



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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From the Principal's Desks

I am privileged and very honoured to welcome each and every member of the RC International School community once again for this School Year 2011-2012.

This latest issue of our newsletter will present to you some of the activities that were held during the latter part of the school year 2010-2011 such as the Kindergarten 2 Graduation, The Piano Recital, RC's Got Talent, History Day and the Science Fair amongst others. It also includes introductory pages dedicated to our thirty-two new students and our new teacher and some other news bits. Important dates and upcoming school events are included for your information.

The School Year 2011-2012 will be another year full of fun-filled and exciting learning and extracurricular activities for each and every child's enjoyment and appreciation. All planned activities are aimed to contribute to every student's holistic development.

We shall keep you informed about forthcoming activities through school correspondence.

This year, I am very fortunate to be working with a pool of talented and experienced teachers who are sure to bring the best of learning and school-life experiences to the student of RCIS.

And as we move forward this school year, I am seeking everyone's solidarity, co-operation as well as your understanding; only then will we be able to reap success and its rewards.

So it just leaves me to say, Welcome to RC International School once more. I hope that your stay with us this year will be a fulfilling one.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bernie Melecio
Principal

From the Teacher's Bike



Hopefully you have received details of the **Ride For Rainbow** charity bike ride that Mr Joe, Mr Tim, Mr Paul, Mr Andrew and Mr Stephen are taking part in on Sunday 2nd October.

We have already had lots of very generous sponsorship money coming in, and it's still not too late to show your support.

With just over two weeks to go, our intrepid bikers are training hard for their 69KM ride from Ayutthaya to Pak Kred. If you see us peddling through Bangkok traffic give us a wave or toot your horn.

Don't forget every baht goes towards helping disabled children at Rainbow House orphanage in Pak Kred and you can sponsor our team for as little as 69 baht, or for as much as you would like.

We're gonna sweat, so you don't have to.



KG 2 Graduation Ceremony

Graduation!

On the morning of the 1st of July, the sight that met my eyes brought me to tears. The preparations that had been worked on for the two prior weeks to the actual graduation ceremony had finally come to fruition. The school looked wonderful. There was a red carpet stretching from the school gate to the lunch area with silver posts running along its side. There was a giant golden frame filled with photos of our graduates. Other frames were suspended from the ceiling for graduates and guests alike to pose for photographs. A wall of fame was set up to provide yet more opportunity to pose for the camera. The stage looked as glamorous as the red carpet. It was just PERFECT!

The red carpet idea came from Ms Mary and she pulled it off with flying colours.

Every year, Ms Mary and Ms Ailene are always there, without fail to lend their support to the proceedings from practising accepting the diploma to singing and dancing rehearsals.

One of the parents whose child had graduated the previous year enquired as to why there was no red carpet last year.

Hmm..... Ms Mary can you answer that one? Without Ms Mary and Ms Ailene, there would not be a Kindergarten 2 Graduation, until now I can't forget that day. If I could I would upload it on youtube for the whole world to see how great our teachers are.

Ms Tahira



THE GRADUATE

*You are a very special person
And you should know
How I loved to have you in my care
How fast the year did go.*

*Please come back to visit me
As through the years you go
Try hard to learn all that you can
There's so much to know.*

*One thing I tried to teach you
To last your whole lie through
Is to know that you are special
Just because you are YOU!*

- Ms. Tahira

To everyone to gave their time to help, whether it was making a movie or a presentation, cutting letters, painting t-shirts, painting frames, making our silver posts, buying the red carpet, decorating the stage, (blame Ms Dalli if any of the letters were wobbly), printing programmes and fonts.....Thank you so much, I'm sure you can see that your efforts were well worth it!

KUMON MEDALIST (WINNIE)

Kumon awards medals to any student who is working at a higher level than at their school. Vrunda has so far received the following medals for her performance in Mathematics; a Bronze medal in 2007, a Silver medal in 2008 and Gold in 2009 and 2010. This October, Vrunda will be awarded another Gold medal, to add to her growing collection. This is an outstanding achievement for Vrunda (Winnie) at the young age of 11. She is now working at level K and is ranked 82nd amongst 9,402 students. Very well done, Winnie.

