



Communication Team



Friday 3rd April 2020

To be an **outstanding learning community** that is **internationally-minded, inspiring all members to achieve their potential.**



Welcome to our Bangkok Prep Friday NEWS #2!

Dear Bangkok Prep Community,

Happy Songkran! We have finally reached the end of Term 2 and we are on the threshold of a vacation which has never been more deserved! During the last few months, the strength of our **'legendary' community bonds** have never been more apparent. These recent weeks of hardship will, without doubt, only strengthen our community and adequately prepare us for whatever the future has in store. I hope you have a fabulous holiday in your safe and healthy homes!

School Closure - update

As you are aware, our school is compelled to follow the directives from the Ministry of Education and OPEC. We will continue to remain optimistic and hope that we will be able to reopen the school at some point in Term 3 2019 - 2020 and in the meantime we will continue to provide enhanced online learning. We will also welcome a number of new students and families to Bangkok Prep in Term 3 with our first ever online induction. I know our children will help them to feel very welcome.

The orders under the current Emergency Decree will see the school remain closed until at least **Thursday 30th April 2020**. The ability of schools to reopen thereafter will depend on the control of the spread of the virus in Thailand. We will update the Bangkok Prep community accordingly.

What is happening at Bangkok Prep?

A lot!! Please follow the school's social media accounts and News page on our website, to find out! The links are below and there is lots to see and do: Why not join in the PE work out of the day?





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Bangkok Prep - delivering learning to your door

This week we have trialled a delivery system in Primary and Secondary to take learning resources directly to your child at home. It is a **quick and safe** service that is just another way we are adapting to help and support our students. We look forward to expanding this service in Term 3!

Enhanced Online Learning Update

Please read all about our phased approach to working and learning from home [here](#).

Attendance is outstanding and although some students need support with joining independently, we are able to see who is there, who has not made it and are working with students and families. Our phased approach and thorough trials and testing has really helped.

We asked you to expect: Quality over quantity, variety, age appropriate strategies and community initiatives and challenges too.

Over 1500 ZOOM sessions have taken place!

Students and teachers have spent over 380,000 minutes together on ZOOM

Our evaluation and feedback team have been working hard this week to collect staff, parent and student voice.

Please complete the voice if you have not had a chance to yet.

[Primary Parent Voice](#)

[Secondary Parent Voice](#)

Parents, you can check Firefly to see what is being set and what is happening for your child every day. A reminder that secondary students are following their normal school timetable. We will share the results of your valuable feedback in our next communications!

What about the Songkran Holidays?



In Primary, we have a series of challenges for each day that are being set up to get our children away from their screens. Each one is hosted by a different member of our teaching staff and we will be sharing the entries on our [Songkran Challenges firefly page](#).

Visit the page to see the wonderful challenges that our teachers and TAs have set up!

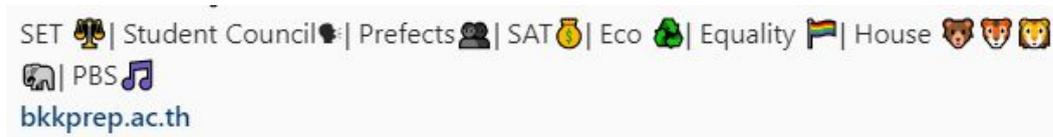


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SONGKRAN CHALLENGE

In Secondary, staff and students have worked together to create the Secondary Songkran Challenges! The student leadership team will be in charge of sharing the details and how students can enter these HOUSE competitions. 14 Days and 14 Challenges! From the Bangkok Prep students and 114 chances to change the HOUSE leader boards. Parents and students with permission should watch out on Facebook and the official Bangkok Prep Students Instagram account: [bkps.students](https://www.instagram.com/bkps.students).



COMING SOON: The Bangkok Prep Cook Book!

Giving back: The Bangkok Prep community is amazing! Here are some of the ways we are giving back already and some ways you can join the team.

Because we care videos and community campaign

We are delighted that our [‘Clap for Our Carers’ video](#) has been viewed far and wide, receiving widespread appreciation and gratitude from many hospitals in Bangkok and beyond. Following on from this, we would like to continue this momentum of appreciation towards all the ‘front line personnel’ working tirelessly during the current Covid-19 pandemic. **We are looking for more videos of you, your child or family members who would like to participate** in the **“Bangkok Prep Clap Because We Care”** campaign.

