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Early Years at UDIS

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 17 April - Term 3 begins
- 28 April - Parents & Toddlers #2
- 1 May - Labour day (School holiday)
- All of May - Healthy eating month
- 3 May - PTA Meeting #6
- 5 May - Coronation day (School holiday)
- 10 May - Visaka Bucha Day (School holiday)
- 12 May - Parents & Toddlers #3
- 17 May - Parent Cafe #3 - The role of EAL at UDIS
- 19 May - Executive Board Meeting #3
- 19 May - Parents & Toddlers #4
- 22-23 May - Half term break (School holiday)
- 2 June - Parents & Toddlers #5
- 5 June - PTA Meeting #7
- 9 June - Parents & Toddlers #6
- 12 June - Parent Cafe #4 - Assessment at UDIS
- 23 June - Term 3 end of school

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

Over the past two weeks we have had a number of Early Years events. This began two Fridays ago when we held our first parents and toddlers session at the school. The aim of this session was to open our Early Years up to our community so that interested parents could join a regular session and learn more about what we offer as a school. For Term 3, this will also be open to parents of Preschool and K1 students as well. The purpose is for parents to be able to spend some time playing with their students with the educational centers the teachers have set up. We hope that this can help break down some of the mysteries of the value of play within our Early Years programme.



Last Monday, we also held our first Parent Cafe about the Early Years. At this session, the teachers talked about the value of play and set up a number of stations that parents could try. This shows the different learning that students accomplish by playing within a stimulating and interactive environment. Thanks to all the parents who came along to join this Cafe.

Lastly, we held our latest assembly with the Early Years. We divided into house teams and each team needed to design and construct a boat. The fastest boat would win. This was a great chance to see students of different ages working well together in our house teams. A lot of fun was had by all who participated.

Finally, this is the last newsletter of Term 2. It has been a busy term for us and things will only get busier into Term 3 as we start working towards the end of the year. A big thank you to all our parents, staff and students for their efforts this term!

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School



Inquiry corner

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Deputy Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

This week we have been holding student led conferences which are an important part of helping our students be responsible for their own learning.

“Student-led conferences involve the student and the parents. The students are responsible for leading the conference, and also take responsibility for their learning by sharing the process with their parents... The conference involves the student discussing and reflecting upon samples of work that they have previously chosen to share with their parents. These samples have been previously selected with guidance and support from the teacher, and could be from the student’s portfolio.” (Making the PYP happen: A curriculum framework for international primary education, 2009)

These conferences help us achieve our vision for all students by:

- Students learning to know; Students can understand how they learn and develop a better understanding of their own personal strengths and weaknesses.
- Students learning to be; Students taking personal responsibility for reporting on their own learning and being able to justify and explain themselves to others.
- Students learning to do; Students taking the initiative and leading the feedback process.

We hope that all parents enjoyed the experience of the student led conferences and have see how their children are thriving in their learning.



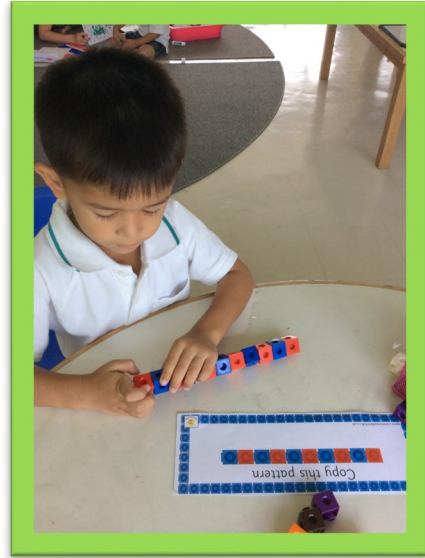
Early Years Update

K1 class update - Time for Reflection

By Ms Jennifer Chapman , K1 Teacher

Our K1 students are spending time reflecting on our learning so far this year. The first two terms have gone so quickly and we have learned so much! We are looking over our current unit on materials and preparing for student led conferences.

We have had a warm welcome to a few new students this term and are sad to see some of our classmates go as well.



Primary Years Update

Year 2/3 class update - Student Led Conferences

By Ms Emmi Hines Year 2/3 Teacher

As a school, UDIS encourages students to take charge of their learning. This is demonstrated fully to the parents during our Student Led Conferences. The homeroom teacher might facilitate the conference but the student is responsible for answering parent questions and concerns about their child's learning. Each child shares with their parents what they have learned, what they are proud of and learning goals by presenting a portfolio. This portfolio can showcase a variety of projects, learning objectives, assessments and social growth at an individual level.



"I felt very happy and proud of myself"



"I felt excited because I had fun!"



"I felt nervous but it was fun to share what I have learnt."



"I felt scared to talk with Mum in English but happy once I started."



"I talked about what I do in class and my parents were proud of me!"



"I showed my parents how to play a game with fractions."

