

GARDEN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, BANGKOK NEWSLETTER



Garden Friends

We're excited to launch **Garden Friends** (our parent group), a warm, low-commitment way to strengthen what makes Garden special: connection, kindness and community. If you've ever thought, "I'd love to help, but I'm short on time," this is for you.

How it helps our students:

- Smoother starts, quicker belonging: New families are matched with a friendly "buddy", so children settle faster, feel known sooner, and arrive to lessons ready to learn.
- Richer learning experiences: Extra hands at International Week, Book Week, productions and fairs turn good events into great ones – more engaging activities, and more chances for students to shine.
- Language and culture support: Parent translators help messages land clearly, widening participation and celebrating the diversity our children learn from every day.
- Positive role-modelling: Pupils see adults collaborating, volunteering and living our values; powerful lessons in citizenship, respect and care.
- Real-world inspiration: Careers talks, skills demos and mini-workshops broaden horizons and spark curiosity.

Time-friendly, inclusive, practical:

Opportunities range from one-off 30-60 minute slots to occasional help across the term. Choose what suits you; every little bit truly lifts the student experience.

What's next?

Early next week you'll receive an email with full information, a simple sign-up link/QR, and the date of our first meet-up. If you can spare even one hour this term, please join us.

ANNOUNCING OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2025

We are pleased to introduce our House Captains for the 2025 school year. These students have been selected for their leadership qualities, commitment, and enthusiasm, and they will play an important role in fostering teamwork, responsibility, and school spirit within their Houses.

Throughout the year, our House Captains will lead by example, encourage participation in events and activities, and work to strengthen the sense of community across both Primary and Secondary. We are confident that with their dedication and energy, this will be a year filled with achievement, collaboration, and pride in our Houses.

PRIMARY HOUSE CAPTAINS

COBRA HOUSE – SUVIT



TIGER HOUSE – VANI



EAGLE HOUSE – MALIS



GECKO HOUSE – DASTAN

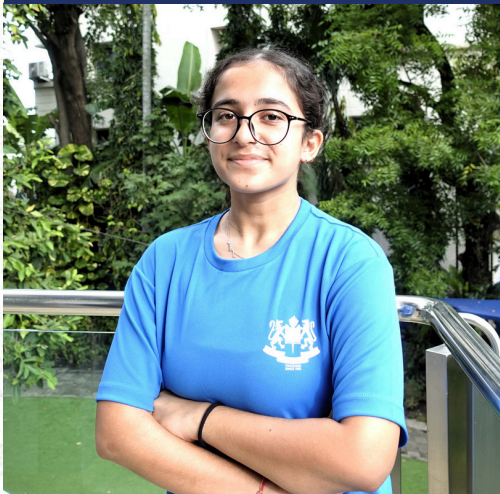


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SECONDARY HOUSE CAPTAINS

COBRA HOUSE – MYESHA



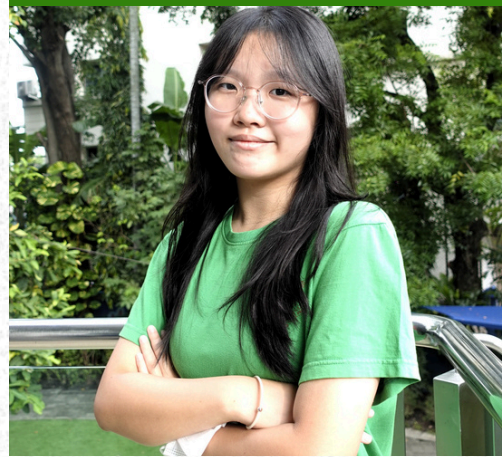
TIGER HOUSE – KEERTHANA



EAGLE HOUSE – RADA



GECKO HOUSE – RADA



We congratulate all of our House Captains on their appointments and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

FIRST SCHOOL



PRE-NURSERY OUR FIRST MONTH TOGETHER

What a lovely first month it has been in Pre-Nursery! Our youngest learners have been settling in so well and are already starting to feel at home in their new school environment.

We have been focusing a lot on independence, and it has been wonderful to see the children gaining confidence in small but important ways. They have been tidying up after snack and lunch, learning to put on their own shoes, and even helping themselves to tissues when they need them. These little steps are helping them feel proud of what they can do all by themselves.



