



Newsletter

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Farewell for 2016/2017

Teaching Lineup
for 2017/2018 inside!!!



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

23 June - End of Year Show
8:30am onwards
at the Prajaktra Hotel

15 August - First day of Term 1
2017/2018

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

Thank you for your support across 2016/2017, we are always ready to listen and act on suggestions from our community and I believe we can continue this relationship into 2017/2018.

On Wednesday 7 June, we held our final PTA meeting of the year and discussed potential fee increases. Parents also raised the issues of the school menu, swimming pool, parking and the electricity closure from the prior week. We are looking into all of these issues and took quick action revising the school menu straight away. For the swimming pool, we are looking to switch to a salt water system, and for parking we will have further parking space around our field once construction is complete. Thank you to all parents for their feedback across PTA meetings this year.



We have also been discussing the potential for fee increases this year. Thanks to everyone for their feedback on this issue. I can confirm that the school has cancelled plans for a fee increase so that the fees for 2017/2018 will remain the same as this year (0% fee increase).

Over the past month, we have been busy preparing student reports and these will be presented to parents during the end of year conferences. The end of year conference is a great time to learn about the progress of your child at the school. We also held a parent cafe on Monday about assessment as a precursor to this event and thanks to Mr D for organising this.

We are also busy working towards the end of year event - UDIS Got Talent. This will be held on Friday 23 June from 8:30am at the Prajaktra Hotel. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Finally, as we come to the end of this academic year we have a number of staff that are leaving. We say goodbye to Mr D, Neil, Karyn, Apple, Wang, Richard and Bang. We thank these staff for their hard work at our school. We would also like to announce our new staff for 2017/2018 who are both replacing departing staff, but also filling two new classes we are opening. You can read all about these staff later in this issue.

So, thanks everyone for a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing everyone again in August.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Deputy Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

We are wrapping up the school year and the teachers are now finishing off their final Unit. Assessment of the students' work is now happening and will be represented on the report cards. Parents are encouraged to come to the parent teacher conferences happening in the last week of school.

Please feel free to ask questions of the teachers including information about the Units of Inquiry and what your children got from the different Units. Also feel free to ask about the progress of the students and look at the continua that teachers have documented for the year.

For questions about the IB or the curriculum, please feel free to come talk with our Curriculum Coordinator.

Teacher announcement - 2017/2018

We are very pleased to announce our homeroom and specialist teacher lineup for 2017/2018. We will have nine classes next year from Preschool to Year 7 (an increase of two classes!). The big change from this year is that we will be splitting our Year 2/3 class into separate Year 3 and Year 4 classes next year. Our Year 6/7 classes will be the only composite class we will have.



Deputy Principal & PYP Coordinator– Alexander Inman

Alex has over 15 years of teaching and leadership experience in both Asia and Europe. He is originally from the UK where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of Greenwich before obtaining a Postgraduate Certificate in Education from St Mary's University College. He also holds a National Professional Qualification for Headship. Alex has tremendous PYP and international school experience working in leadership, PYP and MYP coordinator roles in Japan, Germany and Singapore.

Alex is passionate about inquiry based learning and education within international school environments, where students can engage with and think about the world around them. He believes children have a wonderful opportunity to become friends with people from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds, truly becoming global citizens.



Preschool - Olga Svyrydova

Olga holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Philology and Translation, a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and is a fully qualified teacher from the Ukraine. Olga previously worked at the British International School of the Ukraine (an IB world school) and the Volksschule Sankt Kathrein am Offenegg school in Austria as an English teacher and Early Years Teacher. She has also completed two official training courses in the PYP and is able to speak Russian, Ukrainian, English and German.

Olga is a warm and caring teacher who takes pride in her meticulous preparation for her classes. We look forward to her adding a European flavour to our staff with her passion and experience with the inquiry approach.



K1 - Jennifer Chapman

Jennifer holds a Bachelor degree in Primary Education from Sheffield Hallam University and Early Years Professional Status. Jennifer has worked in schools, Early Years Settings across the UK and childcare centres in Switzerland and Austria. She has come to us from a being a Preschool room leader in the UK and has considerable experience working within the 2-3 year old age range. She has recently completed a TEFL qualification.

