

# BRADBYS

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## SONGKRAN FUN



Songkran is an important part of Thai culture and the boarding community held its very own celebration on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Water fights, ice cold buckets, sliding competitions and dinghy's kept the children entertained for a whole afternoon.

As the weekly boarders started to participate in the afternoon fun, special Songkran barbecue the end of our Easter Term.



to return, they all raced over Later that evening, we had a which was a perfect fitting to

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## BRADBYS BIRD FEEDER



Ong, Tun, and Jedi have been constructing a Bird feeder for our garden. After discussing the design, they decided the Bird Feeder should be 40cm long x 40cm wide. With careful supervision at all times, Mischa (our woodwork specialist) taught the boys how to saw wood.

The boys started tentatively and soon found how exhausting sawing actually is! We shall be having updates throughout the next couple of weeks and let's hope we can attract many different birds to our lovely feeder.

## PREP AWARDS FOR THE BOYS

Congratulations to Billy & Tong who won one of the Prep Awards last week, both for their contributions to the Bradbys community. Tong was recognised for the Maths support he provides the other students. Billy was awarded for his maturity and positive contribution to the house. Well done to Joey, Pat, Poon and Ong who were also nominated for their positive actions in Bradbys.



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## EASTER BONNET CHALLENGE



An Easter bonnet is a new or a rather fancy hat adorned with flowers and leaves to celebrate the arrival of spring. Over the years it has developed and today many well-to-do ladies see it as an opportunity to show off their latest bonnet to family and friends.

At around 10am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Mrs. Parry dropped off the challenge with strict instructions. Our task was to create an Easter bonnet using a Harrow boater and items provided. After a quick brainstorm, the boys decided to create a spring garden reflecting the season of Easter. Henry, our Head Boy, diligently allocated everyone a job. Pol and Sor were in charge of making grass, Leo and Brian were tasked with creating flowers, Perry and Henry made the chickens and Josh crafted hatched eggs. Finally, as we were only allowed to use one item from outside of our original kit, Ig and Ong decided to scour Mr. McDonald's garden for his finest flowers.

After working solidly for an hour, our Easter bonnet was looking fantastic. However, to ensure victory, extra marks would be given to the House that completed a second smaller bonnet. Tonsom and Tonmye readied into action and using all their artistry created a super mini bonnet. Victory was surely ours.

At 8pm, the boarding community descended onto the Village green. Josh and Tonmye modelled our beautiful bonnets with gusto, whilst the judges scrupulously scrutinized. The decision was unanimous. Bradbys had prevailed!

**Special thanks must go to our Gappie, Charlotte, for helping the boys create these stunning bonnets!**

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## THE BANGKOK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



The Royal Bangkok Symphony Orchestra and the famed Jussen brothers from Holland gave a quite extraordinary performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto No.10, on two pianos, in E-flat major.

The boarding community had earlier arrived in good time and were fortunate to receive free tickets. As we took our seats, the siblings gracefully introduced themselves and moved the two wonderful Steinway Model D274 piano's on opposite sides of the stage. It became clear from the outset that the siblings felt the music as one and many in the audience sensed they had some sort of telepathic connection. Their speed, tasteful phrasing and beguiling keyboard touch was jaw-dropping. The orchestra were as equally enthralling, wooing the audience with their note-perfect cohesion.

The night belonged to the quite phenomenal performance of the Jussen brothers. The boarding community and I, left feeling quite mesmerized and grateful to have seen such masters at work.

*Mr Valdes-Scott*



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## NAT THE CODE MAKER



Our youngest Bradbyan is becoming an absolute wiz at coding. After only joining the code studio activity in January, Nat has already developed his coding skills to an Advanced Level. His Computer Teacher, Mr. Knight informs me that he has mastered coding independently and peers in his class recognise him as the go to person when they need help. Watch out Zuckerberg!

## FRIDAY NIGHT CHALLENGE

This return of the Friday night challenge was met with much trepidation. The task was a to create a jam sandwich in pairs but with a twist. The twist was that the second person (behind) was blindfolded while the first member could not use their hands. This meant the first member had to direct their friend through speech so as to find the butter and jam and then spread evenly on the bread. The winning team were the ones that created the perfect buttered and jammed sandwich and by looking at the photo above, Josh has some work to do!



