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UPDATE FROM PHUKET

Following the re-opening of RPG 36 Kamala School in mid-May, after the end-of-year holidays, the students have enjoyed the first few months of the new school year. As is customary at the beginning of every academic year, our PHBG TU teachers and team met with the residential students to introduce and promote the after-school Coconut Club, especially for new students.

To see how much of a difference our after-school club makes to the lives of our residential students, please check out the Coconut Club pages.

In June, we celebrated Wai Kru Day at school; a beautiful annual tradition where students pay respects to teachers and seek blessings for a successful academic year. The school director also awarded the teachers with certificates in recognition of all the work they do for the students.



At the beginning of July, Ms. Nipa Kaewprakong, Director, RPG 36 Kamala School, introduced the PHBG TU team to the Phuket Governor, Mr. Sophon Suwannarat and Admiral Phongthep Nuthep, Privy Councilor and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Rajaprachanukroh Foundation under Royal Patronage.

The VIPs were there for an inspection of Kamala School. We are grateful for their recognition of our contribution to the school's English programme and after-school activities for the residential children. Their appreciation fuels our dedication to English education in Phuket!

***Here's to a fantastic year ahead filled with knowledge,
growth, and gratitude!***

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



A second group of students enjoyed a trip to the Marine Center mid-way through the new term. They learnt about the importance of mangroves, in recognition of World Mangrove Day.



Kata Rocks welcomed further groups of RPG 36 Kamala School students later in the term. Hosting a day filled with inspiring activities, from interactive workshops to poolside fun, giving these young minds a glimpse into the world of luxury hospitality.

At the start of the new school year, on World Oceans Day, a group of children enjoyed an incentive trip to the Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort Marine Biology Center for the opening of a Jellyfish Farm.



In July, students had the opportunity to visit Kata Rocks. They gained knowledge of working in various departments, such as the kitchen, spa and other areas related to hotel management. This opportunity helped them generate ideas and consider their future goals and career aspirations.



If your organization would like to host an educational school outing, we would be delighted to hear from you.



CLASSROOM UPDATES

The PHBG TU teachers were overjoyed this term to witness the children embarking on their own learning journey. They created a nurturing space for the children to freely express their feelings and encourage confidence, critical thinking and self discovery. The teachers also continued to help the students to master the skills necessary for their literacy development, opening doors to endless possibilities in their education!



Following our Primary 1 students' formative assessment on identifying primary colours, they later explored secondary colours through finger painting, to see how primary colours can blend together to create new shades of secondary colours. They were also hugely excited to learn about different weather around the world,

with a special focus on the climate of Thailand! They discovered how thermometers work and explored words to describe weather from warm sunny days to tropical storms.

Our students also had a blast with their new linking cubes for counting 0-10. Each student now has their own set to practice with. We had a fun speed counting competition and the excitement in the classroom was palpable!



Donating educational supplies or games is so beneficial to a child's brain development.



CLASSROOM UPDATES



Primary Year 2

Our Primary 2 students had a blast revising the parts of the head! They drew each other's portraits and labeled the different parts. They also had a fantastic time learning about body parts and their functions! They played "Guess the Picture" and "Erase the Word" games to explore word forms and spelling.

Exciting times in Primary 3 - our young explorers learnt about the wonders of the universe, focusing on the Sun and Earth and the origins of it all through the Big Bang Theory.

One of the English sessions focused on daily routines. During the discussion, the pupils were eager to share their everyday routines. They had fun while learning a lot of new words.



Primary Year 3

Primary 4 English class students participated in speaking exercises this term. They practiced sight words and our students were delighted to read the words aloud and speak into the microphone.

This made the lesson a lot more fun and encouraged the students to be braver in their approach to learning!



Primary Year 4

This incredible activity would not have been possible without Friends of the Foundation, who graciously supported us in purchasing a microphone.



CLASSROOM UPDATES

Exciting times in Primary 5! The students explored the roles of their school heroes, from the director to their teachers, cooks and caretakers. Together, they also discovered how each of them, as classmates, also contributes to their learning journey. A fun challenge rounded off their day, testing their knowledge and camaraderie!



Our amazing Primary 6 students have been exploring their special talents! They've been discovering their own strengths and learning to appreciate each other's skills.



The Primary 6 students enjoyed a Talent Show! They showcased their unique abilities for their classmates, embracing their personality types while discovering the beauty of collaboration and individuality. From dancing & singing

to cooking and acting, every performance was a celebration of self-expression!

For the remaining School Year, we will continue to foster a safe and loving environment for the students!

If you would like to help in any way, please contact
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COCONUT CLUB

PHBG TU teachers, with tremendous support from visitors, continued to run the after-school Coconut Club for the children aged 7 to 18 who have to live at school during term time due to their family circumstances. The club offers a safe and creative environment where the children can build self- confidence and practice their spoken English.



The club gives their PHBG TU teachers the opportunity to establish a stronger rapport with the students outside the classroom. Being able to understand the children's needs positively impacts their learning as the connections enable their teachers to help them with their studies.

During the first school term of 2024-25, the residential children enjoyed sports sessions such as yoga and badminton, as well as board games including Monopoly, Jenga and Checkers, bringing joy and friendly competition! Twister, Alphabet Bingo and Word Searches also proved popular.



