



Newsletter

Udon Thani International School

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Sports day at UDIS




UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 5 February - Parent Cafe #4
- 7 February - Global Play Day
- 15 February - Chinese New Year
- 19-20 February - Half term break (Holiday)
- 2 March - Parent/Toddler #1
- #1 Friday 2 March
- 12 March - Parent Cafe #5
- 16 March - Parent/Toddler #2
- 5-9 March - International week
- 23 March - Parent/Toddler #3
- 26-29 March - Student led conferences
- 30 March - Thai day event
- 30 March - Last day of Term 2
- 18 April - First day of Term 3
- 27 April - Parent/Toddler #4
- 4 May - Parent/Toddler #5
- 11 May - Parent/Toddler #6
- 18 May - Parent/Toddler #7
- 25 May - Parent/Toddler #8
- 28-29 May - Half term break (Holiday)
- 8 June - Parent/Toddler #9
- 22 June - Last day of Term 3
- 14 August, 2018 - Start of Term 1 2018/2019

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

Well, it has been a busy past couple of weeks for us. Last week, we held our annual school sports day event. Our five house teams competed across a variety of fun events with many parents taking part as well. It was great to see parents helping to support their children and with the development of good attitudes towards sport and competition. It was a very close competition this year, with the 5 teams separated by only a handful of points, however, the Red team did come out on top. Well done to the Red team!



Over the past week we have been actively engaged in community service activities. Our Student Council presented items to students from the Northeastern Welfare Center and it was great to see how engaged our students were in providing these materials. They could really see the difference they were making and how appreciated it was. Great to see!

Members from the school have also been visiting, or we have hosted, a wide range of important community members from the Governor of Udon Thani through to members of the Rotary Club of Makkeng. It is great for the school to be making these connections so that we can better serve our community.

Finally, we held our first PTA meeting of 2018 in our new community hub. We discussed our rollout of the UN rights of the child as our child rights programme at UDIS. We also discussed with parents how they can be involved in our upcoming international week. Parents asked how they could contact the school and you can find all our emails at the end of this newsletter. Parents also wanted to know how more parents could be attracted to come along to PTA meetings.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Ms Cynthia Thomas, Curriculum Coordinator

In the previous issue, our learner attitudes were shared. These are attitudes we model as teachers and we work towards developing them in our students. In the next few issues the importance of these will be discussed. Each of them relates closely to inquiry style learning. In this article, creativity and independence will be explored.

Creativity - Quite often this is thought of in relation to the arts. The Primary Years Programme at UDIS involves students in being creative, not only in the arts, but in academic study too. Teachers encourage students to explore creative solutions to their work. For example, in mathematics students are expected to engage with mathematical problems and find creative ways of solving them. Students are allowed time to discover their own ways of thinking through mathematical problems, and then the traditional method for solving them is shared when the students have had time to involve themselves deeply in exploring strategies. In this way, creativity of thought is developed and students may take ownership of their learning. They are praised when they are able to show creative ways of working through challenges.

The ability to think creatively goes hand in hand with independence. Students are encouraged to give some independent thought to tasks before asking for support. Some amount of independent thought is necessary in learning and students feel proud when they are able to work things out for themselves. Naturally, the teacher is working with the students to keep them focussed.

Creativity and independence are just two attitudes which are encouraged in inquiry style learning. Students who display these will be encouraged to develop these attitudes and put them into practice in their learning tasks.

Community Service at UDIS

Our students were very proud and happy on Tuesday 30 January as we donated things in need to students from the Northeastern Welfare Center for the Mentally Retarded Udon Thani Province. The Student Council has led fund-raising activities which have included Movie Night and our Christmas Bazaar to provide sportswear and school supplies to the students from this center. Our students have learned about generosity, doing good activities for others and social responsibility. Thank you everybody who has supported this great project.



Early Years Update

K1 class update - Goes back in time!

By Ms Jennifer Chapman, K1 Teacher

This week K1 have been learning all about dinosaur fossils. The students were amazed to discover that Dinosaurs are now extinct and lived many, many years ago! Some dinosaur fossils were found in Udon Thani! We went on a visit to the UDIS excavation site (our sand pit) to discover hidden dinosaur bones and fossils.



Year 1 class update How to stay balanced!

By Ms Jane Sutton, Year 1 Teacher

Well done to Year 1 for a wonderful assembly! We sang, danced and role played during our assembly on 'how to lead a balanced life'. We thought about how we need to eat healthily, exercise our bodies and minds, give ourselves time to relax and talk about our feelings.

Thank you to the Year 1 parents and the PY classes for coming to support us with this.



