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Primary Principal's Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The weeks seem to have flown by and we have already reached our first holidays. I would like to thank all of you for your support of our school during the first 6 weeks of the term. We have managed to fit in so much over these weeks; we have enjoyed a welcome celebration, the classes have transformed into great learning environments and some children have been out on exciting trips which you can read about later in this newsletter. We are also preparing for some more events after the holidays; to find out a bit more, keep reading.

Please remember:

- * School starts at 7:55am. All children should be at school by this time.
- * Nursery, R1A and R1B finish at 11:30. Please be on time to collect your child.
- * School finishes at 3:00pm. Please be on time to collect your child.
- * Khmer school finishes at 4:30pm. Please be on time to collect your child
- * Read the parents' notice board at the gate for updates.



3B have enjoyed finding out facts about the Shang Dynasty.

Year 5 trip to ACCB at Kbal Spean

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to ACCB where they were able to find out about the many different animals living in this wildlife sanctuary. They had a great morning and learnt a bit more about endangered species.



Year 5 had an exciting day ahead.

Year 6 trip to Trailblazers

Year 6 found out about the social organisation 'trailblazers' that is working to establish food sources which are 100% organic, meaning free of chemicals. This organisation works closely with local farmers to help them become more sustainable. A great morning was had by all and the children now have some good ideas about growing plants and vegetables in a way that does not harm the environment.



Year 6 discovered a lot about sustainability.

Toilets



As you are aware, for safety reasons the children need to wear shoes with a back during the school day. This means that if they need to go to the toilet during class time, it wastes a considerable amount of their learning time putting on and taking off their shoes. So, after the Pchum Ben holiday, if you would like your child to keep a pair of flip flops in school to use when they go to the toilet, please send in a pair with their name and class on them.

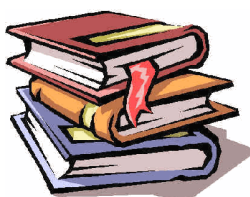
School will be closed from Monday 26th September and will re-open on Monday 3rd October.
Have a restful and relaxing holiday

*We are one,
But we are many.*



Year 2 have been learning about instructions so they followed a recipe to make delicious sandwiches.

Reading is to the
mind
What exercise is to
the body.
Joseph Addison



Year 1 getting ready for Science Day

TA Training

All our TAs have now received First Aid Secondary Care training. We are very proud of them and the dedication they have shown to the wellbeing of all the children in our school. Well Done!



Star of the Month

We would like to welcome parents to our next Star of the Month assemblies at 8am on:

Monday 3rd October - Nursery-Year 1 (R1A performing)

Tuesday 4th October - Year 2-Year 6 (5A performing)

The children are very excited about their performances and have been practising hard.

School Council

During the Pchum Ben holiday, the children will be given a homework to explain why they should be elected to our School Council.

The children will get the opportunity to read their explanations to their class on Monday before our elections on Tuesday afternoon. We will announce the results in a special assembly on Wednesday morning.

Being elected onto the School Council is a very privileged position as the children will be the representatives for their year group on many decisions regarding the school.

Good luck everyone!

International School Library Month

October is International School Library Month. We will be celebrating this with a week of fun activities from 17th–21st October. If you would like to volunteer in school during this week, please look out for a special letter that will be sent home when we return from Pchum Ben. We have already begun planning an exciting oral retelling competition which I am sure the children will enjoy practicing and performing.

Policies

We have been busy updating our First Aid and Homework Policies. If you would like to read either of these policies, a copy of each is available at the office.

As part of our review of First Aid we have included a form for each parent to sign that recognises the hospitals / clinics your child might be sent to if required, and enables our first aid teams to assess and make decisions knowing they have your support. It is extremely important that you sign and return this form as quickly as possible.

Moving muscles with 3A



Healthy snacks



Thanks to all parents who have been sending their child to school with a healthy snack. It is essential for your child's development and ability to learn that they eat healthily each day. Please take some time to have a look at this advice on swapping to healthier snacks:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/healthy-snacks-for-kids.aspx>

Afternoon Day Care for Reception 1 and Nursery will start from Monday 3rd October.

If you are interested, please see the office for information.