

Head of School Report 2015-2016

Greetings everyone,

Njah and her fabulous team have completed another amazing job working on a wide array of PTG tasks this year. The PTG as an organization have numerous roles but the key role in my eyes is the positive link they forge between home and school. They are often first to hear of the issues and whether they are big or small, they are an issue that needs to be resolved or focused on. I have found the monthly PTG meetings to be most informative and many issues have been aired and cleared during the last ten months. We had a most informative PTG meeting earlier in the year discussing the overall role of the PTG and how can it be improved.

Another PTG role that is so important in this large school is their first point of contact with new families. I have heard from many new parents that they found the support and advice from experienced PTG reps invaluable as they transitioned to a new and vibrant city and school. Having someone to answer questions and having the personal contact made all the difference in getting settled and happy living in a totally new and foreign living environment.

Fundraising

Our PTG have been diligent, hardworking and resourceful and have had another very successful fundraising year. One point that I really want to emphasize is the incredible appreciation every student and teacher has for the amazing resources we are all able to enjoy thanks to all of the PTG's hard earned efforts. A new huge pull down screen for the Sports Hall has been proposed using PTG funds which will be a big hit with teachers, students and parents.

International Day, November 10 and 11 2015

This is a huge event to organise over two days and I know the PTG team were stretched to the absolute degree on this enormous school-wide project. I know it's the teacher's favourite day of the school year and it just keeps going from strength to strength. From the international parade, the cultural assembly, expo stalls, international food fair, flags and costumes; everything that was organised worked, was meaningful and fun. What an incredible celebration of over 65 unique cultures. From all of us at Bangkok Patana School a HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful PTG team of 2015-2016.....

Vani Sharma – International Day Coordinator

Katharina Ayrle – Expo Hall coordinator

Mei Chen & Admbika Pradeep – Food Hall Coordinator

Suzie Jhanji – Cultural Show Coordinator

Njah Khan – Parade Coordinator

Fun Day, Saturday February 13, 2016

It was wonderful to see such a large community turnout at this year's Fun Day. This year's PTG Fun Day committee have worked tirelessly to get everything organised for the 9.30 am scheduled start and, with the support of Khun Prawit's marvellous buildings and grounds team, everything was ready for the opening. In fact, we ended up with a good community participation rate on the day and everything ran like

clockwork. It was wonderful to have the extra new rides for the students and having the arm band paid ahead of time was an excellent idea. I observed loads of Patana students having a great time with their families and friends and many adults also having a good fun Saturday. Bangkok Patana staff and teachers were in full attendance helping support all of the individual FUN Day events and I have to say it was one of the most enjoyable Fun Days I have attended even dealing with the stifling Bangkok sun.

Obviously, our annual Fun Day takes a great deal of time and effort to plan and organise and this year our Head Fun Day organiser was Daphne Seiler and her hardworking team did a superb job and on behalf of everyone at Bangkok Patana School, I wish to thank personally Daphne and her team.

From all of us at Bangkok Patana School a HUGE thank you to all of our wonderful PTG team of 2015-2016.....

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