Bright Dawn Foundation



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NEWSLETTER

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Help us to give these local kids a hand up, not a hand out...

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Asian Tour Cheque for \$25,000

#### Latest news...

Bright Dawn has been very busy as the world hopefully returns to the norm! Our healthcare, educational and special projects programs are all full speed ahead.

We were lucky enough once again to be the chosen beneficiaries of the Asian Tour's International Series Charitable drive when they visited Black Mountain in Hua Hin. We got a spot in the Pro Am with Scott Hend as our pro. The Tour visited one of our schools, Nong Hieng and presented the cheque there. They also interviewed us and some of that aired live on TV during the weekend of the tournament



Donny (BD), Mike (BD), Scott Hend, Nace (BD)

### **Literacy Initiative**



Hua Hin International School at Nong Kra Toom

As part of our drive to encourage reading, we have been lucky enough to have the help of Year 12 International Baccalaureate students from Hua Hin International School who have been out to Nong Kratoom school to do guided reading sessions with some of the pupils getting ready for their ONET exams.

The I.B. qualification includes a module involving service to the community so this activity was a win for both sets of students.

After initial nerves, easily resolved by a few ice breaker games, the students settled down in groups to read English books together. Many

of the NKT students were able to answer questions in English which is testament to the work of the English teachers we employ to advance conversational English skills.

After the visitors left, many of the students were still buzzing with excitement and asking their teacher when they could repeat the experience, something we have been able to achieve with further visits from HHIS.

Our thanks to all the people involved from both schools.



Reading Practice

## **Popsicles for donations**



Thai Favorites Kiradech and TK

Having visited Nong Hieng and sampled their home made mulberry juice and iced popsicles, the Asian Tour commissioner Cho Minn Thant, suggested they have a stall at the course during the tournament selling their wares. Bear in mind these are mulberries, grown, harvested and juiced by the pupils at the school and falls perfectly into our agricultural skills drive. They raised almost B20k and got some quite famous customers...

#### Fun at the Park



In December, we took all the kids to Black Mountain water park as a way of celebrating their hard work during the school year. The COVID-19 pandemic forced them to miss out on a lot of schooling, so they had been working extra hard to catch up.

Upon arrival, the kids couldn't wait to jump in in and start having fun. By the end of the day, they were exhausted from all the excitement, but it was clear that they had a great time and made memories that would last a lifetime.

## An English Day by the sea...



English Day held at Navy Phirom

We organized an English Day for Prathom 5 and 6 students from all five schools at Navy Phirom. The day was a great success, thanks in part to the support of the Dyn-ED team, who ensured that the day was both fun

and educational. The event consisted of a wide range of indoor and outdoor games and activities, all of which were carefully designed to help students learn English in a fun and engaging way.

# Creative Club underway...



Bracelet making at Nong Kra Toom

We have recently expanded our vision to include a focus on reading and vocational skills. We are looking into ways to augment the schools academic curriculum, include agricultural processes and arts and crafts, as this will not only foster creativity but also help the students develop fine motor skills and patience. Ultimately, our goal is to help provide the broadest education possible that will prepare the students for success in all aspects of their lives. The program kicked off with an art class, bracelet making and creative English at Nong Kra Toom, a cooking class at Wang Both and music lessons at Nong Hieng.

These events have proved to be a great success with the students and has helped in building their creativity and teamwork



Cooking Class at Wang Both

### **Donation Update**

In 2022/23 so far, we have received B3.2m, which is around 60% of our target for the year.

We are very grateful for the loyalty and continued support of all our donors. Your generosity has allowed us to keep on delivering and improving our programs.

## Plans for the future...

Having created a five year development plan in 2019 which obviously was somewhat affected by Covid, we prepared a new three year development plan in late 2022. To the team's credit, many of the objectives in the original plan have been achieved notwithstanding the global obstacles thrown in our way and the new plan is, I believe, an exciting step forward, especially in the educational department.



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