



Newsletter

Udon Thani International School

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PREPARATORY VISIT


7-10 MAY, 2018

UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 16 May - Parent Cafe #6
- 18 May - Parent/Toddler #7
- 18 May - Final date for Yearbook advertising
- 23 May - PTA #7 - CIS debrief meeting
- 25 May - Parent/Toddler #8
- 28-29 May - Half term break (Holiday)
- 6 June - PTA #8 - Next year meeting
- 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

This week we have been busy hosting the visits of Miss Carole and Miss Paula who came for our CIS preparatory visit from Monday to Thursday. Carole and Paula have been talking to teachers, staff, management, parents, students and the Board during their visit. They have enjoyed speaking with everyone and we have learned a lot from them about what we will need to do to prepare ourselves for accreditation.

CIS is a very high quality accrediting agency that we are seeking full accreditation with. UDIS is already a CIS member school but we have identified that full accreditation offers us the opportunity to develop and align ourselves with the quality, best practices that CIS offers. This fits very well with our desire to create a top quality school for Udon Thani.



We have learned already that we may have been very ambitious with our timeline for getting accredited with CIS next year. There are many things that have been setup on the documents side, but CIS also expects those to be part of regular practice within the school which can only happen over time. The expectations that CIS sets are very demanding, as they should be, so it is not easy to meet them. We have also learned that we will need to make some changes to the school to regain some focus into what we are doing. The evaluators have asked us to examine more composite classes, rethink the subject specialties and consider bringing in more EAL students as some of the things we need to consider.

So, the process is a challenging one for us but it is also helping us develop a quality school here in Udon Thani. In sum, this means that we will certainly need to rethink our timelines for accreditation and then work out explicitly what we need to do to be able to meet the expectations that CIS has. We will certainly keep parents updated and look to consult with you about any changes as well.

Elsewhere at the school, our students have been busy learning about healthy eating as part of our healthy eating month at UDIS. At the assembly this week, students learned about the healthy eating groups and performed some fun activities to earn house points. This links back to our school vision of seeking to develop students who are healthy, thriving and ready to learn.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Mrs Cynthia Thomas, Curriculum Coordinator

Learning to think critically may be one of the most important skills that today's children will need for the future. In today's global and rapidly changing world, children need to be able to do much more than repeat a list of facts; they need to be critical thinkers who can make sense of information, analyse facts, compare and then discuss their opinions.

The Primary Years Programme places a particular emphasis on development of thinking skills in students. In all of our planning we aim to give students an opportunity to engage in meaningful tasks that are based on real life situations. In this way they are required to think for themselves.

This kind of thinking is developed over time with practice, and many of our learning engagements are planned specifically for that purpose. Parents can support their children in developing thinking skills. Here is a list of ideas to try with your child:-

- Allow time for them to think, don't expect fast answers all of the time.
- Ask questions in a way that requires a thoughtful answer.
- Set up play scenarios that require thoughtful play -role playing for example.
- When you read together be sure to make conversation about story too.

Critical thinking often happens when children have time to practice making choices, and so it is probably a good idea to consider how your children can be given more of these kinds of valuable opportunities.

Early Years Update

Preschool class update - Planting Seeds project

By Ms Olga Sviridova, Preschool Teacher

Planting seeds with students is one of my favourite activities. Preschoolers love to be part of this process. After planting seeds, the children will learn the importance of taking care of them while observing their growth. For this activity we used bean seeds, soil and plastic cups. The students will check on their seeds every day and document their observations in 'My Plant' books.

We would like to show you some photos from our daily observations. Our plants are growing taller and taller every day!



Early Years Update

K2 class update - Let's get growing!

