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## Annual School Fair Saturday



On the 3rd February staff and students gave up their Saturday morning to volunteer to run activities and stalls for the annual school fair, which raises money in support of Angkor Children’s Hospital and Kantha Bopha. The fair was a great success and raised \$2023 for these charities. The school fair once again demonstrated that the Primary and Secondary sections of ISSR can work together as one, to support such initiatives within the school. Thanks to all the teachers and students who used their diverse talents and creativity to provide activities and stalls for the event.



*Delighted customers at the game machine.*



*Belles busy at work*



More photographs for our readers.





## **New Round of ECAs**

At the start of February we started Round 3 of the ECA Program. The program has evolved greatly since the start in August and now includes student-run clubs as well. This rotation we are offering Select Choir, School Band, Jewelry Making, Art in the Open, Puzzle Making and Design, Yearbook, International Cookery, Chess, Charity Projects Club and two student-run clubs Osu and Dance Crew.

## **Cambridge Assessment International (CAIE) News**

Candidate entries for Year 9 Checkpoint, Year 11 IGCSE and Year 12 AS Level examinations have been submitted to the Cambridge Board before the first deadline date of 21<sup>st</sup> February. Mr. Taliv, the Cambridge Curriculum Coordinator has been working very hard to ensure the accuracy of the submission and he continues to communicate with Cambridge on any updates concerning this.

## **Trial Examinations**

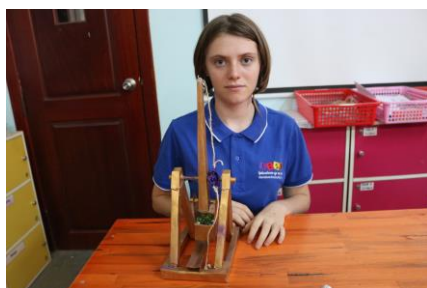
The Year 11s sat for their trial examinations from the 5<sup>th</sup> until the 16<sup>th</sup> February and the Year 12 are currently sitting their final Trial examinations. This has been a major undertaking for teachers and students as most subjects in IGCSE have 3 separate examinations and most students do 10 or 11 subjects and in AS Level all subjects have at least two examinations. Teachers have therefore had to set the papers in preparation for the tests and now face the task of marking the papers according to Cambridge guidelines in order to give an accurate estimate of each student's progress. Once again thanks must go to Mr. Taliv, for his smooth organization of the Trial Examination.

Once the papers are marked students will be able to consult their trial papers in order to plan their revision in preparation for the actual examinations in May and June.

## **Year 9 Science Projects**

A trebuchet is a siege engine employed in the Middle Ages either to smash walls or to throw projectiles over them. The trebuchet appeared in the Middle East and Europe around the twelfth century. It could fling one hundred and forty kilogram projectiles at high speeds into enemy fortifications. The trebuchet could launch projectiles a distance of over seven hundred and fifty meters. The trebuchet worked as a large counter weighted lever which transferred gravitational potential energy into kinetic energy, the energy of motion.

While studying levers, forces, work and moments the year nine science class constructed a working model of a trebuchet out of paper. This project required meticulous attention to detail and it was necessary for students to follow written directions with precision. All the Year 9s put in an excellent effort and some of the designs are shown below.



## **Reports**

Year 7-10 will be completing their Mid-term Assessments in their various subjects by 9<sup>th</sup> March and this will be followed by the issue of the Mid-term Report during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> March. As usual the report will be attached to the student's homework diary and parents are asked to sign this to acknowledge receipt of the report. Year 7-10 students are reminded that the end of academic year examinations will be held in late May so they need to start planning their revision schedule for this.

Year 11 and 12 (IGCSE and AS Level) Reports will be given out on 26<sup>th</sup> March and will be the final report given for the academic year. The reports will give a summary of each student's performance on the trial examination as well as suggestions for areas that need to be focused on in the months ahead. If you would like to meet with individual teachers about these results please make an appointment through the HS Office.

## Give bottles for free, make money for Charity

In order to contribute to the protection of our local environment by recycling plastic, we will be collecting bottles and selling them to raise money for charity. Students from the NGO ECA have set up a recycling program in the school. In order to make this project more interesting we have turned it into a monthly inter-house competition: each house has been given a big container for the bottles. Once a container is filled the house is awarded 10 house points. And the bottles? They are being sold to the local depot and the money raised goes to ISSR's charity fund. Therefore 'give your bottles for free, make money for charity'. We encourage students to get their whole family involved and bring bottles from home to school.



*Designing the labels*



*Collection Station for the Houses.*

## 50 Merit Point Award



Congratulations to GaEun (Jenny) Lee from Year 7 on achieving 50 Merits. Jenny has produced some outstanding work in many of her subjects and her presentation of project work has been outstanding. Well done Jenny. Keep up the great effort.

## Dates for the Calendar

- 5 March - Field Trip Day Years 7-12
- 9 March – Mid-Term Assessments Years 7-10
- 12 March – Mid-Term Report Years 7-10
- 16 March – Staff Inset Day (No school for students)
- 26 March – Year 11 (IGCSE) and 12 (AS Level) Final Report
- 30 March – High School Sports Day
- 30 March – Term #2 Ends



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