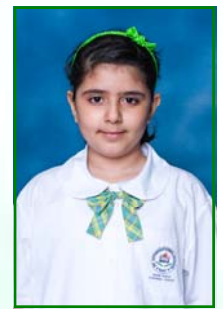
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We have something to tell...

Term 2 PTC Held...

The Parents-Teachers Conference for Term 2 of the current school year was successfully held on Thursday the 12th of April, 2012. It was once again an opportunity for parents and the teachers to have a one-on-one discussion about the academic progress each individual student has made. We appreciate and express our appreciation to the parents who were able to join us this term.



RC Got Talent IV 2012

RC's Got Talent IV or 'The Voice' 2012 is now on! If you think you can sing well and win this year's competition, sign-up and prepare to take home the beautiful trophies at stake.



Two RCIS students, Miku

Two RCIS students, Miku and Shaurya have been offered academic scholarships from another international school to pursue their secondary education. Way to go, Miku and Shaurya!!!



School photo shoot 2012

The school year 2011-2012 marked another milestone for RC International School, the students and the teachers. Whilst there are many ways to commemorate this achievement, there isn't anything more lasting than a click of a camera. And so, the class and individual photo shoot was held once again on the 28th and the 29th of February, 2012. I trust all students and teachers alike have their photos ordered to keep those memories and friendships alive.





Upcoming Events

History Day

June 14th is HISTORY DAY here at RC. Students from Year 4-7 will bring history to life with displays, costumed characters and interactive displays for all to enjoy.

Early Years Friday Camp No. 6

The Early Years' Friday Camp is a fun-filled activity, traditionally held on scheduled Friday's throughout the school year. It is an integral part of the Early Year's curriculum, which has gained popularity amongst the early years' pupils. The next Early Years Friday Camp for this term will be held on the **25th of May 2012**. Communication about this activity will be sent out in time.

Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony 2012

This year's Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony is scheduled for 28th June, 2012 so for those parents of Kindergarten 1 pupils put this date in your diary.

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 3rd of July, 2012.

RC Got Talent IV

This is 'The Voice'!

Coming soon to RC! Who will the judges choose? Start practicing all you budding 'idols', the try outs start next week!

Last day of School for SY 2011-2012

Friday the 6th of July will be the last day of Term 3, and indeed the School Year of 2011-2012. Congratulations to all RCIS students for completing another year of study. Job well done!

Important Dates

4th June, 2012	- Visakha Bucha Day (Public Holiday) School is closed
18th-22nd June, 2012	- End of Term Assessment
28th June, 2012	- Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony 2012
3rd July, 2012	- Piano Recital
6th July, 2012	- Last day of School for SY 2011-2012 and Release of Progress Report for Term 3 SY 2011-2012
16th July, 2012	- Summer School 2012 Starts
2nd Aug, 2012	- Asalaha Bucha Day (Public Holiday)
12th Aug, 2012	- HM the Queen’s Birthday (Public Holiday)
13th Aug, 2012	- Compensation for HM the Queen’s Birthday
15th-17th Aug, 2012	- Teachers and Teacher Assistants’t Inset
20th Aug, 2012	- Term 1 SY 2012-2013 Starts

July 2012

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