Year 3 class update - Special Guests come to visit Y3

By Ms Emmi Hines, Year 3 Teacher

We have had a couple of visitors come to our class to share their wisdom, problem solving skills and what they have learnt while building their own businesses in Thailand. Our first visitor was the owner of Aim Tennis Academy who built a tennis club that is open to all levels of players and ages. She developed this type of sports club here because there wasn't one available in this area for those who have an interest in learning the game of tennis.

Another visitor we had into the class was Sean from Clean Eating who grows his vegetables using aquaponics on a large farm. He also has several shops around the Issan area to sell the items that he grows. Students were able to get first hand experience on making popular vegetable spring rolls for themselves and learn more about owning a business in Udon.

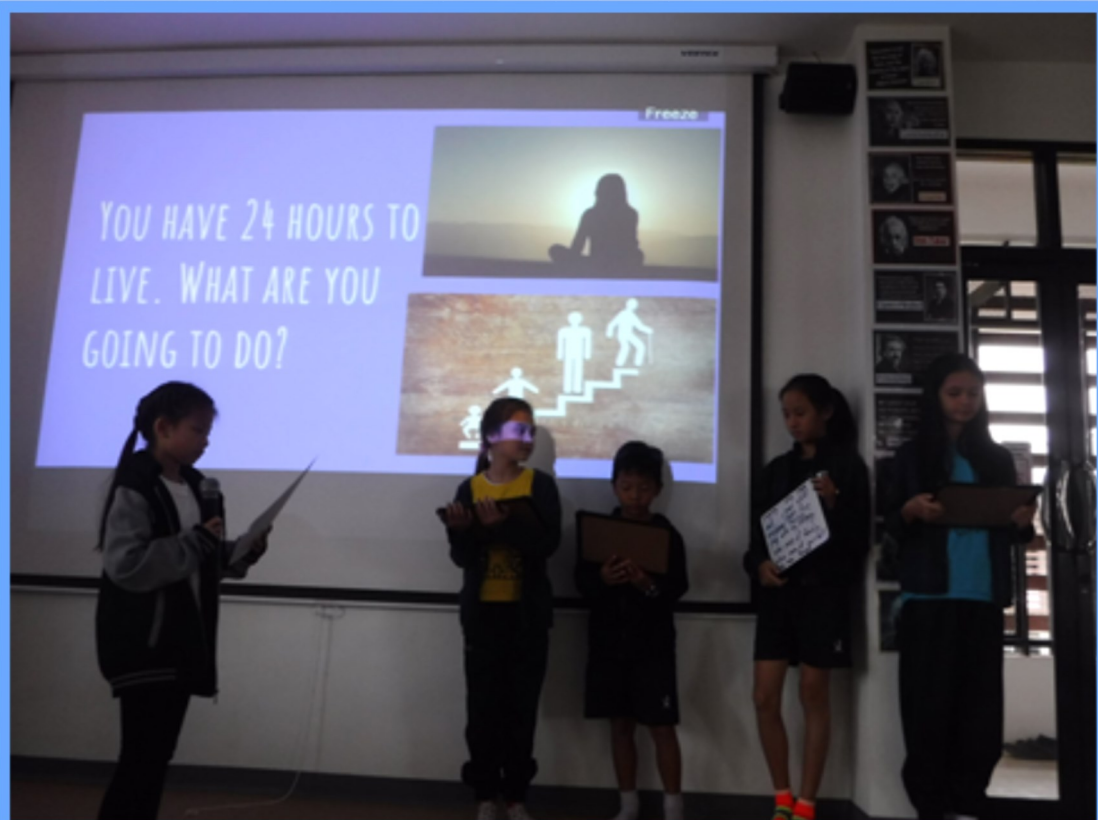


Year 5 class update - Busy times!

By Mr Robert Langridge, Y5 Teacher



Year 5 has been very busy participating in and planning activities, and taking on leadership roles. Sports Day was a great day for all and Year 5 students showed a great competitive spirit while having fun competing in several sports activities with our Red Team members taking home the championship. Year 5 also organised and presented an assembly about risk taking that was enjoyed by all. Good job Pordee and Porpeang for hosting this assembly and we wish you both happy birthdays as well. Students are currently learning about sources of energy and doing graphic charts about how different energy sources are used to make electricity, heat or fuel. The summative project will be a visual presentation of all the steps necessary to convert one energy source into another such as hydro (water) to electricity. We will be visiting the new Udon Thani Museum on Feb. 12 and a solar energy farm on the 14th.



