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Light at the end of the tunnel!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents for their commitment to supporting our children and our school. We are also humbled by the positive attitude and resilience that our Primary children and Secondary students have shown during this COVID crisis. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the tireless work of the staff and teachers at Bangkok Prep who have adapted in these unforeseen circumstances.

Without doubt, every single Bangkok Prep life value has been displayed by every single member of our beloved community. Please join us in hoping that there is *'light at the end of the tunnel!!!'* Clearly, we should all be very thankful for the way that the people that live in Thailand have coped and dealt with the impact of the COVID 19 virus. We believe that there is a Government cabinet meeting today and it is highly likely that some interesting announcements will come on Saturday in the Royal Gazette.



Update about school reopening

As the number of new COVID 19 cases in Thailand decreases, then the government will consider 'cautiously' refining and easing some of the Emergency Decree preventative measures. This probably means that we will be moving towards what has recently been termed as the 'New Normal.' If this positive trend continues, we hope that it may be possible to re open our school at some point later in Term 3. Obviously, we will need to wait for Ministry of Education directives and then we will respond accordingly.

We can not wait to have the children back in school but we will only do so when permitted by the Ministry of Education and when we are sure it is safe.

Attendance



Student Attendance this week!

99.4%

(whole school average)

zoom

Zoom Stats

1261 Meetings (7 - 14 May)

513819 - Meeting Minutes

15788 - Participants



Parent Focus Groups

We are looking for volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers from parents of our Primary children and Secondary students to share their experiences of online learning, as well as share their points of view on any future reopening of the school. This should help greatly to improve our future plans. We will be carrying out *focus group meetings* with a group of secondary and primary parents. This will be held online with Mr Stonehouse, Mr Morton (Secondary) and Ms Jones (Primary) .

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the short form [here](#). Due to the nature of focus groups, we may need to limit group size depending on the numbers interested. We will, of course, share findings with the wider community.

Thank you in advance for your interest.



Learning More about online learning: Zoom gets a lot of positive feedback; why aren't all lessons full of live Zoom lessons?

There are many important factors which were considered when deciding upon the structure of our online Phase 3 learning and these included:

- Recorded sessions and carefully chosen video clips are far more efficient and effective. They can be viewed when the student is ready and they can be repeated a number of times if there is a need for consolidation.
- By not restricting the majority of the content to scheduled timings, we offer a flexible learning experience.
- Many of our parents have a limited number of devices and this has a huge impact upon the children's ability to access live sessions, especially those who have siblings who are also accessing online learning.
- Teachers do not present the learning to the children in school classrooms continuously, they facilitate the learning experiences to optimize the progress of the students.



- As a parent, we are all concerned about the amount of screen time that our children are exposed to so we have organised a carefully *blended* combination of on screen and off screen learning activities.
- Research has demonstrated that prolonged exposure to live lessons for children has a detrimental impact on their capacity to learn as it is predominantly passive.
- Potential technical issues are also a big factor. Live lessons are at the mercy of internet connections, which can often be very unreliable. This means that learning opportunities will be lost for children who are unable to get online at scheduled times.
- Another concern is that many of our younger children can potentially be left unsupervised in front of a screen. A considerable number of our families prefer to have a parent present whilst the child is accessing the online content.

Our work has been specially designed to offer:

- Clear and usable implementation of technology which allows all children to access the learning.
- Varied work which reduces the children's dependence upon screen time.
- Personalised learning videos created and delivered by our teachers.
- Online feedback to allow children to access relevant feedback on their work and developing the knowledge, skills and understanding.
- Live pastoral sessions to allow direct contact between children and their teachers.



Specialist Coaches Webinars!

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Next week, all Year 5-13 students will be able to access the following webinars by clicking the links below:

Monday: 3.45-4.15 pm: Basketball: Week 3: Attention to details: Shot Mechanics and Theory

Tuesday: 3.45-4.15 pm: Swimming: Week 3: Breaststroke Analysis

Wednesday: 3.45-4.15 pm: Gymnastics: Week 3: Specific skills and Details on Vault and Pommel Horse

Thursday: 3.45-4.15 pm: Tennis: Week 3: Style of Gameplay: Counter Punch

Live sessions for the week ahead:

Monday: WOD 6.45am with Miss. Woodland

WOD 4pm with Miss. Morris



Tuesday: *WOD 6.45am with Coach Ollie*

Yoga 4-5pm with Anju

Wednesday: *WOD 4pm with Miss. Woodland*

Thursday: *WOD 6.45am with Mr. McFarlane*

Friday: *Yoga 4-5pm with Anju*

WOD 4pm with Miss. Hasell



Giving Back

Click on the links below to read the full post

*[**Community Charity Shout-Out** Vaani \(NEG\) and Krish \(1MT\)](#)*

International School Collaboration Project: Research and data collection on superspreader events.

See all the detail on [Firefly](#)



Parents corner

Many people are continuing to work full time and adapting their lives to ensure their children can participate and complete work online. It is a huge change to have children at home everyday in these circumstances and there will be many associated challenges and opportunities that you as parents will encounter. What is happening at home right now is phenomenal!

If you are interested in sharing resources, advice or ideas to support others in the parent community, please get in touch with Hello@bkkprep.ac.th



Click [here](#) to find out more about keeping your child safe online.

[Here](#) are some resources from Unicef that may be helpful.

Warm regards,

The Communication Team