Jennifer loves planning hands on child led exploration based on children's interests and abilities, where children learn through play and having fun. She works closely with the children and their families to meet the child's individual needs and areas of further development.



K2 - Jo Fletcher

Jo gained a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood) from Canterbury University and is a fully qualified teacher from New Zealand. She has over 5 years' experience working in early childhood centers in both Wellington and Christchurch. Working at UDIS is her first experience working overseas but she was previously an international student in Brunei and has travelled widely.

Jo really enjoys working with 3-5 year old children and is passionate about teaching these ages. She loves to know where children are from and ensures this is incorporated into her teaching as she helps children develop their own identities. She is also interested in fashion and computing and seeks to introduce these interests to her students as well.



Year 1 - Jane Sutton

Jane holds a Bachelor degree in Music and teaching from Ripon and York University in the UK. With thirteen years teaching experience in schools across the UK, Cambodia, Norway, China and Taiwan. Jane has considerable experience working with the 3-7 year-old age range as well as coordinating Sports, Music, Art and Phonics. She also holds TEFL certification.

Jane is an energetic and caring teacher who takes great pride in her class. She firmly believes in teaching children how to think while building their confidence and allowing them to prosper.



Year 2 - John Kelly

John was born in Glasgow, Scotland, where it is usually cold wet and windy and lived there for the first 16 years of his life before immigrating to Australia with his family. In Western Australia he was awarded a Bachelor of Education at Curtin University. John has taught in Australia, England, Turkey, Thailand, Qatar and Kuwait over nearly three decades. During his time in these various countries he has taught all grades of primary school and worked with students and teachers from across the globe. John is looking forward to returning to Thailand with his wife and son.

John considers himself an open, creative, friendly and reliable teacher who is a keen advocate for the development of community within a school. In past schools, he has taken pride in being able to utilise parents in the development of students learning. John believes that students must be engaged, challenged and able to reflect independently and collaboratively about their learning.



Year 3 - Emmi Hines

Emmi holds a Master's Degree in Administration of Education from Grand Canyon University. She also has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Purdue University and is TEFL and ESL certified from the USA. She has 12 years teaching experience in the USA, China and 3 years at our sister school, KPBS, in Khon Kaen. Her passion is helping her students become the best they can be through a variety of teaching techniques.



Year 4 - John Eastham

John holds a Masters degree in International Education from Oxford Brookes University in the UK and has taught throughout the Primary age range (5 to 11) in the UK, Brunei Darussalam, Thailand and most recently in Myanmar. John has worked in a variety of roles including Principal, curriculum leadership and class teaching. He is delighted to be joining UDIS at a time when it is developing its membership of CIS, and is an IB Primary Years candidate school, as this will ensure quality internationally based learning for all UDIS students. John is looking forward very much to being the Y3/Y4 classroom teacher enabling students to become active and independent learners.

Teacher announcement - 2017/2018



Year 5 - Robert Langridge

Robert graduated with a Bachelor of Education and an Ontario Teaching Certificate from the University of Toronto. He also holds a Bachelor of Physical Education and Special Education Certificates. Robert has over 20 years of experience working in Canadian schools before teaching internationally in China, Egypt and Thailand. Robert is passionate about physical education and is a certified coach in track and field, soccer and volleyball. He has extensive experience in special education where he is trained at identifying the learning needs of students and intervention programmes to help them.



Year 6/7 - Thomas Schuck

Thomas (Tom) comes to UDIS with over 25 years of educational experience in both public and charter schools with experience with the Core Knowledge, Singapore, Cambridge, IGCSE, PYP and MYP curriculums. Tom earned his Bachelor of Arts (Communications) from the University of Colorado and his Master of Arts in Education (Administration and Supervision) from the University of Phoenix. Tom also has a track record of success in school leadership with prior roles from Assistant Principal to Head of School. Parent involvement and student achievement were at the core of his success in providing the best possible education for all students.

