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UPDATE FROM PHUKET

In RPG 36 Kamala School, our qualified teachers continue to teach English and Mathematics & Science in English for FREE to all 320 Primary year students in years 1 to 6. Our teachers and volunteers also run the afterschool Coconut Club at Kamala School for children aged 6 to 18 who have to live at school during term time due to their family circumstances.



At the **Chicorée Foundation Kalim School**, the Chicorée Foundation has funded extensive renovations. From November 2023 they will sponsor two PHBG TU teachers to teach English to all 250 students aged 2 to 12. We are delighted to return to Kalim where, thanks to the support of Baan Rim Pa Restaurant, PHBG TU taught English from 2005 until the pandemic in 2020. We are hugely grateful to Thomas Brack and the Chicorée Foundation, founded by Mr.Jörg Weber and his family, for their commitment to the children's education.



If you are able to help support our work
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CLASSROOM UPDATES



Our Kindy students are always coming to class with big smiles on their faces and eagerness to learn! This term we have been learning about the weather, and enjoyed painting and matching the weather by going outside and deciding what the weather is like on different school days. Our young students are so curious and love to explore both inside and outside the classroom.



Primary 1 has been having a blast this term! Students have been having fun learning family vocabulary by creating finger puppets to represent members of their family. They also enjoyed drawing and discussing their favorite toys, and even sitting in pairs for reading time. These activities allow for our students to develop creativity and confidence in the classroom, and we love to see them shine.



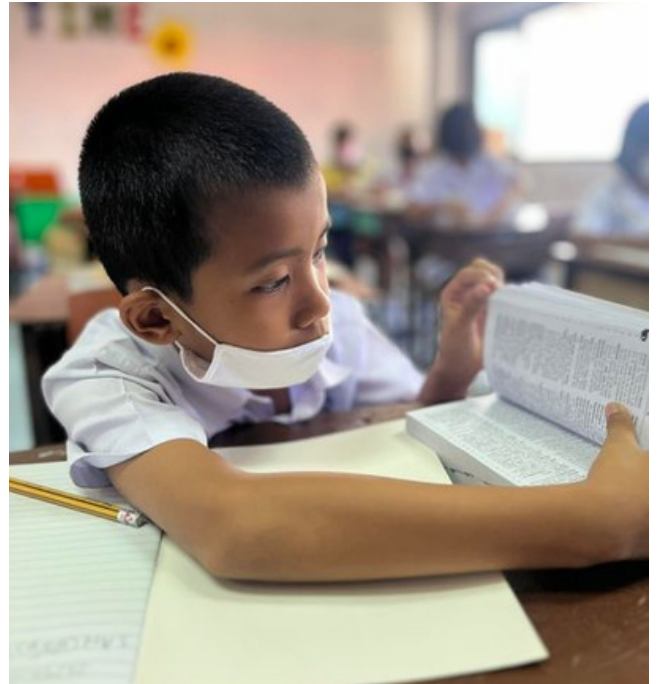


The Primary Year 2 students were very excited to learn more about Jolly Phonics so they could progress using their vocabulary and attempt more complex sentences! On top of that, Teacher J has been finding fun new ways to engage our students with interesting topics in Science in English, showing amazing photos and inspiring students to ask many questions.



The Primary Year 3 students were enthusiastic about their studies this term! They enjoyed learning new English vocabulary, which included Earth's rotation around the Sun and how that creates night and day. They are always keen to volunteer to participate in presentations in front of their classmates and excited to help with visual experiments.

EIS Primary Year 4



Our Year 4 and 5 students have had a fun and interesting time this year so far. Important topics were learned this term, like how to properly use a dictionary and ways the students can contribute to helping the planet. Their PHBGTOU teachers are always ready to assist if they have trouble with certain words or concepts. We're so proud to see our students grow and learn!

EIS Primary Year 5



GRADUATION

Each year, there is a ceremony and celebration to honor our wonderful graduating students.



We are so proud of our recent graduates! After receiving their certificates, the students are given time to go to their teachers for a blessing.

The teachers symbolically tie a string around the student's wrist while they say their wishes and inspiring messages for the students. It is the most moving part of the ceremony.



It's heartwarming to see not only the current, but many former students who have been a part of our English programme approaching our teachers to show their respect and gratitude.



COCONUT CLUB

Our after-school Coconut Club is open to over 200 residential students who have to live at school during term time due to family reasons. Coconut Club offers a safe and creative environment, where the children can build self-confidence and practice their spoken English. The club gives their teachers the opportunity to establish a stronger rapport with the students outside the classroom. Their teachers are able to understand their needs further, allowing them to help them more effectively with their studies.



The children have enjoyed skateboarding and skipping; board games, Lego and number bingo; arts, crafts and movies. And an old favourite... Coconut Club Cooking has returned! It has been lovely to see a large turn out everyday, and to support our students as they are exposed to new ideas and new ways to express themselves through cooking, crafts, games and more.



We have also had a fabulous, fun birthday party for every child living at the school. The primary-year students enjoyed watching Disney's "Encanto" movie with pizza and snacks. They were so happy to be able to pick their own gifts from the mini-stations of school supplies, bags, plush toys, shoes, and clothes we had received from the friends of the Foundation from all over the world.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for the children!



V.O.T.E.

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH ENGLISH

The goals of this programme are to give students a chance to learn about a variety of careers to help them focus on their future and understand the importance of learning English for the career they chose.



We were delighted to have Khun Thanaporn Phonboon (Prae) from the Australian Consulate-General, Phuket, as a guest speaker in our VOTE session. The students learned about Khun Prae's experience as an international exchange student including lifestyle adjustments and culture shock. She talked about studying and working simultaneously and shared how she was recruited for a career with the Australian Consulate-General, Phuket! The students were delighted to also meet Matthew Barclay, the Australian Consul-General.



HOW YOU CAN HELP - SPONSOR A CHILD

A 10,000thb donation will allow our students to enjoy a full year of English education, along with fun Coconut Club activities and more!

Udomsak

One of the new students living at school during this last term time is Udomsak, known as Bajang to his friends. He is 11 years old and in Primary year 5. He is in school with his older sister, who is studying in PHBG TU Primary 6 English classes. He has made many friends in and outside the classroom in the first few months of school. His kindness towards others has shone through, and his willingness to take risks is good for his studies.



Umareen



Umareen, (nickname Khaomao to her friends) is one of the residential students who stays at school for a whole semester, away from her family. This does not prevent her from doing well with her studies. After class, Umareen fills her day with activities that she enjoys. She likes to attend PHBG TU's Coconut club which offers different exciting activities for the residential students to hone various skill sets. Sports, number bingo and computer lab are top of her favorites to attend in our Coconut Club sessions.

If you would like to help offer children like Udomsak & Umareen a better future, please contact Tina Hall Tina@phukethasbeengoodtous.org



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