



# Newsletter

## Udon Thani International School

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## Parent & toddlers at UDIS

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

3 May	Parent toddler #1
6 May	Coronation Day holiday
10 May	Parent toddler #2
13 May	Parents cafe #6
17 May	Parent toddler #3
All May	Healthy eating month
20-21 May	Half term break (Holiday)
27 May	PTA#8
31 May	Parent toddler #4
7 June	Parent toddler #5
10 June	Parents cafe #7
19 June	End of Term 3
13 August	Start of Term 1 2019/2020



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## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

It has been a busy start to Term 3 as we work on completing learning for the year and begin turning our heads towards 2019/2020 and preparations to make this the best year yet for UDIS.

This week, we held an important meeting with our PTA as we consider the rollout of our 1:1 programme for students. For those who are not aware of this programme, the goal is to provide 1 device for every student in Year 3 and above. This will mean students will have access to a dedicated device throughout the day that they can use for research, creating and presenting in support of their classroom learning. This will open up our learning next year in new and exciting ways but which will surely benefit our students over what we provide at this time. So, I urge you to consider supporting this programme.

Over the past month we have also announced that we will be moving to Year 7 in 2019/2020 and Year 8 in 2020/2021. This will allow us to offer our inquiry education into the MYP and DP programmes of the International Baccalaureate. Ultimately this means the ability for students to gain the IB Diploma as their final school qualification. The IB diploma is a prestigious qualification that can be used for entry to universities around the world and offers a broad and balanced curriculum for students. Please come along on Wednesday 8 May to offer your ideas into the formation of our MYP programme as we want to build this in partnership with parents.



Best regards  
Dr. Lindsay Stuart  
Head of School

## Inquiry corner

By Ms Cynthia Thomas, PYP Coordinator

Here at UDIS we believe that children have a natural curiosity about everything. They want to touch, see, hear and enjoy everything around them. It is clear as we watch children that they have hundreds of questions buzzing through their busy minds.



Our work as teachers is to support the children in finding answers to the questions they have. We encourage them to speak what they are wondering about. You will notice that we make time to get to know the children and to listen to their wonderings and questions. It is in this way that UDIS students feel motivated about learning and enjoy their time at school.

At UDIS questions are valued and children are encouraged to speak about what they are wondering about. We allow time to think, reflect and share our wondering with one another. As students progress through the Primary Years Programme they encounter many opportunities to exercise and develop this aspect of their intellect.

# Student Success

Well done to Pin (Year 4) and Plaifa (Year 5) for fantastic performances in a recent international robot competition in Singapore. Pin and Plai both received gold medals in the International Micocoding championship. Plaifa also received a Bronze medal and Pin a Silver medal in the Tracer Robot categories. Well done to these students for their performances in technology!



# Early Years Update

## Preschool class update - *Materials*

By Ms Charlotte Trufit, Preschool Teacher

Our Central Idea this term is; Materials behave and interact in certain ways, which determine how people use them. This week our line of inquiry has been; Behaviour of materials. We have explored materials such as wood, plastic and metal and discussed materials that are hard or soft.



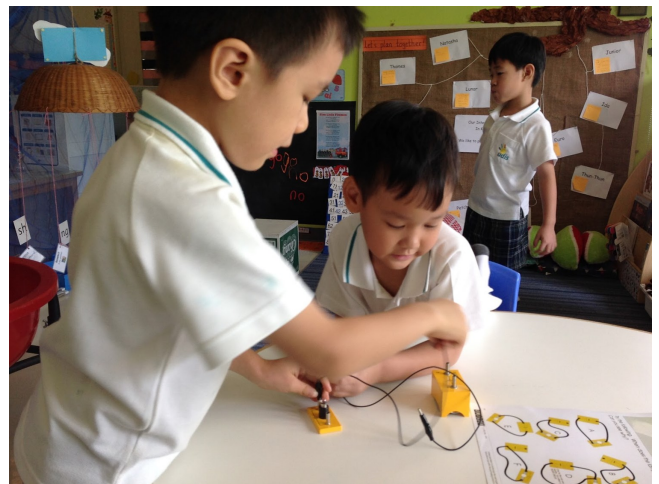
# Early Years Update

## K2 class update - Materials

By Ms Jane Sutton, K2 Teacher

Welcome back to our final term in K2!