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The children are also becoming familiar with our daily routines, which helps them to feel safe, supported, and calm. They are beginning to make new friends, get to know the older children in First School, and enjoy being part of the wider school community.

Our days are always filled with songs and stories. The children love learning new songs together, and story time is quickly becoming one of their favourite parts of the day. These moments bring us together as a group and give the children so many opportunities to listen, share, and join in.

We are so proud of how well our Pre-Nursery children have settled into their first month. They are already showing us just how much they can learn and do, and we are so excited for all the fun and discoveries still to come!



**PRE-NURSERY
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Teaching Thai language at the Year 1 level serves as a crucial foundation for the development of language skills. Learning about Thai consonants is one of the first and most essential steps in acquiring Thai literacy, as it directly affects students' future reading and writing abilities. However, learners at this developmental stage often have short attention spans and tend to learn best through play. Therefore, incorporating games into the learning process is an effective approach to stimulate interest and enhance meaningful learning.



THAI LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FOR YEAR 1



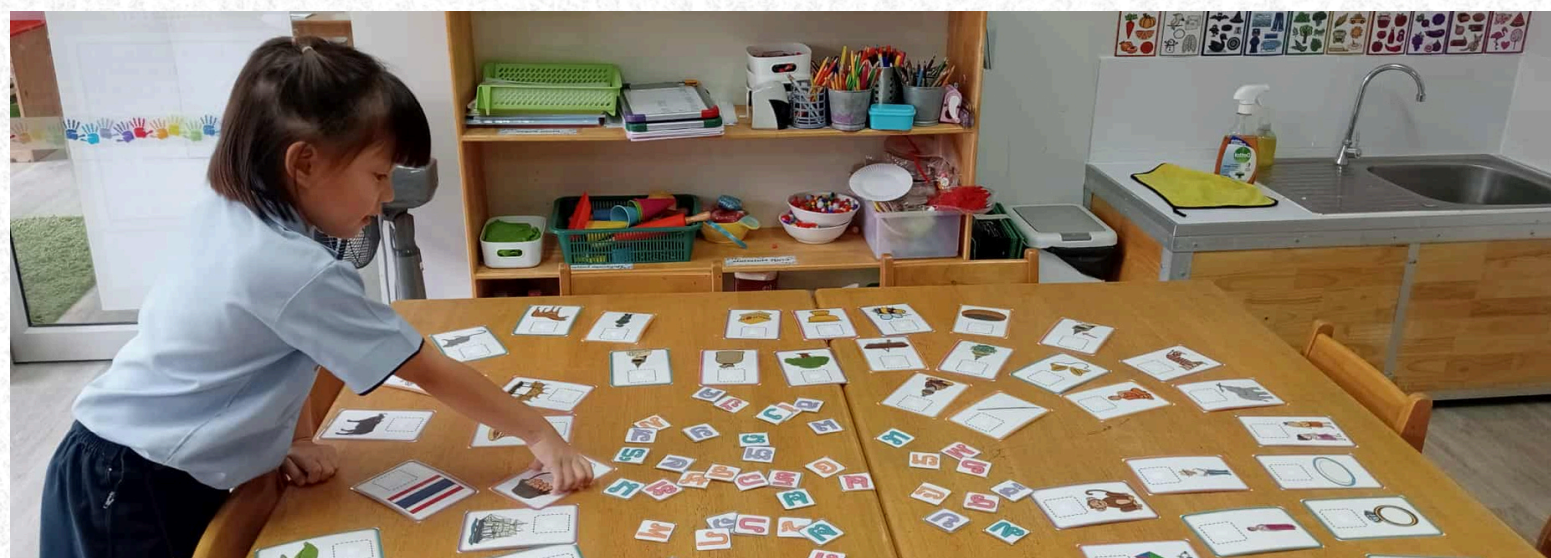
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The results of these game-based activities indicated that students greatly enjoyed the learning process, demonstrated noticeable improvement in their ability to recognize and pronounce Thai consonants, and exhibited increased confidence and a more positive attitude toward learning Thai language.

In conclusion, using games as an instructional strategy is proven to be an effective method for enhancing the learning of Thai consonants among Year 1 students. Moreover, this approach is flexible and adaptable for use in a variety of educational contexts.



