

Newsletter



March 2026



Welcome to our March 2026 newsletter!

This issue shares highlights from Kamala School and Kalim School, celebrating student achievements, community support and recent fundraising activities that help us continue providing free English education and after-school programmes for children in Phuket.

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Updates From Kamala School

School Sports Day

The children cheered on their friends and proudly showcased their athletic skills, while others supported as cheerleaders or played in the band. What a great way to build confidence and teamwork! Sports Day is always an exciting time of year for our students, who enjoyed taking part in a fun and energetic atmosphere.



A Winning Smile

Kamala Administration visited school to conduct a dental check-up and oral-health awareness session. Students expanded their English vocabulary with Teacher Jerlin, learning the different parts of the mouth and the importance of brushing their teeth properly. It was especially meaningful to see former students, now alumni, actively involved in organising the event.



Exam Time Again

Exams are about much more than scores – they reflect the learning process students have developed throughout the semester. Students showed determination, concentration and careful effort in completing the exams to the best of their abilities. This important milestone helps build confidence, responsibility and a positive attitude towards learning.



Updates From Kamala School

Kru Pearl



Our Birthday Celebration is Back!

Before the school term ended, we celebrated with our residential students aged 13–15 who live at Kamala School. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, students received school supplies, pre-loved clothing and shoes, hats, gifts and other useful items to support them.

The wonderful team from the **Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort**, who have supported similar events for other age groups, organised fun “Minute to Win It” games which brought plenty of laughter and excitement to the celebration. They also generously provided sandwiches, snacks and juice for everyone to enjoy.



A huge thank you to the Hyatt team for bringing so much colour, joy and energy to the day, and to Mike and Kim McGrath for continuing to send the most wonderful birthday gifts from Australia.



Kamala School Lower Primary

Years (P1 - P3) Updates

PRIMARY 1 explored the Five Senses, learning how their eyes, ears, noses, mouths and skin work together. Students learned the important roles each sense plays and how one sense can help when another is limited.



PRIMARY 2 students wrote simple sentences about different animals, focusing on what they can and cannot do. Students showed great creativity in their work, and some even shared their writing on the board, demonstrating growing confidence and developing writing skills.

PRIMARY 3 students took part in an activity about healthy and unhealthy foods. Students took turns coming to the board to draw different foods in the correct category. The activity helped students understand nutrition while also encouraging confidence, teamwork in a joyful learning atmosphere.



Kamala School Upper Primary

Years (P4 - P6) Updates

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PRIMARY 4 students practised their understanding of “tricky words” through a listening and spelling activity. Their teacher read the words aloud while students practised writing and spelling them independently. This helped improve listening skills, word recognition and spelling while building confidence in using English vocabulary.

PRIMARY 5 students explored the fascinating world of animals. They learned to distinguish cheetahs from jaguars and leopards, and discovered the powerful legs and keen eyesight of ostriches. The swift wingbeats of hummingbirds captured their attention, while the intelligence of chimpanzees, including their ability to use tools and learn sign language, amazed the class.



PRIMARY 6 students took part in basic English conversations as their exit task. Students were encouraged to practise speaking English outside the classroom to strengthen their skills each day. Regular one-on-one conversations with teachers help improve speaking ability and build confidence in using the language.





The Chicorée Foundation Kalim School PHBG TU Primary Classes

Throwback to Christmas

Thanks to the support of Mika from **Siamese Dreams**, twelve children performed a tropical version of *The 12 Days of Christmas*. They had great fun singing and dancing and were delighted with the pyjamas and Santa hats they received.



Congratulations
Rahim!



This was such a positive experience for him that, moving forward, Teacher Melody will start an after-school English club where the children can practice conversational English and, if they wish, train for future English competitions.

Storytelling Competition

This term, Kalim student Rahim, aged 12 and in Primary Year 4, won a Phuket-wide storytelling competition. Students from 36 government schools took part, and with just one week of preparation Rahim won **GOLD!**



Kamala School Coconut Club



Throwback to the Christmas Party

Students enjoyed playing games such as Rubber Band Relay and Copy Machine. Santa Claus also made a special appearance to hand out gifts. A big thank you to Billie, Padme, Santa Graham, and our visitors from Amanpuri for generously providing gifts, snacks, juice and cookies for the students.

Yoga Is Back

Students practised mindfulness, learned breathing techniques and tried gentle yoga poses to relax their bodies and focus their minds. It was wonderful to see their smiles as they balanced, stretched and discovered the joy of mindful movement. Thank you to Lakshi for returning to lead the yoga sessions once again.



