

Thought for Mother's Day



Boon khoon (บุญคุณ) is the belief that whenever we receive kindness or assistance from anyone – especially when it is given freely – we incur certain obligations. A good person is one who honours those obligations, and the deepest of those obligations is to our parents. The Buddha taught us to develop both a deep appreciation of the debt of gratitude we owe to our parents, and the intention to repay it as best we can.

Venerable Ajahn Jayasaro in "Daughters and Sons" available from the School Office.



Parent Spotlight

Lamorna Cheeseman has a daughter, Sita, in Prathom 3. The newly elected chair of our parent-teachers association, Friends of Panyaden, she runs the Studio Naenna handwoven textiles company and Adorn shop on Nimmanhaemin Road.

"I joined Panyaden because I wanted Sita to enjoy learning. I wanted an environment that would allow her to be challenged in her abilities and also to express herself, not just go through a system."



And what do you hope to achieve with Friends of Panyaden?

"I believe parents join Panyaden because we share similar views on life, so I think the PTA gives a chance for like minded people to meet each other and share knowledge and experiences of bringing up children. Friends of Panyaden gives us the chance to help the school from the point of view of the 'supplier.'

This year we aim to put on plenty of activities in different locations so parents can get together in big or small groups, although it's important that parents understand that there is no pressure to attend every event."

Student Spotlight

Jessica, aged 11 is in Prathom 6 and is the oldest student at Panyaden.

She joined in May from Australia.

"The biggest challenge for me has been the culture change, like *wai-ing*, not wearing shoes in the classroom and bowing to the Buddha in the morning. School is different from Australia because it is more relaxed here at Panyaden, but the education is similar.

I am happy here although I do miss being close to the beach!"



Teacher Spotlight

Kru Wirut, P1 homeroom teacher: "Everyday when I come to school I look forward so much to all the different questions my students are going to ask. They have so many questions that simply pop into their minds and I love how they ask about everything! Children at this age are so pure of mind. They don't have judgement. They are completely open to learning new things. One of the greatest challenges for me as a teacher is to know every single one of my students individually, to understand their different learning styles and needs. I spend as much time as I can observing them inside and outside the classroom; the way they play, the way they interact with their friends."



Student Work / Activities

My Project

Over the past 2 months our students have worked on a variety of special projects that ranged from building a bridge, to sewing, to making a magazine. Here is what they had to say about them:



Noah, P3, house-builder:

"We designed the house, then we made 8 holes and put 4 bamboos in them. After that, we put skinny bamboos around and on the top. We mixed together something

that looked like cow poo, which was really mud and straw, and used it for the cement of the walls."



Nick, P6, bridge-builder:

"We had to hammer and dig together.

My favourite part was mixing the cement and the rocks to put in the hole to make the foundations strong."



Lily, P3, magazine

publisher: "Making the magazine was fun.

I got to talk to people about their favourite class"

Student Work / Activities



Nachel, P1, seamstress: "I knew how to sew before, but I used to make very big stitches. Now I can make stitches really small, I think sometimes a little too small, but much better than I did before. I like the project because in the end I'll get to wear my skirt, and I made it."



Aisha, P3, painter: "Painting was fun. There are 3 pieces: a jungle, a town, and a beach. We all designed everything.

There were a lot of colours and I like the trees in the jungle"



Matthew, P5, boat-builder:

"It was fun building the ship together with friends. I liked the part when we put the duct tape on the foam around the plastic bottles.

We tested it to see if it would float, and it did!"

Student Work / Activities

Creativity in the Classroom

Everyday at Panyaden School there is learning happening in creative and integrated ways. Here are two demonstrations of how students are learning.



The P4, 5, 6 class imagined what would it be like if the Olympics were in Thailand. They designed Olympic

Mascots using important symbols from Thailand - colours of the flag, elephants, long neck hill tribe people, and even squirt guns from Songkran were represented.



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In Maths, P2 -P3 they learned about perimeters by measuring outdoor structures on the Panyaden playground. Here are Lily and Charli measuring the hopscotch court.

Special Events

Panyaden Olympics

Our very own Panyaden Olympics almost rivaled London 2012 with an Opening Ceremony that wow-ed our parents and games and races which displayed the true Olympic spirit: motivation, perseverance and sportsmanship. We were even joined by the London Mascots, flown in direct from the Games themselves!



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Upcoming events:

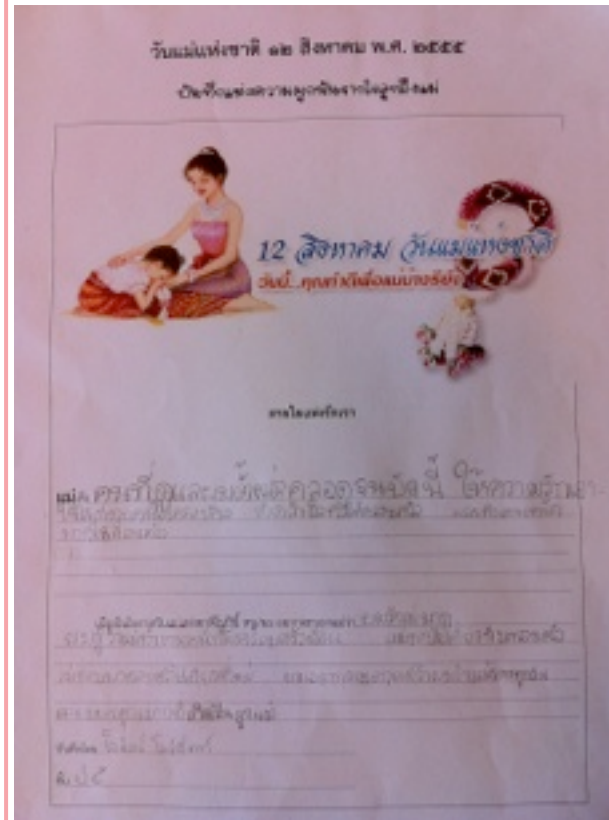
- Panyaden Science Day August 17th
- Student Health Check August 24th
- “My Project” celebration on August 24th
- Dhamma Talk for students and teachers on August 27th
- End of Term 1 on 28th Sep

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Special Events

Mother's Day

A week of activities for Mother's Day and Her Majesty the Queen's birthday culminated in our whole school - parents, teachers and students - wading in mud to plant rice as a truly good deed for a very special occasion! [\[Read more here...\]](#)



[More Mother's Day Cards can be seen here ...](#)

The 12 wise habits



12 Wise Habits Captains

At Panyaden School we practice the 12 wise habits on a daily basis. We are pleased to welcome our 12 Wise Habit Captains, who are always on the lookout for students demonstrating these behaviours. Captains Avihingsa (not harming), Oliver and Aisha, Captains Mattanuta (knowing the right amount), Matthew and Lily and Captains Chandha (being enthusiastic) Sam and Jessi, report back to our renowned Kung Fu Chef each week on which students have excelled in their wise habits.

