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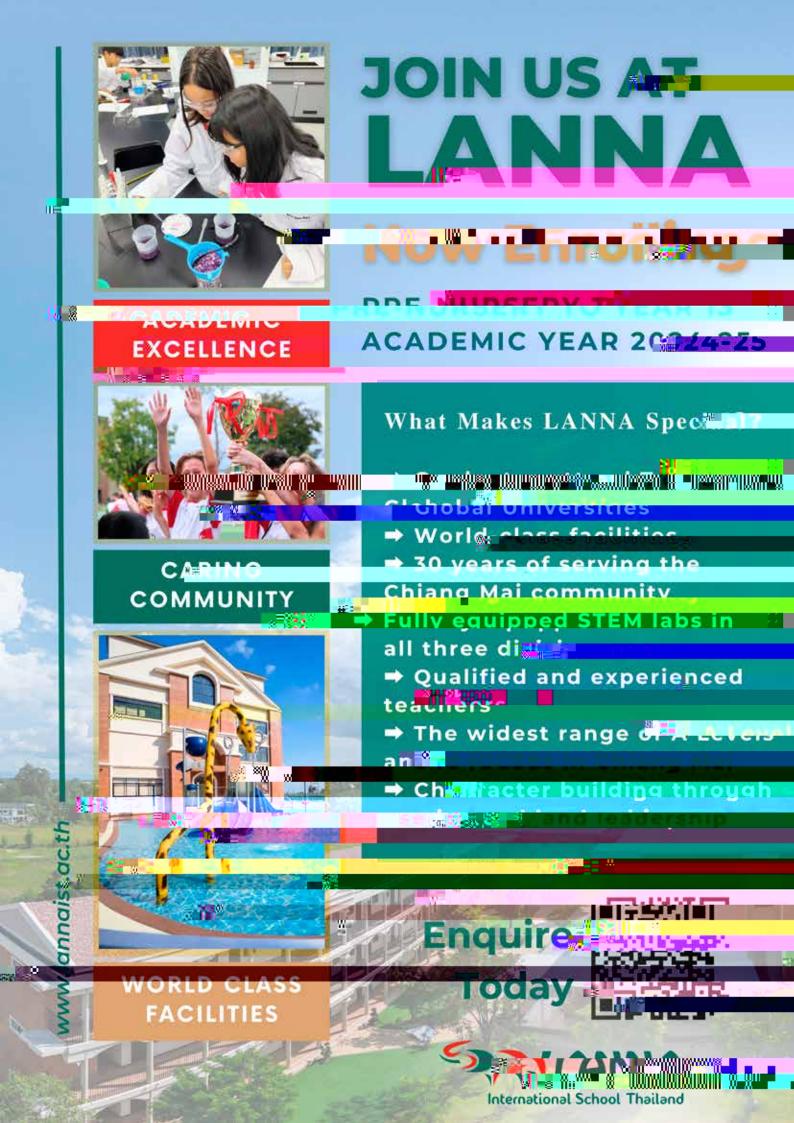
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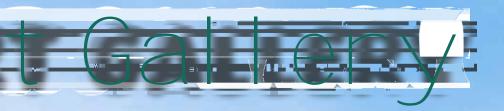


Secondary Art Gallery-

Ying (Year 13)

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Tyler (Year 13)

During my journey, I have developed a profound appreciation for bird's eye view paintings - a perspective that of ers a unique point of view. This approach has allowed me to experiment with spatial dynamics and explore the relationship between the viewer and my subjects. I aimed to explore profound emotional truths underneath the surface of arrangement. Unlocking connections between one's experiences through visual representations; it takes viewers on an emotional journey of discovery.







Robert (Year 13)

The mask hides us. We spend countless hours questioning our existence – questioning the purposes presented to us as individuals. Time as a concept itself boggles us; why are we so dependent on the hours of a clock? Maybe the reason behind why we're so hung up on these memories is because we can't let go of the past. Time whispers to us – making us wonder what we could've done diferently in moments gone. Primary Art Gallery



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Tina (Year 2)

In Year 2's exploration of famous artwork, they delved into Rene Magritte's pieces, particularly focusing on "The Son of Man." Tina showcased her impressive talent by recreating the artwork with excellent proportions and a collage background. Her imaginative twist of replacing the apple with a heart added depth and meaning to her rendition.