Year 5/6 class update - How the World Works

By Neil Pilkington , Y5/6 Teacher

In our latest unit, students have been inquiring into the Earth's natural materials. We have performed experiments to find out the effects of burning, melting, freezing, dissolving and mixing materials to determine whether the processes are reversible or irreversible. Students have also researched the benefits and challenges presented by the extraction, production and use of a chosen natural material and how we could reduce the resulting environmental problems. On our field trip this week we went to a rubber plantation and factory to find out how we obtain rubber for the production of Dunlop tyres among other things.



MODERN LANGUAGES - CHINESE

As the Songkran Festival is coming, we wish you a happy new year and a relaxing holiday! Students have worked hard this term to develop their Chinese levels and many of them are now better able to start dialogues and have simple Chinese conversations now.



Language and Culture

By Ms Phibzia Siddiqui, EAL Teacher

English as an additional language (EAL)

EAL students receive direct instruction. The principle goal of the programme is to help EAL students acquire sufficient competence in English to succeed at levels comparable to their non-EAL peers.

I am adding some useful resources in order to help your child learn to speak and read in English. It is important that you encourage and help your child at home. I have included some resources.

Resources for Parents:

- I spy books, pictionaries
- Games like Boggle and Scrabble

Website:

- <http://www.starfall.com/>



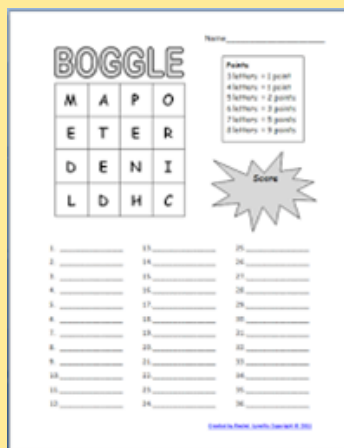
Did You Know?

Did you know that English language acquisition can take anywhere from 5-10 years? Many people are surprised by the length of time it can take a child to gain proficiency, even with high quality instruction each year. Second language learners are often judged by their speaking abilities alone, which do not always reflect a student's level of proficiency in listening, reading, and/or writing. Language acquisition is a long-term process and students need lots of support and encouragement to achieve proficiency.

- <http://www.eslkidstuff.com/>



- <http://www.printactivities.com/Paper-Games/Printable-Boggle-Word-Game.shtml>



Health and Safety

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator

Healthy Eating month is approaching this year and we have some exciting ideas to share with the students. If parents have additional ideas or would like to be involved we encourage you get in touch with the Health and Safety team; Mr D, Mr Neil, Mr Toyo, Miss Som-O and Mr Don.

We are looking to have the students make good choices about their diet and we would also like to look into good dining etiquette. Ultimately it comes down to the students making good choices for their health as they always have a range of healthy options of food available to them at the school



Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

Summer Menu from Wood You Like cafe who are providing a 5% discount to all UDIS members.



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
Red House Confucius	483
Blue House Martin Luther King	509
Black House Princess Diana	559
Green House Nelson Mandela	532
Yellow House Mother Teresa	537

Parent cafe

We would like to launch our Parent Cafes for parents to come and learn more about different aspects of the school from our talented teaching staff. The schedule is below:

Session	Date	Topic
#3	17 May	The role of EAL at UDIS with Miss Phibz
#4	12 June	Assessment at UDIS with Mr D

The next parent cafe is 'The Role of EAL at UDIS' with Miss Phibz



Songkran Festival



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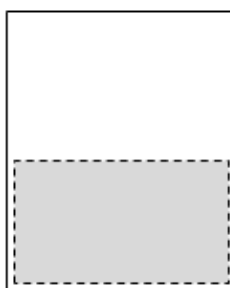
UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our third year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our third year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects,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

The Yearbook will be distributed to all students, parents and to our community as a printed book. As such, we are looking for Yearbook sponsors who can advertise their products and services. **The final date for submission of advertising will be Friday 19 May.** We have the current advertising space available:

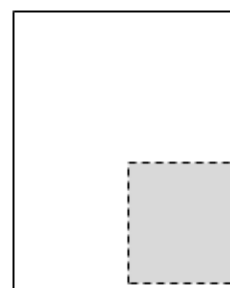
Location	Size	Price
Inside Front cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	5,000 baht
Inside back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	4,000 baht
Full page	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	2,500 baht
Half page – horizontal	135mm high x 180mm wide	1,500 baht
Quarter page – vertical	127mm high x 87mm wide	1,000 baht



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**



Message from Admin

Administration - Message from the office

School Terms and Dates 2017/2018

UDIS operates three terms per school year as follows:

Term 1 (82 days)

School start: Monday 14 August, 2017
Half term break: 16-20 October, 2017 (1 week)
Finish: Friday 15 December, 2017

Term 2 (56 days)

Start: Monday 8 January, 2018
Half term break: 19-20 February, 2018 (2 days)
Finish: Friday 30 March, 2018

Term 3 (44 days)

Start: Wednesday 18 April, 2018
Half term break: 28-29 May, 2018 (2 days)
Finish: Friday 22 June, 2018

Payment dates

Term 1 (2017/2018) due date Friday 28 July, 2017

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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