

# How is Online School Going?



## STUDENTS FEEDBACK

### How has online classes affected your learning?

It hasn't affected much, to be honest. It's very similar to regular classes, except I take the classes in my bedroom.

### What are the advantages / disadvantages of online learning?

The advantages I can think of are that it saves time and money. As I observed, almost all of our students use cars and motorcycles to commute to school. Eliminating the need for the morning commute makes it so that the students and their families can save time and save gas money.

The disadvantages of online learning is that most teachers are not used to this teaching method yet. Also, some teachers are tech-illiterate, to put it lightly. Class interactions, from my experience, are also more dull as most students mute their mics and don't participate at all. Minor issues such as bad connections can also put an end to online classes.

### Do you feel that online classes are a good alternative way of learning?

Yes, online classes can be a good alternative if the students and teachers are properly equipped.

## TEACHERS FEEDBACK

### How have online classes affected your teaching?

Since it is online teaching, at the beginning of my teaching, I suffered from some technological problems. Besides, Internet problems can lead to many problems such as not being able to get students' feedbacks on time.

### What are the advantages/disadvantages of online classes?

The advantages of the online teaching is that it helps to go on teaching and learning while we are struggling with the hard situation. The disadvantages maybe the lack of interaction and feedback for the teacher, and the negative effects on the eyesight by looking at the screens for the students.

### Do you feel that online classes are a good alternative way of teaching?

Yes

### Do you feel more comfortable in your online classes?

### Should schools start an online learning program for students?

Yes

### Who need more attention?

Most of the students need help.



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we build character"



## Editorial

### Quarantine Edition

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**G**reetings students, Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, the FOOTPRINTS team has had to search far and wide for information and topics to put in our newsletter. If you are reading this, we thank you so much for taking the time to look at the newsletter because even though we won't have physical copies of the paper we still want to provide for our school. During this month of April, we would have had Songkran break! I know this may have upset some of you, but the best and safest thing to do at this time is Stay At Home. You can spare many lives by just following the directions and statements given by the government who are working hard to protect us and contain the virus. This month, we were able to get several opinions from different students about the online classes. Although we may be happy to stay at home, the teachers have, in my opinion, taken this as a time to pile on more work and be more strict with their submissions dates. Hence, it is important for all of us to be studious and be attentive in school so we don't miss any essential information. The FOOTPRINTS team's main message is that we want to get through to you to stay safe and hope you have an enjoyable and eventful quarantine.

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## Message From Mrs. Foster



Dear AIMS Students,

I have been asked to write a letter about the COVID-19 situation. That is a tall order, but an interesting request. It is interesting because this global pandemic is highly irregular. Nothing this widespread with such a negative impact has happened since the flood. To date, there are 3,065,871 cases of coronavirus, and 211,633 people have died worldwide. Because of the rapid spread of the pestilence, there is almost universal stay-at-home orders from world governments. Where did this virus originate?

It is believed that COVID-19 spread from someone at the seafood market in Wuhan, China. It is believed that bats were most likely the carriers of the virus, but there is uncertainty and the hypothesis is inconclusive. Scientists are trying hard to figure out the story in order to know how to stop the next pandemic. So, this gives us some background about the virus that has been so devastating.

Fortunately for us, Thailand has not been as affected as many parts of the world, including America where more than 50,000 people have died, and as of April 27, almost 1 million have been infected. People here in Thailand have practiced social distancing and wearing masks.

The closing of schools has posed an interesting problem. How would students continue studying? In this age of technology, universities and some high schools already engage in virtual learning. There are platforms already available. AIMS teachers and administrators chose the Moodle platform along with Zoom for virtual classrooms. Getting setup was easy. Learning how to interact and use the platforms was a learning experience for teachers, students, and parents. However, that learning curve seems to be over, and I would like to commend our AIMS family for their patient perseverance.

With the use of Moodle, Zoom, classDojo, and Line, students are engaged and actively learning. Students in some grades greet each other at 6:30 A.M. and there is a lot of comradery. Still, let us pray that this crisis will end soon. The social isolation is interesting for a while but definitely not long term. Students, we miss you. Stay well. Wash your hands often and wear your masks.

## The King of 2020!

By: Panuwat Hemthong & Pongsapak Yopinta

**T**hailand is one of the countries that encountered the Covid-19 situation, and the prime minister of Thailand tells everybody to stay at home, try not to come out of their homes to help the doctors that are on duty. There are about 69 provinces that have infected people. The province that has the most infection is Bangkok with 1459 cases. Then comes Phuket with 201 cases. There are 53 new cases, so all in all there are 2,907 cases, 2,547 are cured, 309 are hospitalized and 51 are deceased.



