



Newsletter

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SPLASH FOR HEALTHY EATING MONTH

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 4 June - Parent cafe #7 - Assessment at UDIS
- 6 June - PTA #8 - Next year meeting
- 8 June - Parent/Toddler #9
- 22 June - Last day of Term 3
- 27 July, 2018 - Final date for Term 1 2018/2019 invoices
- 14 August, 2018 - Start of Term 1 2018/2019

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

I was lucky enough to be in France last week and I have to say, that being in a foreign country where English is not the predominant language always helps me recognise the value of the international education we provide at UDIS. It is so valuable for students to have a sense of what it is like in other countries and to perhaps have learned some of the language or customs of other countries which can help break down the barriers when exploring such new environments.



This week we also held our second to last PTA meeting of the year. At this meeting we discussed feedback from our CIS visitors that was important for parents to know. This feedback included the need for the school to provide more composite classes to bring smaller classes together for both the school and the students benefit. CIS also recommended us regaining focus with our programme and removing Chinese as a language. That is a recommendation that we presented to parents and will be looking at taking action on. We are a small school and we need to be able to focus on delivering what is most important to our students.

At the PTA meeting, we also spoke about the changes in our School Board composition for next year. The role of the Board is to oversee the school and we need a mix of people on that Board who can bring a range of experiences and skills that can be used for the benefit of the school. So, if you are interested in joining our school board, please look out for the call for nominations from August. At the school level, we will also be asking for representatives for each class to form a PTA committee. Parent representatives can then help bring issues to the PTA that we can discuss and address.

Finally, please watch out for our final PTA meeting of the year on Wednesday 6 June. We will also hold our final parent cafe on Monday 4 June which will be about assessment at UDIS. Please note that school fees for 2018/2019 are being sent out this week too. We understand that all parents have a choice when it comes to the education of their child and we hope to continue to make the case that an education at UDIS is the right choice.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Ms Cynthia Thomas, Curriculum Coordinator

A broad and balanced primary education includes a variety of academic subjects, as well as a focus on character development. The Primary Years Programme provides a list of attributes which we aim to teach our students.

Appreciation I am thankful! 	Enthusiasm I am excited! 	Cooperation I work with others! 	Creativity I can make it better!
Confidence I know I can! 	Commitment I will not give up! 	Curiosity I wonder! 	Integrity I tell the truth!
Empathy I know how you feel! 	Tolerance I accept others! 	Independence I can do it by myself 	Respect I am polite!

The very first one is appreciation. It is important that our students have an understanding of the fact that they live privileged lives. Our curriculum provides opportunities for students to inquire into the circumstances in which other children live. They learn about poverty, social justice and develop an understanding of inequality. In so doing they will learn to have deeper appreciation for their own circumstances and probably feel the need to take action towards building a more fair society.

Early Years Update

K1 class update - Our Field Trip to the Organic farm

By Ms Jennifer Chapman, K1 Teacher

As part of our unit 'Sharing the Planet' K1 and K2 went on a field trip to the Organic Farm and the orchid shop. We are developing an understanding of how we can get food from plants and looked to see how many types of plants we could find. We found coconuts, mango, chili, lime and tamarind all growing at the Organic farm. The students had the chance to plant some Water grass and even had the chance to collect some duck eggs. At the Sunshine Fragrant Orchid we learned a little about the types of Orchids that grow and the products you can make from Orchids. We found out that some plants can dance to music too!



Year 1 class update Links with China!

By Ms Jane Sutton, Year 1 Teacher

Year 1 have been very busy sending emails to a grade 1 class in central China. Last week we were able to speak to them via Skype. We found out about what they do in school, what food they like to eat and what places there are to visit in China. In a couple of weeks time we plan to speak to them again to have an 'International talent show'.



Year 3 class update Expressing ourselves through the arts

By Ms Emmi Hines, Year 3 Teacher

What are the arts? You might ask. The Arts can include dance, performing arts, drawing and painting to just name a few. Year 3 class has surrounded ourselves with the arts! All the different ways we can express our thoughts and feelings, while fostering questions and creating art, have helped students learn about themselves and build their confidence.



Composing a song together.



Designing mosaics.



Performing their dance act.



Writing their own play.



Learning mixed media techniques.

