

Christmas is for Caring

Grade Three Gift Giving

- Nantana Chumsaeng

On December 9th, 2020, the third-grade students had the opportunity to learn that Christmas is not only about unwrapping gifts, but also about gifting compassion and care for others, with the possibility of not receiving something in return.

On the last day of the second quarter, we headed off to town with a shopping list. The elementary arithmetic with Teacher Nelson seemed pretty easy compared to using a calculator with a basket full of groceries. The adults were getting impatient, but the kids were learning.

The grocery store was filled with excitement as the kids went from aisle to aisle, looking for the items on their list. They had to compare prices for each item, to make sure that their budget would be enough for everything they needed to buy. For some, it was the first time for them to know that the prices of the products are not the same, so they needed to decide which ones to buy. It was a flurry of kids scrambling to get what they needed in such a limited time.

After practicing some math skills at the grocery store for an hour, we set out to make our Christmas delivery at a small community in Muaklek where there were around 30 people who work approximately 16 hours a day and have to live far away from home. The students sang songs for them and helped each other in distributing all the groceries to each person and wishing them a blessed Christmas.

Even with the few eggs we broke, it was a memorable day. This experience has taught me to complain less and be more thankful as life itself is a blessing. Whether the students really enjoyed it or not, you will have to ask them. One thing I hope for is for them to at least find true happiness in giving.

I would like to thank Teacher Rojean, Ms. Sophea Se, and our parents for the donations and support. I would like to specially thank my AIMS third grade teacher, Mr. Naltan Lampadan, for teaching me, 18 years ago, the joy of giving.

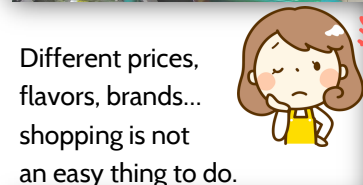
We love because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19

#passiton



List in one hand and calculator in the other. Do we have enough money for all these?



Different prices, flavors, brands... shopping is not an easy thing to do.



Each pack had some eggs, rice, canned goods, sugar, noodles, condiments, soap and even some snacks for the children. ☺

The kids were so happy to receive our simple gifts, and seeing them happy made us happy too. ♥♥♥



Each of us had something to give and we made sure that everyone got something to take back to their families.

We prepared some songs for them too. We wanted them to know that we were happy to be with them that day.



Our tiniest friend also got something from us - eggs and other grocery items. We had a great time with our new friends, and we hope to visit them again next time.



"We don't just teach
we build character"

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AIMS Achievers

- Emanuell Darryl Bingku and Gevanya Franklene Mantiri

Footprints will be showcasing the students who have not been recognized for the skills they possess or have mastered. We want to put the spotlight on these students, so that we can show their uniqueness. This issue will depict how talented these students of AIMS are, whether it be in academics, sports, arts, music or technology. We hope that this can also inspire other students to show and share their skills to those around them.

At AIMS we believe in the Multiple Intelligences that individual students have. We're not all the same, but whatever skill or talent we may have, will all play an important role on how we contribute to our communities.

Students of AIMS are encouraged to become better versions of themselves. Teachers bring out the best in every student under their care. Through the love and support of their parents, students are able to achieve more than what they are able to imagine.

As we celebrate the achievements of these students, we hope that you will be inspired to learn a new skill or master what you already have. If you have not done so yet, it is not too late to find out what you can be good at. You'll never know if you won't give it a try.



Congratulations Mrs. Foster

- Footprints Editorial Staff

Saraburi Provincial Education Office (Krusapa Saraburi) recognized Mrs. Foster as one of the Outstanding Teachers and Educational Personnel in Saraburi Province, for the year 2020. It is important to note that she is the only foreign teacher that was given this distinction out of the 197 equally deserving recipients.

We praise God for this and may this honor given to Mrs. Foster glorify His name and serve as an inspiration to other teachers who aspire to be just like her.



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MUSIC



Song Without Words

- Gabriela Kyleene Mantiri

Hard Work Paid Off

- Qi Han

How do you choose a musical instrument? For some it is a school requirement, for others their parents choose it for them, and some even claim that the instrument talked to them. For one young man in grade 8, named Asam-pinapong Pongbupakicha-Sam, he chose the trumpet because there are only three valves on it. He thought that it is easy to



play because there are only three buttons to push. Little did he know that it's not easy to blow a trumpet.

Despite the difficulties he had in playing his trumpet, Sam persisted. Through the help of his teacher Bernie and the support of his parents, he was able to improve his tone and skill in his chosen instrument.