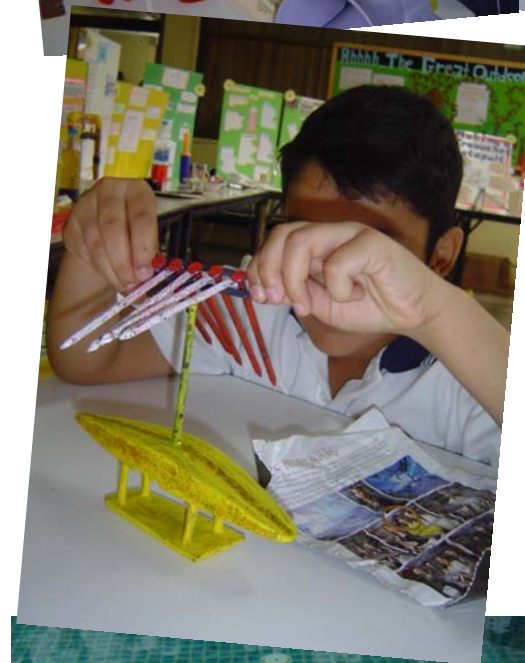


The RCIS Science Fair

It is in every child's dream to be a scientist, the likes of Sir Isaac Newton, Thomas Edison and the ever famous Albert Einstein, come to mind. In order to realise that dream, I organised a Science Fair for the Year 6 and 7's..... their 5 minutes of glory. It was an experience that they would treasure forever. It all started at a slow and unprogressive pace with most of them beating around the bush, typically starting to come alive days before the presentation. (Don't we all?). On the actual day of the fair, the Year 6 and 7 students, amazed the crowd of spectators who stood for minutes waiting for something magical to happen. Their patience didn't go unrewarded as they were all treated to a show that they'd never seen before. Shubham from Year 6 started the show with his Balancing Nails, a project that involved gravity and balance forces. Also from Year 6, Smit's project hovered around center stage, his ingenious contraption was later to be known as "Smit's Wonder Craft". It was a simple, yet brilliant project that illustrated the hovercraft's unique mechanism. Third tried his best with his Lava Lamp, falling a little short of expectations. Moji's Electricity Conducting Pickle Project and Kym's Magic Dragon Ball proved to be the people's choice, but in the eyes of the judges it was the Magical Dragon Ball that proved itself to be the worthy winner of the first ever RC International School Science Fair. Overall, the fair was a complete success. All students who participated were all winners in their own special way, winners in the sense that they all stood up and accepted the challenge with eagerness and enthusiasm. The Science Fair is one of those events that helps channel students inquisitiveness and talent in science; it is an important tool to discover the next "Great Scientist"

....who knows? Maybe it will be one of the pupils of RCIS.

- Mr. Joseph



Year 3 Canal Trip

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As part of our term 3 Geography topic “Water”, Year 3 went to look at the canal near the school. Most of the class didn’t know about it, it’s quite small and well

hidden, but Klong Phai Singto runs from Lumpini Park until Bencha Kittu Park where it disappears under the road.

We started with a short walk along Ruam Rudee and through a maze of houses until we found the canal. Before we could see it we could smell it. It wasn’t very nice. We went up some steps and followed a walkway east over the expressway and down again to stand on the path of the canal that runs between the Tobacco Monopoly and Sukhumvit Soi’s 4 to 10.

Unfortunately, the water was a lot lower than my preliminary visit the previous weekend. We could see the bottom of the canal and all the things it contained: bottles, an old table, a shoe, tires, rubbish, rubbish and more rubbish.

The little water there was, was dirty and black, so was the mud. We looked hard but didn’t see any animals, no fish, no frogs or lizards, not even a bird.

We could see why the water was so horrible. Big pipes from the Tobacco Monopoly emptied into the canal, we could see how dirty it was and there was foam and bubbles too.

We carried on walking until we came to a small wooden bridge that leads back over the canal to Sukhumvit Soi 10. This was further along than the Tobacco Monopoly and we took a water sample. We could see the water still had tiny things in it, but it was certainly cleaner than the water we saw earlier.

From our observations we think the water from the Tobacco Monopoly was making the canal dirtier and polluted.

As we had walked quite a long way by now, legs were tired so we waited for the van to come and pick us up. While we waited we spotted more water related items: drains, fountains, water meters, pools, fire hydrants, puddles. It seems water is everywhere. Let’s make sure we keep it clean!!!!

Many thanks to Teacher Fiona who came with us (and broke her shoe in the process).

- Mr. Tim



Our last Friday Camp was held in Lumpini Park, a first for us, so of course, everyone was so excited. We introduced our children to Nature Walking, Outdoor Play and a Picnic.