This term we're finding out about different materials in our UOI. We have enjoyed exploring and investigating different materials already this week. We have made our own science lab, where we have been making some special potions. We are looking forward to growing wheat next week and exploring further.

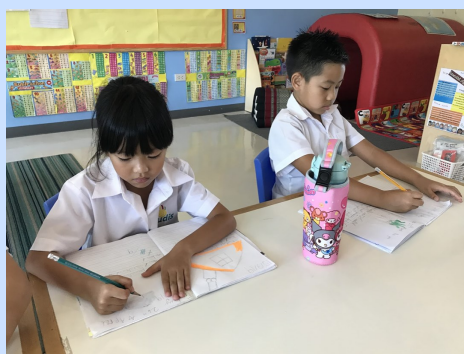
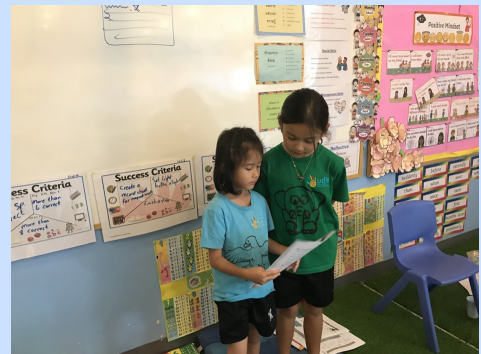


# Primary Years Update

## Year 2 class update - *Welcome Back*

*By Mr John Kelly, Y2 Teacher*

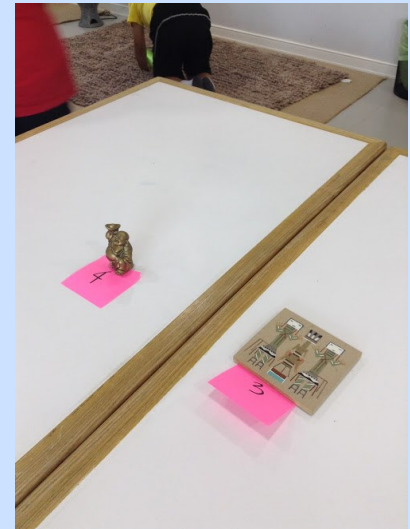
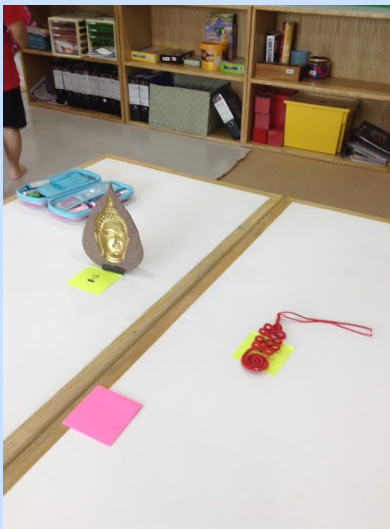
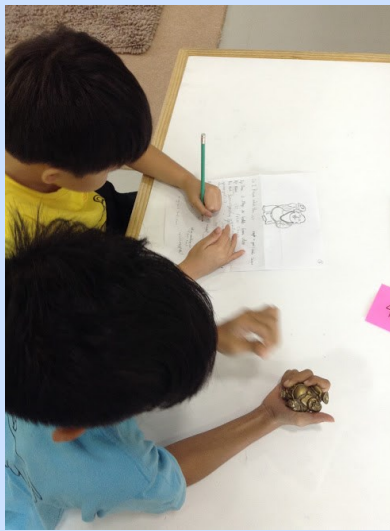
We are almost at the end of our Year 2 learning. During these first two weeks we have been investigating the way we use public spaces. We will be looking around the school to see if we can find a space where we can improve a public space here at school. During our English lessons the children have been reflecting on their years learning and preparing work for our school yearbook. In maths, we have been constructing graphs and learning how to take information from them.



