



NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to help develop young learners' full potential by providing the highest quality education through child-centred learning in a relaxed, secure and caring environment.

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After being delayed due to the floods last year, four of our teachers at last got to complete their sponsored "Ride for Rainbow".

The Rainbow school is in Pak Kred and looks after orphan children, many will disabilities.

Overall, your very kind sponsorship raised 49,500 baht which, added to the monies raised by the other near 120 riders will be put to good use helping to look after the children.

Our ride began at Wat Chai in Ayutthaya finishing 70 km away at Rainbow House. We left the Wat at 8.25a.m. on Sunday morning and arrived at the school tired but very satisfied at about 2.00p.m., later that afternoon. On the way, we had a hard ride through the beautiful country back roads, passed numerous squished snakes, were chased by dogs, almost got lost, unknowingly asked a blind man for directions and generally had a great time.

We even discussed making a regular event of our bike ride, RCIS Cycle Club?

At the end of the journey, we were cheered into the school by the staff and children where we were given refreshments, our certificates and the children put on a magic show.

Duly recovered, we look forward to doing it again and hope that other teachers and maybe parents and even children might join us next time.

Although, it was hard work, the effort put in by Mr Andrew, Mr Joe, Mr Paul and myself would have been wasted without your generous support, so once again many, many thanks for all your sponsorship.

Mr. Tim



Parents and Teachers Meeting

Parents and Teachers General Meeting Held



This school year's Parents and Teachers General Meeting was held in the afternoon of Saturday the 24th of September, 2012 from 13:00 to 15:00 hours. It was attended by the teachers from both Early and Primary Years and by at least 36 highly enthusiastic parents, mostly new to RCIS. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Bernie Melecio, RCIS's school principal. He was proud to introduce his pool of highly dedicated teachers and he articulated some minor policy changes that will be implemented in this new school year. After his short and brief talk, he opened the chair for Q and A. As no questions were raised, Mr. Bernie adjourned the meeting to give time to parents to meet their children's teachers and to enjoy some refreshments.

Mr. Bernie



First Term's Parent-Teacher's Conference (PTC) Held

The Parent-Teacher's Conference or PTC is a one-on-one meeting between the parent(s) and teacher. It is held twice in a school year – once during the first term and another during the second. This one-on-one meeting, gives the parent(s) the opportunity to discuss and talk about his or her child's academic progress and other factors.

The PTC for Term 1 School Year 2011-2012 was successfully held in the afternoon of Saturday the 14th of January, 2012. Many parents were able to attend that important meeting.

The second PTC for this school year will be held on the 11th April, 2012. We hope that those parents who were unable to attend the first PTC will make time for this second one.

We sincerely express our appreciation for the cooperation shown by the parents during the meeting.



Stop! Drop! Roll!...but not just now...

“What’s that noise, teacher?”

“All right children, let’s quickly line up at the door. Susie, put the toys down. No, you don’t have to put them away. Just line up now.”

“What’s that NOISE, teacher?”

“Should we put on our shoes, teacher?”

“No, Sam, not this time. Follow me, please. Stay close together and please stay quiet.”

“But what’s that noise, teacher?”

It was the annual RC Fire Safety Drill, and for a few of our littlest ones, the first time to experience it.

Every year hundreds of children are seriously injured in fires. Most of these injuries happen because these young people had not been made aware of Fire Safety Rules.

As part of our curriculum studies, each year we devote an entire week during daily morning assembly, to the instruction and preparation of what to do in the event of a fire. This year was no exception. A mock evacuation took place and we are pleased to announce the two buildings were safely evacuated in less than two minutes! A Fire Poster competition and various other activities all promoting understanding of how fires spread and how to stay safe, were also attractions.

The Fire Department helpfully sent along a fire truck and presented demonstrations on getting out of a building safely and what to do if trapped.

Students were asked to go home and make a Family Fire Safe plan and to discuss ‘in case of’ ideas. We hope you all have now a fire safety plan ready in your home.

Stressing the fact that Fire is not your friend, we ended the week with students writing and sharing their fire experiences with each other.

We take Fire Safety seriously here at school and holding Fire Safety Week is undoubtedly an important event in the school calendar.

Ms. Dalli



RC International celebrates International Day

EY International Day:

We celebrated our International Day on the 14th of October, 2011. All EY students were encouraged to wear their special costume and bring a special dish to share, originating from their own country. We are very thankful to all our parents who gave their time to outfit their child in their wonderful costume, everyone looked fantastic. We started with our assembly and singing friendship songs then the children introduced themselves: stating their name and the country they were representing. After taking lunch together, we had intended to join the primary years for more activities, unfortunately it rained really hard and we couldn't make it! However, we still enjoyed our day and look forward to next year.