THAI LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FOR YEAR 1



PRIMARY CHRISTMAS SHOW: SCROOGE

The festive season may still be a little way off, but our Primary students are already getting into the Christmas spirit as we prepare for this year's production of Scrooge!

We are delighted to share that all parts have now been cast, and the children have been eagerly stepping into their roles. In these early stages, our focus has been on understanding the story, exploring the different characters, and beginning to imagine how this classic tale might come alive on our stage. From Ebenezer himself to the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future, the excitement of discovering who's who has been a joy to watch.



Even though rehearsals are only just beginning, there is already a real buzz in the air. The children have been curious, thoughtful, and full of ideas as they learn about the themes of kindness, generosity, and the true meaning of Christmas at the heart of the story.

With so much enthusiasm already shining through, we're confident this production will capture the warmth and magic of the season.



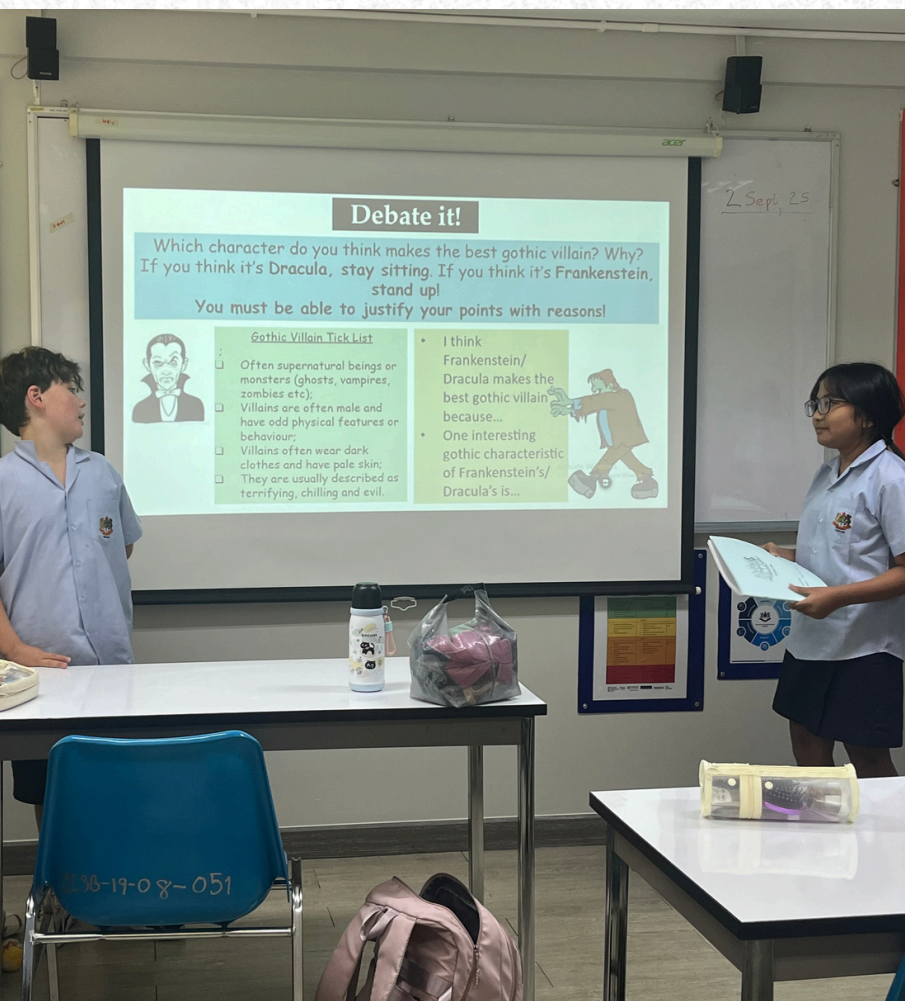
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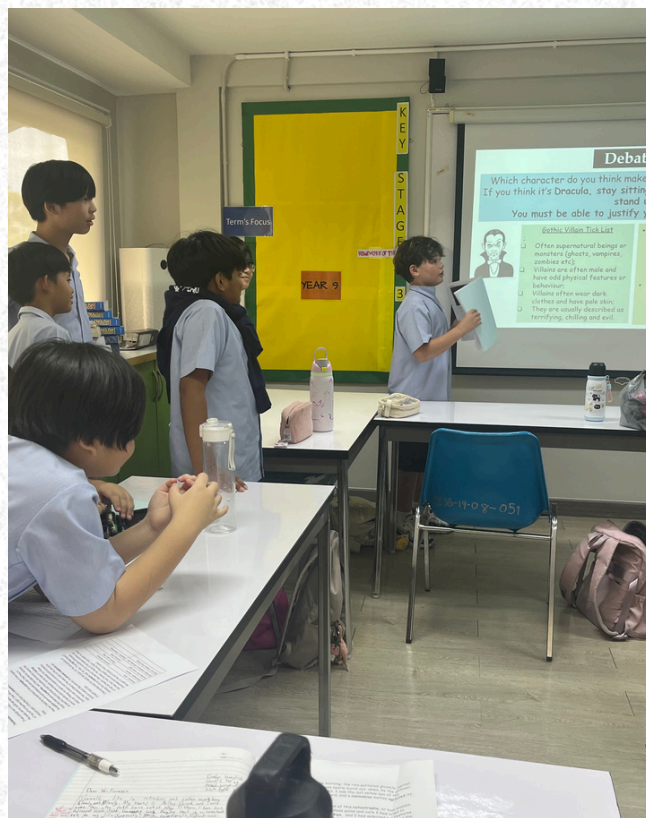


