HEADSTART HEADLINERS

HeadStart
International School, Phuket



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Roles and Responsibilities

As you may know, the school has Student Leadership roles. There are four main roles in Primary: Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. There are also House Captains and Student Council Members.

Heads

The Head Boy and Head Girl are role models for younger children and represent all the Primary students at HeadStart. The Head Girl is Karina from Year 6 Yellow, and the Head Boy is Simon from Year 6 White. Along with the Student Council, Karina and Simon plan and run events like 'R U OK? Day' and assist with seasonal activities. Additionally, they lead Wai Kru Day, and every year in Term 1, they visit the Phuket Sunshine Village (PSV) to host a fun sports day. Like the Deputies and Student Council, they have regular meetings and sometimes welcome special guests.

Deputies

The Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl are two Year 5 students selected through an application and interview process. When they progress to the next year, they will become Head Boy and Head Girl. The Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl are Bogdan from Year 5 Blue and Kim from Year 5 White. Like the Heads, the Deputies also assist in many events. They will also visit PSV and attend meetings.

House Captains

The House Captains are a group of Year 6 children who organise games for Primary students every Wednesday and Friday during lunchtime. Performing well in these games will reward your house with house points. There are two House Captains for each house. The students selected for this role have been interviewed and chosen by Ms Norman. The House Captains are: Dasha and Lamu for the Blue Tigers, Ivan and Sophie for the Red Phoenixes, Fedor and Nara for the Green Dragons, and Mia and Veronica for the Yellow Cheetahs.

Student Council

The Student Council works to make the school a better place for children. They are responsible for hosting a variety of events, such as Halloween, Christmas and 'R U OK? Day'. It consists of children who have been voted by their classmates to be part of the council. There is one Student Council member for each homeroom from Years 3 to 6. The Student Council members are: Ava, Vale and Sophia from Year 3; Mimi, Henry and Kate from Year 4; Mew, George and Cherry from Year 5; and Lidia, Ella and Liz from Year 6.



by Jacob and Simon

Learner Attributes

Learner attributes are characteristics which all students at HeadStart should demonstrate daily. These learner attributes can help you become a better person, earn the 'Star of the Week' award and brighten someone else's day. The learner attributes include being Kind, Open-minded, Courageous, Creative, Resilient, Collaborative, Inquisitive, Respectful and Principled.

Being Kind

To be kind means offering a helping hand when others need assistance. You can show kindness by smiling at others or lending something to someone who needs it. Kindness can spread like a positive virus.

Being Courageous

To be courageous means facing your fears and having the strength to say 'no.' You can demonstrate courage by committing to your goals and taking risks. Courage involves persistence and staying committed to your aspirations.

Being Open Minded

Being open-minded means giving others a chance and being willing to accept different views and opinions. For example, being open to learning about a new person or culture. Sometimes, open-mindedness involves trying new things instead of dismissing them without experience.

Being Collaborative

Being collaborative means working effectively in a team. It involves recognising that everyone has different strengths and working together to achieve success.

Being Resilient

Being resilient means persevering through difficulties and challenges while continuing to strive for your goals. It often involves learning from mistakes and accepting when you are wrong to make progress.

by Lidia and Kim

Learner Attributes



Being Creative

Creativity is when you think outside the box or look at things differently. It's good for your brain because it helps it grow and makes learning fun.

Being Principled

Being principled means doing the right thing in everything you do. It's especially important when you need to be responsible or mature.

Being Respectful

Being respectful means treating others well and valuing their feelings and ideas. Many people show respect by greeting parents and teachers politely.

Being Inquisitive

Being inquisitive means wanting to learn more and asking questions. You can show it by being excited about learning new things.



by Lidia and Kim

Cherngtalay Update

There are two campuses for HeadStart International School Phuket: the Chaofah City Campus and the Cherngtalay Campus. The Chaofah Campus was built in 2015; however, we will focus on the Cherngtalay Campus.

