

Newsletter



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Welcome to our August 2026 Newsletter!

In this issue, we look at ways our teachers combine education with emotional support for the children. We also share highlights from Kamala School and Kalim School, detail recent and upcoming fundraising activities and help we continue to receive from our kind donors and supporters, enabling us to provide free English education and after-school programme.

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Every Child Matters

In our English Programme and Coconut Club, our teachers care just as much about who our students are becoming as what marks they get. Some children show they're hurting in ways that can look challenging on the surface. Behind every outburst, every classroom incident, every discipline concern, every learning difficulty, there is a story. Our teachers take the time to listen, ask questions, hear every side, and guide students through what really happened.



Fact-finding, calm conversations, guidance and counselling all take time, but we've seen how powerful they are. Students are learning to reflect on their actions, communicate their feelings more clearly, ask for help when they need it, show empathy to others, and take real ownership and accountability for their choices. Their commitment to their action plans is sealed with a pinkie promise - a simple, heartfelt symbol of trust and responsibility.

With so much to manage each day, it would be easier to overlook some issues and hope they sort themselves out, but the Primary Years are when children build their core foundations. Our teachers know how important it is that students feel seen, heard and guided. When children feel safe to make mistakes, ask for support, and learn from their experiences, their academic learning becomes stronger and more meaningful too. This kind of steady, student-centred support takes time, training and resources, and we can't do it alone.



If you'd like to know how you can help or support our programme, please send us a DM or email tina@phukethasbeengoodtous.org



Updates From Kamala School

Start of the New School Year

At the start of the new school year, the PHBG TU team gathered together the children to share the Foundation's vision for the year ahead. The team introduced our goals for English language education, highlighted the after-school activities available and explored programmes we provide to support the children's learning, wellbeing and development.



Wai Kru Ceremony

The school was buzzing with smiles and warmth as our students lovingly prepared flowers and beautiful Phan trays to honour their teachers and receive their blessings. To add to the excitement, the school also held a Wai Kru Tray Competition! Witnessing their dedication truly made it a special day for all of us.

Celebrating World Oceans Day

Students visited the Marine Biological Center, where they explored the world of coral reefs, engaged in an ocean-themed yoga session, and participated in a coral planting workshop. A heartfelt thank you to Marat and Nadia and to the team at the **Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort** for continuing to aid us in extending learning beyond the classroom.



Updates From Kamala School

Birthday Party Celebrations

We celebrated a special birthday party for all of our Primary and Senior Year 1 students who have to live at school. It was an unforgettable day filled with games, fun, and endless laughter.

Once again the team from the **Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort** brought so much energy and fun, as well as lovely treats for the kids! We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends of our Foundation who provided school supplies, clothes, soft toys, shoes and daily essentials for life in the dorms. Seeing the sheer joy on the children's faces when receiving these items means the world to us. Thank you to every kind-hearted supporter for being such an important part of our students' journey!



Fun Day Out at the Radisson

Huge thanks to Khun Min and the amazing team from **Radisson Resort & Suites Phuket** for their incredible kindness and warm welcome. Thank you for opening up your beautiful space, letting our students enjoy the swimming pool, and hosting such fun activities for them.

Not only did the students have the best time playing, but the resort also treated them to a delicious breakfast that kept everyone energised and full of smiles all morning. This wonderful day, filled with laughter and joy, wouldn't have been possible without your generous support. Huge thanks too, to the **Rotary Club of Patong Beach** for providing the swimwear and goggles for the children.



Kamala School Coconut Club



Let's Keep our Community Beautiful!

In July, we launched a monthly beach clean-up, to protect nature, clear plastic rubbish, and show our students how much we care. We would love for you to join us – we gather on the first Monday of each month, in front of Kamala Rajaprajanugroh 36 School at 3:45pm, for 1 hour of clean-up and fun!

Special Workshop

We are deeply grateful to Singapore's **ILDO Taekwondo Academy** for reaching out to our Foundation and hosting a wonderful introductory class on basic Taekwondo skills for our students. The ILDO Taekwondo trainers brought maximum energy, and our students absolutely matched it! Everyone showed incredible focus and teamwork throughout the session, completely blowing us away. Seeing the children try something completely new with such passion and joy was truly heartwarming.



It's a Wrap!

