



Canterbury Tales

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Principal

This has been a steady week for the school and students have, as ever, been brilliantly behaved and gone about their business with real purpose. We have celebrated two events this week, with both Pi Day and Science Week. Today featured competitive action from numerous students on a Maths Challenge set by Mr Middleton and Mr Rogers and, yesterday, Mrs Earni supervised the Secondary students conducting science experiments with their primary peers. The most impressive activity to celebrate Pi Day and Science Week was Times Tables Rockstars. I am delighted to report that of 450 schools (and over 40,000 school students) worldwide that took part this week, our little but brave team of 12 children finished 8th in the world. Our average score was roughly 2500 (the worldwide average was 600!) We are very proud of them.

Next week is Assessment Week. Teachers will be setting skills-based in-class tests in each subject for their students. If there is content to learn, time will be set aside in either homework or class to prepare for the tests to come. These assessments, along with students' performance throughout the term, will be used for the end of term parents' meetings, so please do arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher, unless your children are in Secondary, in which case the Parents' Meeting will take place on Monday 31st October at 3pm in the 3rd Floor Hall.

Next week, on Friday 21st March at 2pm in the 3rd Floor Maths Room, there will also be a Friends of King's Meeting for any parent that wants to come along. It is a chance to raise issues about the school and I will also be talking about future developments for The King's School Vattanakville. I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Early Years

This week in Pre-Nursery, we continued our Dinosaur theme with lots of exciting activities. During circle time, we explored 2D shapes and introduced the concept of "more." The children had fun pouring food into bowls for the dinosaurs and discussing which one had more. We also enjoyed playing the "Which Has More?" game on the laptop, reinforcing this concept in an interactive way. Creativity was in full swing as we got messy with paint, using cups to make circles and painting our hands to create handprints. Additionally, we explored emotions by using playdough, whiteboard pens, and markers to draw different facial expressions, helping the children understand and express their feelings.



This week, our Nursery class have been exploring the wonders of the moon. Inspired by Eric Carle's story Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me, the children created their own stunning night sky paintings. They also had great fun making moon craters using playdough. As part of Science Week, they experimented with mixing colours using pipettes and test tubes, investigated which objects are magnetic, and explored which surfaces create the least amount of drag on moving cars. In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of measurement, focusing on weight and capacity through hands-on activities.



This week in English, the Reception class have delved deeper into the thoughts and emotions of the characters in the story of 'Little Red'. The students explored the characters' perspectives by writing thought bubbles to understand their actions and motivations better. In maths, we focused on weighing various items, learning how to compare them as heavier, lighter, or the same. During our Topic lessons, the children created telescopes using art materials and discussed what they might see in space. We also explored the lives of astronauts, sparking exciting conversations about space exploration.



Primary

We marked Science Week this week at school, and our senior school pupils (under Ms. Sofia's guidance) created exciting experiments for their primary peers. The creativity and scientific curiosity displayed was remarkable. Some of the highlights included:

Rank	School Name	School Student Average
1	TH School, Hanoi	6,874
2	Rushall National School, Mountbath	6,250
3	Abuja Preparatory School	5,726
4	Swans International School	5,589
5	Concord College International School	5,210
6	Ivy International School	4,171
7	Bethany Catholic Primary School	4,025
8	The King's School Vattananville Co. Ltd.	3,791

- **Lava Lamps:** Pupils learned about the principles of density and immiscibility, observing how oil and water interact to create mesmerising effects.
- **Coffee Fossils:** This experiment taught students about the process of fossilisation and the importance of preserving historical artifacts.
- **Truss Bridge Construction:** Pupils explored engineering concepts and the importance of structural integrity, understanding how different shapes and materials contribute to a bridge's strength.
- **Chromatography Flowers:** Through this activity, students discovered the science behind chromatography and how different pigments can be separated and identified.

We were thrilled to participate in the Times Tables Rock Stars maths competition on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday! This was a competition for schools all over the world (outside the UK). Our pupils delivered an extraordinary performance, demonstrating their impressive mental maths skills and dedication. Can you believe our school placed 8th in this competition? Their hard work and enthusiasm have truly shone through, making us all incredibly proud. A special note of thanks to Mr. Middleton (Maths Coordinator) for signing us up and driving us on and to Mr. Rogers (Senior Maths Teacher) for his unwavering support.





Additionally, our senior and primary pupils collaborated once again for Pi Day, completing a fun and educational Minion's maths challenge together. This activity not only reinforced their mathematical knowledge but also fostered teamwork and camaraderie among students of different age groups. We look forward to more such collaborative and enriching experiences in the future!

Reminders

Lots to look forward to as usual next week. Ms. Redmond will doubtless be decked out in green on Monday for St. Patrick's Day. The international profile of our team truly allows our pupils to gain insights into a range of cultures, supporting the development of global perspectives. Furthermore, March 21st is International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and March 22nd is World Water Day. We mention these as they encompass some of the very important values we strive to inculcate around looking after others and looking after our world.

Finally, did you know next Thursday is International Day of Happiness? We are proud of our happy school. In weeks such as this, when there are so many moments for celebration and awe at the achievements of our pupils, we have cause to smile.

With every good wish for a wonderful weekend ahead.



Secondary

Music

The secondary students are learning to produce music using DAWs. They are creating an original song recording with MIDI instruments and their own voices. The result will be their first very own original pop song composition.