The Cherngtalay Campus, located in front of Blue Tree Phuket, began construction in August 2023 and is not yet completed. Currently, it accommodates year groups ranging from pre-school to Year 9, with four more cohorts yet to be introduced. There are 408 children enrolled at this campus, compared to over 1000 pupils representing more than 50 nationalities at Chaofah.

Following the same curriculum as the City Campus, Cherngtalay also incorporates the Learner Attributes in Primary and has appointed a Head Boy and Head Girl. Like the Chaofah Campus, Cherngtalay has sports teams for basketball, swimming, and football. They recently completed an Olympic-sized swimming pool, measuring 50 metres, compared to the City Campus pool's 25 metres. The pool opened on Monday, 16 September 2024, and will host the Swimming PISAC. Students at Cherngtalay, like those at Chaofah, receive recognition for their involvement in academies and academic awards at the end of the year.
A unique addition to the Cherngtalay Campus is a slide connecting the second floor to the first floor.

What Cherngtalay students had to say:
One student said, "It is a great environment, it is so green, and not near a road so it's quiet." Another student mentioned, "The sports hall is really good! I love my Thai lessons, and the food tastes good!"







by Polina and Lauren

Friday Market

Every Friday of a new month, there is an exciting event full of fun, toys, and baked goods at the HeadStart Atrium after school. The event is called the Friday Market! At this event, there are many things people enjoy, focusing on the sale and crafting of products with minimal environmental impact, promoting a more sustainable way of life. The first Friday Market took place on the 5th of October 2018, which was six years ago.

We spoke to some of the attendees at the Friday Market, and they shared their thoughts with us. One attendee enthusiastically stated, "The Friday Market is amazing!" Another commented, "The food is mouth-watering," while someone else remarked, "The crochet is so cute!"

Overall, most of the customers we spoke to agreed that the Friday Market is a fantastic event that brings people together.

It starts at 2:30 pm and runs until 5:30 pm. If you would like to take part in this event, visit the front office where staff will be happy to help you.





by Jagger and Phoenix

R U OK? DAY

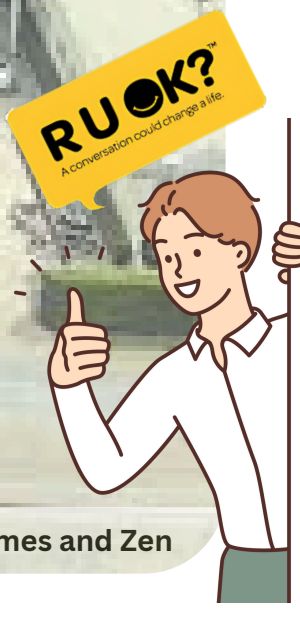
As you might know, the ‘R U OK? Day’ event occurred in Term 1.2. ‘R U OK? Day’ is designed to encourage people to have conversations that can help others through difficult times. The event takes place on the 12th of September every year, providing an opportunity for everyone to participate. By having regular, meaningful conversations, you can understand people's emotions and help them feel happier.

Originating from Australia, ‘R U OK? Day’ was founded by Gavin Larkin in 2009. The purpose of ‘R U OK? Day’ is to inspire and empower people to support others emotionally and make the world a better place.

This year, Primary students were given an assignment to ask HeadStart teachers about their emotions throughout the school day. The teachers shared how they were feeling, and pupils recorded these emotions on their activity sheets. Pupils were awarded two house points for filling their sheets with teachers' names. Many teachers said they were tired! Upon hearing this, students could relate to their feelings.

Through this activity, children learnt how to care for others and contribute to making the school a better place. As a result, the school is becoming brighter with lots of smiles!





by James and Zen

Year 5 Trip to Barada Chocolate Factory

The Barada Chocolate Factory is a wonderful place to visit to gain more knowledge about how chocolate is made and learn some interesting facts. It feels like chocolate heaven!