When he turned 11 years old, he had a solo concert in Saraburi. Family and close friends attended his concert, and they were so delighted with how he played. They were not only entertained, but they also admired how he improved in a year's time.

All these years, Sam has learned to love his trumpet. It is what makes him happy and gives him peace of mind. Whenever he wants to unwind, he goes to his music room and plays his worries away.

Happiness in Music

- Gevanya Franklene Mantiri

Music is an amazing form of art. To play the piano well, one needs practice and determination to learn.

One of the 3rd grade students of AIMS, named Narung Taweeyanyongkul or Liu, plays the piano and she is quite passionate about it. Liu started playing the piano as early as 5 years old. She always heard her older siblings playing the piano and she thought that it sounded so good.

That's when she began to be more interested in playing that instrument. Liu plays it with her heart; she feels that her fingers are flowing like a river and the melodies that she produces makes her happy.

To improve her skills she practices at least 30 minutes everyday with her teacher. She believes that if you want to be good at something, you need to face some challenges for you to get better. In Liu's case, she needs the pressure to make her get to where she wants to be.



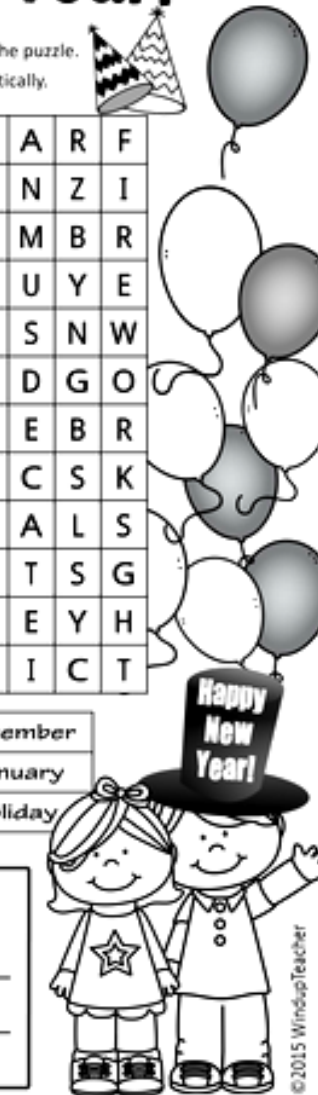
Happy New Year!

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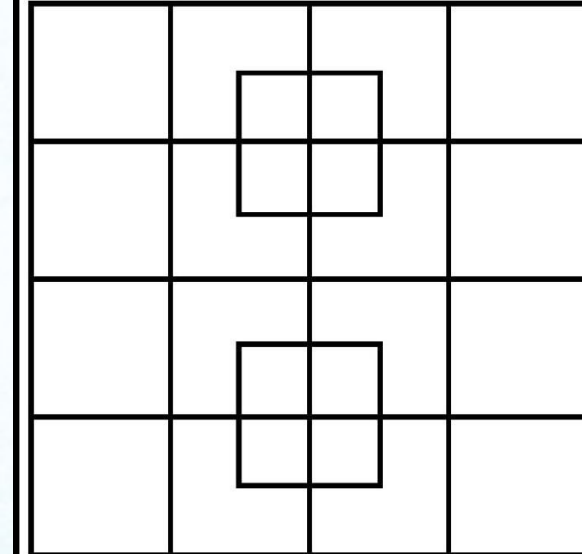
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countdown	goals	music	January
tradition	celebrate	parades	holiday

My New Year's Resolution:



HOW MANY SQUARES?



I found _____ squares.

BOGGLE

M	A	P	O
E	T	E	R
D	E	N	I
L	D	H	C

Points

3 letters = 1 point	6 letters = 3 points
4 letters = 1 point	7 letters = 5 points
5 letters = 2 points	8 letters = 9 points

Can you find the odd one out?