All the campers came early and were ready to go! They were in their sports uniform, complete with hats and they brought their own water bottle as well. We started our day with Circle time and then began our Nature Walking. Nursery and Kindergarten 1 went together but the Kindergarten 2 walked at the other side of the park. They followed their teachers to find things that they could bring back to school. The children admired the big trees, like the palm and coconut trees which were arranged neatly, stopping to take pictures of them. We continued walking and reached the bridge. Suddenly, some of the children screamed to see two big lizards swimming, they had thought they were crocodiles because they moved exactly like one. They started to stare, observe and ask so many questions.

After spending time with the lizards. We made our way to the play area. This was the time to experience freedom, to walk, run, slide and climb. They were so thrilled and happy although later found themselves very tired, exhausted, thirsty and hungry. It was time we had our picnic. It was a fun, great and tiring day for all of us!

...Until the next camp!!!

- Ms. Agnes



YEAR 5 CENTRAL SKYWALK FIELDTRIP PLAN

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As part of the Term 3 Unit - Should the High Street be Closed to Traffic? - Year 5 took a short field trip to one of the main traffic areas in Bangkok. Guided by myself and Miss Sana (Thank you for your help!) we visited the skywalk between Central Chidlom and Siam Square with the objective of identifying as many traffic problems as we could. Of course the students found many problems including; vendors on the road, vehicles not obeying the traffic signs or laws, a lack of traffic police and the sheer amount of traffic on the road.

Other activities on the field trip included a sketch of the surrounding area, a tally of the different types of transport and also a chance to interact with some of the citizens of Bangkok. Armed with a self made questionnaire, the students enjoyed politely stopping several passersby and asking them questions about their travel arrangements and problems they faced with traffic in and around Bangkok. We then headed back to school in time for lunch.

Overall the students really enjoyed getting out of the classroom and having the chance to put their newly acquired skills and knowledge into practice. They were very well behaved throughout the trip and I look forward to the chance of further field trips in the future.

- Mr. Paul



The RC Family continues to expand as thirty two 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!!!"



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NURSERY



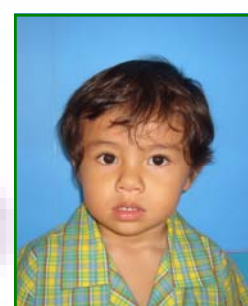
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RCIS and RLC's New Faces

Mr. Stephen Thomas Charles



Hi, my name is Mr. Stephen. I am from England and was brought up in London until the age of 18. I then moved to Manchester to study at University where I gained a First Class Degree. I have travelled extensively through Russia, Asia, Australasia and The Americas, in addition I have lived and worked in Greece and Austria. Now I find myself in Bangkok and I must say that it's an incredible place to be. I am very happy and settled in Thailand and am pleased to be a part of the RC International School Family.



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YEAR 2



MUSKAN
YEAR 2



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YEAR 2



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NAKSHI
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MOLIK
YEAR 3



JANNA
YEAR 3



ANUSHREE
YEAR 4



VARIN
YEAR 5

Piano Recital

“Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”

~Berthold Auerbach, German-Jewish poet and author.



On the beautiful, bright and sunny morning of July 5th, 2011,

R.C. International School was the venue for the much anticipated Student Piano Recital. Held in the

cafeteria area of the school with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters in attendance, all were treated to a variety of musical interpretations by eleven very talented young performers under the leadership of our musical director,

Ms. Suvaporn Atthasook (Ms. Oat)

Starting off with our youngest talents, Thikatus, Paruew, Sasi and Amy, followed by Saidontree, Adityanarayanan and Thanapat each student showed remarkable confidence and considerable skill as they took to “tickling the ivories”.

Decked out in their finery Samantha, Sowmya and Shaurya dazzled the crowds with their lively selections and nimbleness, however it was Miku who kept all those present spellbound with her mastery on two extremely difficult pieces. Watching her play left no doubt in everyone’s mind as to why she is the number one ranked pianist in her age group in Thailand.

Following the performances a “meet and greet” refreshment table was enjoyed by those in attendance and shortly after that it was back to classes as usual.