COURTROOM DRAMA IN 7A ENGLISH

Frankenstein versus Dracula. Sounds like another one of those, over-the top, cheesy horror movies that don't usually do well at the box office? Well, yes but with 7A writing the script, it would have surely been a blockbuster hit! This term, the Year 7s are bravely taking a walk on the dark side - stepping into the shadows and navigating their way through the melancholic and mysterious world of Gothic Fiction. Instead of writing traditional PEEL paragraphs - a framework that is used for analysis, 7A took a creative detour and transformed themselves into spirited lawyers. Their clients? Two of literature's most infamous characters - Frankenstein and Dracula. The issue in dispute? Who is the better villain.

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What began as a normal classroom activity quickly evolved into a full-blown courtroom drama. Unexpectedly, it became a battle of the sexes with the girls defending Dracula while the boys were behind Frankenstein. Both sides provided compelling evidence and emotions ran high throughout the proceeding. At times, things got so heated that the gavel had to come down several times reminding both of courtroom decorum! After twenty minutes of verbal tennis, Dracula staked his claim on being the better villain. Well done Team Dracula!

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U11 BASKETBALL

The new basketball season is upon us and Garden's Primary Basketball Teams are starting the year strong! Our new U11 squads have been putting in incredible effort during their training sessions, and their hard work was on full display in this week's home fixture against Aster.



Cheered on by a supportive home crowd, the U11 Titans demonstrated not only their growing skill and understanding of the game but also their commitment to supporting one another as a team- from the first to the last whistle. Throughout the match, our Primary sports stars showed excellent teamwork, moving the ball quickly around the court and creating scoring opportunities. Their resilience was clear as they defended strongly against some tough opposition.



U11 BASKETBALL

It has been wonderful to see the collaboration between returning players and new additions to the squads, for some of whom it was their first school sports fixture! They performed brilliantly and represented Garden with pride, and our U11s now turn their attention back to training to reflect on areas to improve for the next match!

We are very much looking forward to the rest of the basketball season, which continues with the next fixture against St Andrews S107. Go Titans!





U11 BASKETBALL





U15 GIRLS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our U15 girls basketball team, who opened their season with a fantastic 12-5 victory against Brighton College. The match was a strong display of teamwork, determination, and resilience, setting a positive tone for the season ahead.

From the first whistle, the team showcased excellent defensive organisation, limiting Brighton's scoring opportunities and forcing turnovers through disciplined play. Their focus on defence created the foundation for quick transitions into attack, allowing Garden to control the pace of the game.

A special mention goes to our Player of the Match, Keiji, whose outstanding performance was central to the team's success. Keiji contributed crucial points on the scoreboard and demonstrated unselfish playmaking, assisting her teammates and lifting the confidence of the entire squad. Her leadership on court was an inspiration to all.

We are also proud to announce Nanami as the new team captain and Jiny as vice-captain. Both athletes bring energy, commitment, and maturity to their roles, and we look forward to watching them develop as leaders while continuing to grow as players.

Well done to all the girls for this memorable start. The season looks promising!