This cooking session was all about making a simple and delicious Chicken Wrap! Our students worked together in small groups, taking part in every step of the process, from chopping fresh vegetables and cutting the wrap sheets to cooking the chicken.

Everyone showed great teamwork, shared responsibilities, and supported one another throughout the activity.



Kamala School Lower Primary

Years (P1 - P3) Updates

Our **Primary 1** learners are gaining confidence this term, as they explore the sounds of letters and essential vocabulary. Lessons use a mix of approaches, including Jolly Phonics actions and songs with short background stories so pupils link sounds to meaning and remember vocabulary more easily. We also adapt activities to suit different learning styles across the class, helping every child engage and progress.



We are now counting to 20 in our **Primary 2** English classes and making great progress! Many students can count to 100 in Thai but feel less confident in English beyond 10.

Using counting blocks, the teacher called out numbers and students listened carefully, then counted and showed the correct number of blocks.

Everyone joined in with big smiles, helpful teamwork, and a healthy bit of friendly competition.

As part of **Primary 3's** daily routines, each student reads one Daily Routines sentence aloud before leaving the classroom. This activity helps students review vocabulary, practise pronunciation, and build confidence in speaking English.



Kamala School Upper Primary

Years (P4 - P6) Updates

Our **Primary 4** students continue learning about school subjects by practising how to write simple sentences, to express their opinions about different subjects.

These activities help students learn new vocabulary and develop their ability to express their ideas through complete sentences.



Our **Primary 5** students embarked on an exploration of the topic of school, discussing its importance, roles, and the responsibilities they hold as students. They took part in a brainstorming session, where each student drew their ideal school. Presenting their drawings allowed them to introduce themselves in English, showcasing their creativity and communication skills.



Our **Primary 6** students explored the topic of identity, focusing on what makes us unique and our shared humanity. They engaged in a discussion about the significance of Pride Month and its origins. The insights they shared reflected their understanding that differences among us are to be celebrated, and everyone is deserving of respect and equal rights, regardless of race, religion, or gender identity.





The Chicorée Foundation Kalim School PHBGTTU Kindergarten Classes

In **Kindy 1**, a range of developmentally appropriate teaching materials and learning resources were created and put into use. Children were provided with opportunities to practice through practical exercises, educational games, and everyday routines, progressively gaining confidence and becoming more adept at using numbers in everyday circumstances.



Kindy 2 students developed their vocabulary skills through flashcards, classroom discussions, and songs practised regularly in each lesson. They have demonstrated the ability to quickly recognize and use new vocabulary in meaningful contexts and apply their learning to everyday situations.

In **Kindy 3**, during workbook activities, students were provided with opportunities to read individually with the teacher. This allowed the teacher to closely monitor each student's progress and identify those who may benefit from additional support and targeted guidance, to further develop their reading skills.





The Chicorée Foundation Kalim School PHBG TU Primary Classes

Lower Primary

The **Primary 1** students have now fully adapted and adjusted to a more complex form of learning.

In **Primary 2** there were a few students who needed more guidance and practice. A small group reading drill was reinforced for close monitoring, and the students who needed more practice were guided to do so.

In **Primary 3**, to easily remember the vocabulary related to the topic, the students watched videos, answered quizzes, and played classroom games until they were able to remember the vocabulary words.



Higher Primary

Notable progress has been achieved by the Higher Primary students, who have moved from catching single familiar words to comprehending a more complex vocabulary and spoken dialogue. Students grew their word lists, explored more complex activities and concepts, and showed more maturity with their studies.



Fundraising

Your amazing fundraising efforts make such a huge difference to everything we do. Together we are changing children's lives; helping them feel loved, valued, and encouraged to dream big - **THANK YOU** for your continued contribution.

Community Event

At **The Flying Lizard**, lots of bargains were on offer, including pre-loved clothes & toys, beautiful hand-made bags, as well as Coffee Culture, tasty baking goods and a lucky draw to win Barada chocolate. Over **THB 5,000** was raised on the day for the Foundation.



The next event is being held at Blue Tree on 28th Aug – hope to see you there!

