

**Elementary School News #22** Monday, January 22nd, 2021

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Dear Parents and the TCIS Community,

# Support Staff

I want to start by thanking all our support staff, including our cleaning ladies, who are working to clean and disinfect the campus during this time and take care of maintenance issues. They work very hard every day, and they are often our unsung heroes.

# Online Learning

Last week was our first full week of online classes. I visited every class at least once and talked with students and teachers. I am very happy to see the dedication and resilience of our students, parents, and of our teachers and TAs. Everyone is supporting each other, and teachers are turning this time into an opportunity for students to express themselves in other ways through the use of technology. In this week's newsletter, every teacher has submitted a screenshot of their class in session.

#### **Important Reminder**

When we do return back to learning on the TCIS campus, it will be very important to:

- 1. Scan your parent ID to enter the campus
- 2. Scan the ThaiChana app
- 3. Always wear your mask
- 4. Exit campus before classes start at 7:30am, as no gathering outside the classrooms will be allowed.

These steps have taken on more importance since the recent shutdowns due to COVID.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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#### Revised Calendar - 4 January 2021 Jan '21 1 DAY 1 8 5 - 13 Break extended due to COVID (School Closed) 4 7 6 DAY 2 14 11 12 13 14 15 Schools resumes for grades 1 through 12 - ONLINE 18 19 20 21 22 26 27 29 28 ECE (Pre K2 through K) resumes Feb '21 3 4 5 1 12 Official Chinese New Year - School Closed DAY 1 8 9 10 11 12 DAY 2 15 16 17 18 19 Makabucha Day - School Closed 24 25 26

# Reschedule the Sermpanya Test.



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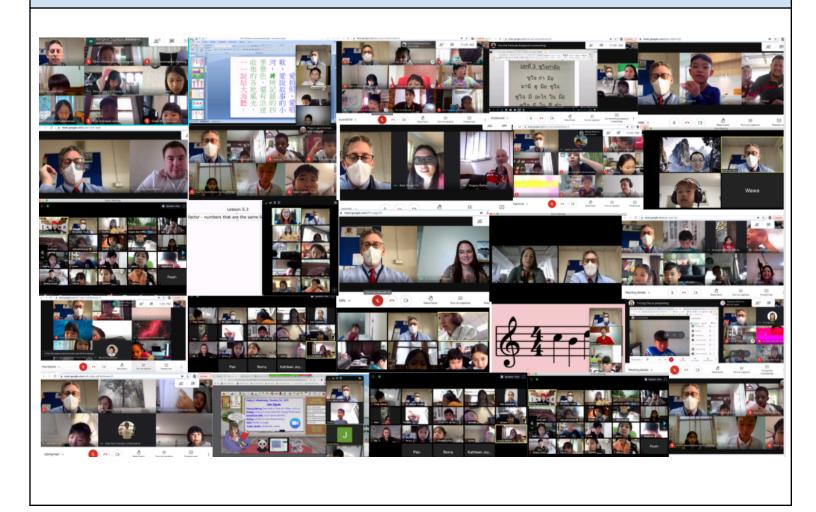
# Reschedule for the Sermpanya Test

Subjects	Grade	Examination Dates (Previous)	Examination Dates (Updated)	Time
Math	G.1-G.12	Saturday, February 13, 2021	Saturday, March 6, 2021	8.00-10.00
Science	G.1-G.12	Saturday, February 13, 2021	Saturday, March 6, 2021	10.30-12.30
Advanced English	G.1-G.12	Saturday, February 13, 2021	Sunday, March 7, 2021	8.00-10.00

Updated by Thai Department January 12, 2021

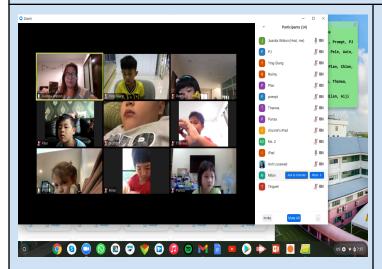
# **Dr. James' Class Visits**

Dr. James visited all teachers' classrooms during online learning last week.



# Mr.Juanita's online class

With the challenges of online learning causing stress on students, families, and teachers, 1A has focused its online time on remaining a close and supportive community of learners. First grade has used this time to aid students in discovering their writer's eye and to reconnect with stories and characters that the students love. Our class meets daily for a read aloud and peer talking time, with speaking prompts or objects to share. 1A has also arranged for one to one conferencing times and partner focused guided reading. This helps students stay focused on their learning objectives, and allows them to have the support and accountability that they receive in the classroom environment.









# Ms.Erin's online class

1B has had a very productive first week and a half of online learning. Students have been working really hard on all their Seesaw activities and seem to be getting the hang of how to do it all. Students dropped into the Zoom Meeting to ask questions about the learning or to just say "hi!"