Cici (AEP)

Cici has consistently demonstrated her artistic talent since joining the school. She utilised natural materials to craft an excellent piece of artwork, drawing inspiration from cultural infuences.



<u>Da Bao (Year 4)</u>

During the exploration of movement in art, Da Bao demonstrated his remarkable talent for conveying expression and motion through comic drawings. His attention to detail in employing lines and shapes enriched the depiction of a captured moment.

Sandy (Yea) 3) In Year 3, a focus has been on colour theory and exploring various techniques employed by artists, particularly highlighting the use of colour. Sandy specifically concentrated on employing a complementary colour scheme, drawing inspiration from Henri Matisse's paper cuts.

Rasa (Year 3)

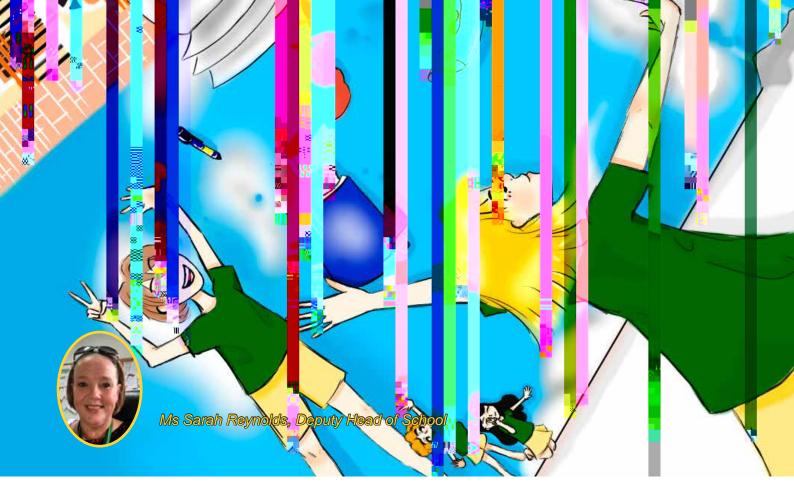
Numerous connections exist between music and artwork, as seen in Stuart Davis's "Swing Landscape." Rasa took a unique approach by crafting an alternative swing landscape while drawing inspiration from jazz music. She employed a range of techniques, materials, and tools to create an art piece infused with the essence of music.





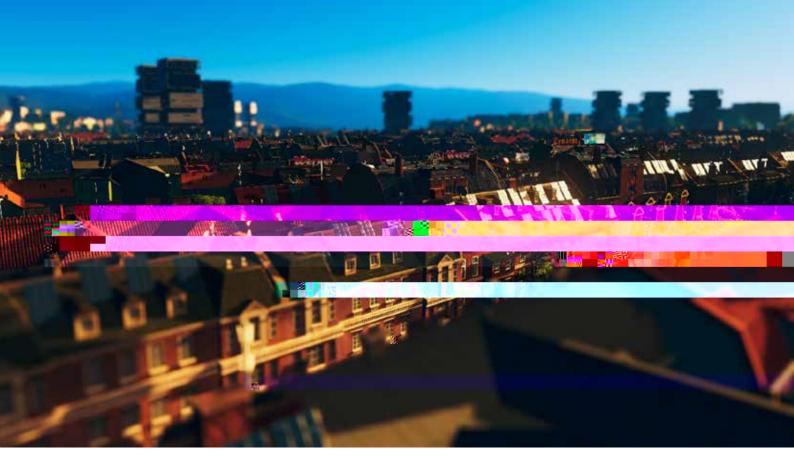


In Year 5, during our exploration of brushstrokes and colour techniques, we experimented with various types of paint brushes and paints to apply colour in diverse ways. Palmy efectively applied the knowledge and skills she acquired to create an outstanding fnal piece of art.

