



Newsletter

Udon Thani International School

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KING'S PASSING



Udon Thani International School conveys our deepest condolences on the passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. We share in sadness the great loss of the Father of our Nation.

Udon Thani International School, Udon Thani, THAILAND

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 3 November - House assembly #2 (Students to please wear house shirts on this day)
- 9 November - PTA meeting #2
- 15 November - Loy Krathong
- 30 November - PTA meeting #3
- 1 December (Assembly) - Father's day
- 5 December - HM The King's Birthday (Holiday)
- 16 December (half day) - Christmas festival

King mourning ceremony photos on page 11

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

Last Thursday we heard about the sad passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The King was revered for his kindness, generosity and his dedication to the improvement of the lives of the people of Thailand. People are grieving his passing by wearing black, and reflecting about what the King meant to their lives. Decorations have been placed outside many institutions as a sign of respect for the King. At UDIS we are also commemorating the King and our school community are welcome to sign the condolence book located at the front entrance to the school.



The King had a lot of power and responsibility, he could have done anything with his life, but he chose to dedicate himself to improving the lives of people across Thailand. No matter whether they were rich or poor, worked in the city or upcountry, were Buddhist or Muslim, he worked hard to improve his subject's lives. The King also greatly valued education and the importance of lifelong learning, values that we share at UDIS.

So, when we reflect as a school on the passing of the King and the legacy he has left for Thailand. We give him respect for all that he had accomplished in his life. We can also learn from his dedication and his example, and replicate this in our own lives. We can act with decency to our fellow citizens, and we can follow his example by trying our best to help each other.

As the King said, "A good person can make another person good; it means that goodness will elicit goodness in society; other persons will also be good."

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Deputy Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

We have come back from a nice mid-term break and have started into our new Units for every class level. You can always see the current Unit we are covering as it is posted on our POI across from the office.

During this time in class, teachers are working on what we call provocations. These provocations are geared at generating student interest into the new central idea. The teachers are very creative in coming up with ideas that have the students curious about the new topics to be covered during this new Unit.

If you notice students are asking questions at home, these would be great things to share with the homeroom teacher and class. Students may be asking some questions about new topics that you have not heard them asking about previously.

Early Years Update

Preschool class update - Welcome Back To School!

By Ms Olga Sviridova , Preschool Teacher

Sawadeeka! A warm welcome to our students and parents back to school after the half-term break! We are very excited about our new Unit of Inquiry 'How we organise ourselves' with the Central Idea 'People play different roles in the communities to which they belong'. Over the coming weeks, students will be looking into the various communities we belong to and how those communities are organised into the roles of the people who help us and why they are important for us. During our first week, preschool students were provided an insight into the unit through talking about people who help us at home and in our community. We also used our role play area to act out how we help our parents at home. The other focus during this week was learning skills for recognising and making patterns. This went really well with combining some Halloween motives: the preschool students enjoyed 'planting their own pumpkins' (making pumpkin patterns) and 'gathering the pumpkin harvest' (sorting the pumpkins).

Our preschoolers love music, singing, dance and movement. So far, popular songs in Preschool are 'The ABC Song', 'The Wheels on the BUS' and 'Five Little Monkeys.' We will be adding new songs to our Classroom Music Box soon! We are looking forward to sharing further updates with you! Our new learning journey has just begun and it promises to be very exciting!



Primary Years Update

Year 1 class update - Mix N Match

By Ms Karyn Scrimgeour, Year 1 Teacher

Our first Unit of Inquiry drew to a close and the students produced some excellent summative assessment projects. We made mix and match booklets using caricature pictures they chose and students wrote statements about themselves to go with each page. The Unit was designed so students would inquire into themselves, including: how they look, what they can do and the things they like, as well as identifying things they were good at or things they struggled with. The students also made "All My Stripes" Zebras inspired by the book on which they place statements about themselves. They also mirrored this activity in Thai using Tigers.

