



# Newsletter

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## Student led conferences

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 26-29 March - Student led conferences
- 30 March - Thai day event
- 30 March - Last day of Term 2
- 18 April - First day of Term 3
- 27 April - Parent/Toddler #4
- 4 May - Parent/Toddler #5
- 11 May - Parent/Toddler #6
- 16 May - Parent Cafe #6
- 18 May - Parent/Toddler #7
- 25 May - Parent/Toddler #8
- 28-29 May - Half term break (Holiday)
- 8 June - Parent/Toddler #9
- 22 June - Last day of Term 3
- 14 August, 2018 - Start of Term 1 2018/2019

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## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

Well it is the final week of Term 2 and the hot season is well and truly upon us! It has been a busy term and I am sure everybody is looking forward to the holidays. Next week, we will be holding our Student Led Conferences on Wednesday 28 March so please look out for these.

On Friday 3 March, we held our 2nd School Board meeting of the year. We confirmed the school budget for 2018/2019 and the proposed fees for next year. We will be sending all of that information out to parents as soon as the proposed fees are authorised by the Ministry of Education.



This week on Monday, a committed group of parents sat down to work on three reflective questions from CIS. We are asking these questions of our students, staff, parents and the School Board in preparation for our prep visit in May. It was great to get some good feedback from parents and we will be adding this to our CIS report. Thanks to all those who attended.

On Wednesday, we had a visit from Harrow International School in Bangkok who provide pathways for students from Year 7 and beyond. We hope parents enjoyed the event and can see the benefits of an education at UDIS which can prepare students for international schooling both in Udon Thani and the rest of the world.

Finally, I am attending the International Baccalaureate World Conference in Singapore next week. This is an important opportunity for the school to learn about the latest developments with the IB which we can bring back to apply at our school. I will be sure to share those learnings with you in the next newsletter. So, have a good break and we look forward to seeing everyone in Term 3.

Best regards

*Dr Lindsay Stuart*

Head of School

## Inquiry corner

*By Mrs Cynthia Thomas, Curriculum Coordinator*

Here at UDIS our students are learning so much more than content knowledge of various subject areas. We are enthusiastic about instilling particular values in our students. The PYP curriculum framework names particular attitudes which teachers aim to develop in their students. One particular attitude we have focussed on recently is appreciation. Our aim is to provide opportunities for students to experience various viewpoints, cultures, languages and ways of thinking. In doing so they are able to develop a respect for the variety of ways of thinking which can be found around them. Our recent International week was an obvious learning experience in which the attitude of appreciation was developed. As well as this, the usual day to day learning experiences we provide for our students engage them in memorable intercultural activities which provide practice in appreciating one another's cultural points of view.





## Early Years Update

### Preschool class update - Bubble Fun!

By Ms Olga Sviridova, Preschool Teacher

We enjoyed making a mess creating colourful designs during the art session with Ms. Ploy. We mixed paint with water and soap and then blew into it with a straw to get lots and lots of bubbles. Then we gently placed paper over the bubbles to take a print from them.

**Try to make your own bubble art at home! This is so much fun!**





# Early Years Update

## K2 class update - Feelings in K2

By Ms Jo Fletcher, K2 Teacher

K2 has recently started exploring the UN rights of the child. We started by having a conversation about feelings and discussing that it is completely okay to feel different emotions at different times! We brainstormed feelings and had some great suggestions including “shocked”, “confused”, “happy”, “surprised”, “mad” and many more. We drew pictures of these feelings and took turns choosing them out of a bowl. We then discussed what made us feel that way, as well as practicing the expression with our faces. The children were really engaged, it was fantastic! We will keep looking at this to show the children they have their rights, and it will also help them learn problem-solving skills among their peers.





## Year 2 class update - *Kon'nichiwa*

By Mr John Kelly, Year 2 Teacher

We have been very dramatic over the last two weeks. We have starred in a play all about Japan. We listened to stories from Japan and Sarah our Japanese student shared a slideshow about Japan. Then we performed our play to the whole school as part of the international week celebrations. Last week we had to prepare for a class assembly where we led the school in learning about friendship. Each of us spoke to the school using microphones and being involved in question and answer sessions. We were all very confident speakers and at the end we sang a song about how to be a great friend.





## Year 4 class update

By Mr John Eastham, Y4 Teacher



The Welsh flag is the red dragon. The daffodil is the national flower of Wales.

### **During International week Y4 celebrated Wales/ Cymru.....Mr. John. E's home country.**

Wales is a small country forming part of the United Kingdom together with England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Everyone speaks English but many people also speak the native language of Welsh/ Cymraeg and all children in Wales have the opportunity to be educated in Welsh if they wish. Wales is famous for mountains, rugby, castles, singing and being a very friendly place to visit. During the International week assembly Year 4 taught the whole school a traditional Welsh song in the three languages of Welsh, Thai and English. In class, the children learned some Welsh words and how to count to ten in Welsh. They sang Welsh songs and listened to the story of Mrs. Wishi Washi/Mrs. Wishy Washy in Welsh and English. The story was written by a New Zealand author! A highlight of the week was when we cooked a favourite Welsh snack called Welsh Rarebit.....a form of cheese on toast.





## Year 6/7 class update

By Mr Richard Slack, Year 6/7 Teacher



During our International week we were finding out about Italy. We looked at famous, historical Italians. People like Leonarda Da Vinci, Michaelangelo and Leonardo Fibonacci.