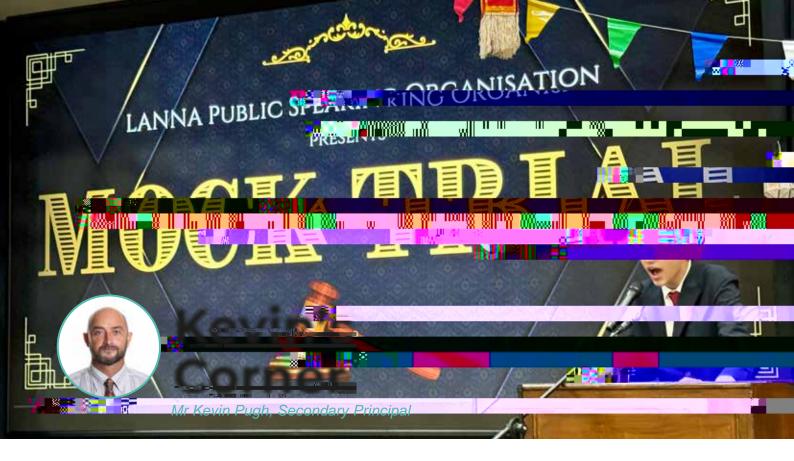


The SIP integrates key components of the school's mission and vision, emphasising the development of lifelong learners who are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to thrive in an ever-changing



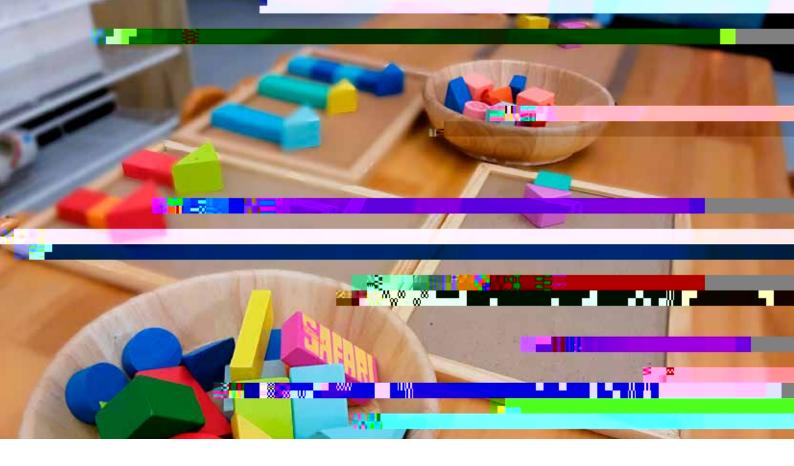


In the bustling world of Paradox games, few command as much attention as *Cities: Skylines*. Considered one of the greatest city-building games in history, it was frst developed by Colossal Order and Tantalum Importantly, the game has fve diferent zone types to build, each with diferent subcategories: Residential



This school year has seen an explosion in students taking things into their own hands and approaching the Secondary leadership team to discuss setting up new organisations, and it has been fantastic to see - a new group focused on volunteering (LOVE), a science-focused group (LISTO), a student-athlete support group (SAO), and a multitude of other initiatives being proposed too. In fact, the number of proposals for new organisations is verging on overwhelming, and it's time to begin using student-power to organise this in a new student-led way from August.

Ahead of starting our next school year, we will have in place a small committee of service-minded students to oversee ALL future applications for new studentled organisations and initiatives. This small group of students will become our **Student-Led Initiatives Panel**, and they will be empowered to make decisions,



Loose parts theory values materials for their creative expression and exploration possibilities rather than their intrinsic qualities. They are more versatile than toys with fxed features, and adaptable to children's interests and developmental stages, making them ideal for sensory experiences, constructing elaborate structures, creating imaginary worlds, or engaging in dramatic play.

