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ST. ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Samakee News



Message from the Head of School

~~As you are aware, our new music room has moved downstairs into what used to be our Thai room and our Thai room has moved upstairs to~~ **M** the old Year 1 classroom.



The children and staff are becoming familiar with these changes and we are all enjoying our new learning spaces. On Friday, our first assembly this term took place in the small garden on the veranda. The Year 2/3 children performed five short comic skits which were great fun and performed with great confidence and zeal. Thank you Y2/3—next week Year 1 will be leading assembly and we do hope that our year 1 parents will be able to attend.

Clubs

Clubs got off to a splendid start last week and all the activities were well attended; we thank you for your support and participation. We welcomed a new Drama teacher, Norma, who comes from London in the UK.



A quick reminder: please make sure that your child has the appropriate equipment for their clubs, for example, children horse riding require long trousers, shoes or boots and a T-shirt, children attending team sports need P.E clothes and sports shoes and so on.

Special Dates to Remember!

Sports Day

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Chinese New Year	Feb 7th
Half-Term Holiday (18th-22nd)	Feb 18th
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Happy Birthday...

<i>Tilly—EY2</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Pizza—Year 2</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Emmy—Reception</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Trophy— EY3</i>	<i>30th</i>



The Kookaburras



Growing Plants has been the current topic of study in the Kookaburras classroom, we are now becoming a lot more aware of the variety of plants that are in our environment and that not all plants are the same. Growing our own beans helped us learn about shoots, roots and leaves and what happens to a seed as it begins to grow. We sorted plants that we eat in to different groups depending on the part of the plant that we eat and we discovered that some seeds make tasty food for humans as well.



We planted beans in a jar watching closely to see how they change from day to day. Natayaa grew her own bean at home with wonderful success and brought it into school to show us.



We did observational drawings of different plants found in our school. We had to look closely and put in as much detail, as we could thinking about the shape and the size of the leaves, what the stem looked like and what the container and the overall appearance of the plant was like.



With a focus on learning about the main external parts of a plant we made our own sunflowers to create a garden display on our classroom wall.



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Welcome Louise.....

The Kookaburras are very happy to share their new classroom with a new student this term. Louise Guentert has joined St. Andrews and makes a very welcome addition to the Year 1 group.



Phonics is an important part of our weekly routine in our quest to becoming confident readers and writers. We are very proud of our growing knowledge and skills which now includes single letter sounds, many double letter sounds with our current focus on recognizing and listening for long vowel sounds.