

Finnway Weekly Newsletter

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LUNCHTIME CLUBS ENRICH LEARNING AT FINNWAY

This term, our Primary lunchtime clubs have continued to **provide students with fun, meaningful learning experiences** beyond the classroom. From **Football, Computer, and Board Games to Dance and Drama, GLEE Club, Kitchen Gardening**, students had a wide variety of clubs to choose from, allowing them to explore their interests and try something new.

These clubs support the development of essential skills such as **collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and responsibility**. They also help build a strong **sense of community** and enhance student wellbeing. It's been wonderful to see so many students actively involved and making the most of these opportunities.



STUDENTS' TESTIMONIALS



“ I like the Technology Lunchtime Club because I get to do fun coding games and learn new things on the computer. I've learned how to make characters move and solve puzzles. Coding is one of my favorite things to do at school! - Harry (Grade 1A Student)



“ I enjoy the Kitchen Garden club, because I really like plants. It is very interesting watching plants grow and taking care of them. -Efrem (Grade 2B Student)



“ Learning drama is good because it can help me in the future. Whenever I am acting, I will know how to perform well. When I take part in drama, I feel good and happy. - Nina (Grade 5 Student)



“ I learned playing basic drum beats and glee club helped me to explore different instruments that I want to learn in the future. - Kaila (Grade 2A Student)



“ I love football because it's so much fun! I really enjoy playing with my friends and being part of the team. -Tim (Grade 3 Student)



“ It has always been fun going to Board Games Club because we get to play chess and other exciting games. I enjoy spending time with my friends and learning new strategies while having fun. -Grand (Grade 4 Student)

CELEBRATING OUR GYMNASTS!

Congratulations to our talented Finnway students who recently participated in the Thai and Canadian Moose Games in Bangkok. Adi, Rita, and Richa achieved amazing results, and their hard work, dedication, and love for the sport made us all proud.



Adi Riss
Gold Medal



Richa
Gold Medal



Rita
Gold Medal

We look forward to seeing how they continue to shine and grow in their gymnastics journey. A special thank you to Gymnastics Club Phuket for their incredible coaching and support!

WELCOMING OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL – ULLA SIRVIÖ-HYTTINEN

We are delighted to officially welcome Ulla Sirviö-Hyttinen as our new Head of School at Finnway. Ulla began her first day on campus this past Thursday with a warm welcome from Management, staff and students. She was given a tour of both the main and Connect campuses, visiting classrooms and learning spaces and getting to know our vibrant school community.



On Friday, Ulla led her first whole-school assembly, where she introduced herself to students, shared her excitement about joining Finnway. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to meet her and feel her enthusiasm for education.

With her extensive background in Finnish and international education, Ulla brings valuable leadership experience and a strong commitment to student-centred learning. We're excited to have her guiding Finnway forward and look forward to the term ahead under her leadership.



Friendly Futsal Match – A Milestone for Our U9 Team

Wednesday, 30th April marked an exciting milestone for our Under-9 team as they played their very first futsal match in the Finnway gym against HeadStart Cherngtalay. The game ended in a well-earned draw, with both teams displaying strong teamwork, determination, and great sportsmanship.

A big thank you to Teacher Thae for coaching and preparing the team, and to Teacher Gerald for umpiring the match. It was a fantastic afternoon of sport and a proud moment for our young athletes!



UPCOMING EVENT K3 to Grade 1 Transition Session

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A transition information session for K3 parents will be held on Friday, 9th May from 2:30 – 3:00 PM in the Multi-purpose Room.

The purpose of this session is to help families understand what to expect as their child moves from Kindergarten to Primary School. It will provide an overview of the key changes in routines, learning environments, and expectations in Grade 1, along with tips on how parents can support a smooth and confident transition.

STAFF UPDATE



Chris Wolferstaedter
Senior Admissions Officer

We're pleased to share that Chris, who many of you will know as our Pre-K teaching assistant, has recently transitioned into a new role as Finnway's Senior Admissions Officer. With her warm and approachable nature, as well as her understanding of our school community, Chris is well placed to support new families through the admissions process and help them feel welcome from the very beginning. We're excited to see her take on this important role!