Please write on a piece of paper **#BangkokPrepclapforcarers #Istayhomefor** or any message that you would like to add and show this in your video upload. Or you can just clap in appreciation as seen in our previous video.

Please fill in this [google form](#) and you upload your video here. Ideally your video should not be more than 5 seconds long, filmed in landscape format and saved as an mp4 file. Please submit it by **Monday April 6, 2020 at 6pm** at the latest. Looking forward to seeing you on film.



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Support the battle against the spread of Covid-19



During these challenging times, it's crucial to support those in your community. It's important that we do all we can to help those in our communities that are likely to become more isolated as measures are put in place to delay the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). There are some simple but effective things we can all do to help.

Help make a mask with and without a sewing machine or a face shield with the help of these link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xN0HH2Zb2hY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYBM5jqosJQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ltPm1y3Qn0o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTbwcZjrPag&t=268s>

Donate money to charitable projects. There are various charitable projects supporting people less fortunate than ourselves during this crisis. Please help donate to the causes that are close to your heart. Here are a few example:

- Check out projects on Taejai.com: They are crowdfunding a lot of projects such as fundraising money to buy medical equipment for hospitals, supporting household with elders who are the most vulnerable in this crisis, or buying masks for marginalized children.
- [BKK Payforward project on Facebook](#) aims to simultaneously prevent restaurants from laying off staff and provides free food to low income communities impacted by the coronavirus.
- [Covid Relief Bangkok group on Facebook](#) are packing COVID relief packs for low-income communities all over Bangkok. They accept donations as well as goods.



If you have access to medical supplies, here is a list of medical supplies that are urgently in need; please make sure that the equipment is certified with medical standards.

N95 mask, PPE, Surgical mask

Please contact "Thai Care" (สถาบันไทยใส่ใจเพื่อสังคม) for a list of hospital in need or donate to the organization (Bell 0629242354 Mike 0818153755). Kasikorn Bank 005-3-33682-5 สถาบันไทยใส่ใจเพื่อสังคม Thai Care. Or, donate equipment and gears to Thaicare 189 Soi Raminthra 39 Anusawari Bangkok Bangkok 10230 (สถาบันไทยใส่ใจเพื่อสังคม 186 ซอยรามอินทรา 39 แขวงอนุสาวรีย์ เขตบางเขน กรุงเทพมหานคร 10230)



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Stay up to date with these useful Links:

This [website](#) will keep you up to date with areas that are considered high risk.

Daily announcements and updates will be made by the Prime Minister or his delegate throughout this period. If you want to stay informed, you can see and hear these through the **National Broadcasting Services of Thailand (NBT)** you can watch the national broadcast television.

If you need or prefer the news in English, [this](#) is an excellent and reliable website that will list all the latest Prime Ministers' announcements.

What can parents do to support their child with ZOOM?

We can not do this without you. During an extended closure your role as parents and carers is vital. Here is what we would like you to do:

- Ensure your child(ren) has access to a device with a microphone and camera
- Ensure your child(ren) has a safe and quiet place to work. Please note that if two people are close together while using ZOOM, this will create feedback issues; spread out.
- Help your child(ren) to establish and follow a routine and build breaks into their day. Secondary students are following their normal timetable so routine is crucial.
- Help to ensure that your child(ren) register each day.
- Ask your child(ren) to speak to their teachers if they need more help.
- Help to follow up if we contact you about attendance and do let the Primary and Secondary office know if the children can not participate for any reason.
- Help to follow up if we contact you about any incomplete work or ways that your child(ren) could get more from their enhanced online learning.
- Encourage, reward and praise your child(ren) as much as you can! *"You are all doing so well!"*

Please do continue to use the links below to support your children with ZOOM.

Primary students can access our ['student guide'](#) by using Zoom.

Primary Parents' Information can be found in the [Parents' Extended Closure booklet](#) and all parents will be emailed by their child's class teacher with year group specific information closer to their session time.

Secondary students have all received this ['student guide'](#) to being in the virtual classroom.

Secondary Parents' Information can be found in the [Parents' Extended Closure booklet](#) and more information will be shared with you directly.

We fully recommend that you and your family take a vacation away from screen time. We all look forward to seeing you in Term 3 - **Monday 20th April 2020** (Day 1, Term 3).

Please do your very best to have a safe, relaxing, healthy and happy Songkran holiday.

Very best wishes from the Communication Team at Bangkok Prep