



Newsletter

Udon Thani International School

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 30 April - PTA #6
- 1 May - Labour Day (Holiday)
- 4 May - Parent/Toddler #5
- 11 May - Parent/Toddler #6
- 16 May - Parent Cafe #6
- 18 May - Parent/Toddler #7
- 18 May - Final date for Yearbook advertising
- 21 May - PTA #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
- 27 July, 2018 - Final date for Term 1 2018/2019 invoices
- 14 August, 2018 - Start of Term 1 2018/2019

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our final term of 2018/2019. This term we will be kicking off with our Healthy Eating month for May and then we will begin practicing for our end of year show in June. Healthy Eating month is when we help our students to learn more about what foods they should eat and how to live a healthy lifestyle. This year, we will also be designing our May menu to be extra healthy!



At the end of Term 2, several staff have attended important trainings and events. I attended the IB Global Conference in Singapore and that was a great chance to learn about where the IB is going, and all the great things happening at other schools. Learner agency is an important concept in the new PYP which looks to provide voice, choice and ownership to learners so that they really are at the center of their own learning! Miss Jane also attended an assessment workshop in Bangkok and her learnings from that will feed into improvements we will be making in how we assess and report next year.

Next week, we will be holding our 6th PTA meeting of the year so please come along and join us for that. The following week, we will be visited by a CIS evaluation team who will be conducting our prep evaluation. At this visit, CIS will report back on how well we are meeting their accreditation criteria which will help us prepare for the final accreditation visit that we hope to hold in 2018/2019.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Ms Cynthia Thomas, Curriculum Coordinator

The attitude of tolerance is central to the successful operation of a school, particularly an international school. Within our community we are very pleased to have families from various racial, cultural and religious backgrounds. We see this diversity as bringing a wealth of knowledge, expertise and points of view to our school.

In our teaching and learning we deliberately plan to include opportunities for children to consider their background and feel proud of it, and then to appreciate the diverse set of people around us. It is a joy to see children of various nations celebrating their similarities and embracing one another's differences.

Here at UDIS children are continually engaged in learning experiences which are shaping their young minds into gradually learning tolerance towards others. It is our intention that UDIS students will be confident to reach out and befriend others regardless of their differences.



Early Years Update

K1 class update - Sharing the Planet

By Ms Jennifer Chapman, K1 Teacher

This term K1 students will be starting a new unit 'Sharing the Planet' where we will be learning about plants. This week K1 have been thinking about plants and where we can find them. We went around the school to find and collect plants. The students made some very interesting observations through drawing and sorting their findings into parts of plants. Over the coming weeks we will learn about planting seeds and learn ways to help them grow. We will also discuss how plants contribute to our lives and other living things on Earth.



Year 1 class update Penpals in China

By Ms Jane Sutton, Year 1 Teacher

This week we have started emailing a grade 1 class from 'Changsha Wes Academy' in Central China. We have been thinking about how to become more 'internationally minded' and are consequently finding out about each others countries and what our similarities and differences are. So far we know that they

- eat with chopsticks and eat spicy food.
- there are many beautiful places to visit in China.
- they study in 2 languages, English and Chinese.



Grade 1, Changsha Wes Academy, China



UDIS, Year 1

Primary Years Update

Year 3 class update - Showing what we learn

By Ms Emmi Hines, Year 3 Teacher

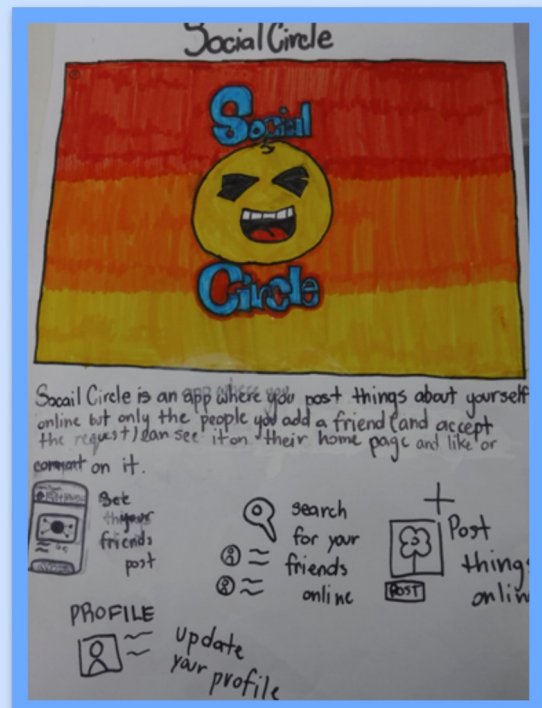
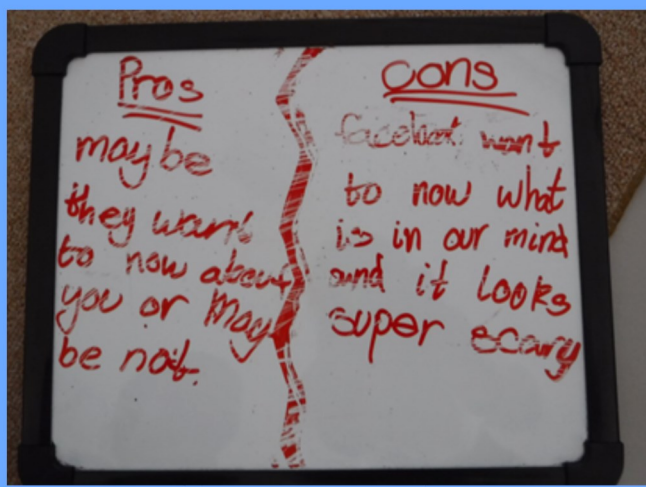
Year 3 is currently working on projects that will enhance their learning as well as promote their learning to others around them. Students have chosen a way for them to create and present their knowledge of the current Unit on role models. Some classmates are creating their own diorama, chapter book, powerpoint or biography report to demonstrate their learning. Way to go Year 3 for being independent in your learning.