Lanna International School recently participated in the Chiang Mai International School Fair. We set up a small play area with loose parts for this event. As families were attracted to our play area, I noticed that adults were curious about this form of play and often asked, "How do you play with these?" I explained to them that there are no rules to play with loose parts, and it's entirely up to each individual's imagination. It was inspiring to see children naturally engage with the materials, building patterns and shapes. Lanna Secondary students who participated in the fair also showed interest in these resources. Some created complex designs, while others built a fantasy world worthy of Game of Thrones.

I was pleased to see children and teenagers rediscover the joy of open-ended play, reminding me to appreciate the transformative power of a simple pile of loose parts.

In today's digital age, where screens dominate, and structured activities reign, let's embrace open-ended play to nurture imaginative, resourceful, and empathetic individuals who can navigate the complexities of the digital era and beyond.

Rising Stars Football Academy

We coach and develop football skills to players of all ages, abilities and genders in a fun, inclusive and safe environment. https://rising-stars. club/







The second half of this 2023/24 school year, from January 2024 onwards, has certainly been "busy yet fun" for your LANNA PTO Board.

In January we held our PTO Family BBQ, a subsidised event with all our LANNA families invited in the spirit of 'One School, One Campus'. It was heartening to see students mixing so nicely across EY, Primary and Secondary divisions. This event included food, music, bouncy castles and games. We had great support from the Secondary Student Council with entertainment and the Vex Robotics Team, who arranged drinks.

We celebrated Teachers Day and thanked everyone involved in our children's education by delivering handmade cards, take-home pot-plants, cakes and juices.

In February we ran a Lunar New Year Food Market Sale. The school's Chinese department led celebrations by holding a dragon dance, student showcase and decorating the school beautifully. This was a wonderful way to celebrate this important event celebrated across cultures including Korea, Malaysia and Singapore to name just a few.

We held our second PTO Board General Meeting to update everyone on what we have been up to and have planned, to hear a school update from Mr Rob and share ideas. This was followed by cofee and cake, a great opportunity to 'natter'! In March we saw the ever popular Primary School Disco and an Early Years Easter Egg Hunt. Both were great successes due to the fact we had so many parents and teachers volunteering. Thank you again! For the Primary Disco, whilst it was funded via the PTO Board, we set up a broader Parent Committee who planned the entire event–covering decorations, games and food under the direction of fantastic Mr Justin. We were also fortunate to have Mr Brian and Mr Craig DJ'ing and Mr John Kenyon as photographer.

The PTO were also delighted to be invited to help judge the school math department's inaugural Pie (Pi) Baking Contest. This was a fantastic event organised by our inspiring maths teachers.



When we first joined LANNA, we were immediately able to recognise the sense of community and chemistry within the student body. We saw the amazing way that LANNA's community upheld its core values, which sparked us as a group of friends to create a club to contribute our part to the community. Whether this is by improving the school community or the communities surrounding us, the **Lanna Organisation for Volunteerism and Excellence** (LOVE) was set up to provide volunteering opportunities for students.

Have you been thinking of doing voluntary service but feel unsure of what to do? Have you been scared to do voluntary work alone? Don't worry. LOVE is here to help!

Our goals are to:

- Assist high school students in completing the voluntary service hours required for the International Award
- Provide year-round opportunities for students to participate in voluntary service, in general
- Develop students' sense of responsibility towards voluntary service, as well as the development of conf dence and satisfaction in doing good for others
- Spread awareness throughout the entire student body and encourage civic-mindedness
- Fundraise for various charity organisations around Chiang Mai

So...why do we want to encourage students to participate in voluntary service? There are numerous benefts you can gain from doing voluntary service. It doesn't only help those people in need, but it also fulfls the pride you will feel after helping others. Additionally, it is something that top universities value! Participating in voluntary service is a perfect way to enhance your characteristics and use your unique skills to contribute to the community. **One of our frst projects, "Tao Bin bins"** (great name, we know), was aimed to help recycle Tao Bin cups and reduce the likelihood of them ending up in landflls. Led by our Year 10 members, recycling bins were set up throughout the school, in key locations near the vending machines. We hoped to encourage students, parents, teachers and staf to recycle their Tao Bin cups. If you see one, don't forget to throw your Tao Bin cups into our beautifully decorated bins!