## Year 4 class update - Welcome Back

By Mr Mark Abbadessa, Y4 Teacher

We are looking forward to having another successful term to round off the 2018/2019 school year. In class, our students have been sharing their prior knowledge through provocation activities about signs and symbols that are being used around the world both today and in the past. The students are learning that these signs and symbols are being used globally as a form of communication and safety. The students are in the initial stages of developing their own unique signs and symbols that they can use to help communicate messages in society. The students have had the opportunity to begin to view different symbols that are being used in religions, government buildings and in common everyday places.



## Year 6/7 update - Our vegetable garden

By Ms Cynthia Thomas, Y6/7 Teacher

This week we have been excitedly planning how to get the school vegetable garden back into a productive state. We're tying this into our unit of science inquiry unit. Students are each taking on various aspects of the work and thinking about scientific questions and how to apply the scientific process. The biggest question on our minds so far is how to keep the soil watered when we are away over the holidays. This could involve creating some simple machines to do the job.

At the moment we're not very knowledgeable about gardening, and so we have written to the local department of agriculture to ask for advice. We visited them a few weeks ago, and so we hope that someone from their office might be able to visit us.

This photograph show the garden in its present state. We do hope that soon we'll have more colourful and exciting photographs to share.





Welcome back to school in Term 3. We would like to introduce our new Thai teacher for PY level. Her name is Ms.Nard (Sirinard Chamat) and she has been working as a Thai teacher for over 7 years. This term she will teach Thai to Year 1,Year 2,Year 3 students and TAL to Year 5, 6 and 7 students. She is the Thai Director of our school as well. Welcome!



## Health and Safety

**Exciting news!!!....Our new building is underway. I ask that you please drive very slowly, in the now, much more congested car park. Please be patient and think about others around you as you park your car, or leave the car park. Be vigilant with your children and make sure they are by your side as you walk through the parking area. The works will be ongoing for the rest of this term and into next year.**



## Administration – Message from the office

A reminder that the Term 3 installment for fees were due on Friday 15 March.

## House Update

UDIS has a House system comprising of five house teams. This is the third year that we implemented the house system at our school.

The current house point totals are:



House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	2
Blue House Martin Luther King	3
Black House Princess Diana	7
Green House Nelson Mandela	4
Yellow House Mother Teresa	3



## Parent cafe

Our Parent cafe for 2018/2019 will resume this year and the upcoming events are:

Session	Date	Topic
#7	13/5/2019	Assessment at UDIS with Mr John

The next parent cafe is “Assessment at UDIS” with Mr. John



# Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

## AIM Tennis Academy Promotion



AIM INDOOR TENNIS PROMOTION

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## School board update - Summary of meeting held on Friday 22 February

The school operates a school board which oversees how the school is operated and makes decisions on policy, fees and budgets. The parent volunteers role is to look out for the interests of parents on the school board so that the Board can consider the interests of parents when it makes decisions.

On Friday 2 November, the school held its second Board meeting of the year. The Board lineup for this year is:

Acting Chairman:	K. Siriphat Pukpo
Honorary member #1	K. Wicha Chanklom
Honorary member #2	Mr. Kurt Lunstrum
Parent representative	K. Ampuscha Chotnopparatpatara
Parent representative	K. Kasama Kraikutree
Teacher representative	Mr. Robert Langridge
School Director	K. Sineenard Charmart
Board member	Dr. Lindsay Stuart

At the meeting, the Head of School reported on school activities since the last Board meeting which covered the growing enrolment of the school, school activities, accreditation process and teaching activities. The Board then reviewed and confirmed the budget for the next school year which includes a 3% fee increase for the tuition, textbooks and catering fees at the school. Finally, the Board had a chance to learn more about the PYP programme from Ms. Cynthia and some special guests from Year 6/7. This was a great opportunity for the Board to learn more about what we do at UDIS to help them prepare for our PYP verification visit.

