UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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



## Celebrating International Mindedness



Preschool/K1: Storytellers!

K1 learners have been busy inquiring about family histories. We have delved deep into discussions about the purpose of families, who comprises our families, and the diverse appearances of families. We are currently creating our own family trees by painting single portraits to illustrate why each family member is special. Stay tuned for our observations on Toddle.



Y1: Fairy bread

Year 1 had a blast making the beloved Australian childhood treat, "Fairy bread." They crafted their own set of instructions for others to use. To add a twist, they exchanged their instructional writing with a friend who had to read and follow it to make the fairy bread in class. It was a delightful experience, and the student's instructional writing was both clear and informative.



Y3: Structure of plants

This week Year 3 have been looking at the structure of plants and how water and nutrients are transported within. We were lucky enough to be invited into the science lab to have a look at some plant cells under the microscope!

### Message from the school

Fantastic news as UDIS has become fully authorised for the IB Diploma Programme (DP). We are now a full three programme IB school offering education from 2-19 years of age across the PYP, MYP and DP programmes. This is so exciting as we can provide our students with the world leading DP to prepare them for university while providing them an entrance qualification to help them access the university of their choice.

The benefits of the DP will continue to be seen across the next few years at UDIS. We have invested in further facilities, equipment and staff to support the DP which will provide benefits for other levels. We are also planning back from the DP to ensure our MYP and PYP programmes develop students with the skills needed to access the DP.

Our current Year 11 class will be the first to enter the DP in Year 12. This week they put on an amazing personal project fair. The personal project is the culmination of the MYP and is an extended project into a student's area of interest. The quality of the work was amazing and we hope you had a chance to see this. These students are showing that they are more than ready to move into the DP and be successful with it in August.



#### Y5: Exploring digital media

5 has begun a new unit ti-"New digital media changes the tled way in which people access information and connect to each other." They are comparing and contrasting old and new technologies and responding to the question, "explain the advantages and disadvantages of old and new technolo-We have also completed our PSPE units on human development and sexual health helping prepare us as we prepare for puberty.



### MY: International Mindedness Day

As a key part of the IB philosophy, international mindedness helps students embrace diversity and understand that different perspectives are important in offering solutions to real-world problems. This is consistently integrated into many of our projects as learners investigated the development of knowledge over time and its place in various subjects. On March 1st, the MY students shared their projects with the school community during our International Mindedness Day event.



#### Student success at UDIS: Year 6

Chris, Linux, Tanat and Tankhun enhanced their culinary skills by preparing quesadillas for the International Mindedness Day. Although cooking them on the day proved challenging at first, they preserved and their tasty Mexican treats were well received by the school community.



#### Thai at UDIS: Thai dancing

Students in Year 3 had the chance to learn more about Thai dancing skills. Students have been practising a traditional dance performance in preparation for our upcoming Songkran event. This is tied into our unit about Thai celebrations.



Please sign up for our Summer School classes from 8-12 April. We will have three classes available for K1/2, Y1-4 and Y5-11 priced at 9,000 baht. Please sign up in the link above if interested.

#### **Upcoming events**

18 March 26 March

5 April 23 April 29 April 29 April

1 May 13 May

17 May 22 May

3 June

14 June 5 August

EY stay and play session Student led conference day (whole school, times vary) End of Term 2 Start of Term 3 EY stay and play session Parent cafe: Learner agency and inquiry Labour day (school holiday) Parent cafe: Introduction to the Career-related programme Silver Fern Sports Exchange trip to Roi Et Visakha Bucha Day

(school holiday) Queen's Birthday (school holiday) Ènd of Term 3

Start of Term 1 2024/2025