I-Tim, Bo-Jing, and Arthur just wanted to say "hello." I-Tim and Arthur are ready to go back to school, but Bo-Jing is enjoying being home.



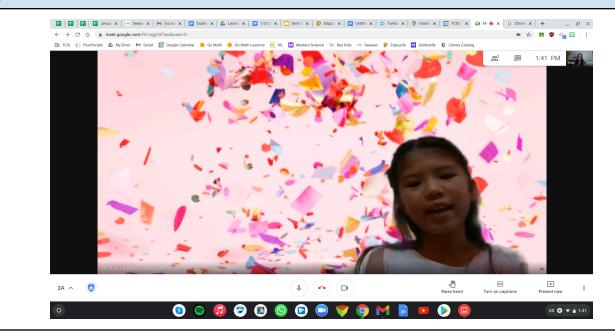
Pandin and Lucas both had questions about their daily word work. Pandin was working on his short vowel sounds and Lucas was working on his long vowel pairs



Pandin shows Mr. Alex and Ms. Erin his healthy snacks during PE class, and Dr. James popped in to see them too.

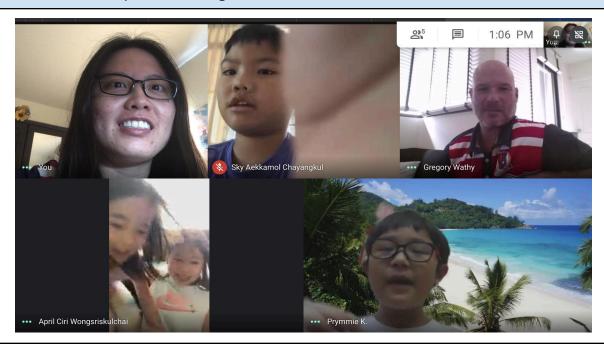
# Ms.Emma's online class

Write-up: 2A has had a great start to online learning. They have been watching videos, completing assignments, and video chatting with Ms. Emma and Ms. Aim when they need to. They've all been working hard to continue their learning!



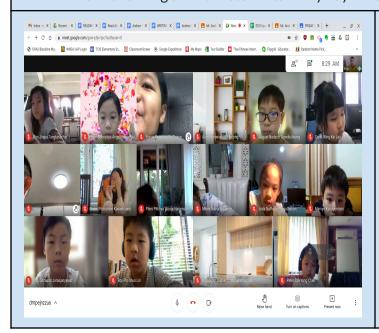
# Mr.Greg's online class

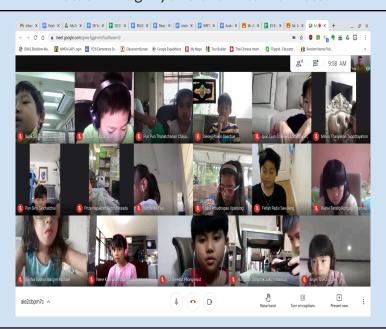
Grade 2B checking in on Google Meets during math class. After they get the lesson and start working on their assignments on Seesaw, they pop by our Google Meet to say hi and ask any questions about their work or get confirmation that they are on the right track.



# Mr.Andrew's online class

The Grade 3 students have all done a tremendous job so far during online learning in reading and writing class. Every day, they come to our class video chats ready to learn and share what they have been working on. While the circumstances in the world are not ideal right now, this online learning time is extremely valuable to the students because it teaches them to adapt and to truly become independent lifelong learners and effective communicators. I look forward to seeing all of the students every day in our video chats and I eagerly await our return to class!





# Ms.Joy's online class



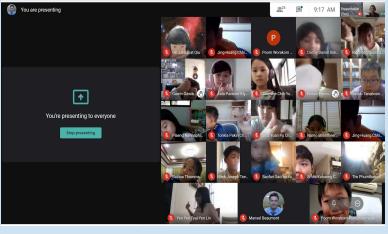
# Mr.Mansel's online class

Grade 4 has been busy online communicating through video chats, text chats and using hand gestures. The students have been writing, editing, and presenting their Google Docs. and Google Slides for opinion writing as well as reading wonderful chapter books on the online library app SORA that TCIS is subscribed to. Poom enjoys online learning so much he waits until everyone leaves the meeting and then he experiments with signing in multiple times and hearing his voice echo.



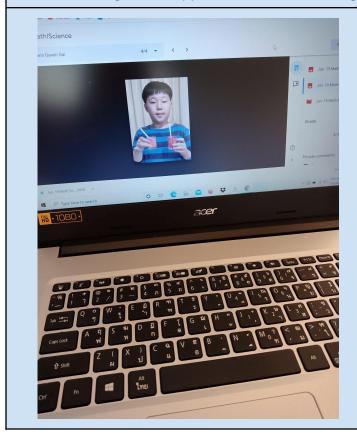






# Mrs.Cameron's online class

Mrs. Cameron's classes, being online certainly hasn't slowed us down! I've been so impressed with the students all responsibly coming to classes and participating. For science, we have been studying different types of lava and what kind of volcanoes they come from. I showed an experiment one day and some students even got the supplies and followed along at home!