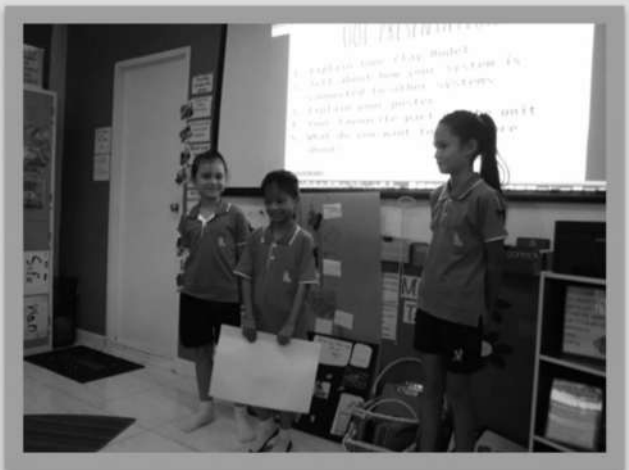
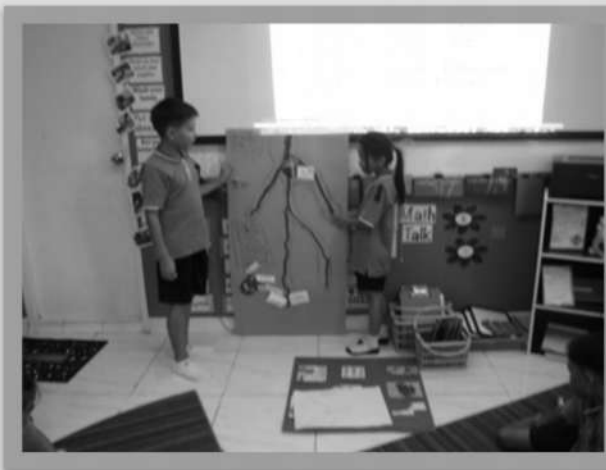
The students made a lot of connections and on a basic level were able to identify that they are more willing to do things that they enjoy doing or are good at. This is an excellent foundation for the students beginning to understand themselves and how they learn best, creating independent and enthusiastic learners.



Year 4 class update—Our Diverse Class is Ready to Learn!

By Ms Rebecca Kehn, Y4 Teacher

The year four students are enthusiastic to be back in school following the half term break. During this short week back, we participated in a ceremony to honour His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej. We also spent some time learning about His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, and the wonderful life of service he led. In addition, students culminated their last Unit of Inquiry by presenting their final group projects on a body system. They were asked explain and show how that body system works, how the system is connected to other systems and how we can take care of our bodies. We were very proud of their efforts and learning in this Unit, and are excited to move on to our new Unit of Inquiry. We will be exploring the Where we are in Place and Time and the central idea: The Earth's physical geography has an impact on human interactions and settlements. In the coming weeks students will be exploring the diversity of the planet and questions such as, "Why do people live where they live?". In Maths, we are working with written addition and solving word problems involving addition. We continue to work on our language skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking. We will be commencing homework next week with regular reading time, spelling and occasional math. Each of our students are beginning to show growth in various areas, and it has been exciting for our team to watch them grow, as well as to continue to get to know each of them. In only a short ten weeks, we have developed into a quirky, fun, and diverse group. We enjoy spending our days together learning, exploring, and having fun. We also welcomed a new student to our year four class, Tanawan Saoirse Lahiff. She has already effortlessly blended into our wonderful, dynamic group, and has brought her own unique personality as well as her strengths and talents. Welcome Saoirse! The students' enthusiasm for learning puts a smile on my face everyday. Whatever we are up to, Maths, English, UOI...they are always ready to learn!



MODERN LANGUAGES - THAI DEPARTMENT

Due to the sad occasion of the passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulayadej and on behalf of Udon Thani International School Senior Management Team, teachers, staff and students, we would like to pass on the message of our mourning for the great loss of the father of our nation.



ขอเดชะ ได้ฝ่าละอองธุลีพระบาทปกเกล้าปกกระหม่อม ข้าพระพุทธเจ้า คณะผู้บริหาร ครู บุคลากรและนักเรียนโรงเรียนนานาชาติอุดรธานีขอน้อมรำลึกในพระมหากรุณาธิคุณ ในฐานะที่เป็นพสกนิกรได้ร่วมพระบรมโพธิสมภารของพระบาทสมเด็จพระปรมินทรมหาภูมิพล อดุลยเดช มหิตลาธิเบศรรามาธิบดี จักรีนฤพดินทร สยามินทราธิราช บรมนาถบพิตร

วันที่ 13 ตุลาคม 2559 นาทีที่มีประกาศแถลงการณ์จากสำนักพระราชวัง ว่าพระบาทสมเด็จพระปรมินทรมหาภูมิพลอดุลยเดช มหิตลาธิเบศรรามาธิบดี จักรีนฤพดินทร สยามินทราธิราช บรมนาถบพิตร เสด็จสวรรคต ณ โรงพยาบาลศิริราช นั้น เป็นช่วงเวลาที่ทำให้หัวใจคนไทยทั้งหมดทั้งสิ้น เจ็บปวดและเศร้าโศกกับการสูญเสียครั้งใหญ่ของประเทศไทย ข้าพระพุทธเจ้ารู้สึกเสียใจโทมนัสเหลือประมาณ ประหนึ่งแสงทองของแผ่นดินได้ลบล้างพสกนิกรชาวไทยไปตลอดกาล

ข้าพระพุทธเจ้าซาบซึ้งในพระมหากรุณาธิคุณอย่างหาที่สุดมิได้ประชาชนชาวไทยทั้งหมดทั้งสิ้นล้วนประจักษ์ชัดแจ้งว่า ความสุข ความสงบร่มเย็น และความเจริญก้าวหน้าต่างๆ ในประเทศนี้ เป็นผลมาจากพระราชวิริยะอุตสาหะ และพระมหากรุณาธิคุณในได้ฝ่าละอองธุลีพระบาทที่ทรงปฏิบัติบำเพ็ญและทรงปกครองแผ่นดินโดยธรรมทรงอุทิศพระองค์ปฏิบัติบำเพ็ญพระราชกรณียกิจน้อยใหญ่นานัปการ เพื่อประโยชน์สุขของพสกนิกรชาวไทยและความเจริญก้าวหน้าของประเทศ สมดังพระราชปณิธานที่ทรงตรัสไว้ตั้งแต่วันที่เสด็จเถลิงถวัลย์ราชสมบัติเป็นองค์พระมหากษัตริย์ในราชจักรีวงศ์โดยแท้

MODERN LANGUAGES - THAI DEPARTMENT

ตลอด 70 ปีแห่งการครองราชย์ พระฟ้าอาณาประชาราษฎร์ล้วนได้รับพระมหากรุณาธิคุณอย่างทั่วถึง เพราะไม่ว่าพระองค์เสด็จฯ ไปที่ใด ทรงมีพระประสงค์เดียวคือการทำให้อาณาประชาราษฎร์ไทยมีชีวิตความเป็นอยู่ที่ดีขึ้น ทรงห่วงใยใกล้ชิดกับราษฎร ทรงงานหนักเยี่ยมเยียนราษฎร ในถิ่นชนบททุรกันดาร เพื่อจะได้รับทราบปัญหาและความต้องการของราษฎรด้วยสายพระเนตรพระกรรณของพระองค์เอง รวมถึงการที่ทรงพระราชทานแนวทางแก้ปัญหาที่เปี่ยมด้วยพระปรีชาสามารถให้แก่หน่วยงานที่รับผิดชอบหรือแม้แต่การสร้างความสามัคคีกันของคนในชาติ อย่างแนวพระบรมราโชวาท เข้าใจ เข้าถึง พัฒนา ที่คนไทยน้อมเกล้าฯน้อมกระหม่อมนำไปปฏิบัติ เพื่อนำมาซึ่งสันติสุขของประเทศ รวมถึงหลักการประชาธิปไตยที่พระองค์ท่านทรงยึดถือมาโดยตลอด

ปวงข้าพระพุทธเจ้าโชคดี ที่ได้เกิดมาเป็นคนไทยในแผ่นดินของพระบาทสมเด็จพระปรมินทรมหาภูมิพลอดุลยเดช ที่พระองค์ ทรงงานหนักอย่างไม่รู้จักเหน็ดเหนื่อยเพื่อราษฎรของพระองค์ ทรงมีพระเมตตาเหมือนพ่อเมตตาลูก พระองค์จะสถิตอยู่ในใจของปวงข้าพระพุทธเจ้าตราบนานกาล ด้วยความจงรักภักดี ขอน้อมเกล้าฯน้อมกระหม่อมรำลึกในพระมหากรุณาธิคุณอย่างหาที่สุดมิได้



English as an additional language (EAL)

Through our individualised learning programme, intervention and support we will continue to raise the attainment of EAL students' at the school. Here students' attend lessons for English language support in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.



Health and Safety

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator

The Health and Safety team has recently been involved in some important practices at the school. We recently visited the kitchen to see how well we are operating there. We were pleased to find the kitchen operating in a healthy manner. We looked to see how food was being stored, the temperatures foods were being kept and at what temperature they are being served, the cleanliness of the kitchen and staff as well as many other items. The kitchen received an endorsement from the Health and Safety team.

We have also been looking into our internal communication systems at the school that we can use for well being of the students and staff. We are pleased to see the communication tools increasing on campus.

Over the break, judder bars were also installed to slow incoming and departing traffic through the school. Please be mindful of your speed as we have many small children arriving and departing school. We have also installed 'No Smoking' signs in public areas to remind our community that our campus is a no smoking area.

If you ever have health or safety concerns about the school, please inform us so we can take action.



House Update

This year, we have introduced a House system at the school comprising five house teams. Students have been placed into these teams and able to gain points from classroom activities and school events. The current house scores are:

House team	Current points
<i>Red House Confucius</i>	18
<i>Blue House Martin Luther King</i>	24
<i>Black House Princess Diana</i>	41
<i>Green House Nelson Mandela</i>	21
<i>Yellow House Mother Teresa</i>	24

We will hold the next house assembly on Thursday 3 November. Please wear your house shirt on that day.



King Mourning Ceremony





Message from Admin

Administration - Message from the office

Term 2 invoices due date Friday 2 December, 2016

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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