MS. Agnes



PY International Day:

RC International celebrates International Day with.... “Step Into Our World” an Interactive Affair

The sky was black and the clouds opened up releasing sheets of rain, but nothing could take the shine from RC's International Day celebration held on October 14th, 2011.

After only a few short weeks of collecting, sorting, arranging and designing, booths miraculously transformed our lunch area into a miniature world tour.



Stepping through the grand window frame, somewhat reminiscent of "Through the looking glass" and with passports in hand, students and parents alike were welcomed into a world uniquely our own.

With students from over 28 countries represented here at RC, there was no shortage of display items and thrilling exhibits to be involved in.

In Africa, children made beautiful beadwork bracelets under the watchful eye of Ms. Jade while others took a safari trip to the jungle with Mr. Andrew's creative reproduction in the Ice-cream shop! (We loved the jungle sounds)

Henna hands and scrumptious samosa greeted all in magically colourful India and All-American home-popped popcorn samples flowed freely in the America's booth without being overshadowed by looming native Canadian totem-poles.

Asia amazed and tempted the pallet with Indonesian sweets and rice dishes and back in the United Kingdom visitors could take a picture with Prince Phillip, Kate, Andrew or the Queen, or better still, be the queen!

Origami, boomerangs and koala bears nestled close together in the Pacific Rim, but unfortunately there were no "shrimps on the Barbie". How disappointing.

Along with the displays, enchanting national costumes and heavily laden booths, many other activities had been planned to take place, however, the unceasing downpour forced the cancellation of these shows and for that we are most sorry.

The 2011-2012 RC International Day was a brilliant success which none can deny however, with all activities of this caliber comes hours of preparation and planning and without teamwork these events would never be possible.

With that in mind, thank you parents, for lending us your precious items, your participation and presence on the day; thank you students for your active role and proving to us how worthwhile all the hard work is, and lastly thank you teachers, staff and faculty of RC International for pulling it all together and not letting a little rain cloud our day! Until next year...

Ms. Dalli



EY Christmas Program:

We celebrated our Christmas party on the 16th of December. The children wore their favourite casual clothes on this occasion, so that they were aware that it was a special day of the year. We prepared some games related to Christmas such as "The Night before Christmas". For this game, we prepared chairs and played carols. When we mentioned "Santa", all the children had to change places and secure a seat, the one left out would be out of the game. The next game was the "Snowball game".

Using white tissue paper with Santa printed on, we tossed the snowballs to them one at a time and then all the snowballs were opened. Whoever had a snowball with Santa on it, received a prize. Our last game was "Decking Santa". We blindfolded the children one at a time and then they walked up to Santa (Homeroom teacher) and placed the cap on her head. If the child succeeded in decking Santa she/he received a gift as well. We ended our outdoor games with a statue dance.

All the EY were really excited and really had fun, especially when they knew that prizes were on offer! They tried to win as many as they could and we made sure everyone got a prize. After the games, we had lunch together through the kindness of EY Parents.

My class had our gift exchange after lunch. Each child picked a name from our hand-made Christmas tree and as we called their names, he/she would collect a gift. After everyone had their gifts, we asked them to open them together. They were so cute, funny and excited in the way that they opened their gifts and surprisingly, loved what they had received! Because it was Christmas, they got one more gift from Khun Kung! Thanks very much Parents for your support and co-operation in every single activity that was organised that term!

Ms. Agnes



PY Christmas Show 2011

What a fantastic show we had. Unfortunately, due to the floods, we had to improvise and do a different kind of show this year. No mums and dads in the audience, no big stage at Lumpini Park, no time to practice!!!

As we had to make up lost floods days we were unable to put as much time into preparing for our 2011 Christmas Show, but it was still a magnificent day.

During assembly each class was given an envelope. Inside was their “performance” that they had to do for the show, some classes had music, others instructions, but it was all top secret and a surprise.

And each class had less than two hours to come up with a performance!!!

After much sweat and hard work the whole school gathered downstairs to see the show. Mr Joe played some seasonal favourites to get us in the mood as we waited to get our show started.

The only way to begin the show was with K1 and K2. Joining together, they got us straight into the festive, party mood, dancing up a storm to Ms Maureen’s Christmas song.

Next up was Miss Poppy’s Year 1 class. They danced to “All I Want For Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth” complete with their teeth blacked out with seaweed.

The other Year 1 class, led by Ms Sawanee and Mr Cris, gave us a dance performance to the song “Jingle Bell Rock” and that class does ROCK!!

Have you ever seen your Mommy Kissing Santa Claus? Year 2S certainly have. The kisses were flying everywhere as they danced along to the song, I hope Daddy doesn’t find out!

