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May is Healthy Eating Month!

Healthy Eating Month encourages students to eat a variety of foods to gain the nutrition they need for learning and life. Students will be encouraged to eat a 'rainbow' of foods which represents different food groups. During this month, please help support the school by encouraging your children to eat well by incorporating more fruits and vegetables into their daily diets.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

3:10-4pm, Monday 16 May - PTA Meeting

Tuesday 17 May - School Photo day

Friday 20 May - Visaka Bucha Day

23-24 May - Half-term break

Parent education session #1 - 26 May

Parent education session #2 - 2 June

3:10-4pm - Monday 19 June - PTA Meeting

Friday 1 July - End of Year

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

We are well into the first half-term of Term 3 and looking to close out this year well. This time of year we are really busy but we are also taking time to plan for the new academic year as well. As such, we have begun the development of our 5 year strategic plan. This document will be created with input from management, staff, students, parents and our school board. Once complete, this strategy will be used to help shape the school over the coming years. The first opportunity for parents to provide feedback into our school strategy will be our next PTA meeting on Monday 16 May so I would encourage parents to please come along to have your say on the direction of the school.



May is also our Healthy Eating Month (HEM). We began HEM last year to encourage students to eat a varied and healthy diet at school and at home. HEM helps to encourage and educate children to eat a variety of 'colours' every mealtime. During May, we will be holding three special assemblies for students to celebrate HEM and learn more about healthy eating.

In the spirit of further education, we also have two parent education sessions that will be held at the school later this month. The purpose of these sessions is to demonstrate and explain how we use inquiry learning at the school. We encourage parents to come along to the two sessions on 26 May and 2 June.

Finally, as we continue to plan for the next school year we will be making a number of announcements over the next month. These will include our teaching lineup for 2016/2017, fees for 2016/2017 and building announcements. Please stay tuned to our newsletters for updates on these.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Deputy Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

We will be having two sessions to teach our Primary Years parents about the IB curriculum. The dates for meetings are May 26th and June 2nd. This is an excellent chance for parents and teachers to align on effective inquiry based learning for the children. We will be showing parents what a day at school may look like for the students and show the transdisciplinary nature of the IB.

We will also be sending parents home with some practical tools they can use with their children to promote inquiry and to develop the students core skills.

We encourage all Primary Years Parents to attend the meetings and look forward to working with everyone who attends.

Early Years Update

Preschool class update - Meet our new class pets!

By Ms Jennifer Chapman, Preschool Teacher

We have exciting new developments in the Preschool class this term! Firstly, I would like to welcome all the new students who have joined us over the last few weeks. It is lovely to see how you are all settling in to your new school. Secondly, I would like to introduce our new class fish. Thank you very much to Miss Ploy for bringing these into the school as the students are very excited to look after them. We have also had some new visitors to the school - Lava the Snake and John Cena the hamster. Also new in Term 3 are the Preschool swimming lessons which are proving to be a huge success! Many of the students are participating and developing their confidence in the water which has been great to see.



Early Years Update

K1 class update - New visitors

By Ms Kaitlyn Hyland, K1 Teacher

K1 has been so excited to meet their new class pet, and this week we are voting on a name for the newest members of our class, goldfish! We are exploring the relationship animals have with people based upon the context of that relationship. The children have noted that cows give us milk, chickens give us eggs, and we enjoy taking care of our beloved pets. We have been exploring the spelling of many of these animals and are looking at the classification of some of our favourite animals into the phylums of the animal kingdom. We are looking forward to an exciting term with many discoveries about our furry and feathered friends!

