UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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



# Open house



### K2 class update

In UOI, the class has been exploring what makes them unique. This week, the students were looking at how their environment can impact who they are. They looked at the countries they are from and what food is popular in these countries.



# Y2: Learning with number lines

During our Mathematics lessons, we've been learning about place value. It's a crucial concept that helps us understand how numbers work. To make it easier for our students, we've been using some useful tools and methods. We've been using number lines, which are like visual guides that show us where numbers sit in relation to each other. This helped the learners see the big picture when working with numbers.



# Y4: Celebrations around the world

As a starting point into their new unit "Where we are in place and time" students looked at images from celebrations all over the world. They found questions, organised prior learning and looked at which events they felt needed to be added to our current study of how celebrations are recognised locally and globally.

# Message from the school

Over the past week we held our first open house of the year. We had a nice turnout of families interested in learning more about the benefits of the IB and UK curriculums for their children. Families then had a chance to view our facilities. We continue to grow from strength to strength and the support of our local community is key to making this happen.

We also hosted our DP Consultant visit and she spoke with teachers, parents, students and the Board to see how we have prepared for the Diploma Programme. Once this visit is complete, we will get a report from our consultant and we then intend to apply for an authorisation visit in December or January. These are important steps as we look to get our DP authorised and to become a three programme IB school.

We have had a busy start to the year. We are looking forward to the second half term, our coming sports days, Loy Krathong and our end of term events. Please enjoy the half-term break holiday!



# Y6: Learning from our community The Year 6 students were visited by an enthusiastic and knowledgeable guest speaker from Udon Thani Rajabhat University, Mr. Nantawat (Harn) Phinitphrom. They explored the origins of beliefs in Thai culture, using Wai Kru flower garlands and Bai Sri trays as a stimulus to deepen their understanding. In addition, they discussed the influence of foreign cultures on Thai society, including adopting and adapting some international



MY: Using scientific evidence
The MY students have been busy in the
Science labs conducting various Chemistry and Physics investigations. They
are learning to use scientific evidence
to support conclusions and to evaluate
the strengths and limitations of the
experiments that they have conducted.
Furthermore, they are connecting their
findings to real-world applications such
as rust prevention and biofuel production



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I am from the USA, am certified to
teach secondary math and science
through Florida State Department of
Education and have been teaching
overseas since 1985. I have seven
kids, three daughters and four sons
and enjoy spending time with all of
them. My motto in life is To Gladly
and Gladly Learn.



## English at UDIS: Learning about diversity

celebrations and traditions.

Our EAL Learners created posters to show the diversity in our community. We used Google Earth to find out the location of the different countries where we are from. We also discussed the story "We Are All Different". We talked about our similarities and differences and made connections to our UOI unit "Who We Are".



### School Board on 6 October

Our school board will be holding their first meeting of the year on Friday 6 October. The School Board oversees the funding and operations of the school. We have some new members this year and look forward to updating our community on these in our Week in Brief emails.

# Upcoming events

28-29 September DP consultant online visit 2 October Parent cafe:

6 October 7-16 October 16 October 23 October

23 October 6 November

23-24 November 24 November

27 November 1 December 5 December

15 December

Parent cafe:
Wellbeing in the EY
ECAs end
Half term break
Teachers only day #1
Chulalongkorn Day
holiday
ECAs begin
Parent cafe:

Thai language at UDIS Sports days Term 2 invoices payment date Loy Krathong event

ECAs end King Rama IX Birthday

holiday End of Term 1