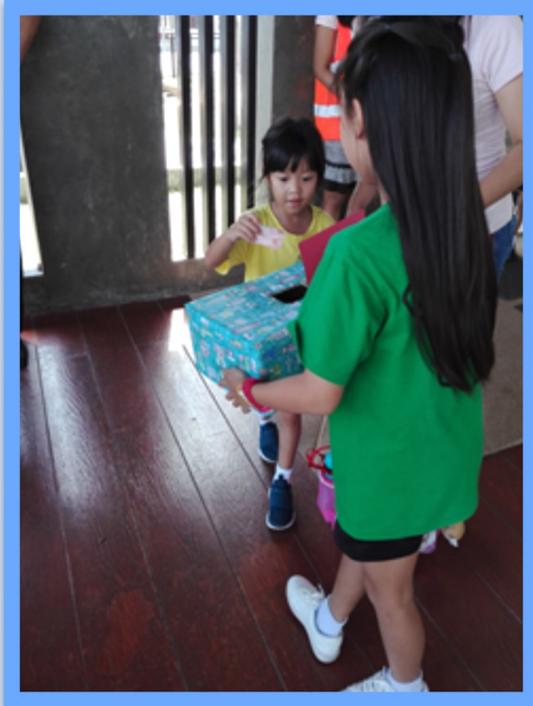


Exploring dances from around the world.

Year 5 class update - Trying to make a Difference .

By Mr Robert Langridge, Y5 Teacher

Year 5 is well into the last unit of the year, Sharing the Planet. The class has learned about the rights and needs of children around the world and the organisations that are there to help. We brainstormed the ways people could help and came up with ideas such as volunteering and fundraising in order to make a difference in some children's life. The class chose to partner with Udon Thani Home for Girls and collect donations to purchase milk and yogurt products for the young children there. On May 30, Year 5 will visit the home and present our donation and learn about the children that live there and the workers who give their time to help others.



MODERN LANGUAGES - CHINESE

For the past two weeks, students have been learning how to tell the time in Chinese and how to tell their daily schedules. Expressions for daily activities such as getting up, going to school, having three meals of the day, doing homework, watching TV, going to bed were learned and by combining those activities with time expressions, many students can make simple sentences like "I get up at 6:30 in the morning" in Chinese now!



Health and Safety

By Mr Donato Nucciarone, Health and safety coordinator

Students are really enjoying Healthy Eating Month. Each week the team and I are preparing very fun assemblies that educate the children on the importance of healthy eating and regular physical activity. So far we've been exploring the food groups and the different macronutrients that we find in foods. In addition, last week, Ms.Som-O did a really nice presentation on sugar.

This week, primary year students will get to participate in a water carnival that Mr.Don is organising. They are really looking forward to showing up to school in their swimming suits and having some fun!



House Update

The current house scores are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	33
Blue House Martin Luther King	45
Black House Princess Diana	30
Green House Nelson Mandela	32
Yellow House Mother Teresa	20



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
#7	Monday 4 June	Assessment at UDIS for end of year reports

***The next parent cafe is “Assessment at UDIS”
with John, Cynthia and Jen***

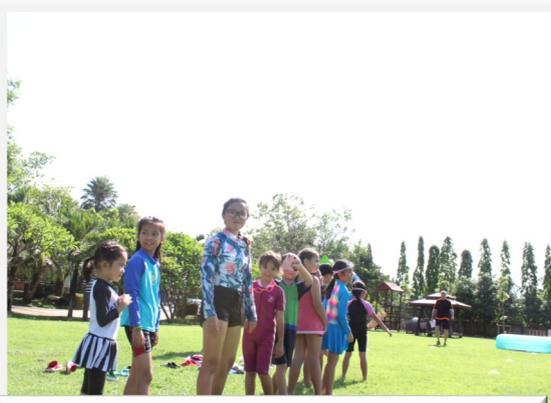


Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

Marketing Committee joined Rotary Makkang Event about Water Filtration Giving Ceremony for Thai School at Nong Harn area.



Water Carnival





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.

กิจกรรมที่คุณพ่อคุณแม่และน้องๆ สามารถร่วมการเรียนรู้การสอนในชั้นปฐมวัยของเรา ซึ่งจะช่วยกระชับสายสัมพันธ์ระหว่างบ้านและโรงเรียน ทั้งยังช่วยให้ผู้ปกครองได้สัมผัสกิจกรรมการศึกษา ที่เราจัดผ่านการเล่นสำหรับนักเรียน

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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Message from Admin

School Terms and Dates 2018/2019

UDIS operates three terms per school year as follows:

Term 1 (81 days)

School start: Tuesday 14 August, 2018
Half term break: 15-19 October, 2018 (1 week)
Finish: Friday 14 December, 2018

Term 2 (61 days)

Start: Monday 7 January, 2019
Half term break: 18-19 February, 2019 (2 days)
Finish: Thursday 4 April, 2019

Term 3 (40 days)

Start: Monday 22 April, 2019
Half term break: 20-21 May, 2019 (2 days)
Finish: Wednesday 19 June, 2019



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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