



## First Weekly Bulletin

**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2010**

*From the Primary School*

Dear Parents,

### First full week

Our first full week of term starts today and students will be getting into routines, starting their academic programmes and establishing relationships with their teachers and their peers. It should be an exciting week.

### Academic results for Year 6

The SATs results for the Year 6 students were only available during the summer break as these assessments are sent from the UK and the thresholds for the marks were published online after school broke up.

Reporting these results to parents helps is another way in which we can ensure that parents are well informed about the levels being attained by students at our school.

There were 39 students in the year group and Level 4 is the UK nationally expected level of achievement at the end of Year 6. UK schools aim to have 80% of students achieving Level 4 and above.

	English			
	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
No of students		1	23	15
Percentage		3%	59%	38%

**97% Level 4 and above**

**38% Level 5**

	Maths			
	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
No of students		0	16	23
Percentage		0	41%	59%

**100% at Level 4 and above**

**59% at Level 5**

These are extremely good results; the students and all the teachers who taught these students should be congratulated for their hard work and achievement.

### Initial Parent Meetings

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the first parent meetings of the year which will take place for all classes from Reception to Year 6 this week. These are year group meetings so all parallel teachers will come together to give information about class routines, timetables, expectations and curriculum. All meetings will be scheduled for 2:00pm, please check the term 1 calendar for the dates and the welcoming letter last Friday which gave the locations of the meetings.





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## Bangkok Prep Photos

During the course of the year we will be taking many photos of school activities and events which could be used in school displays or promotional materials. If you have an objection to your child's photos being used in this way please write a letter to me saying that you do not give consent to your child's photos being used.



## Home School Agreement

Students in Year 3 to 6 should all have brought home a home school agreement which we would ask that parents read through and discuss with their children. The agreement is seen as a way of clarifying the expectations for all parties; the school, the parents and the child, it is a way of understanding how everyone has an important role to play. Please sign these and return them to school and they will be kept in the students' files.



## Thai Language, Thai Culture and LOTE lessons

Bangkok Prep follows the Thai Ministry of Education regulations with regard to the teaching of Thai language and culture. All students in the primary school will have one lesson of Thai culture a week which is a great way for students to learn about their own or their host country's history, traditions and culture. The Thai Ministry of Education regulations stipulate that all Thai national students should receive Thai language lessons from Year 2 onwards. We will offer one additional Thai language lesson a week to Thai students in Reception and two additional Thai language lessons a week to Thai students in Year 1. Non Thai students will receive English arts lessons during this time which will take the form of drama, speaking and listening and reading activities. From Year 2 onwards all students who are Thai nationals will receive 4 lessons of Thai language a week and those who are not Thai have the opportunity to choose a language other than English (LOTE) so they can select whether they would like to learn French, Mandarin or Thai language. Parents select the LOTE language and all parents should have already been consulted about which choice their child should take. If we are unsure of any choices then we will get in touch with parents.

## Contact



Good communication between school and parents is very important. As a rule the youngest sibling will receive letters so that only one letter is received per family which saves paper being wasted. Last year many parents elected to receive letters by email which again saved paper and proved to be a more efficient system.

This year we will be starting again with our contact lists so we would like to ask that **everyone** provides details of their email address again if they would like to receive letters that way. For the first week or two hard copies of all letters will be sent then when we have our lists finalised we will use the email. Please complete the slip below and return it to school with your contact details.

I hope you have a very good week

Sarah Brannon  
Head of Primary



Please return to your child's class teacher

## Communication by email

- I would like to receive letters from the school by email
- I would like to receive hard copies of all letters from school

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Mobile Phone numbers

Information from school will often come via SMS or phone calls. This may be related to messages about meetings, to notify parents about the cancellation of clubs, to tell parents about sick or injured children or in emergency situations.

It is therefore very important that we have all parents current mobile phone and contact numbers.

Please complete the following;

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you