During our visit, we participated in many activities. For example, we had the opportunity to pick out a piece of cacao pulp once it was harvested. Then, we tried a cacao nib after it was roasted - it was 100% chocolate, so it was very dark! These beans were surprisingly quite bitter, but they smelled like premium chocolate.

They shared many fascinating facts with us. The owner of the factory kindly gave each person a piece of chocolate in the shape of a heart, with options of milk, white, and dark chocolate. There were so many different chocolates to try!









by Kim, Phoenix and Zen

Year 5 Trip to Barada Chocolate Factory

Our Review

We would definitely recommend this shop to any chocolate-lovers as you can make your own chocolate bar and buy premium chocolate handcrafted here in Phuket! It is especially good if you want to make your own bar of chocolate too. We were all super excited to make our own chocolate bar, as we got to design it ourselves with different toppings! We will never forget this wonderful experience.







by Kim, Phoenix and Zen

HALLOWEEN

Halloween at HeadStart 2024 was hosted on Thursday, 31st October. There were lots of different activities for Primary students to participate in, most of which were done in different year groups.

During morning break and lunch, the student council and their volunteers hosted eight activities for children to enjoy. There were six activities in the Atrium, as well as two on the football pitch. The Atrium activities included Slime-bola, Spooky Name Generator, How Many Spiders in the Jar, Pin the Nose on the Witch, Bowling, and The Red Carpet. The activities on the football pitch were the Witch's Hat Toss and The Sack Race. In some of these activities, you could even win house points for your team!

The food at lunchtime was incredible! There were plenty of delicious options waiting to be eaten: Bat Wings (chicken wings), Mummy Fingers (sausages), Witch's Hair (squid ink spaghetti), and even ice cream!

There were also some homeroom activities that were really fun!





by James and Polina

Loy Krathong

What is Loy Krathong?

Loy Krathong is a Thai festival celebrated throughout Asia to thank the Goddess of Water. It usually takes place in November on the evening of the full moon (November 15th in 2024). Krathong, meaning 'small vessel or basket,' is traditionally a small slice of a banana tree trunk decorated with leaves and flowers. During the festival, krathongs are equipped with a lit candle and then set afloat on a river.

Loy Krathong at HeadStart

To celebrate Loy Krathong this term at HeadStart, all Primary Thai First and Thai Foreign students had the opportunity to experience this excellent cultural event by participating in exciting activities, such as making their own krathongs. Students in Thai Foreign worked in groups with their teacher, while Thai First students worked individually.

Thai First students could also bring their own materials and invite their parents to school to help them create their krathongs.

As a bonus, pupils were encouraged to wear traditional Thai clothing for the special day. Finally, in Early Years and Reception, the children had a special Loy Krathong assembly in the Indoor Learning Center.





by Jacob

Phuket Sunshine Village

Phuket Sunshine Village (PSV) is a charity originally founded to support children affected by the 2004 tsunami. Today, PSV remains dedicated to providing love, care and support to children in need. Every year during Term 1.2, HeadStart proudly organises a fundraiser in collaboration with PSV. Last year, the school's pupils came together and raised an impressive amount - nearly half a million baht!

This year, on December 7th, the Student Council from both the Chaofah and Cherngtalay campuses visited PSV to host an exciting sports day, creating a memorable experience filled with fun and joy for the children at the charity. As part of the initiative, each class sponsored a child with a 5,000-baht donation. Additionally, various year groups planned creative activities to raise funds for these sponsorships.

The fundraising efforts officially began on Thursday 14th November, with a Casual Clothes Day, where students could wear their own clothes in exchange for a 50-baht donation.
Year 6 students took on a physical fundraising challenge, completing sit-ups, push-ups, and a military bleep test. Parents pledged donations based on the number of exercises their children completed.
Meanwhile, Year 5 students organized a lively Fun Run, where participants ran either individually or in groups, incorporating fun moves around the track. More complex moves earned 50 baht per lap, while simpler ones brought in slightly less. Students also secured sponsors who donated a fixed amount for every lap completed.





by Simon and Zen

Phuket Sunshine Village

Meanwhile, the students of Year 4 participated in an exhilarating Zombie Invasion Avoidance activity - though we'll leave the details to your imagination! Other year groups in the primary school also hosted unique and enjoyable fundraising events, all contributing to this worthy cause.