Did you ever think you could see ice skating at RCIS? Year 2M made the impossible possible with their ice dance routine. Despite some early technical problems they seem like ones to watch for the winter Olympics 2014.

How to follow ice skating??.... by turning a Christmas classic “White Christmas” into a hip hop – rap of course. Year 3 homeboys and homegirls put a new spin on an old tune with their rap battle.

Next, from the mean streets of downtown Bangkok to the sandy beach of Hawaii, Year 4 gave us a very different 12 days of Christmas: pigs? coconuts? minah birds? squid??

It wouldn’t be Christmas without a pantomime, so Year 5 ran through the “real” story of Cinderella, in just under 10 minutes! You might think you know the Cinderella story, but unless you saw their play you don’t know what really happened. Poor Cinders....

Time again for more music. Proving it’s not just Year 1 that rocks, Year 6 got “Rockin’ Around The Christmas Tree” in their white gloves.

Along with baking Christmas cookies Year 7 also had time to perform “I’m Getting Nothing For Christmas” and make a human Christmas Tree.

The only two groups who had a little longer to practice were part of our grand finale. During PE, Mr Joe had been teaching the higher years how to line dance, their Michael Jackson line dances were better than watching MJ himself.

And lastly, we ended our show with a traditional Christmas choir led by Ms Maia. It was quite a sight to see them end the show with a version of “Merry Christmas Everyone.”

So the show was over, thanks to everyone for entering into the spirit of an impromptu show, the only downside was **you** weren’t there to see it. Hopefully you’ll all be back next year!!

Mr. Tim



Cool Cookies Created for a Commendable Cause!

(Another RC Kids fun-fundraising activity)

Move over Mrs. Fields...there're some new bakers in town! Anyone who was fortunate enough to find themselves on the fifth floor this past December couldn't help but be swept up by the yummy scents arising from Room 502. Cinnamon, cloves and ginger wafted through the hallway and a quick peek inside found Moji, Miku, Eva, Winnie, Shivika, Shubham, Purvaansh, Smit and Fame busy as beavers, measuring, pounding, flouring, rolling, cutting, baking and icing their way through over one hundred and fifty shortbread, ginger-snap, sugar and gingerbread cookies.

The girls got right down to the task and within a short period of time were loading cookie trays with stars, gingerbread people, Christmas trees and angels. The boys however, ran into trouble almost from the start and their "Candy-cane Cookies" ended up being 'Monster Surprises' which, surprisingly, really were delicious!

This hugely popular activity, which took place over three days, was a part of the "Following Directions/ Writing Instructions" Year 7/6 English programme. Not only do students learn how to follow a recipe, but also how important measuring, working together and being responsible for sharing the workload is to a successful outcome.

And what a successful outcome it was! Working in teams they gathered their supplies together, followed their chosen recipes and baked their own cookies.

Aided by Mr. Paul; unofficial taster/cookie critic together with Ms. Sana and Mr. Stephen acting as icing- design specialists, the Year 7 class managed to produce a magnificent array of tongue-teasers that looked professionally decorated. They then put the cookies on sale during the Christmas show and raised a total of 2,000.00 Baht.

The Year 7 class then added their private class fund and with a little help from our friends in the office, were able to purchase a medium size table top oven which has now been donated to the school in the Year 7's name. And as Valentine's Day is just around the corner, you can expect to see more of our mouth-watering goodies appearing. But this time, the Year 6 class is going to join the fun too, YUMMY!

Ms. Dalli



EY Friday Camp:

Our Friday Camp was rescheduled for the 2nd of December, 2011. We started the day with assembly and free-play. It was a wonderful sight to see the EY in their colour-coded shirts and dresses, a wonderful sea of colour. As always, each teacher was assigned an activity to prepare and supervise. Arts and craft were assigned to Ms. Tahira and 'Reindeer Craft' using popsicles sticks, google eyes and colored paper was the project for the day. An item clearly suitable for all ages as all students were able to follow the instructions given, to the letter. Ms. Maureen was assigned Show/Tell (Storytelling) and in keeping with the season, she taught the children some carols before she began the Christmas story. Afterwards everybody received a treat, a Christmas stockings filled with chocolates, sweets and copies of carols. I, myself was assigned sports. I prepared different types of games suitable for every class so they would all be able to participate and enjoy. My Nursery class played catch with a partner, free-kicks in pairs and toddler basketball. Kindergarten 1, played Catch and Do at different distances and Travelling Ball using our traffic cones. In these particular games, they were required to run fast in a zigzag, passing along the traffic cones to win. While our Kindergarten 2, who were very excited, happy and alert, played games like Pass and Throw, Run Down and Crack-Up Ball Game.

