

TRAILL NEWS

Newsletter of Traill International School

April 2010

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

We are now in the 3rd term of this academic year 2009/2010. This is a main newsletter within the “Traill News” – the school news circular, summarizing all previous newsletters and communicating the latest news and information which have occurred during term 2. Notable achievements and successes are mentioned and celebrated. Included are all aspects of school from new policies to sporting achievements.

Traill First Place in Thailand



In February 2010, we celebrated the achievement of two secondary students at the British Ambassadors residence in Bangkok. ‘A’ achieved 1st place in Thailand for Biology and Spy achieved 1st place in Thailand for Physics. We also congratulated ‘A’ for achieving 2nd position in Thailand for his overall IGCSE results. These results are given

out by Cambridge University and celebrated at the British Embassy. This is a notable achievement for a small school that demonstrates the outstanding academic standards we offer compared to other first class International Schools.

Sporting Achievements Tennis – 1st Place in Thailand International Schools

We also congratulate ((Maria) Zixian Zhang who won 1st place at the BISAC Tennis under-15 international



schools tournament held at Bangkok Patana School, Bangkok. A second congratulations goes out to (Maria) Zixian Zhang as she went on to also win 1st place at the BISAC Tennis under-19 international schools tournament – beating other tennis players who were much older.



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Basketball – 2nd Place in Thailand International Schools Championships



We have all witnessed the hours of practice put in every afternoon by the boys and girls basketball teams. This is very much an example of the Traill School team spirit where our students get together and support each other. Their practice sessions, although long, are highly enjoyable. This year has been a good year again in the school's Basketball successes.

We celebrate the boy's under-17 team success at the BISAC Basketball under-17 international schools championships, getting to the final and coming 2nd in Thailand, beating some of the largest schools in Bangkok, such as ISB and NIST in the process.

Results:

From the results from last year's standings, Traill was put into "Pool B" with Shrewsbury (SHB) and Harrow (HIS) being in the same pool. Traill came first in the pool which advanced us to the tournament cup to play against NIVA. We then had to play ISB in the semi-finals, a very strong contender, but managed to defeat them with flying colors. For the finals we played against RIS. With 4

of the key players injured in the previous game, Traill gave everything they got but succumbed to RIS in the finals.

Results are as follows:

Traill vs Shrewsbury	40-28 Won
Traill vs Harrow	38-16 Won
Traill vs NIVA	53-22 Won
Traill vs ISB	45-28 Won
Traill vs RIS (Final)	40-53 Lost

Under the guidance of the school basketball coach Mr. Eugene, the same team went on to enter in two more tournaments, however in an older age category of under-19. Coming up against older players would make the competition even more difficult. However, the boy's under-17 team again did very well and came third in the Chiang-Mai Basketball Championships and third at the Khao-Yai Basketball Tournament.

The Girls under-17 team also had notable achievements of 5th place the BISAC championships and 3rd at the U19 Ekamai International School (EIS) Basketball Invitational, 4th place at the Chiang Mai International School (CMIS) Basketball Invitational and 5th place at the BISAC Tournament.

We congratulate all our basketball teams who are always so competitive, but yet are able to keep a team spirit which is enjoyable and inclusive. The regular wins by a small school demonstrates the talent, commitment and determination of our students at Traill.



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Swimming Gala

The first school swimming gala for both primary and secondary students was held in March. This was an inter-house competition as well as an individual competition. All competitors participated with great enthusiasm and it was good to see many parents in the audience. The number of strong swimmers and excellent times achieved in the races, demonstrates a successful swimming program and we look forward to a strong school swimming team next year. The competition was close with Griffin House taking first place, Pegasus coming second and Phoenix came third.

Update of School Uniform

The House system has helped make a positive impact on school uniform. Students are keen to do well for their houses and gain as many commendations as they can. They now understand that not wearing the appropriate uniform will lose house points. I am pleased to say that the vast majority of students are now choosing to wear the correct shoes to school. All shoes must be completely black and girls must wear black shoes with a low heel and minimum decoration.