The hard work and hours of practice that each of our young artists put in prior to, for some, their debut recital, was evident and seeing the proud smiles of those in the audience, obviously well worth it! Well done, everyone. Our performers:

- Ms. Dalli

1. THIKATUS MATTHAWEEWONGSA
2. PARUEW KRUAPONG
3. SASI TANNO
4. AMY FRANCINE MICHELLE SPEYER
5. SAIDONTREE BOONYARUD
6. ADITYANARAYANAN LAKSHMINARAYANAN
7. THANAPAT POTISOMPORN
8. SAMANTHA NICOLE BARRERA
9. SOWMYA BUDDHARAJU
10. SHAURYA TAPARI
11. MIKU SUGA

Addendum:

RC International School would like to add their congratulations to Miku along with the many others already received for the recent First Place finishes in both Piano and Singing categories during her summer vacation in Japan. Miku has now reached Level 8 in Piano Studies which is the highest level other than teaching certification and we are especially proud of her as her only instruction in piano has been through our school. Of course the two hours practice nightly has helped!

Well done, Miku. You have shown, by example, what can be achieved when worked for and we are all very proud of you.



"So You Think You Can Dance!"

Time to "*step on down*" Nigel Lithgow and Mary Murphy. RC's got some new judges in town.

Ms. Mary, Ms. Ashleigh and Mr. Joseph took on the challenge of panel judges for RC's Got Talent III - "So You Think You Can Dance!" competition which ran from mid-June to the finale July 5th, 2011.

Taking a cue from the very popular "So You Think You Can Dance" reality show, it was decided this year to see if our students would be interested in this type of talent show for our third annual RC's Got Talent competition.

The first round performance was called our 'Feedback Round' with all students taking place and receiving comments and suggestions from a panel of teachers. Comments ranging from, "Make more eye contact with the audience," or "You'll have to tighten up the group if you want to win," to "Wonderful," "Very entertaining and exciting" were heard from our helpful committee as to how students could improve their routines before the judging round.

A second round was held the following week. This was the time when our judging panel had the daunting and unfortunate task of either passing the performers on to the final round or end their chances and be eliminated from the competition. More than half the acts were eliminated as a result of this second performance.



RC's Got Talent III - -

On the 5th July, 2011 the RC's Got Talent III - Finale was held with all the school students in attendance. Costumed and confident, our young stars took to the stage in both individual and group categories. All the performers showed considerable talent, however, as in all competitions there has to be a winner and Aaditya (Yr.6) took home the prize for individual dance, with an original and well-choreographed routine. Other winners were:

Individual 2nd Place: Gia (Year 1)

Individual 3rd Place: Shivika (Year 4)

Group Years 1 - 2 Year 1 Girls

"Sawanee's Sweeties"

Group Years 3 - 4 Year 3 Girls

"Pink Ladies"

Group Years 5 - 7 Years 6 & 7 Boys

"The Beasts"

Over half the student population signed up and took to the stage for our show; a truly remarkable turn out! Each student received a "Certificate of Participation" and category winners also received a small gift for their efforts.

The faculty, administration and staff of RC International School wish to thank all our parents and students for your participation and support of this popular and immensely entertaining programme.

Also a huge thank you to all the teachers, assistants and staff who kindly gave their time and expertise to help train and practice with our little showstoppers. The RC's Got Talent III - "So You Think You Can Dance!" would never have been the success it was without you.

- Ms. Dalli



HISTORY DAY

July saw the second annual RCIS History Day when students and teachers alike had the chance to dress up and learn about important figures from the past. This year, we saw an excellent array of figures ranging from Marilyn Monroe to Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln to Jesus and Euclid to Joan of Arc. We even had a Michael Jackson!

The event had been planned a few weeks in advance when each of the students from Years 4-6 first chose the historical figure they wished to dress and act like on the actual day. Year 7, organised by Miss Dalli, also began planning their 'Life in the Middle Ages' set including working props and interactive activities.

On History Day, everybody was very excited to see who had the best costume and also to see if they could guess who their classmates were each supposed to be. The rest of RC, including the Early Years and all of the teachers, were invited over to explore, talk to and interact with each of the historical figures set in their groups: Pioneers, Kings and Queens, Peacemakers, Women of History and Worlds Apart. They were looking to identify each students figure and also learn as much about each figure as if they were talking to the real person. They then moved onto the Year 7 area which included knights jousting, a plague victim, a witch and even a working guillotine!

Overall the Second Annual RCIS History Day was a huge success. Everybody had fun, wore some wonderful costumes, and learnt a lot about people from the past who have affected our lives in many different ways.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the students, teachers and parents who helped out with the costumes, work, organisation and decorations. See you all next year!