Apart from the sustainability aspect of the organisation, we also aim to focus on using our skills to provide educational assistance to those in need. Our Year 12 members went to the San Phak Wan Child Development Center to set up a playground area for the children studying there. By **collaborating with the Lanna 30th Year Charity Projects**, LOVE members set up the donated toys and study materials to create a pleasant environment for the children.

As a newly formed student-led organisation, LOVE looks forward to bringing more meaningful projects to our students and getting more students to develop an interest in voluntary service. Feel free to email





It is undeniable that LANNA is what it is because of the student-led Secondary Student Council. This group of motivated learners isn't here just for classes—they're here to encourage the school spirit, bring everyone together, and make memories that'll last a lifetime.

Whether it's fancy prom nights or black-light-themed Welcome Back Dances, the Student Council aims to highlight the school year with unforgettable dances where upbeat music is played, lights are fashing, and most importantly, everyone is having a blast. All of the events that we host are inter-school events, meaning that even students from other international schools have the chance to attend. This encourages students to form new friendships, adding to the lively and friendly atmosphere.



Spirit Weeks and Mufti Days are also very popular amongst LANNA students as it is a time when students are able to express themselves through personal style. Students can come dressed as their favourite teacher, in sports jerseys, their national costumes, or anything that shows of their unique style. Additionally, money that is collected from these themed days will contribute to donations that are made to diferent organisations each semester! We aspire to create an environment where students can truly embrace their individuality and roots while also giving back to others.

StuCo hosts week-long events during the school day as well such as Earth Week and Wellbeing Week. During these weeks, stations are set up for students to participate in. The most popular activities include rock painting and clothes & books swap.



Now, let's fast forward to the most magical time of the year-**the Christmas Fair**. Imagine the school grounds transformed into a winter wonderland, complete with carnival games, festive decorations, and the smell of foods from diferent countries in the air. From fun games to delicious treats and live performances, it's the feel-good event that brings joy to the entire school.

Furthermore, we are happy to announce the upcoming Prom; "**A Night Amongst the Clouds**" is a cloud-themed formal dress event that will be held at the InterContinental Chiang Mai from 18:00 until 20:00 on the 8th of June. An international buf et, enjoyable music, and an elegant photo backdrop made by our very own artists are all included during the event. This evening guarantees to be stylish, flled with laughter, and lasting impressions.

As we look to the future, there's no telling what StuCo will come up with next. But one thing's for sure: We're committed to keeping the good times rolling and bringing our school community closer together, one event at a time. So here's to the dances that make us laugh, the Spirit Weeks that bring out our wild side, the Christmas Fair that warms our hearts, the prom that'll have us dancing amongst the clouds, and being the voice for the rest of LANNA's student body. With the Student Council leading the way, the sky's the limit for LANNA. Let's make some memories!





The Student-Athlete Organisation returns with an update on its achievements throughout this semester. From making new varsity shirts for our athletes to wear, to assisting in their progression with CMAC, the SAO has been busy.

As you may have recently seen, our varsity athletes have been rocking our new white jersey design. This was aimed to instil a sense of pride in our athletes, encouraging them to wear the LANNA jersey with honour during various games and tournaments, to better the teams' morale and confdence. It was also to show our appreciation for them as athletes with the most tenure, dedication and skill. The sleek white design is something new to LANNA's CMAC fashion and we thank our SAO President, Ange, for the amazing effort put into them. Come check them out at either the Varsity Volleyball or Futsal games going on at the moment!

Additionally, we've had our photographers at all CMAC tournaments and arranged cool photoshoots to create more captivating content, enhancing awareness, and keeping our social media active. Don't miss out on the latest CMAC updates! Follow us @lannastudentathele for all the latest news and events.

The SAO would like to inform the greater LANNA community about the vast opportunities this organisation of ers. If you are to join, you will have direct input into all facets of LANNA athletics and the ability to recommend ideas. To all athletes who believe their bright ideas would help LANNA become more competitive, SAO is for you. We hope to see as many of you as possible during our elections next year.