I am certain, EY enjoyed every minute of their day and are already looking forward to the next!



Ms. Agnes



RCIS and RLC's New Faces



Ms. Samantha Haysum



Miss Napaporn Puangkaew

We are pleased to welcome back an old member of staff, Miss Samantha Haysum. She hails from England and has over fifteen years of teaching experience, teaching students of various age groups. Ms Sam has replaced Mr Stephen.

Miss Napaporn Puangkaew is popularly known as Miss Na or Teacher Na here at RCIS. She is our new Thai Teacher teaching Thai for Non-Thai students. Equipped with over ten years of teaching experience from both bilingual and international schools, Ms Na is a welcome addition to our staff.

The RC Family continues to expand as eleven 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!!!"



HARMAN
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KINDERGARTEN 2



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YEAR 2S



NATASA
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MAEVE
YEAR 4



We have something to tell...

We raised a whooping 49,500.- Baht for the “Ride for Rainbow”. The money raised goes to benefit the less fortunate, orphan children and children with disabilities who are studying at Rainbow School in Pak Kred. Our sincerest thanks to all benevolent hearts for the contributions made.



Meet the new STUDENT COUNCIL!

After a very close election result we are pleased to announce this year's Student Council.

President: Purvaansh Y.7,

Secretary: Man Y.6,

Treasurer: Sowmya Year 6

Yr. 5 Representative: Keven

Yr. 4 Representative: Viral

Year 3 Representative: Nirada

They are now busy planning lots of activities for the rest of the year and welcome all suggestions!

The Year 7 class used their own money to buy supplies required to bake cookies for our Bake Sale, then combined with the class fund (a collection of 5 baht weekly from each student) were able to purchase a small table-top oven for future baking adventures.

Seen from left to right: Moji, Purvaansh, Shubham, Smit, Vrunda, Miku and Shivika. Missing from the picture: Eva





Upcoming Events

School Photo Shoot

The annual individual and class photo shoot will be on the **28th and 29th of February, 2012**. Children are advised to wear proper school uniform for the photo shoot.

Early Years Friday Camp

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 **2nd of March, 2012**. Communication about this activity will be sent out in time.

ISAT at Siam Paragon

The 2011-2012 Thailand International Education Exhibition (TIEE) will be held on **Friday the 30th of March to Sunday the 1st of April, 2012** at Siam Paragon Exhibition Hall. It is an annual showcase of a variety of educational institutions ranging from language schools and centres, kindergarten schools and primary and secondary schools in Thailand sponsored by the Department of Export Promotion (DEP) and the International Schools Association of Thailand (ISAT). RC International School, being an ISAT member school will be participating in the exhibition with some selected groups of students performing on stage.

TIEE was originally planned on the 4th to the 6th of November, 2011, but was temporarily cancelled by the organising agencies due to the massive flooding in and around Bangkok area that time.

Parents-Teachers' Consultation

The Parents-Teachers' Consultation for Term 2 for Early Years and Primary Years will be on **Wednesday the 11th of April, 2012** from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

There will be no classes that day.

Songkran Celebration 2012

Term 2 will end with the celebration of the Songkran Festival, Thai New Year, on **Thursday the 12th of April 2012**. It will surely be another fun-filled experience for all of us.

School Term Break for Term 2 SY 2011-2012

The school will be closed from **Friday the 13th to Friday 20th of April, 2012** for the term break. The school will re-open on Monday the 23rd of April, 2012 for Term 3 School Year 2011-2012.

RCIS Camp 2012

RCIS's annual school camp will be held on **Thursday the 3rd to Friday the 4th of May, 2012**. Campsite is yet to be decided.

Important Dates

7th Mar, 2012	- Makha Bucha Day (Public Holiday)
26th-30th, 2012	- Final Exam for Term 2 SY 2011-2012
30th-31st Mar, - 1st Apr, 2012	- ISAT-TIEE 2011 At Siam Paragon
6th Apr, 2012	- King Rama I Memorial (Chakri Day); Make-up day, classes as usual
11th Apr, 2012	- PTC for Term 2 SY 2011-2012 (No Classes)
12th Apr, 2012	- Songkran Celebration 2012 and Last day of School for Term 2
13th-19th Apr, 2012	- School Term Break
23rd Apr, 2012	- Starts Term 3 SY 2011-2012
1st May, 2012	- Labour Day (Public Holiday) School is closed
7th May, 2012	- Compensation for Coronation Day (School is closed)
21st-24th May, 2012	- National Curriculum Tests 2012
4th June, 2012	- Visakha Bucha Day (Public Holiday) School is closed
28th June, 2012	- Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony 2012

March 2012

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