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Thought for the Day

"Understand that your teaching of a child really comes more from how you are and what the child sees than from anything you say."



Venerable Ajahn Chah in "A Tree in the Forest" available from the School Office.

Upcoming Events

- Dhamma Talk by Phra Ajahn Jiew 14 February 2012
- Panyaden Sports Day 17 February 2012
- Maka Bucha Day at school 6 March 2012
- Parent-Teacher-Meetings 15 March 2012
- Blossom Day 20 March 2012
- Panyaden Summer School 2 April – 4 May 2012

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Parent Spotlight



Restaurant owner Harry Zappe came to Chiang Mai with his wife Sylvia and son, Nick (6) last year because of the "great climate and friendly people."

And why did you choose Panyaden? *"What we like about Panyaden is the open space, the warm welcome and natural environment. Most importantly, Nick is very happy here. He can run around, he doesn't want to go home in the evening, which is a good sign for any school."*

Nick was born in Thailand and speaks 3 languages, English, Thai and his parents' mother tongue, German. *"We feel it is important to maintain Nick's German language skills for when he gets older and perhaps return to Germany."*

At Panyaden we believe that children should build a strong foundation in their mother tongue first. Evidence suggests this is essential for successful development of a second (or even third!) language.

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Panyaden School Summer School 2012
Book now for 5 weeks of fun and educational activities experiencing and caring for our environment. Call 053 426 618

Teacher Spotlight

Kru Ota, Maths and Science

"I believe that science equips our students with essential skills not only for other subjects but for all areas of their lives."



Kru Ota, who has a Bachelor's degree in education and a background in scientific research, continues,

"I want to inspire children's natural sense of discovery using the environment around them and to enable them to think for themselves."

I want to help them learn how to build their own "immunity" in the broadest sense of the word. Not only against poor health, but against any difficulty life brings them."

Student Spotlight

Nova, age 5, Butterflies (K3)

What do you like most at school?
"Art. I like painting and drawing most."
What is your favourite food?
"Cookies"

Do you remember the monk that visited us? What do you think monks do each day?
"They live in a big house. They look for something to eat. Then they go to sleep"



Student Work / Activities

Nursery/K1

K1 students started thinking about lunch.



They had a good idea, "Let's make our own!" So they set to work and created all this wonderful food for the Nursery students and their teachers to enjoy. Thank you K1 students!

K2-K3

The world as I see it. K2-K3 students work in groups to create their own representations of how they see our world.



Student Work / Activities

Prathom 1-2

You are what you eat.



Yum yum som tam and Vietnamese summer rolls made by the Dragonfly class.



Student Work / Activities

Prathom 4

Our class had some questions about gardening so we asked our resident experts Na Fon and Kru Eedd to show us how planting is done at Panyaden.



Do trees sweat?

The grasshopper class experimented to see transpiration in action.

They saw how plants lose water vapour to keep cool on hot days.



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Special Events



Q and A with Ajahn Jayasaro

The Venerable Ajahn Jayasaro kindly visited

Panyaden to meet students, parents and teachers. Our students prepared a list of questions to ask him.

“Why are you a monk?” asked Nova from K2-K3. Because I thought it was the best way to become a better person and create a better world, Ajahn Jayasaro replied.



Lily from P1-P2 asked, “Why do you meditate?” He responded that it helps calm the mind and keep us in the present moment.



Praise the behaviour not the child

In the talk with parents, Ajahn Jayasaro cautioned against telling your children ‘You are smart’ or ‘you are beautiful.’ This can impose a fixed identity on a child that is difficult to shake off and encourages children to focus on an attribute that may not be beneficial to them, such as physical looks. We should instead praise effort. Enjoying one’s own effort is more likely to lead to happiness, regardless of ultimate success or failure.

Special Events

Children’s Day

The Thai government has announced the 2012 children's day motto: ‘Unity with knowledge, preserve Thai identity, use technology appropriately’



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Create-a-Bug

Sitting behind their fair stalls, Butterfly class students were so excited to show their parents and teachers what they had made and learned, they could barely wait for them to arrive [\[More...\]](#)



Strawberry Fields Forever: a school community outing

After a windy, mountainous drive to Suan Doi Kaew Farm, parents, teachers and students were rewarded with delicious, organically grown strawberries. [\[More ...\]](#)



The 12 wise habits

King Fu Chef brings wisdom soup to Panyaden

At every Monday assembly we have a visitor. Enter stage leftthe Kung Fu Chef.



The Kung Fu Chef is teaching us a wise habit each week that will last a lifetime.



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