Joining volleyball CMAC has never been a regret for me. Every school year, I patiently wait for this season to come because it is genuinely so exciting. The sport is the definition of teamwork, and it has helped me build my confidence and communication skills. I am grateful that I am surrounded by passionate teammates who show up to every practice and take their time to practise outside of school too. Being able to trust and rely on your teammates is the key to success. It's not just about individual talent but how well we can work together as a team.

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I am also thankful for our coaches who raise our spirits during matches and who put in countless efort to make sure we get practice. While there is a competitive atmosphere during tournaments and matches, there is also a friendly aspect to it, serving as a chance to socialise with players from other schools. On the court, the adrenaline you get from spiking, digging, and celebrating a point with your teammates is unreal. The energy is contagious and there's never a dull moment. Even when of the court, being able to cheer on your teammates brings joy.

Volleyball has truly brought me so many unforgettable memories. I hope to keep the energy high and for my team to continue to shine in the upcoming years.

This football season has been an unforgettable journey that has highlighted my entire school experience. Our team grew not just as players but as a tight-knit family, supporting each other through every triumph and setback. The bond we shared on and of the feld made every practice session and match truly special.

As the season drew to a close, our perseverance and determination paid of beyond what I could have imagined: winning the BISP plate. I am incredibly proud and grateful to every member of the team, coaches, and supporters who contributed to our successes. This achievement in my fnal year wasn't just a victory, but it was the perfect farewell to the memories and relationships that defined my time at LANNA.

Being the volleyball captain this season has been an incredibly rewarding experience. I've had the opportunity to lead a wonderful team during my fnal year here at LANNA. From organising weekend practices to motivating the team during games, it's been truly fulfilling to witness our collective eforts translate into success on the court.

In competitive settings, it's easy to lose focus, but with the support of my team, I've learned the importance of communication and teamwork. We've fostered a supportive environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to give their best. The most satisfying aspect of this role has been witnessing the growth of each player throughout the season—seeing individuals land amazing serves and powerful spikes has been utterly amazing.

Overall, being the volleyball captain has deepened my passion for the sport, and I wish the future volleyball captains of LANNA the very best!03≯123.the volleCch playeG 20 @ 0

Most importantly, I also want to thank all of my teammates who made all the wins this season possible.

Alica, I cannot explain to you how grateful I am that you have joined the team this year. Your energy makes a huge diference to the team, and I really hope you will continue to be part of the team next year. As a teammate and a friend, I am incredibly proud of you for how much you have improved since the first day that you stepped in for tryouts.

Sydney, you are a player I look up to. Your ball handling skills are outstanding, and your commitment to get to the basket is unmatched. Knowing you will make a diference, by having you on the court will always make us relieved.

Jina, your blocks are crazy! You are truly unstoppable. Your shooting and amazing passes have given the team countless points. I am always glad to have you on the team.

Jinni, you've done an amazing job with the team; we are always thrilled to have you at practices and games.

Eaindray, thank you for always being at games and practices despite having everything else. You are a passionate player who plays incredibly well on both of ence and defence. Not to mention, you're the free-throw master, guaranteed with a free-throw champion award from Prem!

Lanna, everyone knows you are a true sports girl, but wow! You keep shocking us with your skills. You are everything I could ask for in a teammate, being adaptable, aggressive on the court, and supportive for everyone - which is exactly the energy that we need. Looking forward to many more seasons with you.

It was truly a pleasure to play through the highs and the lows. So thank you to those who made this journey one of the best highlights of my year. <3 I would also like to specially thank Ms Nicola and Ms U for putting up with us all season long!

As one of Thailand's largest tourist attractions, Chiang Mai is known for its scenic mountain landscapes and historical sites; however, in the past few years, Chiang Mai has gained a new title: one of the top 10 most polluted cities. Air pollution levels have increased extremely in Chiang Mai during the months of February to April, at some points even reaching an Air Quality Index of over 500, which is deemed as 'hazardous' and outstandingly worse than the acceptable 'moderate' (51-100).

