UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Our vision is to inspire internationally-minded, balanced learners who thrive and become active global citizens.



## Welcome back to 2023/2024!



#### Preschool/K1: Routines and Environment

We have started our year with developing routines and expectations. Learners have been good communicators and caring towards our classroom environment and their peer friends. Stay tuned for more through our Toddle observations!



#### Y1: Starting our new UOI

In Y1, we have dedicated our time to studying various elements from our school and some of the IB components, such as Learner Profiles and the Inquiry Cycle. We are eager to commence our Unit of Inquiry next week, where we will inquire about balanced lifestyles. The first two weeks of PY were dedicated to preparation, and we are now almost ready to embark on this exciting journey!



#### Y3: Working together

During the first few days in Year 3, we had fun doing activities to become a better team and make new friends. One cool thing we did was a contest where we worked together in teams to make glasses using three pieces of paper and some tape. It was a creative challenge that helped us work and have fun together! Here's the result!

### Message from the school

Welcome back to our 2023/2024 academic year! This year we celebrate 10 years since we opened our doors providing international education in Udon Thani. We have had amazing growth as we near our quest to offer a full three programme IB school from Preschool to Year 13. This term we welcome new faces to our staff and our student body. Our newsletters are a chance for our community to find out more about us.

Over the break, our Middle Years Programme (MYP) was successfully authorised by the IB. This means that our teaching and learning meets all the requirements of the IB for Years 7-11. The MYP builds in a developing focus on academics, pastoral care, student agency and community service as we prepare learners for the academically rigorous

Diploma Programme in Years 12 and 13.

We are planning to be fully authorised in the Diploma Programme by January. To support this we have developed a second science lab for Physics, expanded and renovated our library and developed a new arts/design class for our learners.

To find out more about the programmes we offer at UDIS, please come along to our parent cafes for the PYP (Monday 28 August), MYP (11 September) and DP (28 September). We look forward to seeing you then.



#### Y5: Hosting our first assembly

Welcome back to UDIS. We hope your child has had a stress free move into the Year 5 class. This week we have been preparing for our assembly by creating individual slide shows and practising our public speaking skills. Next week we will start our unit of inquiry, which is focused on what our beliefs and values are and how that makes us behave in certain ways.



#### MY: Fantastic community support

UDIS would like to thank the Department of Pathology at thePhramong-kutklao College of Medicine in Bangkok for donating several preserved specimens of human structures. These will be valuable resources for helping our MY and future DP students better understand the organisation and function of these structures. We look forward to our continued collaboration and partnership with the Phramongkutklao College of Medicine.



### Student success at UDIS: Nisha in K1

Nisha has made a great start to school and has been really mindful of others and adapted well to our circle time routines. She has been a good role model since we have come back to school. Well done Nisha!



#### Thai at UDIS: Welcome back!

Welcome back to the Thai class for the new school year, and congratulations to all learners who have advanced to the next level. We are pleased to observe all learners' enthusiasm to acquire new topics in Thai class, as well as their enjoyment of learning the Thai language and activities to celebrate Thai Mother's Day.



#### School Board: We need a new parents rep

We are looking for a new parents representative for our School Board. The School Board oversees the operations of the school and our parent representatives provide advocacy for our school parents while providing a safeguarding contact for concerns. If you would like to be considered, please contact our school office.

Upcoming events

28 August ECAs begin
28 August Parent cafe:
Introduction to the PYP

11 September Parent cafe:

Introduction to the MYP

18 September Parent cafe:
Introduction to the DP

21 September Teachers day event
28-29 September DP consultant online visit
2 October Parent cafe:

Parent cafe: Wellbeing in the EY

6 October ECAs end 7-16 October Half term break

16 October Teachers only day #1
23 October Chulalongkorn Day
holiday

23 October ECAs begin 6 November Parent cafe:

Thai language at UDIS
23-24 November Sports days

24 November Term 2 invoices payment date

27 November Loy Krathong event 1 December ECAs end

5 December King Rama IX Birthday holiday

15 December End of Term 1