SECONDARY PRODUCTION: GREASE IS THE WORD!

The excitement is building as our Secondary students step into the spotlight for this year's big production - GREASE! Parts have now been cast, and rehearsal workshops are already in full swing. From the very first sessions, students have thrown themselves into learning the unique style of the show...think slick hair, leather jackets, and plenty of attitude!



Our cast has been having a brilliant time experimenting with 'cool' poses (we'll let the photos do the talking!), and the drama room is already full of laughter, energy, and a touch of Rydell High spirit. It's fantastic to see the commitment and dedication shining through so early in the process, as students work hard to capture the essence of this much-loved musical.



Of course, GREASE wouldn't be GREASE without its fun, its flair, and its unforgettable characters. With so much talent on display and such strong enthusiasm, we're confident this production is going to be *the one that you want!*

We'll keep you updated as rehearsals continue - but for now, let's just say: our Secondary students are *hopelessly devoted...* to putting on a spectacular show!

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INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY

On Monday, 15th September, our whole school came together to celebrate International Dot Day, a day all about creativity, self-expression, and making our mark.

Students and teachers filled the day with wonderful activities inspired by *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. Each class explored how a simple dot can grow into something powerful and unique. From colourful artwork and dot-inspired crafts to creative writing and collaborative projects, the school was alive with imagination and joy.

The celebration reminded us that every child has the power to make their own mark and see where it takes them. It was inspiring to see the confidence, courage, and creativity shine through in every student. Together, we created a school filled with dots, ideas, and inspiration!

CELEBRATING CREATIVITY AND COURAGE!



INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY



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UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOPS



Partnering with Parents

Mark your calendars for our upcoming workshops this term, where together we explore how to support children's wellbeing, learning, and growth.

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24TH
SEPTEMBER
8.00 - 9.00 AM.

Safeguarding & Wellbeing at Garden

Creating a safe, supportive environment where every child can thrive learn how we protect and promote student wellbeing at GISB.

29TH
OCTOBER
8.00 - 9.00 AM.

Supporting Every Learner : SEND & Interventions

Discover how Garden identifies needs and provides tailored support to help every student reach their full potential.

26TH
NOVEMBER
8.00 - 9.00 AM.

Behaviour at Home: "The Home is Not a Battlefield"

Practical strategies for positive behaviour management at home – building calm, consistent routines and stronger family relationships.

LIMITED SEATS
AVAILABLE

PARKING AT
UPPER SCHOOL



Location : Hall at Upper School.

Please scan the QR code on the flyer to register for the workshop.

THE GARDEN CORE VALUES

AMBASSADORS AWARD

The Garden Core Values Ambassadors Award



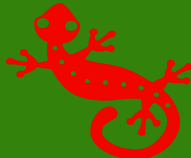
Our Garden International School Core Values are the guiding principles that shape our behaviour, decisions and interactions. Our core values of Respect, Integrity, Care, Enquiry, Resilience and Reflection are embedded into all aspects of our school culture and community.

We are delighted to announce our Values Ambassadors for weeks 5 and 6. They have each been awarded a special certificate from the Principal, gained additional House Points and hold the privilege of eating lunch with friends in the designated 'VIP Values Area' in the canteen.

This is a prestigious achievement, awarded in recognition of modelling our Core Values and a commitment to upholding our Guiding Statements. We look forward to acknowledging further students over the course of the year ahead.

Week	Year Level	Values Ambassador	Core Value demonstrated	Week	Values Ambassador	Core Value demonstrated
5	Y2	Poem	Resilience	6	Jeanne	Resilience
	Y3	Luke	Respect		Ning	Resilience
	Y4	Aarish	Respect		Kayin	Care
	Y5	Cleo	Enquiry		Alice	Resilience
	Y6	Arthur	Enquiry		Pearypie	Care

WEEKLY HOUSE COMPETITIONS AND POINT TOTALS

			
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WELL DONE COBRAS!

TERM 1 DATES - WEEK 7-8

Monday 22nd September	U11 Basketball @ S107
Wednesday 24th September	Parent Coffee Morning 8am-9am: Safeguarding and Wellbeing
Wednesday 24th September	U15 Basketball @ TSI
Thursday 25th September	U13 Basketball @ Aster
Monday 30th September	U19 Boys Basketball @ LFIB