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## RICE CROPPING: JOSH & HENRY REFLECTION

For me rice cropping was really hard, but very rewarding. The weekend at Lopburi was enjoyable, but also a very deep learning experience.



The rice was very fragile, one tug too hard and you can damage the rice, one too weak and the rice wouldn't pull out of the mud. So we had to be very gentle until our grip was firm and the rice was not damaged. After removing the rice from one field, we had to plant them again in a sort of grid formation, making sure that there is enough room for each rice to grow. Although we only planted one paddy field, all of us were exhausted. After finding out that all of us only made 10 baht per person for working all day in the scorching sun, I was shocked. To think that people do this everyday just to make a living, just to provide money and food for their

family, and to put grains of rice on everyone else's plates. I know that everyone who went on this trip now has a greater respect for the people who dedicate their lives to cropping and planting rice, I will definitely appreciate every single grain of rice on my plate. I will remember this weekend forever.

Josh



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## RICE CROPPING: HENRY REFLECTION

At first, I wasn't sure if I wanted to go on this trip since this will definitely be out of my comfort zone. However, I soon changed my mind when I simply asked myself, "Why not?"

The journey there was perfect for an afternoon nap, it was a Friday afternoon after all! I want to give the showers a special mention because they were like the ones from the Y10 expedition, it was hilarious to hear people shrieking because of the cold water.



On the first morning, we were taken out to the fields where we began rice cropping. It was slow at first when people were hesitant about getting themselves muddy, but soon everyone was racing each other, laughing and really going for it



It was exhausting under the sun but we managed to finish one field which doesn't sound like much, but trust me it was. I would like to personally thank the friendly and wonderful people who provided us with food, a place to stay and this incredible experience which made me truly appreciative of everything I receive in my life.

Henry

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## Y8 TOUR GUIDES



Bradby's has many visitors on Monday as the whole of year 8 visited the Village. The boys looked around Bradby's, expertly guided by Gogo, Third, Louis and Put.

The boys explained what it was like to be a boarder and introduced their friends to our tortoises and the other great benefits of being in Bradby's.

It has been wonderful to see the leadership skills of Gogo, Third, Louis and Put developing throughout the year and we look forward to seeing them take on more responsibilities in the coming years.