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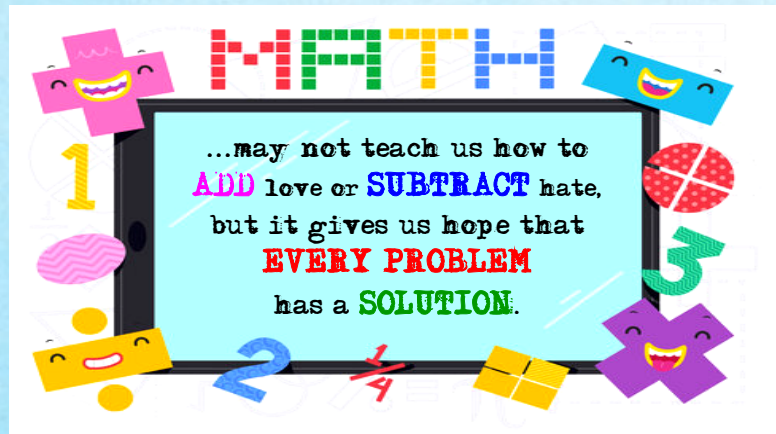
Problem Solver

- Gabriela Kylene Mantiri

People need good education to get through with life. Students of AIMS are fortunate to have access to a good quality of education—that will prepare them for their future. As they learn more, they gain more knowledge. Others even excel outside of the school and for some, in a competitive way. Such is the case for the grade 8 student - Sataporn Jang-Arunyik, who is more commonly known as Satang among her friends. One time she saw a poster about a mathematics competition in the AIMS Line group chat. She found it interesting and decided to sign up for it.



To prepare for competitions, she needed extra time out of school for tutorials. She also studies by herself through worksheets and online drills. For her to be able to do well in the competition, she had to learn all kinds of math lessons higher than her level. It was hard for her because, at the age of 10, she was just learning introduction to algebra. The math problem she's doing in the competition are somewhat different from the regular math problems she's doing at school, but it challenged her. The last time she competed, was in November of 2019. So far, she has won bronze and silver medals from 2017 to 2019.



The KUMON Way

- Emmanuel Darryl Bingku

In Thailand, most parents want their children to get an early education so that they can excel academically. Many parents even go to the extent of sending their children to special classes such as Kumon—to increase their child's academic ability.

Keeta Pongbiruboon, he is also known as Keith, is a grade one student. He was only three years old when he started attending Kumon. Keith is shy around others, but he is a very talented kid who enjoys singing, dancing, and as well as being a good learner.

When he first attended Kumon, he didn't like the idea that he would be doing a lot of works outside of school, but with his mother's support and encouragement he was able to continue.

Keith attends Kumon twice a week for an hour, and everyday he studies 15-30 minutes after dinner. Kumon does not require their students to always study, but teaches them to be responsible and to practice time management. Keith's little brother is also attending Kumon and is achieving as well.

His mother loves him and was willing to let him stop if it was a burden for him, but when she saw that Keith was becoming more interested in learning the Kumon method, she supported him and let him feel how proud she is of him.



Mastering Math

- Qi Han



There is a hardworking girl in the 5th grade who excels in Mathematics but is not always noticed. Her name is Prachaya Prakirasa, also known as Parn Parn. As a kid, she already had better math skills than other students in the same age, especially in decimals, which is one of the difficult lessons for students to learn. She even attended a math competition called ASMO Thailand in Saraburi.

These accomplishments are not because she is smarter than other students, but because she spends time to master her skills. She spends an hour to two in studying and practicing her math skills. She enjoys math so much and thinks that learning math is not a difficult thing.

We cannot say that math is not complicated because most of the time, we get confused by it, but the main key to learning Math is to listen to the teacher carefully and to practice more. "If you learn properly, you will improve." That's her way of inspiring other students who want to become better in Mathematics.

Ar Technology



Capturing Moments

- Glyzel Kate Belnas

Adjust. Focus. Click. Capturing moments that life shows in front of us can be a really great hobby and profession for those who love photography. There's a saying that goes, 'A picture is worth a thousand words' and that stimulates the brain to work in order to understand what is going on in an image. Photography doesn't just take photos; it captures beautiful sights and memorable experiences of those with us and our surroundings. The images sink into the camera's memory card, the way the scenes in front of us sink into our brains to store such memories.

Parattakorn Preecha, or Punpun was inspired to start doing photography because he wanted to capture memories and experiences that he cherishes. Though he thinks that these photos are just for his own pleasure, sometimes, he wants to share them with his friends too - especially on social media. He loves capturing the people near him and the indelible landscapes that catch his eye. The people themselves show different emotions and facial expressions that make it pleasing for the camera's lens; landscapes show the beautiful structures that God has created.