By Ms Jo Fletcher, K2 Teacher

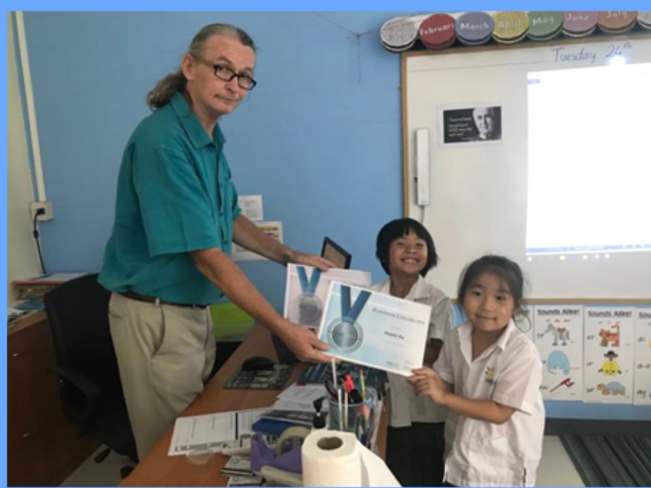
Plants, plants, plants! K2 is crazy about all things plant related! We have started our new Unit of Inquiry 'Sharing the Planet' which is all about - you guess it, plants! We have been learning to identify the different parts of a plant as well as learning about what a plant needs to grow. We have several growing areas set up inside our classroom, where you can see bean sprouts and some very (very!) tiny tomato and lettuce plants. We have been carefully documenting our plants growth and are very excited to see them transform over the coming weeks. We have also been exploring some of the things we use plants for - including food, furniture and more. We even painted using vegetables and fruit! It was a lot of fun.



Year 2 class update - The final term has begun

By Mr John Kelly, Year 2 Teacher

Welcome to the first full week of Term 3. The library is open and the children are encouraged to bring their library folder each Tuesday so they can take home books to enjoy. We had a lovely time having our photographs taken and we hope that the pictures will turn out great. Congratulations to all our students using the study ladder as often as they can. It is a fun way to have learning done at home. Every so often the children are awarded certificates for their points score. We gave an assembly to the school last week about saving the environment. It was also about how we can look after nature so that nature will look after us. In mathematics we have been learning about the language of turning and we enjoyed twisting and turning all the way through 360 degrees



Year 4 class update
By Mr John Eastham, Y4 Teacher

About My Family Year Four.

Year Four have been making personal Family Shields/Coats of Arms as a conclusion to our learning about codes and symbols. No words were allowed except the addition of a family motto chosen or designed by the children themselves. Each is individualised and planned to reflect each child's individual family.



Upon completion the students had to plan a short talk about their shield which was shared with a small invited audience. During these presentations the students carried out peer evaluations giving an opportunity to share developmental feedback with each other.

Year 6/7 class update

By Mr Richard Slack, Year 6/7 Teacher

In Year 6 and 7 we have started a new unit on governments and law. We started off by watching a film about a family struggling to live under the rule of the Taliban in Afghanistan (Theocracy).