Year 6/7 students performed a famous Italian song during International day and our early years visitors got to dance along to Italian folk music and take a picture with the Mona Lisa.



In our Unit of Inquiry we have been learning about the effects of mass deforestation in the Amazon and nearer to home in Borneo.



We have also been learning about endangered species like the Javan Rhino.





## MODERN LANGUAGES - THAI LANGUAGE



Year 5, we demonstrated Thai culture and read Thai poems in Thai costumes.



Year 6-7 class, the students presented their progress in reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. We had a great week of students reflecting on their learning.

## English as an additional language (EAL)

Last week we had the opportunity to discuss different countries. EAL students were quite excited to research about food, clothing, population, languages, and fun facts about each country. It was good to see students working together in a group. This is an EAL strategy to enhance confidence and reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills.





## Health and Safety

*By Mr Donato Nucciarone, Health and safety coordinator*

With Term 2 coming to an end soon, I would like to take this opportunity to remind children and parents about the hot summer season here in Thailand. Our children do spend lunchtime and breaks outside. As a result, its very important that children wear their UDIS hats and bring their water bottles, especially during Physical Education classes. This year we are fortunate to have our gymnasium but students still need to be drinking water throughout the lessons and activities in order to avoid dehydration. In addition, for swimming lessons, students are encouraged to wear waterproof sunscreen 30 minutes before class. During the upcoming holidays, please be mindful of the sun and hot weather. Stay hydrated and be safe!



## House Update

This will be the last week for children to earn house points for their teams. We will soon be announcing the winning team for Term 2! A big thank you goes out to all the teachers and students for participating and helping out with the house system. The children really enjoy earning points for their respected teams!

The current house scores for Term 2 are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	227
Blue House Martin Luther King	187
Black House Princess Diana	191
Green House Nelson Mandela	167
Yellow House Mother Teresa	195



## Parent cafe

We would like to introduce our Parent Cafes for parents to come and learn more about different aspects of the school from our talented teaching staff. The schedule is below:

Session	Date	Topic
#6	Wednesday 16 May	Student transitions
#7	Monday 4 June	Assessment at UDIS for end of year reports

**The next parent cafe is “Student transitions”**





# Udon Thani Half Marathon 2018





## Message from Admin

# School Terms and Dates 2018/2019

UDIS operates three terms per school year as follows:

### **Term 1 (81 days)**

School start: Tuesday 14 August, 2018  
Half term break: 15-19 October, 2018 (1 week)  
Finish: Friday 14 December, 2018

### **Term 2 (61 days)**

Start: Monday 7 January, 2019  
Half term break: 18-19 February, 2019 (2 days)  
Finish: Thursday 4 April, 2019

### **Term 3 (40 days)**

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





## Message from Admin

**Guided reading activities**  
 แผนเขียนอ่านสร้างสรรค์  
 กิจกรรมอ่าน  
**Communicative games**  
 เกมสนทนาสื่อความหมาย  
**Listening & Speaking**  
 ทักษะการพูด และ การฟัง  
**Vocabulary**  
 คำศัพท์น่ารู้  
**Arts and Craft**  
 ศิลปะและหัตถกรรม  
**Music/Dance**  
 ดนตรี / การเต้นรำ  
**Science experiments**  
 การทดลองวิทยาศาสตร์  
**Outdoor activities**  
 กิจกรรมกลางแจ้ง  
**2 field trips**  
 Artsino and Nong Prajak park (Dinoland picnic)  
 ทัศนศึกษา 2 แห่ง

# SUMMER SCHOOL at



### Theme: All about me

Days based around 5 of the IB unit themes. This would allow a small introduction of the IB themes whilst having a structured English programme, which is what parents are primarily seeking. Each day can start with meditation, calendar and story time to help students settle into a routine.

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### ตอน : ทุกสิ่งเกี่ยวกับฉัน

5 วันแห่งการเรียนรู้ในแบบฉบับ IB ด้วยโปรแกรมภาษาอังกฤษเริ่มต้นพื้นฐาน ซึ่งตรงกับสิ่งที่คุณพ่อคุณแม่กำลังมองหา ในแต่ละวัน จะเริ่มต้นด้วยการทำสมาธิปฏิบัติและ เรื่องราวในกิจวัตรประจำวัน

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## Message from Admin



# Parent & Toddler at



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A community building event where parents can spend time within our Early Years doing activities with their children. This strengthens the bond between home and school while also helping parents learn about the educational activities we provide through play.

**Free**

Sessions will be held on the Fridays.  
8.00-10.00 a.m.

กิจกรรมที่คุณพ่อคุณแม่และน้องๆ สามารถร่วมการเรียนรู้การสอนในชั้นปฐมวัยของเรา ซึ่งจะช่วยกระชับสายสัมพันธ์ระหว่างบ้านและโรงเรียน ทั้งยังช่วยให้ผู้ปกครองได้สัมผัสกิจกรรมการศึกษา ที่เราจัดผ่านการเล่นสำหรับนักเรียน

### Term 2

- #1 Friday 2 March
- #2 Friday 16 March
- #3 Friday 23 March

### Term 3

- #4 Friday 27 April
- #5 Friday 4 May
- #6 Friday 11 May
- #7 Friday 18 May
- #8 Friday 25 May
- #9 Friday 8 June



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## 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/>)

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