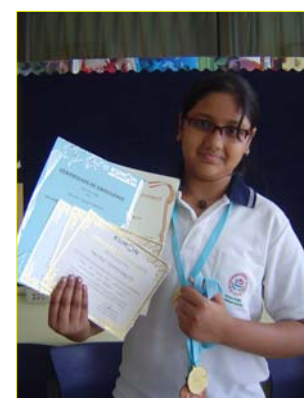
- Mr. Paul



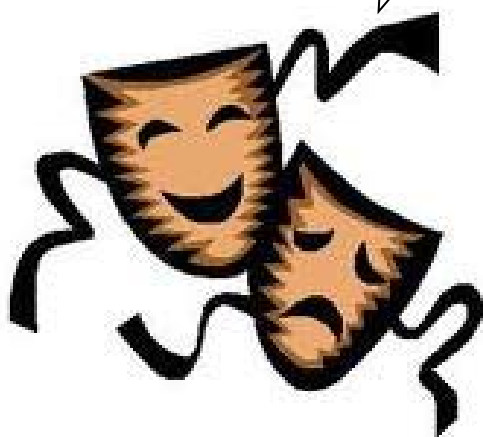
We have something to tell...

We had a very successful Summer School Programme that ran from July to August, 2011 with 32 students taught by our highly creative, talented and enthusiastic teachers.

***Congratulations to the two Year 7 students for their great achievements, Miku and Vrunda!
You've made RCIS proud!***



*Drama lessons are now part of the English Curriculum from Years 1 to 7.
Express yourself children!!!*



Two sets of digital overhead screen projectors were set-up in Year 6L and Year 2S' s classrooms.

We now have five classrooms equipped with digital projectors the teachers can use for their teaching.

Thirty-two new faces joined RCIS this school year;
a record breaking number!





Upcoming Events

Early Years Friday Camp

The Early Years' pupils will once again have their Friday Camp on the **30th of September, 2011**.

Early Years Field Trip

On **Thursday the 6th October, 2011**, the Early Years' pupils will have their field trip.

International Day

RCIS and RLC will celebrate International Day on **Friday the 14th October, 2011**

Halloween Celebration

The school wide popular celebration of the Halloween will be held on **Monday the 31st of October, 2011**. Pupils, teachers and staff alike are encouraged to wear fancy, scary Halloween costumes for the celebration.

Loy Krathong Celebration

RCIS and RLC will celebrate Loy Krathong' Day on **Thursday the 10th November, 2011**

Half-Term Break and Resumption of Classes for 2nd Half of Term 1

The half-term break for Term 1 will be from Monday the 17th to Monday the 24th of October, 2011 (the 24th is compensation for Chulalongkorn Day).

Classes will resume on Tuesday the 25th of October, 2011.

RC Annual Christmas Show at Lumpini Park Pavilion

RC International School's Annual Christmas Show will be held on the morning of **Friday the 16th of December, 2011**. The venue will be the same as last year's, Lumpini Pavilion Hall at Lumpini Park.

We hope you will mark it on your calendar and join us there.

Important Dates

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| 22nd Aug, 2011 | - Start of Term 1, SY 2011-2012 |
| 22nd Sep, 2011 | - Annual Fire and Safety Awareness Day |
| 24th Sep, 2011 | - Parents-Teachers’ General Meeting |
| 14th Oct, 2011 | - RCIS’s International Day (replacing UN Day) |
| 17th-23rd Oct, 2011 | - Half Term Break |
| 23rd Oct, 2011 | - Chulalongkorn Day (Public Holiday) |
| 24th Oct, 2011 | - Chulalongkorn Compensation Day |
| 31st Oct, 2011 | - Halloween Celebration |
| 4th-6th Nov, 2011 | - ISAT-TIEE 2011 at Siam Paragon |
| 10th Nov, 2011 | - Loy Kratong Day |
| 11th Nov, 2011 | - Remembrance Day |
| 5th Dec, 2011 | - HM King’s Birthday (Public Holiday) |
| 10th Dec, 2011 | - Constitution Day (Public Holiday) |
| 12th Dec, 2011 | - Constitution Compensation Day |
| 13th Dec, 2011 | - PTC Day (Students are not in School) |
| 16th Dec, 2011 | - Annual Christmas Show at Lumpini Park Pavilion and End of Term 1 |

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