Punpun uses a Sony a6300 to take his shots of what interests him. Sony a6300 gives a high resolution with a pixel count of 24MP. Its continuous shooting rate is at 11 fps and the maximum shutter speed is at 1/40000 seconds which can ultimately capture the photo right away. He also uses his phone because it is more convenient to have around. To capture at least one photo, it takes probably around 15 minutes of continuous shooting, but for him, he usually takes less time because he tends to get impatient. When he has the time to do so, he takes a lot of photographs of his chosen subjects that are near him and with that, he uses it as practice. Punpun rates himself as a 5 but let's hear the audience's opinion, shall we?



Koh Mak Sunset - Trat, Thailand (seascape)



Temple Bells - Khao Kho, Petchabun (still life)

PhotoArt

- Footprints Editorial Staff



These are some of the photos taken by Chayanin Junprasert (Boss-G8) with his cameras. He tries to experiment with all kinds of settings to

capture anything that catches his attention. He pays attention to his composition and the kind of gear he is using, so that he can get the right shot.

Gear:

Cameras

- Sony A7III
- Canon 1500D

Lenses

- Tamron 28-75 f2.8
- Sigma 70-300 f4-5.6
- Canon EF-S 18-55 f3.5-5.6



Ruay - Sister's male pet cat (animal portrait)



Lights in Motion - Saraburi, Thailand (long exposure)



Here's the Kicker

- Emmanuel Darryl Bingku



Learning the art of Taekwondo at an early age not only helps one's well-being but also improves self-esteem and helps in developing discipline. It is not an easy feat to learn Taekwondo.

When you step into a dojo, to learn the basics of Taekwondo, you must be

prepared to face many challenges. One of those challenges is developing flexibility. It is no surprise that the older you get, the more you lose your flexibility, so it is better to learn Taekwondo at an early age.

One of the Grade 2 girls - Nichanan Lonyuth or Immy, wanted to be different than other kids. She enjoys being outside and spending time away from the internet. She finds doing physical activities more enjoyable and healthier.

Immy got introduced to Taekwondo by her father. Her father wanted Immy not to be influenced by the internet and to spend more time in playing outside.

Acing Each Stroke

- Gevanya Franklene Mantiri



Golf is one of the major sports in Thailand. Its popularity is mostly attributed to the world renowned professional and world champion, the Thai-American golfer, Tiger Woods.

Tiger Woods has greatly influenced these young Thai golfers, who

dream of making a name for themselves in golf. One such young person is a grade 3 student of AIMS, named John Mornthong.

John was just 7 years old when he started playing golf. He competes in an association called ISF in Bangkok. John has already joined in 3 competitions. In the first competition he placed 4th overall, next he got a certificate of participation, and in his third competition he placed 2nd overall in his category.

Everyone has some weaknesses, in John's case it is his gripping technique that he struggles with the most. John practices 1 hour daily so that he can improve his skills. John enjoys this sport because he says it is fun and he encourages other people to give sport a try.

She started to learn Taekwondo at the age of six. She got inspired by her teacher who was a former champion in Thailand. In learning Taekwondo, she faced multiple adversities.

Her greatest challenge is not to give up when she's feeling tired from the intense training while she still had to focus on her studies. But this did not stop her, and she learned to grow stronger physically and mentally. Her discipline made it possible for her to win the championships in 2019 and 2020 in Thailand.

Immy enjoyed all of her experiences in Taekwondo. From learning new things, to meeting old and new friends from different schools. It taught her so much about teamwork, leadership, tolerance, patience, and most importantly, avoiding the bad influences from the social media.

All of these were achieved by Immy because she was dedicated in her being an athlete. She had to go through intense training for a year. She trains for three to four hours a week. Her inspiration in Taekwondo is Panipak Wongpattanakit, who is one of the world's champion and the current champion in Thailand. Immy's ultimate goal is to be a part of the Thai national team and make a name for Thailand. She knows that she couldn't achieve all these without her parents, coaches, teachers and friends who support her. Her father would like everyone to cheer for her in her journey.

Taking a Splash with Cheetah

- Gevanya Franklene Mantiri



Swimming is a great sport to engage in. It allows most of your body parts to move. Swimming is also a life skill that everyone must have because it can save your life or others as well.

Patthamon Akaruean, also known as Cheetah is a 10-year-old girl in the 4th grade, she has been joining in national swimming competitions, in the sprint category.

Recently, Cheetah participated in a competition at Chum Saeng Muni, Nakhon Sawan, she received one of the top 10 awards.

Cheetah is determined, she got that from her parents who encourage her to be great. She practices for three hours each week. She participates in swimming competitions because she enjoys receiving medals, and awards for either participating or winning in them. Swimming to her is more of a form of entertainment, because it allows her to get into her own state of mind and not to think of other things.