# Mr.Alex'sPE online class

This was a fun week in PE class. The elementary school went on a healthy snack hunt where they had to find the healthy snakes in their houses. They did a great job and were able to easily find the healthy snacks. For the Physical side of PE we had a blast learning to juggle trash bags.





Chloe's Post





# Mr.Ju-Hung's online class

G2CFT students are interacting with the Chinese teacher online through Zoom meetings and SeeSaw websites to learn Chinese in listening, speaking, reading, and writing.





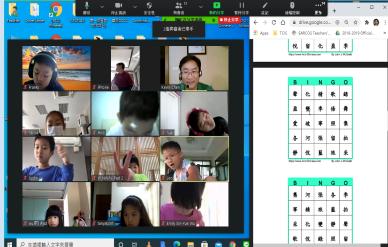
# Ms. Yang's Grade 4 Chinese Online class

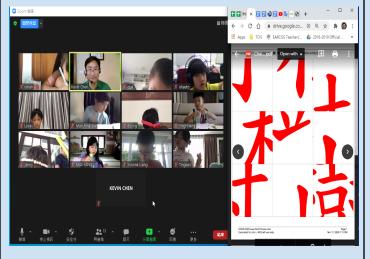


# Dr.Kevin's online class

G1, G2, and G3 online Chinese classes including G1 new-vocabulary learning and e-story reading, G2 BINGO games playing and classic poems learning, and G3 Chinese e-game playing and learning.









# Ms.Lynn's online class

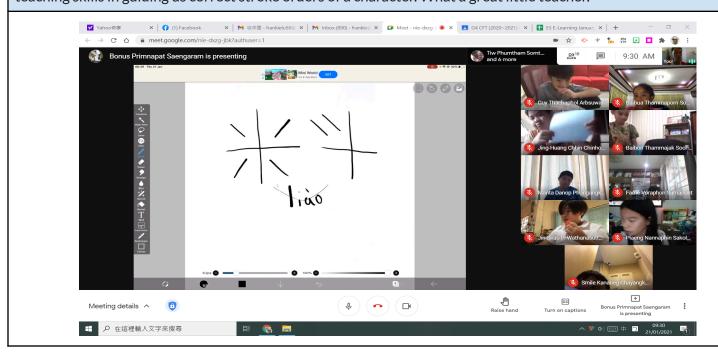
Ms.Lynn telling a story in Chinese. After listening to the story, students will answer my questions orally.





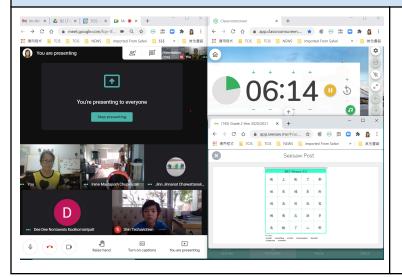
# Mr.Frankie's Chinese online class

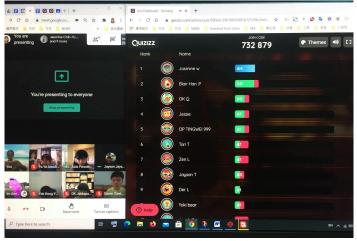
G3 Chinese as a Foreign Tongue student had class with me. In the lesson, students in pairs need to be teachers to figure out how to teach a writing Chinese character to the whole class. In the screenshot, one student showed her teaching skills in guiding us correct stroke orders of a character. What a great little teacher.



# Ms.Yi-Ling's online class

In Grade 2 Chinese class for beginners, completing the words circle worksheet on seesaw is one of our class activities. After online practicing with the teacher, it's a good way to give a quiz and check learning outcomes right away. Gamify-base online quiz is the more welcome assessment application when giving a summative assessment learning from home. G4CM class students are doing a live quiz on quizizz app today. Excited and knowledgeable.



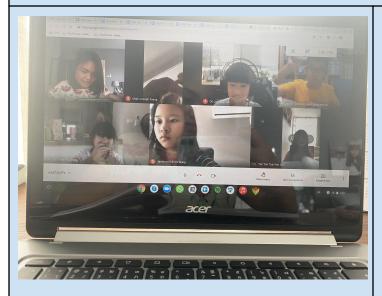


# Kru Yim Grade 4 Thai online class

students are enjoyed to share their story tale. They have learnt about characters and the impact of story.