Year 5 class update - Taking Action!

By Mr Robert Langridge, Y5 Teacher

Year 5 is just wrapping up its unit on digital media which included projects such as designing games and social media apps and a personal website. We also focussed on critical thinking in evaluating the value of social media, its authenticity and personal responsibility while using digital media. Students reflected on the unit using the inquiry cycle while part of that cycle is taking action. Students decided to apply what they learned to make their online information safer, do better information searches, and respect others who use social media by avoiding such things as cyber bullying or posting improper information



MODERN LANGUAGES - CHINESE

The students were led to review the names of colours, fruit as well as seven pairs of adjectives and their antonyms, with the game of BINGO, sticky ball and 007. They showed great interest and brilliant memories, though the pronunciation of some words were very challenging for them.



Health and Safety

By Mr Donato Nucciarone, Health and safety coordinator

Only one term left! We are very fortunate to have no major accidents at our school this year. During Term 3, staff and students will be partaking in one unannounced fire drill. The drill will serve to make future evacuations safer and better. Teachers will be briefed on the Monday morning meeting about the evacuation expectations.

In addition, we are monitoring the sand pit. On certain days, we will close it due to flooding or rain. We also clean it regularly using salt. If the sandpit is closed for the day, a large sign will be placed in the middle of the pit.

Finally, we have finished the planning for Healthy Eating Month. During the month of May, children will get to learn all about the different food groups and hopefully create healthy eating habits. We are also happy to announce that UDIS will be hosting our very first sports tournament on June 1st. We will be playing against Silver Fern International School in a game of futsal and track & field.



House Update

The current house scores are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	1
Blue House Martin Luther King	8
Black House Princess Diana	1
Green House Nelson Mandela	1
Yellow House Mother Teresa	2



Congratulations to the Red team for winning the Term 2 house trophy! We restarted the points for term 3 and the children are really excited about taking home the trophy.

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”



Learning Art with Artsino Promotion



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Message from Admin

Yearbook 2017/2018 Advertising Rates

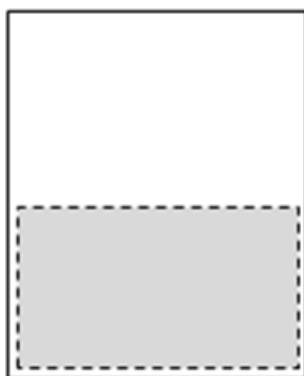
Yearbook 2017/2018 Advertising Rates

UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our third year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our third year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects, classes, clubs, school activities, awards, fieldtrips and graduating students.

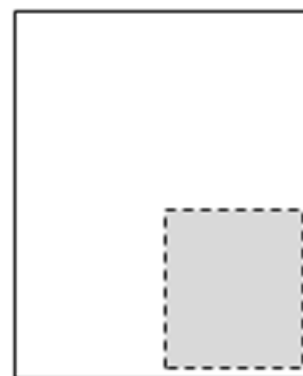
The Yearbook will be distributed to all students, parents and to our community as a printed book. As such, we are looking for Yearbook sponsors who can advertise their products and services. **The final date for submission of advertising will be Friday 18 May.** We have the current advertising space available:



Full page



Half page



Quarter page

Details

- Adverts are required in any of the following formats: High resolution Adobe PDF/X files (distilled at 200dpi with all fonts embedded) – Adobe Photoshop TIFF or EPS formats at 300dpi or better – Adobe Illustrator EPS files.
- Placement is first come, first served.
- 20% discount available for two or more spots, double pages etc.
- 10% discount for parents of the school

Submission

Adverts can be submitted to admin@udis.ac.th with your contact details and desired advert type and placement or contact the School Office.

Please contact the School Office for more information:
Email: admin@udis.ac.th ; Phone: 042 110-379



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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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

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/>)

or contact the School Office for more information.

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