Charity Walk Around Phuket

Paco, a school counsellor, is walking all the way around the island in 21 stages over the coming months, raising awareness and funds for five children's charities, including PHBGU. You can support Paco by joining him for one of his walks, or by making a donation. Follow Paco's journey and find out how you can get involved:



Facebook: A Walk Around Phuket

Instagram: @awalkaroundphuket

International Day of Charity - 5th Sep

A Networking Coffee Morning, connecting changemakers and those eager to get involved. Join us at **SHAMAN** for coffee, inspiring stories, networking and practical



ideas around giving and community engagement. In support of PHBGU, Good Shepherd Phuket Town and Rotary Club Patong Beach. By donation: **THB 1,000**. Breakfast available to order. Please RSVP to tina@phukethasbeengoodtous.org

Donors & Supporters

The PHBGTO Foundation would like to express our deepest gratitude to all our wonderful donors for supporting our English programme.

Your kindness and support help us to continue providing quality education and make a real difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for investing in our community and helping us create a brighter future - **THANK YOU**

If you would like to help out
PLEASE contact Tina Hall at: tina@phukethasbeengoodtous.org

Truly Inspiring

Polly and Libby's grandparents sponsor a child through Phuket Has Been Good To Us and now **Polly** is inspiring others to help too. Recently, at her Achievement Assembly at Rhiwbina Primary School in Cardiff, Polly gave a motivational speech encouraging fellow students and families to support



the education of disadvantaged children in Phuket. We are so proud of Polly for using her voice to make a difference and helping other children understand the power of kindness, opportunity, and education. Bravo Polly!

Pedal Power

The Foundation would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the **Microsoft** team members from across Asia for donating the 10 bicycles they assembled during their team building programme at the **Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort**. The children will have fun using these at Coconut Club.



Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



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Every Baht Makes a Difference

We are extremely grateful to the wonderful team at **Bangkok Hospital Phuket** for once again giving PHBGU the opportunity to be one of the charities benefiting from their donation box programme. A huge thank you to everyone who donated!

We are delighted to share that over **THB 10,000** was raised to support FREE English education and after-school activities for disadvantaged children in Phuket.

Investing in our Teachers

We are incredibly grateful to **Taras** and the team at **At Home Real Estate** for their generous donation of **THB 50,000** towards our teachers' salaries. Your kindness and support help us to continue providing quality education and make a real difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for investing in our community and helping us create brighter futures.



International Yoga Day

Friend of the Foundation, **Laurence Roufart (Lolo)**, recently ran a Sound Healing class, with 100% of the donations to be used for our Coconut Club Beach Clean-Up. With the **THB 5,000** raised, we purchased sun hats, bags, gloves and, moving forward, icecream treats will be bought for each clean-up! A huge thank you to everyone who gave from the heart.



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Creative & Caring

At the recent Creative Market at **Taste Bar & Grill**, where beautiful artisanal bags and **Coffee Culture's Thai Brew Collection** were on sale, a total of **THB 4,500** was raised, to help support our English Programme.

Every little bit makes a difference – **THANK YOU** so much!



Music for the kids!

We would like to give a huge shout-out and heartfelt thank you to our wonderful friend of the Foundation, **Jay Lay**, who works as a part-time musician in Hong Kong **@jaylay_music**. Playing music provides him with additional income, some of which he has kindly donated to support our various programmes and activities for the children.

We love that Jay's passion for music is helping to create more opportunities for our students!

Please Help - Make a Donation



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Friends of the Foundation

We send out a heart-felt thank you to all who continue to support us, whether through sponsorship, donations, volunteering, or in other ways.



We are so grateful to **Lakshi** for stopping by at our after-school Coconut Club to run yoga activities that helped our students to relax, improve flexibility and meditate at the same time. Refreshed and ready to go tomorrow! There were also treats to help boost the kids energy levels.

Long-term friends of the Foundation **Mike and Kim** continue to send boxes of goodies from Australia, filled with classroom & after-school club supplies, as well as fantastic birthday gifts for the children who have to live at school; their generosity brings so much joy. And a huge thank you to **Living Waters Phuket** and **5 Star Marine** for receiving and delivering these parcels.



Thank you to **Ksenia and Peter** for donating educational materials and learning supplies for our students, as well as goodies and treats for our birthday party celebrations. These thoughtful donations not only make our classroom lessons more engaging and fun, they also bring bright smiles, create special memories, and fill our children's birthday celebrations with absolute joy.

A huge shout-out to **Sharon and Aaron** from Sydney who purchased back-to-school supplies for the disadvantaged students at Kamala School. Thank you both so much for your kind donations; with your help we can change the futures of these children.



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