Through these collective efforts, HeadStart continued to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the children at Phuket Sunshine Village.





by Simon and Zen

House Points

You earn house points by doing good deeds in class throughout the school year. At the end of terms one and three, the winning house gets to go to the movies as a reward for having the most house points. From Year 5 and up, students will be able to go to Central to watch a movie and eat at a restaurant called “Sizzler”. From Year 1 to Year 4, they will watch the movie at school in the sports hall.

A good way to earn house points and have fun is by participating in house activities in the Atrium. The house that is leading right now are The Green Dragons.

The Yellow Cheetahs won the award for having the most house points in the first window, so they got to go to the cinema and watch a film. The movie that The Yellow Cheetahs went to watch was ‘Moana 2’, which has made the majority of the house excited.

On the day, they went to watch the movie, 9th December, students wore their house shirts to prove that they are in The Yellow Cheetahs.

In addition to this, they also got to choose their meal, with options including fish and chips, sausages and fried egg, or scrambled eggs. For drinks, they can choose between Coke, Sprite, or water, and they can also pick their popcorn flavor. The available options are salty, caramel, or cheese.

by Kim and Jagger

Christmas at HeadStart

Christmas is a Christian celebration, which commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on 25th December every year and is often associated with food and gift giving.
Here at HeadStart, we marked the occasion with fun activities, live music and a Christmas fair. On 12th December 2024, the last day of term, there were several entertaining events that the pupils became involved in.

In Year 5, students got to design and make their own Christmas themed masks, with a range of different resources: paper plates, pom-poms and feathers. There were a variety of great masks, including a snowman made from cotton wool pads and a Santa Claus with a red hat made from coloured card.
In Year 6, the pupils entered into a scavenger hunt, looking all around the school for various Christmas related pictures. Groups had to take a photograph of themselves with all 30 of the images in their specific locations around the school, within the given time limit. No group was able to find all of the images around the school, however they all had a fantastic time, with one child saying ‘That was the most amazing scavenger hunt I have ever done!’ Some lucky children from Year 6 were chosen to be ‘elves’, helping Santa to deliver presents to the children in reception. The elves were given their festive outfits and were very convincing to the younger children. One elf commented, ‘I remember when I received presents from Santa when I was here. Now I get the chance to give the presents.’, highlighting the value and memorable nature of this particularly magical holiday.







by The Team

Christmas at HeadStart

Additionally, we held an outstanding Christmas Fair, which included awesome festive entertainment from each primary year group; the highlight was Year 5's fantastic band. The Year 6s performed the classic hit "Wonderful Christmastime". Mr. Bell was the supportive compère of the Christmas Fair. Everybody gave a loud applause at the end of each show. One of them even said that 'All the shows were incredible!' The performers were really proud of themselves, and they thoroughly enjoyed performing.

The Christmas market took place at the end of the day, lasting around four hours. There were several Christmas-themed activities and a variety of foods for the children, teachers and parents to enjoy. During the Christmas market, there were multiple stalls giving ice cream, although the most popular one was handing out the frozen dessert for free. Furthermore, there were many arcade games that numerous people enjoyed; some of the games required payment while others were free of charge.

Additionally,there was a charming crochet stall offering a variety of handmade knitted animals. A large number of people , mostly children, thoroghly enjoyed this parlicular stall.
There were many food stall, but the most impressive were the gingerbread and pastries booths. One of the stall featured an intricate gingerbread house that looked like it must have taken hours to make. Moreover, the pastry counter offered a wide variety of treats that sold out in no time



by The Team

Meet the Team

Phoenix Holmes



Hi! My name is Phoenix and I'm in Year 5 Blue (my teacher is Mr. Clarke). I'm from Phuket, Thailand, however I am also half British. I love fashion, the colour blue, and Jordans (the sneaker) as much as I love my own bed! My favourite subjects are English, P.E., art, guided reading and break time (obviously I LOVE break time!) I love listening to music and I have 128 song on my playlist already! The sport I am interested in is basketball. This is my first time joining the VAPP and so far I have enjoyed it very much.