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# Songkran

By: Panuwat Hemthong & Pongsapak Yopinta

Thailand's Songkran Festival is held on April 13 to 15 every year. Songkran Festival represents the Buddhist practice of purification and the washing away of one's sins and bad luck. As a festival of unity, people who have moved away usually return home to their loved ones and elders. Paying reverence to ancestors is an important part of Songkran tradition. The holiday is known for its water festival. Sadly, this year we couldn't celebrate due to Covid-19 cases around the world.

## Chakri Memorial Day

By: Panuwat Hemthong & Pongsapak Yopinta



Thailand's Chakri Memorial Day is held on April 6, every year. Chakri Memorial Day is for celebrating the founding of the still-reigning Chakri royal dynasty back in 1782. It is also a day to remember all of the contributions of all the Chakri kings throughout the history of Thailand.

Student's Work

# Beautiful Poetry

## BFF - Best Friends Forever By Napas Sipiyarak, Ploy (G.11)

We were the first friends for each other.  
We grew up and played and studied together.  
We listened and cared for one another.  
We said, "Let's be friends forever".

Her name is the name of a Disney princess.  
Her smile brightened and washed the darkness.  
When we met and chat, everything was timeless.  
If friendship is money, we would be the richest.

Even though we wanted to stay close,  
We must obey what parents chose.  
Our last visions of each other froze.  
She was the one I missed the most.

When we met, we saw, we were different.  
We were more matured and more confident.  
There are changes from past to present.  
Our memories become transparent.

When we talked, we found, we are the same.  
Our outsides change, but the feelings remain.  
Our past memories finally came.  
The long distance was the one to blame.

My life with her is really fantastic.  
It is complicated like studying physics,  
but it is lively like listening to music.

## Childhood Persona By Kristine Charm Encapas (G.12)

In a trip down memory lane,  
I remembered the taste of formula milk,  
How I would wail, whine, and complain  
Like a spoiled princess deprived of silk.

If my memory serves me correctly,  
I used to spit out my melon seeds  
For fear that swallowing one was deadly,  
That out my ears would it grow like weeds.

I wonder if these times took flight,  
The days I would rush home to sit and watch  
The latest episode of Tom's and Jerry's fight  
And forget about my friends playing hopscotch.

I wonder if now as a graduating senior  
I still complain like an adult baby,  
In false tales am I still a believer  
Or in relationships am I still shaky?  
The answer should come clearly  
That I am not who I am in the past  
But this childhood self I hold dearly

Teacher's Corner

By: New Janequin

# Our Dear Administrator, Mrs. Foster



Teacher Foster, our administrator and grade 12 Bible and Values class teacher told us that something that identifies us as an international school apart from speaking English is that we are unique in our own ways. She believes that treating everyone as an individual is an extremely crucial thing to keep in mind. In addition, she is coming up with new methods and strategies to improve the quality of education the school could provide for the students. One significant factor to improve the school is the student council (SC) who should set good example and help the school grow as a whole. We asked Mrs. Foster to compare our school to an object and she thoughtfully compared it a flower. She told us "Each flower is designed with such love and care and not one is like another. They grow from a seed, slowly developing and unfolding, unique in their growth and beauty. Their growth should not be rushed, and when they have matured in their own time, they are intricate and perfect in the tiniest details.

Quote: Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray." Proverbs 10:17

# Khun C

By: New Janequin

## 'AIMS Can Teach Students to be Both Smart and Good People in a Society'



Khun Chalermsri Ritthitraiphop or Khun C started her career in October 2001, and completed about 18 years at AIMS.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree from the Asia Pacific International University (formerly Mission College), majoring in accounting in 2020, she went to work at The Regents International School in Pattaya for one year and she was happy working in that school. Although she was not a teacher, she had opportunities to participate in the various activities of the school.

In 2001, Khun C started working at AIMS as an accountant, and she believes that AIMS is a school that can build a good character for each child. She said "A livable society does not need only smart people but it needs good people, too. Khun C believes that our school can teach students to be both smart and good people in a society.

In 2019, she graduated with a Master's Degree in Business Administration majoring in Accounting at the same university. Her responsibilities include tuition and fees charge, collecting account receivable of outstanding balances, checking/posting accounting entries and preparing for the monthly financial statement. She said working as an accountant is not easy because the goal for accounting work is to be fast, accurate and to satisfy the need of the customer, however she always asks God to help her and guide her. Lastly, she wants to leave a Bible verse in James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him."

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." ~ [James 5:14-15 \(Bible\)](#)