Smashing to Success

- Glyzel Kate Belnas



My name is Monprach Pattamakaensai, my friends call me Link, and my ultimate goal is to be in the National Badminton Team of Thailand. It is difficult to achieve, so every athlete strives to be the best. To be selected for the national team, one must possess extraordinary skills. Badminton players around Thailand work hard in order to be noticed. I'm lucky to be among

the chosen ones. It is my dream to join the national competition and to play against my inspiration, Kantaphon Wongcharoen, who is currently in the national team.

I started playing badminton back in 2018. and I feel that this sport was made for me. I love the adrenaline rush when the shuttlecock is passed in my court and I have to get it in order to earn a point. The way we have to jump up high in the air to smash the shuttlecock down with full force, landing in time to watch the small object as it hits the ground is just pure bliss for me. I'm still not able to match with the skills of those who have been training for years. I need to work as hard as they do if I am to reach their level.

I had my first competition in 2019. The moment I stepped on the badminton court, I felt so alive – as if nothing could hold me back. I got my racket ready and looked at it in awe, thinking about the possible outcomes of my first badminton match. I checked the strings of my racket, and they sounded like music to my ears. It responded back to me when I tapped them lightly to wake them up. The umpire called us to review the rules of the game. Then, we went back to our benches to get ready for the match.

1...2...3... breathe in, and 1...2...3... breathe out. This is it! I opened my eyes, and I was filled with mixed feelings. "I can do this," I kept reminding myself. The game started and all eyes were on us. We made rallies and got our points, but was I satisfied? No. I played harder, but I still - I lost. That did not stop me, because right after that match, I was determined to work harder than before.

My coach motivates me and is always supportive of the decisions I make. He is very friendly, respectful, and always gives me feedback. I can talk to him like a brother and a friend. I train from Monday to Thursday, between 5 to 8 in afternoon; and on Saturday to Sunday from 7 to 9 in the morning; and 1 to 4:40 in the afternoon. My schedule may be a killer, but I am having a great time.

I have joined 12 competitions and I experienced both losing and winning. I lost 8 times and I won 14 games. I am so proud of myself for achieving more victories than defeats, because it shows how much progress I make every day. My parents, especially my father, always supports my matches and is always present. Were there moments when I wanted to quit? No! Not at all. I keep pushing forward to be better than I was yesterday.

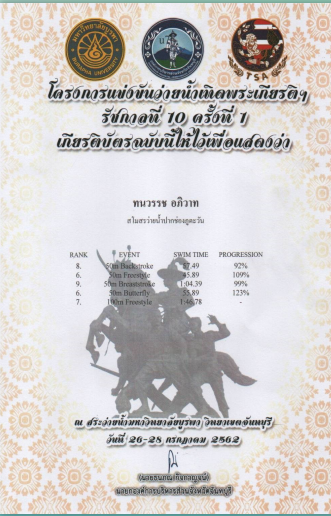
Making Waves in the Pool

- Emmanuel Darryl Bingku

Learning to swim at an early age is a great skill to have, because it helps improve one's health and it also promotes safety to one's well-being when they are in deep water. Swimming is not relatively difficult to learn, so most people can learn it with practice. But when it comes to competitive swimming sports, it is a whole different story.

Tarnawat Apiwat, nicknamed Tatoo in Grade 2, was just five years old when he started swimming. His mother thought it was a great way to spend his free time after school, because Tatoo was enjoying it. After some time, his coach took him to join small competitions, and there he started to improve. As he progressed, his trainings became more challenging. He easily got tired and became unmotivated to train harder. But even so, he continued to get better and learn more because his parents were there for him and supported him throughout his journey. For Tatoo, swimming competitions is not just about winning over others and getting prizes, but he finds it exciting; the audience, the race, the judges, and the prizes. All of those are the reasons why he joined the race not to be competitive, but to have fun and see how much he has improved over the course of his training. He usually trains three hours a day from four to seven.

Since he was two years old, he has already been competing in swimming. He has to do this until he is fourteen years old. The reason behind it is that, if he gets a good record for each year until he turns fourteen, he will be able to compete in the 'Sports Authority of Thailand'. At first, it did not seem like he was going to win any of the competitions. Before, he only ranked 8th among other swimmers, but now after intensive practice and dedication, he was able to get 2nd place. He saw this as an opportunity, so he keeps continuing his training until someday, he will be able to compete in the national level.



"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."

- Michael Jordan