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End of the School Year at Kamala



At the end of the last academic year, in March, we honored the hard work of our students!

Congratulations to our top 3 English scorers in P4/2 and P6/2! Your dedication and talent in mastering the English language truly shone last year!

But, in our class, scores aren't the only thing we celebrate! We also want to recognize our amazing star students who have demonstrated outstanding effort, great discipline, punctuality, and consistent attendance.

You are the heart of our class, and we are so proud of each of you!



It is always a pleasure to see our students excel, especially the ones we have seen grow over the years

Welcome to our New Teacher

In May we came back for the new school year, and were excited to welcome our new teacher, Ying, who has joined our students on their learning adventures.

"Hello, my name is Nassarin Salaeh and my nickname is Ying. I would like to thank our kind donors for giving me the opportunity to join the team at Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation.

I am truly delighted to be part of this team and I will do my very best in fulfilling my teaching dream and duties".



Primary 6 Students' Reflections

The feedback from Primary 6 students at the end of the last school year shows their happiness and enthusiasm for learning English with our teachers. Most students said they enjoyed the lessons, describing them as fun and interesting. This made learning easier and more inspiring for them. Many students also shared that they have improved their English skills, including speaking and reading, and they feel more confident. They also appreciated the teachers' kindness and their constant support, both in the classroom and outside. Students especially value the activities and special gifts, such as those provided in the after-school Coconut Club.

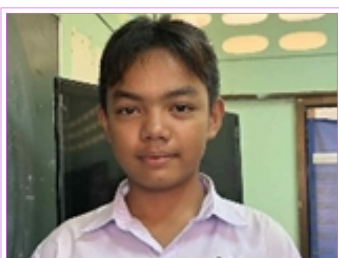


Some examples of their comments about their PHBG TU Teachers:



"My PHBG TU Teacher's class is the most fun in school, and they care and help us whenever we need. They are generous and kind to all of us. I love learning with the English teachers all the time. We are now at the end of our Primary journey, I hope these teachers will stay in this school for a long time and watch us graduate in Secondary 6. I love you teachers and I will make you proud."

"When I first started learning with my PHBG TU teacher in Primary 4, I thought English was very difficult. But the teacher helped me understand and now I can learn well. I feel like I have gained a lot of knowledge."



"I don't always like going to school, but I enjoy learning with the PHBG TU teachers. The lessons are fun and full of activities. I feel happy when I talk to my teacher because they care about us. Teachers always worry about us and want us to be good people."

A New School Year

The whole school buzzed with excitement and anticipation as we started a new academic year in May.

In our first lessons, we like to dedicate time to defining our goals for Term 1 and discussing our classroom agreements. With everyone motivated for a fantastic year ahead, the students are always excited to work together, stay focused, and achieve great things!



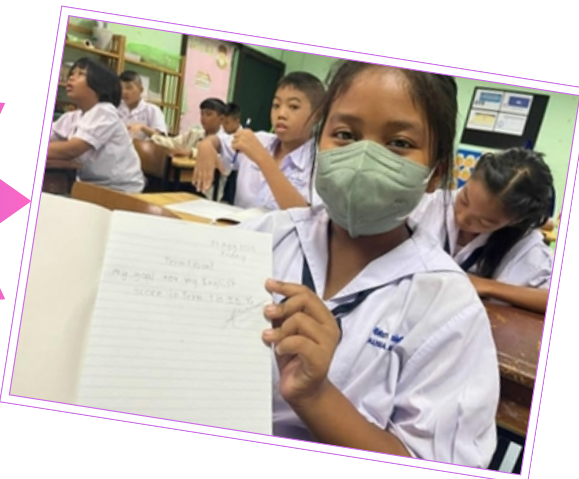
Be Respectful



Do Our Best



Keep Safe



Kamala School Lower Primary Years (P1 - P3) Update

Meeting the new faces of the seven-year-old **Primary 1** students is always a special moment! The students are settling in their PHBG TU English classes beautifully - with a mix of excitement and a touch of nervousness.

Thanks to our caring teachers, they feel supported and ready to embrace this new chapter.



Primary 3 students had so much fun learning about Daily Routines! The students watched videos, listened to sample sentences, and acted out each routine to help them remember the vocabulary better and understand the meanings more clearly. They were so enthusiastic and eager to participate—especially when doing the gestures! This activity helped build their confidence in speaking English while also learning new vocabulary in a fun and engaging way.

