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Healthy Eating Month!



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES


7 June
(Change of date from 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

This week, I wanted to share with you a summary from the PYP report generated from the visit of our PYP Consultant, Miss Maïke Silver. The report is based on assessment of our readiness for authorisation. Each different standard and practice was rated as either not evident, emerging or evident. This is summarised in the following table:



	Not evident (No planning, no evidence, a lot of support required)	Emerging (Some planning, some evidence, some support required)	Evident (Planning in place, evidence available, well understood by school)
Standard A: Philosophy	0 standards	6 standards	14 standards
Standard B: Organisation	0 standards	6 standards	33 standards
Standard C: Curriculum	1 standard	4 standards	9 standards
Total	1 standard	16 standards	56 standards

The overall recommendation from Maïke was that the school was not yet ready to submit for authorisation. However the table shows that we are making good progress towards authorisation in the 2018/2019 academic year with almost all standards in place with evidence available.

Finally, on Friday 19 May, we held our third, and final, Executive Board Meeting of the year. At this meeting the school budget for the 2017/2018 academic year was approved. The Board also approved a 6% school fees increase for 2017/2018 but asked that parents be consulted about this before confirming this. So, at the next PTA meeting (Wednesday 7 June) we will explain how this fee increase is made up and the rationale for it. The Board also approved changes to the Board Charter and other rules to ensure the Head of School was held accountable to the Board. Lastly, the Board looked at a proposed plan for developing a boarding school and a further expansion of the school's facilities. More work needs to be done to identify demand for this proposal and also the source of investment monies.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Deputy Principal/Curriculum Coordinator

As we are wrapping up school for the year we are completing our Programme of Review. What we are looking for at this time is to see what we have done well, what worked, what didn't work and what we can include in the following year. The process for us is rigorous and gives us a great opportunity to improve our practice from year to year.

This process is mirrored in every Unit with the students carrying out reflections based off the actions they took. Using this process we set ourselves up to better our practice and become lifelong learners.

Early Years Update

Preschool class update - Art attack!

By Ms Olga Sviridova, Preschool Teacher

As part of our lessons on understanding the world in connection to the UOI theme “How we express ourselves”, the Preschool students are focusing on expressing themselves through art. We are having fun exploring different artists, learning new art techniques and experimenting with colours. At the end of every project the students will present their work to peers and tell them about what they created and what colours they used to express themselves. Under the motto ‘Art Attack!’ we started our exploration of famous artists and their paintings with the project ‘Concentric Circles Collage’, inspired by the painter Wassily Kandinsky. The Preschool students are excited to share their artwork with you!



Early Years Update

K2 class update - The K2 Puppeteers!

By Ms Jo Fletcher, K2 Teacher

We have been having a lot of fun exploring our recent Unit of Inquiry and learning about different audiences. We have focused a lot on the different ways that stories can be told. So far we have looked at books, movies, puppet shows, cartoons, and plays. This lead to us creating our very own puppets! K2 drew their own pictures, cut them out and put them through a laminator to make them stiff. Afterwards we cut them out again and added popsicle sticks. The children had a lot of fun making puppet shows with their very own stick puppets!



Year 1 class update - New Horizons

By Ms Karyn Scrimgeour, Year 1 Teacher

To create flow between Mother Tongue Week, we integrated our Unit 4 topic of homes and our Unit 5 topic of transport to create a class atlas. The children coloured pictures of the seven continents, as well as research a variety of different countries to be featured in the final atlas. Students gathered and wrote some basic facts about their chosen countries which we can now share with others in the school. If you are curious to take a peak, it will be outside the Year 1 classroom so feel free to do so. The students were really able to develop their independent research, planning and organisational skills, whilst working as a whole class on a project.



Year 4 class update

By Mr Robert Langridge, Y4 Teacher

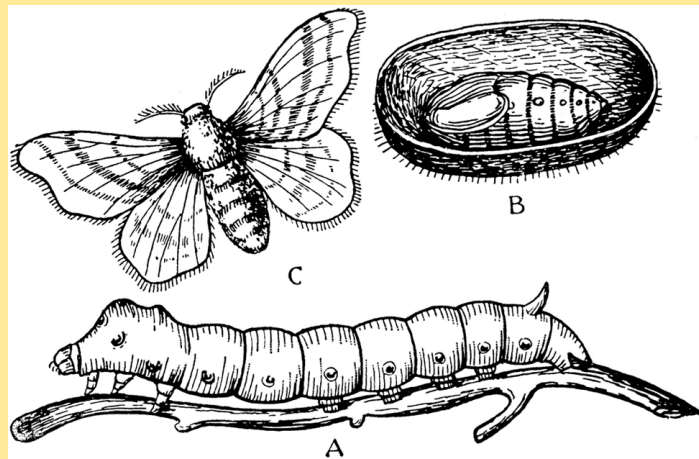
Year 4 has been very busy the last few weeks completing some big pieces of writing and maps of our classroom. Students have also been working hard to get prepared for the end of year talent show and the rehearsals so far look great. ECA's are well under way and Year 4 students are enjoying their activities. All students have demonstrated excellent improvements in their reading, writing and mathematics skills. The fractions unit proved to be very challenging but in the end, evaluations were very positive. Year 4 is looking forward to two end of year field trips.