Tom and his wife have moved to Thailand to enjoy new experiences and to broaden his classroom experience. Tom has been involved with a number of community organisations and is an active board member of 'Parents Challenge' a group providing scholarships to underprivileged children. Prior to his career in education, Schuck spent 12 years working in the private sector with the Denver Nuggets NBA team, the cable TV industry and advertising. Tom's personal life consists of his wife Christine, and their wonderful children and grandchildren. His favorite sports are tennis, hockey, running, basketball, skiing and of course football.

Specialist Teachers



Chinese - Chang Liu

Chang has a Bachelor of Arts (Japanese Language and Literature) degree from Huaqiao University in China and a Master of Arts (Teaching and Curriculum) degree from Michigan State University in the USA. She is a trained teacher who previously worked within the Rochester Community Schools in Michigan as a Chinese language and culture teacher, teaching students from Grade 1-4. Chang is familiar with teaching Chinese to both non-Chinese speakers and Chinese language speakers using art, music, pictures, videos and resources. She believes that the best way to teach Chinese is through speaking Chinese to the students. She is also able to speak in Japanese and enjoys Japanese origami.



Thai - PY - Pakanatt Thadruk

Pakanatt (Natt) holds a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Arts in Regional Studies from Chiang Mai University. She has been working as a Thai language teacher for the past 7 years and comes to us from American Pacific International School in Chiang Mai. Natt is also experienced in the PYP and has completed a number of IB courses in her field. Natt is certified as a School Evaluation and Accreditation Visiting Team Member for the Council of International Schools (CIS). Natt teaches Thai language to all our students in a holistic fashion involving a number of different activities where the students can inquire and explore.



Thai - EY and KS1 PY - Hattaya Sirit

Hattaya (Doum) holds a Bachelor of Art in English from Udon Thani Rajabhat University in Udon Thani and a Graduate Diploma in Teaching from Santapol College. Doum has worked as a teaching assistant and classroom teacher for 7 years at Paramin School and Tumble Tots in Udon Thani. Doum enjoys reading, drawing, Thai dance and handicrafts.



PSPE - Donato Nucciarone

Donato is a fully qualified PE and swimming teacher from Canada. He gained his Bachelor's degree in Education (Physical and Health Education) from McGill University and also gained a TEFL certificate from the University of Toronto. He worked in various schools in Canada before setting off overseas and working at Assumption College in Bangkok. Donato operates his own summer camp in Canada and takes an active interest coaching, nutrition, personal development and electronics.

Specialist Teachers



Art, music and learning support - Dr. Bernie Warren

Dr. Bernie was born in England and has lived in Canada since 1982. He is a trained English, Drama & Dance/Movement Specialist Teacher, holding a BA (Hons.) in English/Drama and a PhD in Psychology/Drama. He has taught Drama, Dance, English, Art and Music in school classrooms and is experienced in working with children with different abilities and learning styles. He also has 35 years of University teaching experience and remains the Professor Emeritus in Drama in Education & Community at the University of Windsor.

Bernie has worked as a professional actor, choreographer, dancer, theatre director and musician; is a respected author and a published poet and playwright. Dr. Bernie is a Master Teacher of clown-doctors and has studied Eastern martial and healing arts since 1969 and is recognised as a Qigong & Tai Chi 'master teacher.' He loves teaching, is very successful at motivating students to learn, and above all else ... makes learning FUN.



EAL - Phibzia Siddiqui

Phibzia holds a Master's Degree in Education (TEFL) from the National University of Laos. She has also completed a Bachelor of Arts (B.A) and an Advanced diploma in "Early Childhood Development" from ECD-Affiliated Edith Cowan University (Australia). She has 13 years of teaching experience around Asia and has training and experience in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP). Phibzia comes to us from a position as EAL teacher at Vientiane International School.

Phibzia has the passion and the energy for English language learning and teaching across all levels of students. She has used a range of teaching strategies to accommodate student's different learning styles and their unique needs.