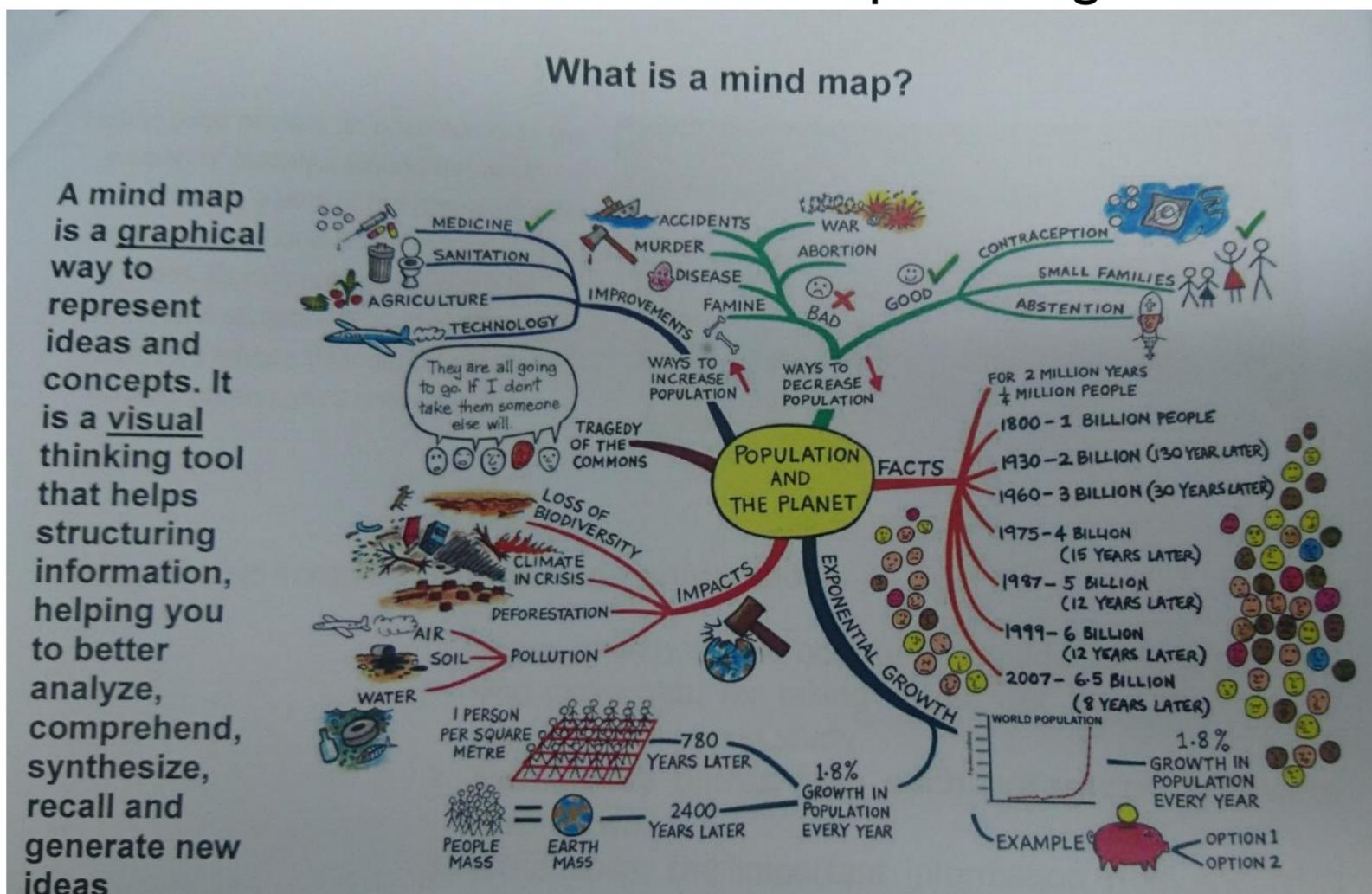
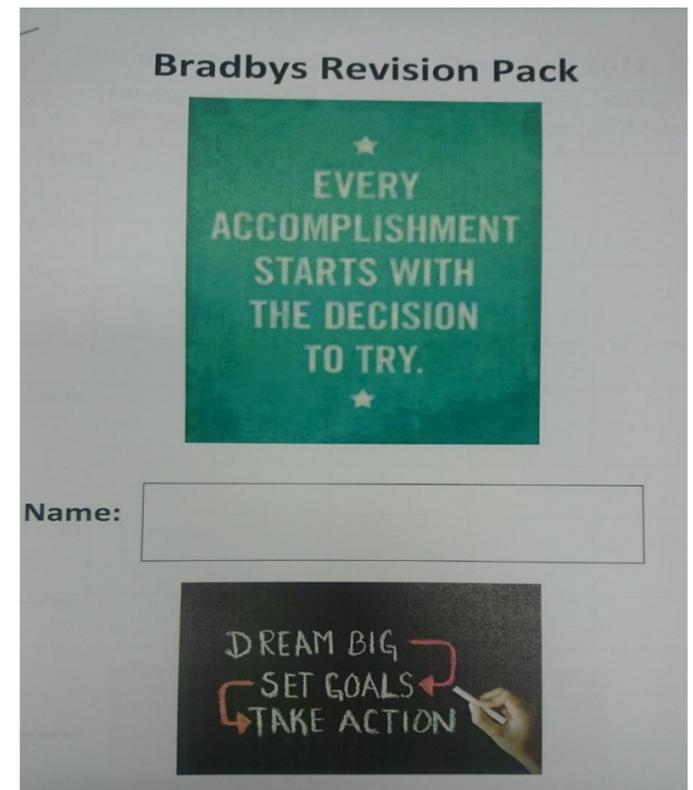
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## END OF YEAR EXAMINATION

As we head on into May, the end of year examinations are drawing closer. The examinations take place from the 29<sup>th</sup> of May.

In order to be fully prepared, the school departments have been providing the students with revision lists and a wealth of resources on the Dashboard.

To help prepare, in good time, all the Bradbys boys have been given a revision booklet. The booklet contains advice and examples of revision techniques as well as space to record the examinations timetable and 4 weeks of planning.



We shall be keeping a close eye on the preparation and the boys should ensure they are keeping their parents and guardians informed of progress.