



Kindergarten Learning Café

A Meaningful Afternoon Together

Last week, our Kindergarten community came together for the Learning Café, and it was a truly meaningful and uplifting afternoon.

The session focused on social and emotional development in early childhood, the role of play, routines, and relationships, and how home and school can work together to support children's growth. Parents engaged thoughtfully in reflection activities, discussions, and conversations throughout the session.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the student-led stations, where children confidently shared parts of their learning and daily routines. Seeing the children proudly guide their parents was a wonderful reminder of the strong sense of safety, belonging, and trust that exists in our classrooms.

What made this Learning Café especially meaningful for us was the opportunity to hear directly from parents. Parents shared how the care, attention, and individual support that our teachers give to each child have extended beyond the classroom and positively affected their children — and in many cases, their whole family. This kind of feedback is incredibly valuable to us and deeply affirms the impact of the work our teachers do every day.

We were also touched by the way parents stayed behind to continue conversations, connect with teachers, and even help with tidying up at the end — a beautiful example of role modelling that the children naturally followed.

Thank you to all parents who took the time to attend and share their reflections with us. Your openness and trust mean a great deal. A special thank you as well to our Kindergarten team for their thoughtful preparation, professionalism, and care, which made this event such a success. We look forward to continuing these shared learning moments and strengthening our partnership with families even further.

Strengthening Finnish Education Partnerships

with the University of Oulu

On Monday, 2 February, we welcomed visitors from the University of Oulu, Finland: Dr. Sari Ahola, Director of the Teacher Training School, and Dr. Raimo Salo, Global Partnership Manager of the Teacher Training School.

The purpose of the visit was to deepen strategic dialogue on Finnish education between Finnway International School and university partners, identify future pathways for our school identity, and explore opportunities for teachers' professional development, mentoring programmes, ongoing leadership training, and the development of a Finnish-approach curriculum, particularly for the lower secondary section.



The visit was collegial, reflective, and forward-looking, with a shared focus on quality, sustainability, and integrity. FISP is enthusiastic about long-term collaboration with the University of Oulu.

Visit to Coconut Island (Koh Mapraw) School

On Tuesday, 3 February, our team visited Coconut Island (Koh Mapraw) School to meet the school director and teachers and to begin building a positive relationship for future collaboration.

Looking ahead to Term 3, we are excited to welcome Coconut Island teachers to our school for a tour and classroom observations, where they will see our “Finnway” approach to teaching and learning in action. We are also planning a cultural and language exchange project for students.

This partnership offers a wonderful opportunity for our students, families, and teachers to connect with a unique neighbouring island school and to experience learning beyond the classroom.



Wellbeing Check-In (Snack-Time Support)

Supporting our students with everyday worries & school life.

A friendly 1:1 check-in during snack time to talk about friendships, routines, confidence, and any small worries.

Small things can make a big difference. 



When:

Every school day
10:00–10:30 (15-minute slots)



Who:

For all students



Who:

For all students



Good for:

- ✓ Friendship issues
- ✓ School routines
- ✓ Confidence & focus
- ✓ Changes at home



How to Book:

Email: kristajokinen@finnwayphuket.com

Form: [Scan the QR code](#) 



Private & Safe

Conversations are confidential, but if there are serious concerns, we will follow school safeguarding procedures.



Wellbeing Check-In (Snack-Time Support)

At Finnway, we believe that strong wellbeing supports strong learning. As part of our ongoing commitment to student care, we are introducing a simple and supportive Wellbeing Check-In during snack time.

Click the [link](#) to book.



Music Club – Mondays (Grades 3–6)

Our Music Club takes place every Monday and is open to students in Grades 3–6. This is a fun and creative space where students can explore music together, practise their skills, and enjoy playing as part of a group.

Students are welcome to bring their own instruments if they have them. Our aim is to gradually build confidence, teamwork, and musical skills as we work towards forming a Finnway School Band.

All students with an interest in music are encouraged to join, whether they are beginners or already play an instrument. We look forward to making music together!



MUSIC FUN CLUB
FINNWAY MUSIC BAND

WHERE: MUSIC ROOM
WHEN: MONDAY AT 12:20 PM
INSTRUMENTS: UKELELE, GUITAR, PIANO, FLUTE



Pearl Farm Adventure!

Exciting educational field trip to Intara Pearl Farm coming up!



Pearl Farming



Tie-Dye Workshop



Mangrove Kayaking

Dear Parents,

We're excited for our upcoming educational field trip to Intara Pearl Farm! Students will enjoy activities focused on sustainability, local enterprise, and environmental responsibility!