Pizza Time

Our residential students enjoyed making Hawaiian pizza. They learned how to cut ingredients safely and correctly while also practising English vocabulary. A big thank you to Paul for supporting this cooking activity; his help and guidance made the experience both enjoyable and meaningful for the students.



Fundraising

The 2nd Women's Conference: "Authenticity in the Age of AI"



On Thursday 26 February, over 70 Russian-speaking guests from across Eastern Europe came together at **Banyan Tree Phuket** to celebrate women's achievements. Guests heard from inspiring speakers and enjoyed the opportunity to bid on prizes donated by friends in the community.

Kamala School's **Young Boy Band** performed live at the event. The students showcased their musical talents in an energetic performance featuring saxophone, guitar and electronic drums. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to share their passion and build confidence on stage.



A special thank you to **Ksenia** and **Tanya** for their continued support of the children. We truly appreciate your kindness, generosity and dedication in making this event possible.

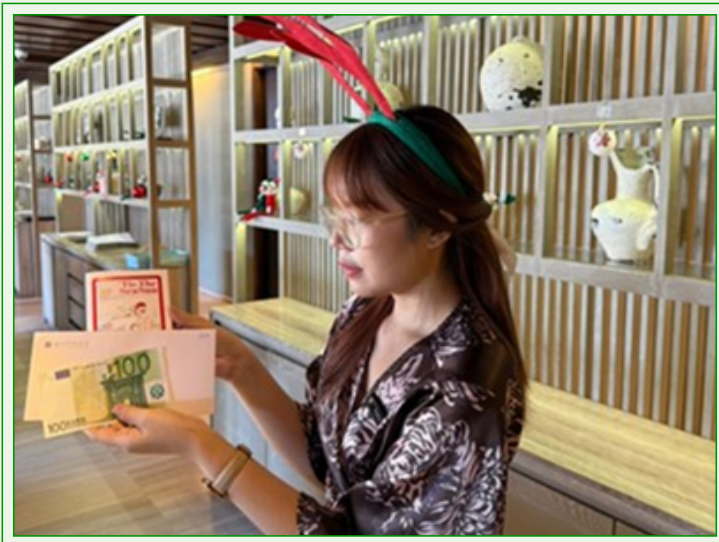
**An amazing THB 260,000
was raised on the day!**



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Kata Rocks Superyacht Rendezvous

Closing Party included a special charity element. An amazing **THB 100,000** was raised through fun games and generous donations. Milla Chappell guessed the correct combination for the mystery briefcase and won a fabulous two-night stay in a two-bedroom pool villa. Thank you, **Kata Rocks**!



Thank you to Jade Lama and Padme Ostlind for sharing PHBG TU Christmas cards at the **Taste Bar & Grill** Christmas Farmers Market. Across all the markets we took our Christmas cards to, a total of **THB 47,000** was donated.



Christmas Kindness

Guests staying at the **Pullman Phuket Arcadia Naithon Beach** and **The Slate** over the Christmas period kindly donated more than **THB 8,000** through envelopes provided by the hotels.



A big thank you to **Bucha Gallery & Restaurant** for donating 20% of the profit from their special Christmas set menu to the **Phuket Has Been Good To Us Foundation**.



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A sincere thank you to the GM and the wonderful associates of **Centara Grand Beach Resort** and **Centara Villas Phuket** for generously giving their time and effort to organise Children's Day activities for the residential students at Coconut Club. They enjoyed a variety of fun games, received many prizes, and shared delicious food and snacks.

Thank you to **Business Class Group** and **Nigel Brooker** for donating funds to support Coconut Club supplies. From cooking ingredients to art supplies, their support helps ensure students can enjoy a variety of after-school activities. Through these activities, the children practise their English, discover new interests and enjoy sweet treats.



Treasure Rack Pop-Up at HOMA

Treasure Rack — where every item has a story and every sale supports the local community — has a permanent home at **Taste Bar & Grill**. Our team took part in their latest pop-up at **HOMA**. The team displayed beautiful pre-loved clothing donated to the charity that was not suitable for the children's birthday parties, raising more than **THB 4,000**.



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Artistic Donation

Thank you to Nicole, a friend of the Foundation, for donating sketchbooks so the children can showcase their artwork. During this art session, students explored the theme "Sunset." It was a great opportunity for them to express their creativity and imagination through art.



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- Large, strong standing fans
- A durable laminator
- Ink for after-school computer lab: Epson 001 M, C, Y & BK
- A5 triple-lined notebooks
- Rechargeable AA batteries & charger
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Tote bags for birthday gifts



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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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