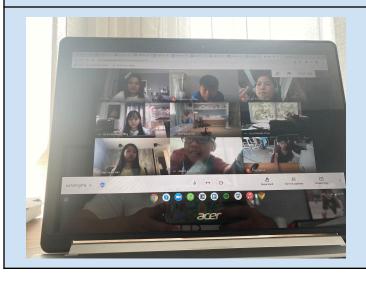
# Kru Nong Songs's Thai online class









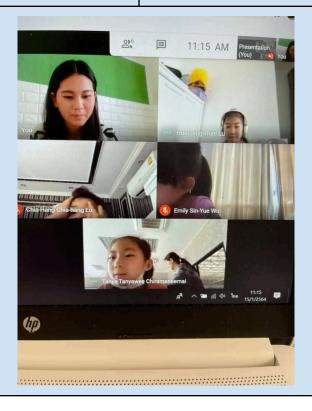




# Kru Pat's Grade2 Thai Online class

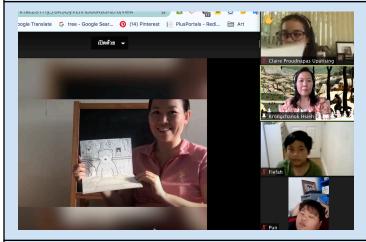






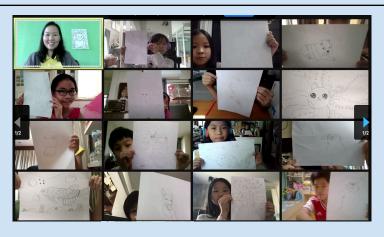
# Ms.Cream's Art online class

In our art online classes, technology is integrated into our teaching, including filming art videos to demonstrate art creation on how to draw and paint, and teaching through the zoom meetings to discuss and solve art problems. Our students themselves also cooperate well in learning and work their best in creating beautiful and full of imagination artworks.









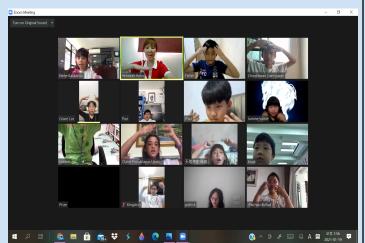




# Ms.Rebekah's Music online class

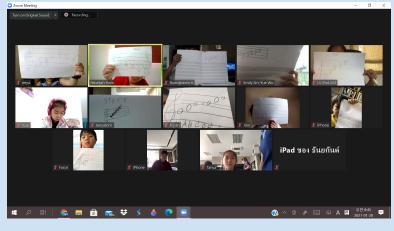








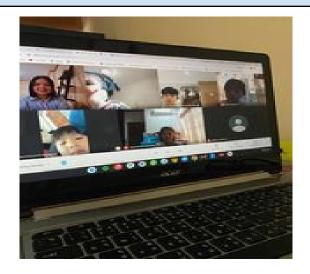








Ms.Gigi's online class
ES students were happy, excited and engaged during our library lesson and discussion.







# **Library Information**



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Dear TCIS community,

TCIS is committed to bringing unique learning opportunities to our students and we are pleased to introduce a new, free reading service providing digital books through Sora, the student reading app.

#### Why Sora?

The collection of titles in Sora is an extension of TCIS's physical library, only it's in an app with 24/7 access to ebooks and audio books. It's convenient for students to check out titles at home, on the weekends or during school breaks with no worry about misplacing a book or running up late fees - these digital titles automatically return at the end of the lending period!

Sora can help students of all ages read more and improve comprehension. Struggling or reluctant readers, learning-challenged, second language learners, and gifted readers can all benefit from this service.

- Enrich vocabulary and improve comprehension and pronunciation
- Introduce students to books above their reading level
- Teach critical listening
- Help busy kids find time to read
- Incentivize reading with fun avatars and achievements

#### How does it work?

#### Where can I find more information?

Contact library, Ms. Gigi and Ms. Sopa, email address: library@tcis.ac.th

Sincerely,

Ms. Gigi and Ms. Sopa

TCIS Library

#### How to sign in Sora Apps

1. Install Sora by Overdrive app from Google Play or App store



2. Click "Find my school"



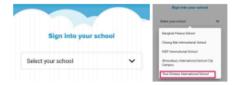
3. Click "Thai-Chinese International School", if it isn't on the list. Click "My School isn't listed"



4. Type "tcis" and then click "Thai-Chinese International School"



5. Select "Thai-Chinese International School"



6. Sign in by using a school email account

If you don't know your school email address, or you have never signed in with school mail before.

The email address should be: nicknamepin#@student.tcis.ac.th

For example: Student's nickname is Jay, pin# is 1234, email address is jay1234@student.tcis.ac.th Password: tcis1234, the system will ask you to change a password automatically for the first sign in.



Check out the Sora app promotional video before getting started.

Book loan limits are 3 books, and each book has a 14 day loan.

Enjoy Reading!









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