In **Primary 2**, our students explored the connection between emotions and self-identity through a creative art activity. They were asked to draw a picture of themselves based on how they were feeling that day. The results were truly heartwarming — each child brought their unique personality and emotion to life on paper.

Do these drawings capture the essence of who they are? We think they do!



Kamala School Upper Primary Years (P4 - P6) Update

Our **Primary 4** students learned about “My Family Tree” and vocabulary related to all family members. Then, they created their own Family Tree. Everyone was very focused and did a great job with their drawings! This activity not only helped students improve their English skills, but also encouraged them to appreciate the importance of family.



In **Primary 5**, we explored the different roles within our school community and how they all work together to create a supportive environment. We created a diagram to visualise how these roles are interconnected, helping students understand that everyone's effort contributes to the whole system. They also reflected on how challenging student life can be, but recognising the efforts of

teachers, parents, school staff, and support workers makes them eager to improve and contribute more.

In our **Primary 6** class, students eagerly tackled a fun tongue twister exercise that boosted their confidence in speaking. This type of activity not only helps to improve pronunciation and diction but also enhances overall oral fluency, making it an excellent tool for English Second Language learners. Teacher Jerlin's challenge added extra excitement as students raced against the clock to perfect their enunciation.



The Chicorée Foundation Kalim School PHBG TU Kindy Classes

At the start of the new year, the **Kindy 1** students undertook a period of adjustment, since it was their first time studying and because they had never been away from their parents before. Now that last year's Kindy 1 students have moved up to **Kindy 2**, they are more comfortable in the classroom - they have adjusted well, are focused, and pay attention to their studies.



The **Kindy 3** class has a lot of students this year. So, to help control the class and allow for smooth teaching, extra teaching resources are being provided.



In the second month of the academic year, the Kindy students were taught numbers (up to 20, depending on Kindy level) and some basic colors in English. They were also taught the alphabet through engaging methods, including daily singing activities, handwriting exercises and practicing phonics to help them recognize the sounds of each letter.

Later in the Semester, the children began learning about basic shapes and continued to learn and practice phonics. Writing practice continued to be a part of the daily routine in the classroom. Overall this term, the students have been focused and paid attention to their studies, learning quickly, remembering well, and showing consistent growth.



The Chicorée Foundation Kalim School PHBG TU Primary Classes

Congratulations Teacher Melody and your Primary Year 6 PHBG TU English class students! Ranked 4th out of all Phuket Government Schools in last school year's Government O-NET English exam. Your hard work and determination paid-off.



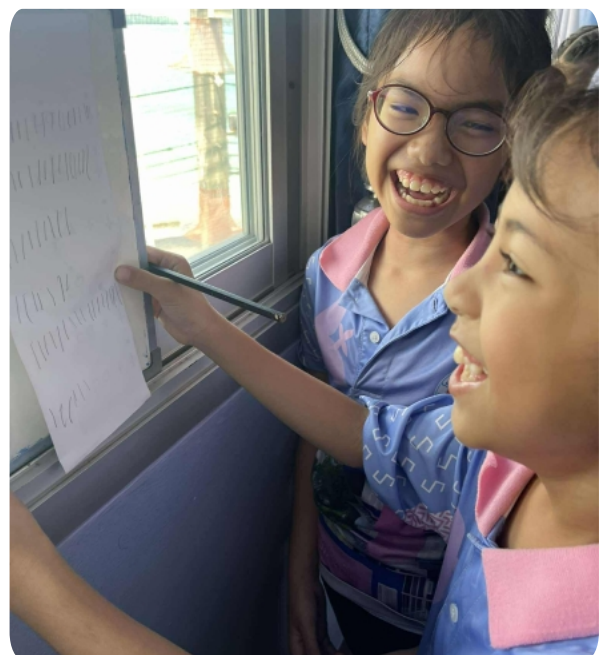
For the **Lower Primary** students, the new academic year started by them recalling the class rules and etiquette, ensuring they understood what is expected of them in the classroom. For the **Higher Primary** students, they started their first few days in school determining and writing down their goals. In the first week of school, the sixth graders had their first library visit and enjoyed choosing books to read.



On 9th June we celebrated World Oceans Day by cleaning up the beach right in front of the school, created beautiful posters and shared ways on how to care for the environment after watching an educational video.

In June we also implemented pair tutoring for the Higher Primary students, wherein fast learners assisted the slow learners in some of our activities.

Throughout this Semester, the focus has been on building foundational knowledge in English and on improving writing skills, with group activities encouraging passive learners to be more cooperative and proactive in class.