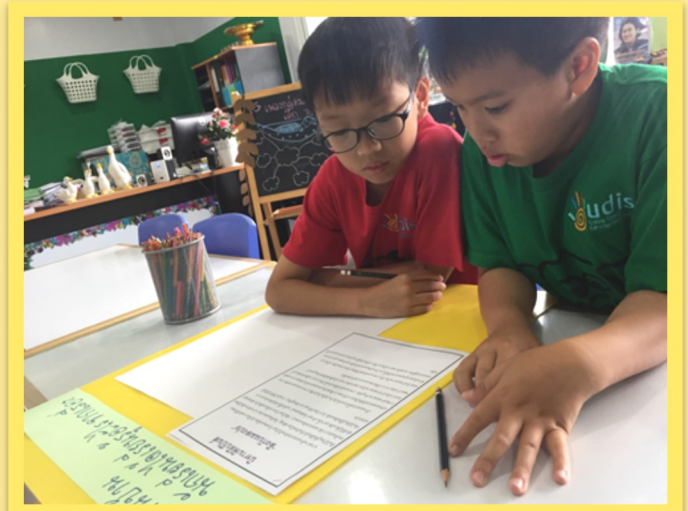
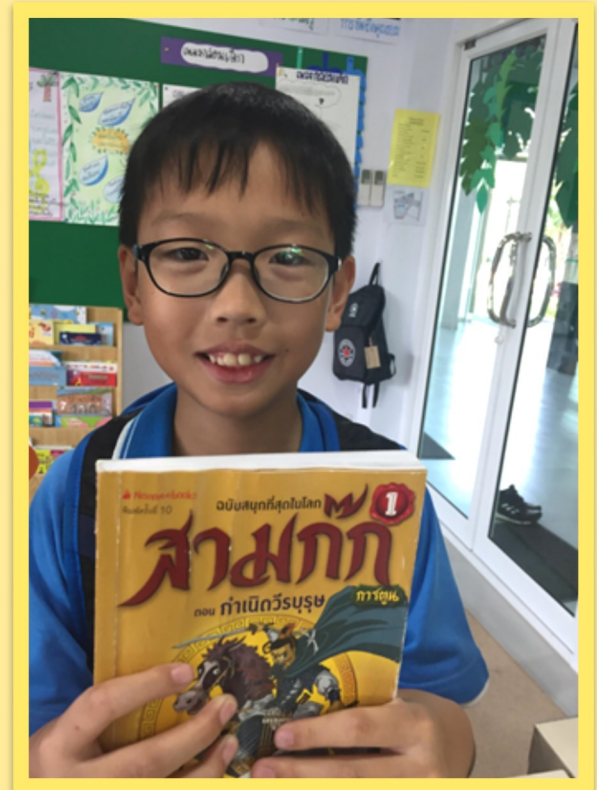
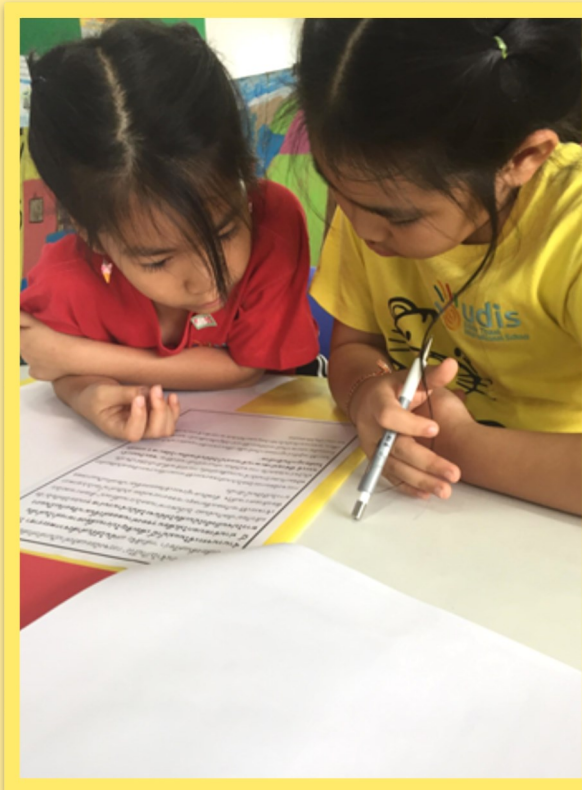
<http://thebreadwinner.com/>

Now we are finding out about countries in the ASEAN region. We are looking at the different types of government, living standards, human rights and legal systems. Also, because this is Healthy Eating Month at UDIS, students are learning about healthy eating habits and nutrition.

By Miss Natt, Thai Department

MODERN LANGUAGES - THAI LANGUAGE

This week students had to show their skills in writing, listening, reading and speaking through a drama demonstration. The students have been reading many stories this term and they also created their own stories and presented these in class. The students enjoyed reading a variety of stories and discussing with others about the stories in class. For instance, in Year 4, we had the “I will tell you the story...” We also provided a new area in class for reading both at school and at home.



English as an additional language (EAL)

We have been practising our comprehension skills through various media. Last week our main focus was to build our presentation skills in which we discussed; