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## Message from the Headteacher

Last week the secondary students took part in an assembly about "invisible backpacks". This is the idea that we all carry around an invisible backpack that can hold our privilege as well as our burdens. Students were invited to consider what was in their invisible backpack and to then share what they thought might be in the backpacks of their friends, their parents and also of the maids, guards and a family who is supported by Jungle Aid. This exercise helps us focus on and develop our empathy, and invites us to walk in someone else's shoes. We left the assembly with this message: we all share the privilege of being members of the HHIS community... It's our collective responsibility to ensure our actions leave positive ripples.

That positive action can be as simple as saying good morning to the security guards as we come into school. Or it can be a more concrete positive action like helping others with donations. We have all been moved by the dreadful news of the floods coming from Hat Yai, and other parts of South East Asia. We hope that the friends and families of the HHIS community who may have been affected are safe. Thank you to all our school community for our continued support. The Sawang Hua Hin Tham Satarn Foundation will be collecting your donations tomorrow afternoon to transport them down to the affected communities.

The positive actions of our community have also been demonstrated with the overwhelming number of shoeboxes collected this year - 317 in total! It is a wonderful yearly tradition at HHIS to donate shoeboxes of gifts for children who are less fortunate in support of the Jungle Aid Foundation. Jungle Aid came to collect the boxes this morning and they will all be distributed to children in the villages supported by Jungle Aid. Again, many thanks to our wonderful community for their support for this initiative.



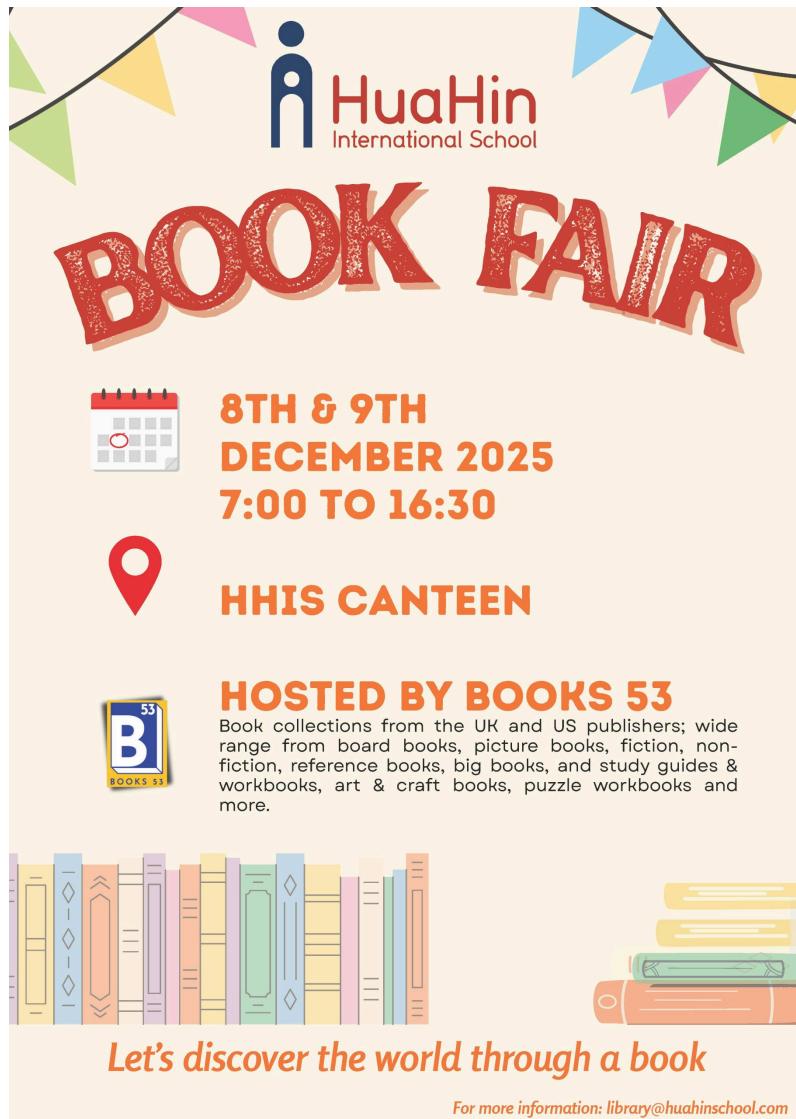
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Headteacher

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### **HHIS Book Fair Hosted by Books 53**

We are delighted to be holding a book fair, just in time for the holidays! Students will be allocated a time to visit. Parents please feel free to visit the book shop and grab a coffee from the getfresh kiosk!



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# BOOK FAIR

 **8TH & 9TH DECEMBER 2025**  
**7:00 TO 16:30**

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## Highlights from the week

### KS2 Winter Concert

Our KS2 Winter Concert was a heartfelt and inclusive occasion, with the children sharing songs and instrumental pieces, along with meaningful readings from our Year 6 students in honour of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, the Queen Mother. The performances were full of care and spirit, and we are very proud of everyone involved.

It was a memorable event that reflected the warmth of our international community.



## A Magical Night at the Marriott Christmas Tree Lighting!

Well done to our Primary and Secondary Choir members who performed brilliantly at the Marriott Christmas Tree Lighting on Friday night. Our Year 5 and Year 6 Singers impressed with two multilingual pieces, and the Secondary Choir delivered six stunning songs from Christmas films, classics, and traditional favourites. We wish to give a special shout-out to our Yr13 performers as this was their final Tree Lighting as part of the HHIS Choir. This made the evening even more meaningful.

We also wish to say a huge thank you, again, to The Marriott Hua Hin for having us.



## How Unequal Resources Shape Our World: A Year 6 Simulation

Year 6 has been inquiring into the unequal distribution of natural resources around the world. To help make links to the real world and consolidate their learning, they played a Global Trade Simulation Game. The game involved six countries, each with its own different natural resources, strengths, weaknesses, and needs, with the resources being unevenly distributed. Each country had four different representatives with different roles. For each round, the children had to have a domestic meeting to decide what resource they needed to trade and with which country. There was then a period of Open Trading where countries had to agree on the terms of trade and write up a contract. This contract was then taken to the Global Trade Committee for approval or cancellation. Each country had to pay for its food production and energy. After each round, there were also unexpected global events that affected different countries, which were either rewarded or penalised. This simulation provided

students with valuable insight into how the unequal distribution of natural resources affects countries and why they need to engage in trade.



## Celebrating Student Success

### The Power of Inspiration

Last Sunday, our students showcased their talents through musical performances at Yamaha School's concert, 'The Power of Inspiration,' held at Market Village was a wonderful event that highlighted how our school's I-Values continue to guide and empower our students, even beyond the school environment. We would like to express our admiration and congratulations to all of our students for their wonderful performances.



# Upcoming events

HHIS Google Calendar

**3rd December** - Secondary Band Showcase Evening

**4th December** - LAST DAY OF ECAs

**4th December 9 am -12 pm** - Business Fair Market - Parents welcome

**4th December 2.45 - 3.25 pm** - Year 5 Celebration of Learning

**5th December** - The Birthday of the late King Bhumibol - School closed

**8th December 8.30-10.15am** - IGCSE Certificate Morning for Year 12 + IB Introductions for Year 11

**8th and 9th December** - Book Fair in the canteen

**8th December 2.45 - 3.25 pm** - Year 6 Celebration of Learning

**9th December** - Last day of school

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