After-school Health and Safety

This term we have made some changes to the procedures for student's afterschool in an effort to improve the health and safety of all the students.

Primary students are no longer permitted to leave the school grounds until an adult

collects them. Snacks and drinks are now



available in the canteen after school.

Once secondary students leave the premises they are not permitted to return to the campus. Teachers will be on duty from 2.10 – 2.45.

The gate will be closed until the end of the ECA's and opened again at 3.30.

Update of Language Issues on Campus

The student council are organising an English day with games and activities to promote the use of English speaking around the campus.

Students are careful to remember to use English during lessons, however when relaxing at break times it is understandable that they revert back to speaking Thai. We would like to encourage students to speak English at break times to reinforce the English as a social language, and to make the school more inclusive for all students and teachers.



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Mission, Aims and Objectives

We have completed the first stages of this process with input from students, teachers, admin staff, parents and governors. The process is ongoing and inclusive. We hope to have the new statement complete for the beginning of the new academic year

PATT – Parents and Teachers of Traill

First Traill School Fair



We would like to congratulate PATT, the Parents and Teachers of Traill for their organization of the first ever Traill School Fair. There were a large number of stalls offering food, fun and games. Students joined by running some stalls, shows and competitions. Proceeds from the Fair also went to Traill School charity. There was a far bigger than expected turn-out which also added to an enjoyable and successful day. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and/or resources to make the day such a success.

ACCREDITATION – International Recognition for Traill

In addition to the international accreditation by the prestigious Council for British Teachers (CfBT) last year, Traill is now in the process with a second accreditation agency WASC which is US based. Going for accreditation with two agencies is a policy that will underline Traill's commitment to achieving higher standards. It also ensures Traill is truly international with agencies from 2 different regions of the world.

WASC visited the school on an Initial Accreditation Visit on 29th & 30th March after a several month process of reporting, meetings and presentations. They have inspected all aspects of the school, teaching and learning, policies, student results, ethos, aims and objectives, governance, health and safety, and all procedures. The process shall continue over the next 18 months of Traill completing a full self-study. This process ensures a quality and continuous improvement cycle (schools are normally requested to complete this in 3 years, however as Traill is already an accredited school, it only requires 18 months starting this June). I wish to thank all the parents, students, teachers and staff of our school who have contributed to this visit.

As part of this process we welcome both WASC and CfBT will visit us again in May to continue with their consultancy and support of the school.



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Extra-curricular Activities

The primary football teams played their first matches this term and the results were very encouraging. Well done to the new team and thank you again to Mr. Aidan for organizing the matches. We look forward to hearing more from them next season.

The primary school held a very successful book week around the theme of science fiction. The fancy dress competition was fun with many children participating. Thank you to all parents and students who bought from the book fair as your contributions helped us buy a number of books for the library.

This term also saw another first for Traill, the long awaited School Fair. This was a very enjoyable day for all who participated. Read the children's comments on the school blog at www.traillschoolblog.com to see just how much! Thank you to all who contributed and a huge thank you for all the hard work and enthusiasm of the Parents and Teachers of Traill for organizing the event.

Traill International School has once again been involved in setting a **NEW WORLD RECORD**.

Our school was part of a 56,082 schools from 235 countries involving

1,133,246 students who correctly answered 479,732,613 math's questions in one day.

A special mention has to go to Pik in Year 5 who single handedly set the school record for most correct answers, 9,037, and most correct in 60 seconds, 59.

Well done everyone who took part and thank you to Mr. Toby and Mr. Peter for insuring all our students had the opportunity to participate in this with such enthusiasm.

We look forward to continued success at Traill and wish all the students luck at the BISAC athletics tournament on the weekend of the 14th May at Harrow International School.

Please make a note of these dates for your diary this term.

Options Evening (Year 9,10,and 11)- Thurs
6th May

IGCSE and A Level -May 10th – June 11th

INSERVICE Day - May 5th

Parents Evening- Thursday 17th June

End of Term Variety Show – Wednesday
23rd June

Best Regards

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