Kamala School Coconut Club



At the start of the new school year, we had a Coconut Club party. The children had so much fun with “Pin the Tail on the Donkey”! It was not only a fun game but also a great way to practice important skills – listening, estimating distance, balance, and teamwork. The room was filled with laughter and smiles, making it another beautiful day of happiness and learning!

This term, residential students had a great time practicing Muay Thai with experienced visitors who generously shared their skills. Not only did the students learn Muay Thai techniques, but they also had the chance to practice their English communication with the visitors. It was a wonderful opportunity to help them build confidence and improve their speaking skills in a fun and interactive way!



The residential students love Coconut Club cooking class! Here they are making toasted bread topped with cheese and fresh tomatoes. From slicing the ingredients to arranging them just right before toasting, the students worked together with care and creativity. The result? A tasty and satisfying snack they were proud to share!

We're not just teaching children for fun; we're equipping them with knowledge and skills for a lifetime of learning!



How Can You Support Our Work?

SPONSOR A CHILD

*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!*



Over 260 students aged 7 to 18 live at Kamala School during term time. Natwasa (Nickname Prim) is one of those children. In May she came to live at school and study in Primary Year 4. She misses helping her grandmother around the house, but is already happy and settled at school. She works hard in our PHBGU English classes and loves to attend all of our after-school Coconut Club activities. Your sponsorship can help to give Natwasa and her friends a brighter future.

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

MAKE A DONATION

Phuket Has Been Good To Us receives no government funding and relies solely on the generosity of businesses and kind individuals.

WE NEED YOUR HELP to continue providing quality English education for FREE to orphans and children from low-income families.

Here's how to contribute:

Bank name: Siam Commercial Bank - Patong Branch

SWIFT Code: SICOTHBK

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Fundraising

Sunset Sips & Canapés with Ocean View on Bangtao Beach - Saturday 4th October



Mingle for a good cause - enjoy **two cocktails / bubbles or wine, delicious bites, live entertainment, and prizes**, all for just **฿1,000 NET**, with a 20% discount on dinner available for those who wish to stay and enjoy the night. Or, if you are still in the mood to party, you can head over to the **after-party at Solis**. Enjoy drinks at golden hour prices from 8:30pm 'till late.

Halloween Spooktacular - at Niran Farm on Saturday 1st November

- Halloween Games with Prizes
- Trick Horse Rider Show
- Kids' Tombola, Adult Raffle, Auctions
- BBQ Buffet Dinner
- Spooky Costume Parade with Prizes
- Special Performance by EKA Soundz



Tickets by donation – early bird discount available

VIP Experience (Aircon Room + Welcome Drink): ฿1,200 (was ฿1,600)

Regular Ticket: ฿1,000 (was ฿1,200)

Kids (5–12 years): Half Price - includes 5 game coupons. Under 5: Free entry

International Networking for Charity - 5th September



Almost 50 guests came together to celebrate the incredible charitable work happening across Phuket. The energy and passion in the room was truly inspiring. Huge thanks to everyone who joined us and to all those who helped make this event possible. Over **฿40,000** was raised and all proceeds from the event will be shared between the wonderful charities represented:

Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation
Rotary Club of Patong Beach

Good Shepherd Phuket Town
Pre Loved Charity Store



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Happy Birthday

The Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort team helped our teachers run an amazing joint birthday party for all the children aged 6 to 12 who live at Kamala School. The children were ecstatic to receive the wonderful gifts

from Mike and Kim who continue to send us the most fabulous parcels of fantastic goodies from Australia. Also, a shout out goes to Shaun Stenning at 5 Star Marine for collecting them for us. We appreciate you!



A Huge Thank You to AustCham Thailand!

We are deeply grateful to the members of AustCham Thailand for their continued support through the AustCham CSR Programme.

Thanks to their generous donation of **฿60,000**, we can continue providing free English education to the Primary Year 3 classes at Kamala School – giving these students valuable skills for a brighter future.

Caring Students

Big thanks to Year 12 students Jasmin, Emily, Sonia, and Jessica from British International School, Phuket - BISP. These incredible young women led a Period Product Drive, asking their school community to donate

sanitary napkins for the girls living at Kamala School. Thanks to their efforts, students in need now have access to essential supplies, helping them attend class with confidence. This support means more girls can focus on their education, not their periods.



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Annual Donation Ceremony

In June, **Café del Mar**, who we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with last year to formalize and strengthen our relationship, invited students from Kamala School, Friends of the Foundation and Sponsors to a special ceremony. At the ceremony, we were presented with a giant cheque for **฿50,000!**



A huge thank you to Café del Mar Phuket for their continued support of the children and for hosting the ceremony and thank you, too, Jason Beavan and **The Phuket News**, for sharing this great news story.