Early Years Update

K1 class update

By Ms Jennifer Chapman , K1 Teacher

It is hard to believe June is finally here and the end of the school year is almost upon us! The K1 students will be very busy these last few weeks of school with finishing up unit studies and getting ready for the end of year talent show. The K1 team have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care this year and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. I would like to take the chance to say a big thank you for your support this year and hope you enjoy the holidays. Here are few photos from our field trip to Harbour Land soft play centre:



Year 2/3 class update - We are inventors

By Ms Emmi Hines Year 2/3 Teacher

We are very busy in Year 2/3 class as we come closer to the end of the school year. Students are working on their final UOI unit, People apply their understanding of forces and energy to invent and create. In class, students were able to experience various types of forces and how different forces work together to create energy which helped them complete their final projects. Each student produced their own invention to explain their understanding of force and energy. Great job Year 2 and Year 3 for being the inventors that you are!



Year 5/6 class update - Why We Need Zoos

By Neil Pilkington , Y5/6 Teacher

The end of the year is drawing near and Year 5/6 are very busy working on their final UOI unit, 'How We organise Ourselves'. The students have been making a plan of a zoo and considering the animals and services that they would include, based on certain criteria. They have also been researching and producing popular gifts that they could sell in order to help the zoo continue to preserve endangered animals. Students know that zoos are not ideal for animals, but understand that we have a responsibility to prevent them from becoming extinct. Students have accomplished a great deal this year and can look forward to a well deserved holiday!



Language and Culture

By Mr Wang Yankun, Chinese Teacher

MODERN LANGUAGES - CHINESE

Happy Dragon-Boat Festival and End of the Year Show! It's a lovely year for me working with our students and a joyful time for the kids learning Chinese language and experiencing Chinese culture! Students have celebrated Chinese traditions and developed their Chinese speaking and literacy skills ready for next year.



By Ms Phibzia Siddiqui, EAL Teacher

English as an additional language (EAL)

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived! The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment. So many things have been accomplished this year! Students have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities. Of course, we should not forget the tremendous amount of learning which has taken place during the year. Throughout all of these activities our students have demonstrated great character! I wish all my students happy holidays. See you next academic year 2017-18!



Health and Safety

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator

Looking through the year and checking on the accidents that have happened on campus has shown excellent work on part of the Health and Safety committee. This year we lowered the number of incidences of all cases and only had a few incidences we consider serious. We are glad to see this trend for this year and hope we can continue on next year with this track record.

The parents support in talking with students about being safe at school is helpful as well as the teachers being aware of what can potentially cause accidents.

Feedback from the parents is always appreciated and your insights for health and safety are always welcome.

Thanks to Mr Don, Mr Toyo, Ms Som-O, Mr Neil and Mr D for a good year.



House Update

This year, we introduced a House system at the school comprising five house teams. Students were placed into these teams and able to gain points from classroom activities and school events.

The final house standings are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	899
Blue House Martin Luther King	988
Black House Princess Diana	1096
Green House Nelson Mandela	965
Yellow House Mother Teresa	1054

Well done to all the teams, we had a lot of fun with the house competition across the year. Congratulations also to the Black Team for coming out on top and winning our inaugural house cup; The Dr Prapa and Dr. Mungkorn Memorial House Trophy. This trophy commemorates the spiritual founders of UDIS, two people that accomplished a lot in developing education in the Northeast of Thailand.



Parent cafe

The last parent cafe was assessment by Mr D. Parents had the chance to learn about assessment practices at the school. Thank you for your support of our Parent Cafes this year. We hope you were able to gain more knowledge about the practices of the school. We will continue this programme in the next academic year so please stay tuned for 2017/2018 parent cafes.



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JUNE	Music & Play	Cooking	D.I.Y	Science
Week 2 5-11 JUNE	Doctors At the hospital	Squid sausage	Origami / Panda	Maath Rockets
Week 3 12-18 JUNE	Emotions	Meat ball	Drinking Straw Bracelets	Balloon Pumper
Week 4 19-25 JUNE	Rain Rain go Away	Teddy Bear Bread in box	Origami / flower	Liquid Soap