The first one is to the zoo on Monday June 5 and then we are off to Harbour Land for some fun activities on June 19. In the process, we will also be packing up our class in preparation of our move to the new building next year.



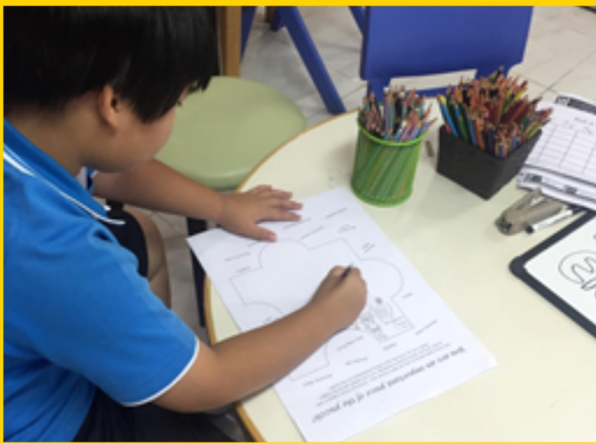
MODERN LANGUAGES - THAI

In our Thai classes, we had the opportunity to go on a field trip to Queen Sirikit Sericulture Centre Udon Thani where students took part in activities that had been set up by the centre. Students learned about the silk life cycle and viewed demonstrations of silk dyeing using natural materials. Students also looked at the many devices used in the process of silk weaving, cocoon processing and also how to do this by themselves. The students enjoyed the field trip very much and it was a great chance for them to learn more about Thai silk which is such an important part of Thai culture.



English as an additional language (EAL)

EAL students are developing their language skills and showing great enthusiasm in the classroom. It is a great opportunity to observe students taking ownership of their own learning. Students are now self evaluating themselves on phonic sounds, reading, and writing skills.



Health and Safety

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator

We had a very successful month of healthy eating. Students were taught about many aspects of health over the month and are now encouraged to make good decisions when it comes to their diet. They learned about calories, the food groups, germs and etiquette.

Mr Don did a wonderful job having multiple teachers teach students about different topics. The students played games and earned house points for the assemblies they attended and participated in.



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	620
Blue House Martin Luther King	695
Black House Princess Diana	750
Green House Nelson Mandela	695
Yellow House Mother Teresa	703



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
#4	12 June	Assessment at UDIS with Mr D

The next parent cafe is 'Assessment at UDIS' with Mr D.



Community action

As an international school our teachers volunteered for an art and crafts event at Volun2thai, which is a non-profit organisation we have done a lot of work with. The goal of Volun2Thai is to better the lives of people in poor villages in Udon Thani and the wider region. This event was a great opportunity for sharing experiences with the children at Phen district and other volunteers. As an internationally minded school, we thrive to contribute to improving our school community and the lives of others.



Across the whole year we also worked on an English Handbook for the Udon Thani Provincial Organisation and we completed printing this and delivered a workshop for local English teachers.



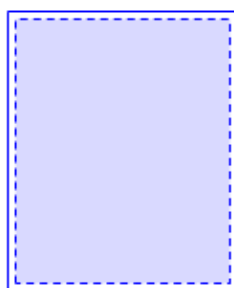
Yearbook 2016/2017 Advertising Rates

Last chance to get your advertisements in!!!

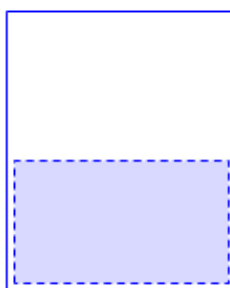
UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our third year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our third year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects, 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. We have the current advertising space available:

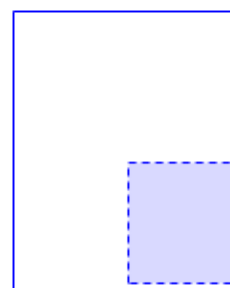
Location	Size	Price
Inside Front cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	5,000 baht
Inside back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	4,000 baht
Full page	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	2,500 baht
Half page – horizontal	135mm high x 180mm wide	1,500 baht
Quarter page – vertical	127mm high x 87mm wide	1,000 baht



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

Invoices for Term 1, 2017/2018 will be issued by 9 June.

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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