Also a massive “Thank You” to our wonderful prize donors who helped us raise an additional **฿16,000** through a lucky dip prize draw.

Raffle Prize Donors

Aqua	Lucha Cantina
Baan Rim Pa	Mrs. B's
Bucha Gallery & Restaurant	Outrigger Khao Lak Beach Resort
Café Del Mar	Pizza on Fire, Laguna
Chem Hair Salon	Stefanie
Diamond Cliff Resort & Spa	The SIS Kata
Homemade Desserts by Anastasia Mayer	Unni's Restaurant
La Salada Rawai	Wilsons Resteraunt & Cafe
Elite Etoll Fitness	Zendrian, Laguna



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Charity of Choice

We are extremely grateful to the team at **Bangkok Phuket Hospital** for making PHBG TU one of the not-for-profits benefiting from their donation box. A huge thank you to all who donated, and especially to those who chose to donate to PHBG TU. We are excited to share that over **฿25,000** was collected.



We look forward to being your charity of choice again in November!



A Heartfelt Thank You to Nigel Brooker and Business Class Group

We are deeply grateful to the team at Business Class Group and long-time friend and supporter Nigel Brooker for their ongoing monthly donations in support of our Wednesday after-school Coconut Club. Thanks to their generous contributions, we are able to offer the children who live full-time at Kamala School a wide variety of special activities

from hands-on cooking sessions to arts and crafts projects.

Thank you for ensuring we can continue to plan such fun, meaningful activities for residential children.

Our role as educators extends far beyond the classroom; it's about building strong relationships and fostering a supportive environment.



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Delicious Donations

A big thank you to **Bocconcino Restaurant** for kindly inviting our students to try the Restaurant's delicious Sunday Domenica Bomboloni breakfast and for collecting donations in support of our work.

We are truly grateful for your generous support of our foundation and the children. Your kindness helps create meaningful experiences and happy memories for them.



A Welcome Return

Thank you to **Kevin Vaz** for coming back to visit and spending such a meaningful time with our students at Coconut Club once again. Not only did Kevin join fun activities with the students, but he also brought along adorable elephant keychains from **Seeds of Change**, that truly brightened their day. Kevin, your kindness and continued support means so much to us and the students.



Splashes & Smiles

A heartfelt thank you to Friend of the Foundation Billie for introducing us to Chelsea and Lathy Williams, who kindly opened their home to us. They generously offered their swimming pool to give our students the chance to practice not only swimming techniques but also important survival skills in water.

On top of that, the students enjoyed a special meal and even received thoughtful gifts that made the day truly memorable. We are so grateful for this support - opportunities like these create lasting experiences and life skills for our students.



Please Help - Purchase Supplies

- Large strong standing fans for class
- A durable laminator
- Ink for after-school computer lab:
Epson 001 M, C, Y & BK
- A4 photocopy paper (80gsm)
- AAA batteries
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Birthday gifts

Please Help - Donate Your Spare Change

#Coins for Charity, is a campaign that urges people to donate the small change they have gathered at home. So far this project has raised **฿4,082**. How quickly those coins add up!! These donations have been used to purchase teaching equipment and supplies. Please remember, every little bit helps!!

COINS FOR CHARITY



Collect small change and donate it to PHBGU to make a big difference! THANK YOU!

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WHERE TO DONATE YOUR COINS?

Updated drop-off spots

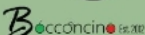
- Ann's Kitchen The Diner - Thalang
- Bocconcino - Boat Avenue
- Lucha Cantina - Rawai & Chalong
- PHBGU Office - Kamala
- Solis Beach Club - Bangtao
- Sole Mio Boutique Hotel - Bangtao
- Taste Bar and Grill - Bangtao
- Unni's - Nai Harn
- Wilson's Cafe - Rawai

Please let Tina@phukethasbeengoodtous.org know if you would like to collect coins at your business!

DONATE YOUR BAG OF COINS FOR PHBGU TODAY! THANK YOU!



Please help us to buy A5 notebooks for all 300 primary year students we teach at Kamala School.



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



Friends of the Foundation

We'd like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to **ALL** our amazing Friends of the Foundation. **THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed - through donations, helping out, or attending fundraisers. Your generosity is transforming the lives of our children and opening doors to a brighter future.



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If you would like to find out how you can help
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