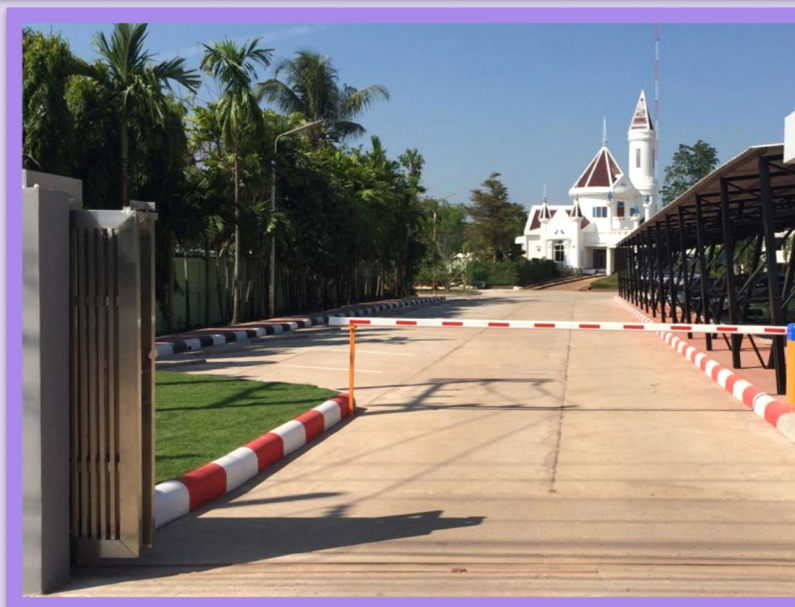
Health and Safety

By Mr Donato Nucciarone, Health and safety coordinator

Over the next few weeks, we will start preparing for our first lockdown drill. School lockdowns are intended to protect staff and students from danger or threats located outside the building, and as a result, the school may go into a lockdown until staff and police secure the outside perimeter if there is a crime in or around the campus.

In addition, I will meet with the office staff this week to discuss our car entry and exit procedures. We are looking into tightening our security in order to better screen cars who enter and exit our campus.

Finally, winter season in Thailand is soon coming to an end. We would like students to start wearing their UDIS hats during break times and lunch periods. Summer season is very hot in Thailand and as a result the hats will provide students with some much needed protection from the sun.



House Update

On Friday, January 26th, we had our annual sports day. The kids had a blast! The day consisted of races, a treasure hunt, 6 stations and a tattoo activity. Parents and students also enjoyed a nice lunch in the canteen. Thank you to all the parents and students for coming. In addition, thank you to all the teachers for their hard work! Finally, congratulations to the red team for winning 1st place at Sports Day!

The current house scores are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	99
Blue House Martin Luther King	75
Black House Princess Diana	106
Green House Nelson Mandela	84
Yellow House Mother Teresa	93



Parent cafe

We would like to introduce 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	Monday 5 February	Supporting mathematics at home with Miss Cynthia and Mr John
#5	Monday 5 March	Student led conferences at UDIS with Miss Cynthia

The next parent cafe is “Supporting mathematics at home” with Miss Cynthia and Mr John



Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

Rotary International district 3340 ROTARY CLUB OF MAGKANG

UDIS joined the “Half Marathon Event” and the President of the Rotary Club of Magkang gave us a certificate of appreciation for supporting this event.



Sports Day at UDIS



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Message from Admin



Theme: All about me

Days based around 5 of the IB unit themes.

This would allow a small introduction of the IB themes whilst having a structured English programme, which is what parents are primarily seeking.

Each day can start with meditation, calendar and story time to help students settle into a routine.

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Message from Admin



Parent & Toddler at



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A community building event where parents can spend time within our Early Years doing activities with their children. This strengthens the bond between home and school while also helping parents learn about the educational activities we provide through play.

Free

Sessions will be held on the Fridays.

8.00-10.00 a.m.

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Term 2

- #1 Friday 2 March
- #2 Friday 16 March
- #3 Friday 23 March

Term 3

- #4 Friday 27 April
- #5 Friday 4 May
- #6 Friday 11 May
- #7 Friday 18 May
- #8 Friday 25 May
- #9 Friday 8 June



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Prem International School admissions visit 12 February, 3-4pm at the UDIS Community Hub

Roxanne Hickie, the Director of Admissions at Prem International School, will be visiting UDIS on Monday 12 February. She will be hosting a meeting with interested parents to discuss the requirements for study at Prem for the Middle Years and beyond. She will also be discussing what overseas universities are looking for with prospective students as she has many years of experience in this field. Prem also has a Music scholarship they are launching this year that might be of interest to parents.

UDIS will be hosting several visits from international schools this term to show pathways that students might take after leaving our school. These provide options for parents as we will not extend to Year 8 until either the 2019/2020 or 2020/2021 academic years.

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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