The most signif cant pollutant occurring within the city is PM 2.5, a type of particulate matter no larger than 2 and a half micrometres in width. For contrast, some of the largest PM 2.5 particles are 30 times smaller than a human hair. Chiang Mai's air pollution partially comes from smog and haze drifting in from some of Thailand's nearby nations such as Laos or Myanmar. Another large



Ever since the frst man-made nuclear reactor was built in 1942 during the Manhattan Project, nuclear energy



LISTO is one of the newer organisations here at LANNA, but it has made an amazing impact with its recent science fair, during which students research and conduct an experiment on a specifc topic, and fnally draw a conclusion. The science fair is a staple of the early secondary experience worldwide, but in recent years, LANNA had not had one. This all changed when LISTO came into the fray—allowing our many young scientists to demonstrate their potential. From presentations about biology to an interesting yet simple display of Einstein's theory of gravity. The science fair had it all.

Kids ranging from as young as Year 7 to as old as Year 12 participated in an exhibit of scientifc prowess. These people worked tirelessly week in and week out to produce a project—exemplifying the use of the scientifc method but also their independent creativity. From the very conception of their idea to the fnal day they k % hy to M creat d _____

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LISTO not only facilitated the event but also provided their assistance with the projects themselves. Without the assistance of Alice (Year 13) and Daniel (Year 12) not only couldn't the science fair have gone ahead but many kids wouldn't have been able to do the project their hearts truly desired. Many of the kids who





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How am I to be a woman? If the skin that covers my bones is not clear nor glass. If the hair that goes beyond my roots is not soft or silky. If my sit or my stride is not as feminine as it should If society itself, cannot deem myself as pretty. How must I be a woman,

Maui by Jing (Year 5)

Long ago, the sky had not yet been separated, so people could only crawl on the ground. It was dif cult for people, so Maui talked to the sky god. The sky gods agreed to travel far apart from one another.

Maui also snared the sun because the sky is far apart from the ground, so the sun can run very fast. When the sun could run very fast, people couldn't farm, fruit could not ripen and the nights were long and cold.

When Maui went fshing with his brothers, his brothers could only catch fsh after much time and efort, but Maui could catch fsh very fast so his brothers refused to take him fshing. Maui made a fshing hook that could catch the biggest fsh in the world. He transformed himself into a beetle and hid in his brother's fshing nets.

After his brothers were far out to sea, Maui transformed into his proper shape. When his brothers saw him, Maui said to his brothers, "If you take me to the deepest part of the ocean, I will show you the greatest fsh in the ocean." Maui cast out his fshing line.

After a while, he felt something and his brothers started to peddle with all their might because they wanted to see the greatest fsh in the ocean.

Finally, they heard something splashing in the water. One of his brothers looked back to see what they had caught. He screamed in horror when he saw the enormous island surfacing behind them.









The Lanna Food Bank Team is a new student-led non-proft organisation that is working alongside the Student Council with the aim to spread awareness about giving back to the wider community. The idea was frst brought up by Pinky, who was inspired by the Foodbank Thailand–a larger organisation consisting of multitudes of teams from international schools all over Thailand, united in the same goal of helping local communities.

Our past projects include setting up donation boxes around the school campus to collect non-perishable foods and cooking supplies with the aim of donating them to the local communities through a donation trip.



During the last semester, we launched our frst food drive to give back to a community near our school. We chose to donate to a village near Wat Jom Tong, very close to our LANNA campus as a way to give back to them for their tra f c compromise in the early mornings and afternoons, living near a busy campus. This trip was a massive success with 31 elders and their families supplied with essentials that included canned food, rice, spices, and essential cooking materials.

The success of the trip turned out to be a great incentive to urge students to learn more about and give back to communities in local villages near our school campus. One step at a time, with the help of LANNA students and families, we plan to help as many local communities as possible. It is crucial to be socially aware, responsible, and conscientious and do what we can to help the local communities around us.

During the next academic year, we aim to begin more projects including but not limited to food drives and fundraising.













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