COCONUT CLUB

Educational sessions were also provided, where the children learnt about such important matters as caring for the environment, how to protect it and ways they can help.

They learnt that everything we need to live and survive comes from nature; the air we breathe, our water, our food and much more.



The Coconut Club Computer Lab continued to help the children to improve cognition, increase their IQ with improved thinking, problem-solving, planning and strategizing skills. Teacher Da helped to enhance their typing speed and accuracy. Playing the engaging game of Kahoot on the donated laptops in Computer Lab required concentration and accuracy.



As always, Coconut Club Cooking was lots of fun, with the children practicing their culinary skills in making mashed potato, Japanese sushi and sandwiches.

If you would like to get involved in any way, to help our wonderful children at Coconut Club, please contact

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PLEASE HELP - SPONSOR A CHILD



Kanrawee (Walay) is a new student living at Kamala School this term. She is seven years old and in Primary Year 1.

At the beginning of the term, she bravely faced the challenge of adjusting to a new home environment. The older students in her dorm have been very kind, taking care of her just like a

younger sister. How lucky she is! Her friends recommended activities at our Coconut Club, and she loves to join the club every day after school.

If you would like to help offer children like Kanrawee a better future, please contact Tina Hall at: tina@phukethasbeengoodtous.org.

As a sponsor, you would receive regular updates on your student's progress.

An annual donation of just **฿10,000** provides the funding for one student to receive a full year of English education and fun Coconut Club activities! This is how easy it is to provide a life-changing gift through PHBGTOU. **฿10,000** a year is under **฿28** per day - far less than the cost of a daily cup of coffee from your local cafe!

We desperately need financial support to continue our work. In addition to sponsoring a child for **฿10,000** per year, there are many other ways to assist and become part of this very special programme.

For more ideas on ways to help, please check out the following Fundraising & Donations pages!



FUNDRAISING

In June, RL Magazine included PHBGTOU as the charity of choice for **"The Red Carpet & Limelight Gala"**, organised by RL Magazine with Art of Events and Shaman Cafe Bar & Lounge. The event raised **฿50,000** from the fabulous raffle – thanks to all who donated prizes.



If you'd like to run your own fundraising event, PLEASE contact
Tina Hall at: tina@phukethasbeengoodtous.org

DONATIONS

We are hugely grateful to Anna Sadykova from Global Property Success Co Ltd for kindly donating **฿15,000** to the charity on two separate occasions. Thank you Anna, for pledging more support from your property sales moving forward.



PLEASE HELP - MAKE A DONATION

Bank name: Siam Commercial Bank - Patong Branch

SWIFT Code: SICOTHBK

Savings A/C Name: Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation

Savings A/C #: 601-2-71944-7

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DONATIONS

We are extremely grateful to the team at Bangkok Hospital Phuket for giving PHBGTO the opportunity to be one of the not-for-profits on their donation box. A huge thank you to all who donated over the last 3 months! We are delighted to share that almost **฿8,000** was collected. We hope to be chosen as charity of choice again in 3 months' time!



This campaign urges Friends of the Foundation to donate their small change. We use these donations to purchase teaching equipment and supplies. In September we are fundraising for 300 A5 half-lined workbooks for the second school term, which will cost 5,000 baht.

Please remember
"EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS"



Every coin you save and donate makes a difference to disadvantaged children's education and life opportunities.

PLEASE HELP - PURCHASE SUPPLIES

Our teachers' classroom wish list:

- Ink for teachers' printer:
Brother BT5000 M, C , Y & BTD60 BK
- Large, strong-standing fans
- A4 photocopy paper (80 msg)
- Future board and coloured card
- Thick mounting tape
- A5 double lined notebooks

After-school club and birthday gifts:

- Ink for Coconut Club printer:
Epson 001 M, C, Y & BK
- Water bottles
- Decorative A5 notebooks
- Cotton canvas tote bags
- Hair accessories, hats, coin purses etc.
- Lightly worn T-shirts & shoes
- Small memory/matching games



DONATIONS

PHBGU wishes to offer our sincere gratitude to Kay & Glen and CB Fitness Muay Thai Gym in Australia for their involvement in the Foundation over the years. Since they met us over a decade ago, they have held raffles and BBQs etc. to raise more than **\$230,000** for our charity, along with other donations (swimming goggles, whiteboard markers etc.).



Furthermore, CB Fitness have donated almost **\$10,000** this year, from their donation box. Thank you to everyone that handed in their loose change up to Kay and Glen's retirement in August.

There are many ways to support the children and be a part of the amazing work of PHBGU – here are some examples of the donations that have been given this term:

Cooking equipment & Ingredients

Table tennis table

Educational resources

Stationary supplies

Pre-loved clothes

Notebooks

Laminator

Yoga mats

Microphones & Speakers

Water bottles

A huge THANK YOU to all the Friends of the Foundation for your continued generous support!

We also encourage members of the community to donate clothes or toys to the children. Thank you to all our kind supporters who have recently donated pre-loved clothing. If we can't give the items to the 260 children aged 7 to 18 who live at Kamala School during term time, Khun Arporn makes sure the items go to families in need.



FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the Friends of the Foundation for supporting our work with financial contributions and donations of goods, or by giving their time to help the teachers enrich our children's lives.



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



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