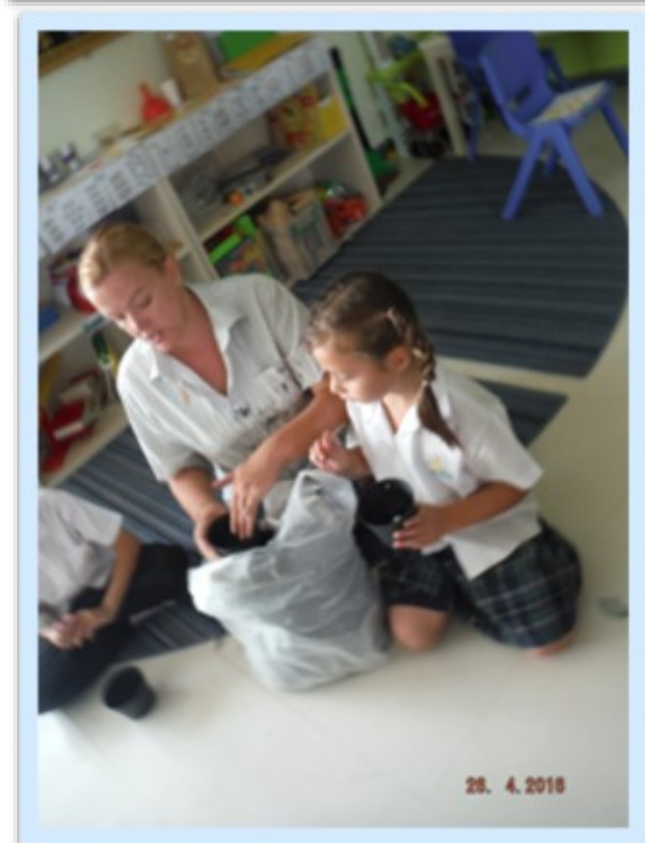


Primary Years Update

Year 1 class update

Ms Karyn Scrimgeour, Year 1 Teacher

It has been an exciting time in Year 1 & 2 as we are looking at 'life' and as such have had some fantastic additions to our classroom for our education. Year 1 have adopted a hamster (Goldy), a turtle (Rocky) and some fish. Year 2 have not only seen the addition of fish and a hamster, but also a snake (personal eww)! This has given them an outstanding opportunity to observe and document these animals on a daily basis. They have also been growing their own plants, which has been especially exciting given the speedy growth of these. This has been an excellent unit for students to mix their mathematics skills of measuring, with their science skills of gathering, recording and documenting as well as expanding their vocabulary knowledge. I know I didn't know half of what these guys know at their age. Inquiry learning is amazing!



Year 3/4 class update

By Mr Liam Chadwick, Y3/4 Teacher

Greetings all, this term will be very busy for everybody. We have a lot to get through in class as the end of term rapidly approaches. We have added photos from our previous Unit of inquiry - How the world works with the Central Idea being "the design of buildings and structures is dependent upon environmental factors, human ingenuity, and available materials." This term our first Unit of Inquiry is Sharing the planet, with the Central Idea being "when interacting with natural habitats, humans make choices that have an impact on other living things." In this unit we are looking at natural habitats, what choices humans make in these habitats and what impact or consequences these choices have on other living things. Students have selected a habitat they would like to research and are working from there. Our daily routines are also moving along nicely with students progressing with confidence.

The class in the new completed eco room. The students are excited with this new addition and cannot wait to use it.



Robotics - who will take this round out?

Our Eco friendly houses.



There can only be one winner!

Modern languages - Chinese

In Term 3 our focus will be on continuing to develop the student's foundation in Chinese. Early Years students are working on elementary speaking skills and phonics development. In the Primary Years, KS1 students are also building their understanding of Chinese phonics while developing their reading and speaking skills. KS2 students are continuing to develop their knowledge of Hanyu Pinyin and working on links with their classroom units and their writing and speaking skills. We didn't forget our Preschool students, they are learning about different Chinese names for animals.



Look at our K1 little tigers!



Y1 Still working on Chinese Phonics.



Y3/Y4 students were very excited Chinese learning, they're studying their Chinese so well!

Health and Safety

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator

This year we have Healthy Eating Month. Students will be shown what variety that can be putting on their plate and learning about what foods will offer the best nutrition for learning.

Students will be introduced to a “rainbow” of foods they can select that will not only make their plates look wonderful but also offer up wonderful nutrition for wellness and sustainability.

Our teachers will provide students with information about healthy food and what is good for students to eat. We will have activities at each of our Thursday assemblies to get students excited about healthy food. We will also incorporate fun activities in Thai and TAL to help the students learn as well.

Please encourage your children to eat well by incorporating more fruits and vegetables while removing refined sugars and processed food





Message from Admin

School photo day – Tuesday 17 May

We will be holding a school photo day on Tuesday 17 May. All classes and students will have their photo taken by a professional photographer. We will then have these available for purchase which can be made on the form below.

Please wear your school uniform on Tuesday and, if needed, bring your PE uniform as well.

<p>Class photo 8x10 inches</p>	<p>Individual photo 8x10 inches</p>

Class photo – 8x10 inches	180 baht each
Individual photo – 8x10 inches	180 baht each
School photo - 8x10 inches	180 baht each
Set of one class photo and one individual photo	340 baht for set
Set of one class, one individual and one school photo	500 baht for set

Yearbook 2015/2016 advertising

UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our second year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our second year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects, classes, clubs, school activities, awards, fieldtrips and graduating students.

The Yearbook will be given free to all students, parents and to our community as an e-book. Printed copies will be available for sale to those who want them. As such, we are looking for Yearbook sponsors who can advertise their products and services. We have the current advertising space available:

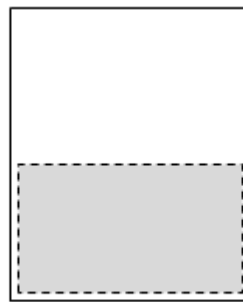


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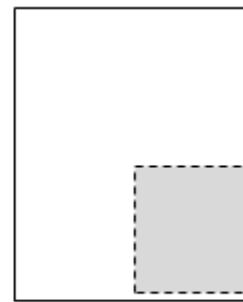
Location	Size	Price
Inside Front cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	5,000 baht
Inside back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	4,000 baht
Full page	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	2,500 baht
Half page – horizontal	135mm high x 180mm wide	1,500 baht
Quarter page – vertical	127mm high x 87mm wide	1,000 baht



Full page



Half page



Quarter page

Details

- Adverts are required in any of the following formats: High resolution Adobe PDF/X files (distilled at 200dpi with all fonts embedded) – Adobe Photoshop TIFF or EPS formats at 300dpi or better – Adobe Illustrator EPS files
- Placement is first come, first served.
- 20% discount available for two or more spots, double pages etc.
- 10% discount for parents of the school

Submission

Adverts can be submitted to admin@udis.ac.th with your contact details and desired advert type and placement or contact the School Office.

Please contact the School Office for more information:
Email: admin@udis.ac.th ; Phone: 042 110-379

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.

Contact us

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