Lidia Janicka



Bonjour everyone, I am Lidia. I am in Year 6 Blue (Mr.McEvoy's class) and I am 11 years old. My favorite book is "The Mega-Complicated Crushes of Lottie Brooks". I like playing basketball and my favorite subjects are P.E. and science. I like Magazine club, because you can release your imagination, with my favorite styles of writing being mystery and fantasy.

Jacob Ketroj



Hello! My name is Jacob and I am 10 years old. I am in Year 6 White and my teacher is Mr. Charlton. I enjoy things such as drawing, reading, coding and video games! I have been in Magazine VAPP since Year 5, and I like it because I love writing and using my imagination.

Polina Kochetkova



Hola! My name is Polina and I am 11 years old. I am in Year Six White and my homeroom teacher is Mr. Charlton. This is my eighth year at HeadStart and my second year in the Magazine Club and I am very happy to be in it. I enjoy reading because it feels like I am actually in the book. My favorite book that I have read so far has to be 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban'.

Meet the Team

Kim Kritchanarat



Hello! My name is Kim. I'm in Year 5 White with Miss Patel. I'm interested in science experiments, mathematics and different languages. Something important to me is that I am the Deputy Head Girl, as it has made me very passionate in everything I do. I am really pleased to help run activities at school and be involved in many more events.



Lauren Liu

Hi, my name is Lauren! I'm in Year 6 Blue. In my free time, I enjoy doing maths and reading, with one of my favourite comics being 'Toto Ninja Cat & Great Snake Escape'. I enjoy being in Magazine VAPP, because I really like reading and writing. In the club you get to be creative and use your imagination as you write about many interesting topics, so I'm really glad to be part of it again.

Simon Mytsak



Hi, my name is Simon and I'm in Year 6 White. My favourite game is 'Blade and Sorcery: Nomad' and my favourite TV show is 'A Seires Of Unfortunate Events'. This is my second year in the Magazine VAPP and I enjoy it because it allows me to channel my creativity, while not ruining it with my horrible handwriting.



James Patterson

Hi, my name is James. I'm from Year Six Blue and I'm 11 years old. My birthday is on 31st October. My favourite colour is either red, blue or purple. I am very delighted to be able to join the English VAPP. The one thing that I love about English is that you have an unlimited imagination about what you write. My favourite lesson is science because of its endless curiosity and unlimited questions which would make you think twice.

Meet the Team

Jagger Thebaut



Ahola people, I'm Jagger I'm in Year Six Blue and 10 years. My favorite subject in PE and I like to play football. I am from France and America. My favorite movies are "Night at the Museum" and "Your name" and my favorite series is "Gravity Falls". I also play sports such as tennis, football and surfing. My favorite food is sushi! I am really excited to be in the Magazine VAPP, because Mr. Charlton is my favourite teacher.



Zen Wannasuphaphol

Hi! My name is Zen and I am 9 years old. I'm in Y5 White and my teacher is Ms. Patel. I am really talented in technology and I like computing as my favourite subject. I like Badminton, Basketball and cycling. I feel very happy to be in this VAPP and I hope you like this magazine!

Mr. Charlton



Hello, my name is Mr. Charlton and I am the homeroom teacher for Year Six White. I am originally from Hampshire, England and joined HeadStart this year. English has always been my favourite subject, so I am incredibly excited to be running the Magazine VAPP this year. I particularly enjoy reading and writing non-fiction, so look forward to seeing the great work the Magazine team can produce.

Special thanks:

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