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Songkran at UDIS

On the last day of Term 2 we celebrated Songkran at the school.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Monday 2 May - Labour Day
- Thursday 5 May - Coronation Day
- 3:10-4pm, Monday 16 May - PTA Meeting
- Friday 20 May - Visaka Bucha Day
- 26-27 May - Half-term break
- 3:10-4pm - Monday 19 June - PTA Meeting
- Friday 1 July - End of Year

Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3 at UDIS! We have a lot of new students that have joined us, or will join us, this term. It is an exciting time to welcome so many new faces to the school. Please help our new parents and students feel welcome.

One sizeable group of new students will be coming to us from Singapore. The Singapore Air Force has set up a training operation in Udon Thani and pilots and support staff from Singapore will be based here over the next few years. These staff are bringing their children with them who will be enrolling at our school. This was the only school in the province that matched the educational expectations they had for their children. It is exciting for us to develop our international population here which presents many opportunities for us to learn from each other.



This term will be a busy one for staff. We are working towards reports and end of year conferences in the last week to sum up the learning that students have achieved this year. We also have three events this term; our Healthy Eating Month in May, Book Week in June and our end of year student graduation on Friday 1 July. Well, we are coming to the end of Term 2 for the year. It has been a busy term with many school events and I hope everyone can refresh themselves over the 2 week holiday break.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Deputy Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

Our curriculum committee recently made a trip to KIS in Bangkok to find out more about what we are doing in the Primary Years Programme (PYP) and to look into what things will look like for us in the Middle Years Programme (MYP).

We found out many useful things that we can implement in the school. One of the big things we discovered is how developing the children's skills at a young age is paramount for their success in the older years. The PYP and the MYP develop the skills within students to be active and well functioning inquirers who are ready to learn a lot of important content in the Diploma Programme (DP).

The more we all understand about the skills necessary to function well in an IB school the better the students will perform. This year we have been focusing on the skills needed during our assembly time. If you have questions about those skills or would like to know more, please contact me or discuss things with your homeroom teacher.

Primary Years Update

SHARING OUR KNOWLEDGE

Ms Emmi Hines, Year 2 Teacher

To end Term 2 on a positive note, students took on a large role to share their learning with their parents during our Student Led Conferences. Students were able to reflect on what they have learnt thus far in all areas. All students were able to share their learning through a variety of examples such as writing, paintings, written reflections, journals, work samples and Storypark. Students were very proud of what they were able to show their parents and this action fostered their independence and confidence. Great effort to all Year 2 students and parents for the active role they are taking in their education.



Year 5 class update

Sharing our Learning and New Beginnings

By Mrs Rebecca Kehn, Y5 Teacher

Year 5 students participated in Student Led Conferences at the end of Term 2. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to share their learning and reflections with their families. All of the conferences were a huge success. Students shared four areas of learning: Literacy, Mathematics, Unit of Inquiry, and Reflections. Students moved independently around different stations and showed off their skills and knowledge to their families. They were also able to share their dioramas from their Unit of Inquiry. These projects demonstrated their understanding of the central idea: Energy may be converted, transformed and used to support human progress. Year 5 students also exhibited these projects to the school community. Overall the conclusion to Term 2 allowed us to celebrate all of the progress and learning that has taken place with the Year 5 students. Way to go Year 5!



Year 5 class update

Sharing our Learning and New Beginnings

By Mrs Rebecca Kehn, Y5 Teacher

On their return to school this week, Year 5 students have been diving into their new unit under the theme, how we organise ourselves. Over the next five weeks, students will be exploring the central idea: New digital media changes the way in which people access information and connect to each other. They will be looking into ideas such as how new digital media is organised and used, how to evaluate information, and our responsibility in virtual environments. Students will be doing this via the forum of a classroom blog. Parents are invited to watch the classroom blog take shape at <https://kidblog.org/class/mrs-rebeccas-year-five-class/posts>.

Year 5 students are also up to their usual classroom business of engaging in reading, listening, speaking, and writing activities daily. In mathematics they are currently working on naming and measuring angles. As usual, there is much to do and learn in Year 5!



Modern languages - Thai

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Thai Manners this term



Welcome back to school for Term3 of 2016. We had a great week at the end of Term 2 which we spent learning about Thai etiquette. This was done in conjunction with our Songkran event. Students learned how to Wai teachers, parents and adults and also how to respond when they receive or give things from adults.

In Term 3 we will continue to learn about Thai etiquette.



Language and Culture

By Miss Natt, Head Thai Teachers

In Thai classes this week we are doing the reflection on our third Thai unit. Our Year 2 Class presented their tonation projects in class for middle-high-low classes of Thai consonants.



Year 3/4 presented their project in Thai class about protecting animals habitats.



We reviewed and recalled the Thai consonants, vowels and words.

Health and Safety

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator

Repeated from our last edition.

The temperatures are rising quickly and being careful in the heat is important at this time of year. At UDIS we monitor the temperature and humidity levels daily. From these numbers we are able to calculate a “heat index” which lets us determine if it is appropriate to have the kids outside during PE, morning break and lunch break.

If the heat index is too high, we have indoor activities available for the students which include time in the library, soft play room or art room. Everyone of these rooms has an air conditioning unit in it to keep children cool.

If the students are outside, we encourage them to take the appropriate precautions including wearing hats, bringing a water bottle, and monitoring their heat levels.

If students were to overheat we have precautions in place that would include bringing them indoors and having the nurse treat them. We have mineral packets that students can drink to help bring down their temperature and replace vital minerals and vitamins that may have been lost due to sweat.



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Message from Admin

Uniform discounts

Currently we have discounts available for Grade B uniform items. Please contact the office for more information.

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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