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Beginner

- Welcome to the English world
- เข้าใจคำสิ่งของต่างๆ
- เรียนรู้คำศัพท์เบื้องต้น

Intermediate

- Familiarize yourself with English environment
- เข้าใจคำสั่ง/บทสนทนาที่ซับซ้อนยิ่งขึ้น
- มีความคุ้นเคยในการสื่อสารด้วยภาษาอังกฤษ
- เรียนรู้คำศัพท์ที่ซับซ้อน
- สามารถตอบคำถามง่ายๆได้

Advanced

- Learn English for your daily life
- เข้าใจบทสนทนาและสื่อสารเป็นภาษาอังกฤษได้
- เรียนรู้คำศัพท์และสามารถนำไปใช้ได้ถูกต้อง
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Enginc English Class Roadmap

Beginner

- Vocabulary & Phonics course 1-3 (20 hours each)
- Fundamental English for Starter (30 hours)

Intermediate

- Fundamental English for Upper (40 hours)
- English for Intermediate course 1-2 (40 hours each)

Advanced

- English for Advanced course 1-3 (40 hours each)
- Advanced Reading & Writing course 1-4 (20 hours each)

Schedule for the day

The end of year student show will be at the Prajaktra Hotel on the 6th floor. The event will be open from 8:30am and starting formally at 9am. We plan to finish the event at 11:30am. We welcome all parents to come along and see out a great 2016/2017 academic year.

End of Year Talent Show

Friday 23 June

Group Event	People in the Group	Costumes
Bboy Dance	Sarah-Elise, Eric-Alexandra, Phee, Ryu, Thee, Yuda, Sandy, Ophelia	Red shirts, Black pants (leggings, jeans, PE pants), Hat (any colour)
Rapunzel Ballet (PY)	Mint, Cartoon, Sarah, Kimgee	Blue and White Ballet uniform
Moana Ballet (EY)	Awa, Money, Korwan	white or cream skirt and either orange/brown/gold vest top
Comedy Duet	Dean, Zen	House shirt, Black pants
Dance Heroes "Boomerang"	Daewa, Liw, Jennesa, Isabella, Betly	Daewa- Blue dress Liw- White dress Jennesa- Purple dress Isabella- Red dress Betly- Green dress
Piano Solos	Time, Sand	House shirt, Black pants
Piano Duet	Pin, Plaifa	Yellow Dress
Behind the scenes (people helping with setup, props)	Ikkyu	Polo shirt (any colour), black pants
Cup song	Enjoy, Bpao, Nymph, Pim, Licha, Proud, Kaimook, Taya, Marc	School uniforms (we will be making headbands)
Story telling	Kevin, Natasha	Fun dress

End of year graduation information

Dance group Spice Girls	Sofia, Pordee, Porpiang, Cake, Saoirse, Wan Wan	Any color t-shirts, jeans, and jacket around the waist Sofia- White t-shirt Pordee- Orange t-shirt Wan Wan Pink t-shirt Porpiang Green t-shirt Saoirse Purple t-shirt Cake Blue t-shirt Black leggings for all the girls
Dance group Hip hoppers	Cake, Cream , Wan Wan	They will wear the same costume (Spice girls)
Science Experiment group	Arwen, Arden, Cream	White lab smocks, white surgical gloves, 'science specs'.
Dance "In the name of love"	Alina	Leggings and Blue T shirt
Singing group - Sairung	Mark, Summer, Kaiyin, Huixin, Alex (K1)	Colourful clothes and funky sunglasses.
	Nino, Eugene, Jason Justin, Alex (Y1)	Soccer Gear
Magic Show	Matthew, Yorn, Ashton, Lilly and Ichi	Magic Costume
Dinosaur Dance	Preschool K1: GM, Kuhn, Linux,	School uniform (we will prepare paper dinosaur hats)



Message from Admin

Administration - Message from the office

Invoices for Term 1, 2017/2018 have now been issued. Invoices are due by Friday 28 July.

Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

UDIS operates a Community Partnership Programme (CPP) with local businesses in the Udon Thani area who wish to support the school and its staff and students. Under the CPP, these businesses have offered discounts and benefits to staff and students who present their UDIS ID card.

Find out more on our website
(<http://www.udoninternational.com/en/general-information/cpp/>)

or contact the School Office for more information.

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