**The next Board meeting is planned for Friday 17 May, 2019.**

## PTA update - Summary of meeting held on Monday 27 April

On Monday, 29 April we held our 7th PTA meeting of the year. The Head of School introduced information about the 1 student to 1 device programme (1:1) with two options for parents to consider. The first option is to stay as is with the second option being to move to a 1:1 policy. The 1:1 policy can be met by parents supplying their own device, or renting a device from the school for their children. The next step will be for the school to survey all parents on their thoughts about the 1:1 programme before a final decision is made.

The next topic involved the school's accreditations with CIS and the PYP as we had two successful visits in Term 2. We are now moving into the final phase of CIS accreditation with the team visit to be held from 9 November, 2020. We will need parents to help join teams to write the report that the team visitors will assess the school against. For our PYP authorisation, we have completed the final visit and are now waiting for the results from the IB. We expect that we will have our PYP accreditation complete by 2019/2020.

The school then outlined the actions taken around health insurance and will improve insurance coverage to 30,000 baht per student from the current limit. All health insurance cards will be kept within the school to be used for accidents only. Parents will need to acknowledge the new limit and their liability if the costs of an accident were beyond 30,000 baht. The school can provide information on insurance brokers if further insurance is desired by parents.

The school then introduced our brief plans for rolling out into Year 7 and Year 8. A meeting will be held with all interested parents on Wednesday 8 May. It is important for us that parents join this meeting as we want to develop a programme in partnership with parents. The opinions of our parents will help us shape our new MYP programme. Mr Terry, will be our MYP Coordinator and has experience of developing and running MYP programmes in previous schools. We are forming a team to develop this programme during the 2019/2020 academic year to be ready for August, 2020.

Lastly, we introduced our new building to parents. This includes 10 new learning spaces and will support our rollout to the MYP with dedicated science and technology space. We will keep parents informed about the progress.

We then opened up the floor for additional feedback but there were no further comments at this time. The final PTA meeting of the year will be held on Monday 27 May.



## Message from Admin

# Yearbook 2018/2019 Advertising Rates

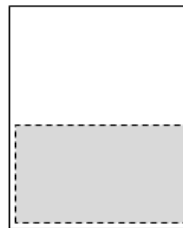
UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our fifth year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our fourth year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects, 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 17 May. We have the current advertising space available:

Location	size	Price
Back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	12,000 baht
<del>Inside Front cover</del>	<del>A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)</del>	<del>8,000 baht</del> <b>*RESERVED</b>
Inside back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	7,000 baht
Full page	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	5,000 baht
Half page – horizontal	135mm high x 180mm wide	3,000 baht



Full page



Half page

## Details

- Adverts are required in any of the following formats: High resolution Adobe PDF/X files (distilled at 200 dpi 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@udis.ac.th) ; Phone: 042 110-379**

# School Terms and Dates 2018/2019

## Term 3 (40 days)

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

## Public holidays

Coronation Day Monday 6 May, 2019

# School Terms and Dates 2019/2020

UDIS operates three terms per school year as follows:

## Term 1 (80 days)

School start: Tuesday 13 August, 2019  
Half term break: 14-23 October, 2019 (1 week & 3 days)  
Finish: Friday 13 December, 2019

## Term 2 (61 days)

Start: Tuesday 7 January, 2020  
Half term break: 17-18 February, 2020 (2 days)  
Finish: Friday 3 April, 2020

## Term 3 (41 days)

Start: Monday 20 April, 2020  
Half term break: 18-19 May, 2020 (2 days)  
Finish: Friday 19 June, 2019

## Term 1 2020/2021

School start: Monday 10 August, 2020

## Teacher Only Days

Teacher only day #1 Wednesday 23 October, 2019 (Substitute from Tuesday)  
Teacher only day #2 6 January, 2020

## Public holidays

Queens Birthday Monday 12 August 2019  
King Bhumibol Memorial Day Monday 14 October, 2019  
Chulalongkorn Day Wednesday 23 October, 2019  
King Rama IX Birthday Thursday 5 December, 2019  
Makha Bucha Day 9 March, 2020  
Labour Day Friday 1 May, 2020  
Visaka Bucha Day Thursday 7 May, 2020



## 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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