



## Visit from Nong Khai private schools



**Preschool/K1:Building a 'happy box'** We have been great inquirers in Preschool/K1 learning about actions and feelings and how these affect our day to day lives. We have created our happy boxes to make connections between home and school. We will begin to sort out how we use these boxes to self regulate our emotions. Stay tuned!



Y1: Balanced lifestyles Our class had a blast researching balanced lifestyles. We interviewed our Principal Ms. Emmi and Ms. Sara, to learn about how they balance taking care of their bodies, minds, and souls. This insightful experience has led us to delve deeper into exploring hobbies and lifestyles across different cultures, and we can't wait to see what we discover!



**Y3: Houses around the world** Last week we looked at houses from countries around the world and discussed the materials used to build them. Most of us decided we would like to live in a log house in Switzerland!

## Message from the school

Last week we hosted a visit from private school administrators in Nong Kai. This was an opportunity to share with our community how we use student centred learning and to make connections with other teachers keen to learn more about this approach. One of our goals when starting UDIS was the chance to encourage local schools towards an approach where students are put first, where skills are developed and where students have the ability to adapt and change to the modern world in which we live.

Our leadership team has worked on what the impact of AI will look like at UDIS. We agreed that AI represents a wonderful tool and learning opportunity for our learners. However, a concerted effort to teach our learners will be needed in how they can best use it under the terms of our academic honesty policy.

Lastly, we held the second of our parent cafes. As a prospective three programme IB school, the PYP lays a foundation and prepares learners for the Middle Years (MY). In the MY they develop the skills and understandings further within a more academic environment which best prepares them for the Diploma Programme (DP). Find out more about the DP at our last parent cafe on Monday 18 September.



## **Y5: Categorising animals**

In our science classes the class has been investigating how different animals are grouped into different categories for identification purposes. We learned about how animals adapt to their surroundings to live in their habitat. The learners have discovered the way that plants reproduce and are enjoying creating dramatisations showing how flowers and insects interact to create new seeds.



MY: Start of the student council Last week saw the first student council meeting where our industrious students organised themselves within the team by assigning roles followed by a brainstorming session on the needs at UDIS. In PSPE, Year 9/10 students explored the effects of social media on mental health and the reasons why we get addicted to social media. We then went on to discuss strategies on how to limit screen time in order to improve our mental health.



**Student success: Euro in Y5** We have a champion Taekwondo competitor in our class. Well done to Euro who was competing in the E Sarn Premier League Taekwondo competition that took place in Khon Kaen on the 22 July 2023. He was awarded a Gold medal in the fighting category of 9-10 year olds, weight class 25-28 kilograms. Well done Euro and congratulations!



Thai at UDIS This week TAL learners in Year 2, were learning about their houses and identifying different features about their houses. They were very creative in coming up with their own ideal house.



**DP parent cafe on 18 September** Please join us for our next parent cafe on 18 September all about the coming Diploma Programme (DP) at UDIS.

## 18 September Parent cafe: Introduction to the DP 21 September Teachers day event DP consultant online visit 28-29 September 2 October 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 Parent cafe: 6 November Thai language at UDIS 23-24 November Sports days 24 November Term 2 invoices payment date 27 November Loy Krathong event ECAs end 1 December 5 December King Rama IX Birthday holiday End of Term 1 15 December









Upcoming events



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