Please remember to prepare:



Hat



Sunscreen



Water Bottle



Snacks

Thank you for your support!



Field Trip Reminder

Please ensure students arrive at school **no later than 8:30 a.m.** on their field trip day.

Thank you for your support, we're looking forward to a meaningful and engaging learning experience for our students.

Announcement



FINNWAY SECONDARY LEVEL OPENING IN AY 2026/ 2027

Finnway International School Phuket is proud to announce the opening of its Secondary School programme in Academic Year 2026/2027, beginning with Year 8 or Grade 7.

Our Secondary programme is thoughtfully designed and academically rigorous, integrating the Cambridge Secondary curriculum with a Finnish-inspired educational approach in a distinctive way. This integration provides strong academic foundations while nurturing critical thinking, learner independence, and lifelong learning skills.

As Finnway continues to grow, our Secondary provision will expand year by year, providing students with a clear, coherent, and robust learning pathway through the secondary years and beyond.

Finnway Signature Learning

Inquiry / Project-Based Learning (Finnish-style interdisciplinary projects).

Three clear assurances for families

- Deep learning with strong academic foundations
- Personalised support with wellbeing at the centre
- A globally recognised pathway grounded in human values



Learning in Year 8 (Grade 7)

A balanced, future-ready curriculum that keeps strong academics and supports the whole child:

- **Core & Global Learning**
 - English
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Global Perspectives
- **Humanities & Languages**
 - Humanities
 - Thai Language
 - Modern Foreign Language (e.g., Chinese)
- **Creative, Digital & Practical Learning**
 - Art & Design
 - Computing
 - Digital Literacy
 - Music
- **Wellbeing & Development**
 - Physical Education
 - Wellbeing (pastoral / PSE)



Assessment & Progress

Students' progress will be monitored through teacher assessment and Cambridge-aligned benchmarks. Cambridge Progression Tests (English/Mathematics/Science) and Cambridge Checkpoint at the end of Stage 9 may be used for international benchmarking as the programme expands.

Clear pathways for the future

Clear academic pathways through Cambridge, leading to Cambridge IGCSE and as students' progress. Cambridge International AS & A Levels, supporting international university entry.

MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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FINNWAY SCIENCE & ADVENTURE CAMP

INSPIRED • ADVENTUROUS • ENRICHING



THE JOURNEY AWAITS

Join our exclusive adventure trip and embark on a journey of discovery!

All children are welcome to take part and experience the excitement of cultural exploration, personal growth, and unforgettable moments in Finland and Estonia with Finnway.

EXCLUSIVE EARLY BIRD OFFER

-BOOK NOW FOR SPECIAL PRICE-

Kids age between **9- 12 years old**

BAHT 197,000

Standard Price at Baht 210,000

Kids age between **13- 18 years old**

BAHT 210,000

Standard Price at Baht 225,000

The early bird offer is available till 20 February 2026 or until fully booked



Updates

Student Well-Being & Hygiene Practices

Children aged 4–5 years may occasionally experience mild stomach symptoms such as diarrhea or vomiting, which are common in early childhood and often temporary. With proper rest, hydration, and supportive care, most children recover quickly. Medical guidance from the Merck Manual Professional Edition notes that these symptoms are frequently seen together in young children and are usually short-lived.

At Finnway, student well-being is always our priority. As part of our ongoing commitment to a safe and healthy learning environment especially during this seasonal period, our school actively monitors students' health and provides appropriate dietary support when needed.

In addition, the Finnway Operations Team has implemented daily classroom deep cleaning since 29 January 2026, reinforcing our high hygiene standards and ensuring a clean, comfortable environment for all students.

Further information, please feel free to contact us at info@finnwayphuket.com or admissions@finnwayphuket.com



Upcoming...

FEBRUARY
11-12

**PRIMARY FIELD
TRIP**

FEBRUARY
13

**CHINESE NEW
YEAR**

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SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

Never miss an important date! Our full school year calendar, including all upcoming events, is always available on our website under the Academics menu.



WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS

Did you miss a week or want to revisit a past issue? We upload every newsletter to our website, so you can easily find them anytime.



NEWS & UPDATES

Our website is also the place to dive deeper into Finnway life. Discover more photos, stories, and full details about the events highlighted in our newsletters.



SOCIAL MEDIA

We love sharing special moments, events, and everyday happenings at Finnway! Stay connected by following us on our social media platforms — and don't forget to like and share when something catches your eye.

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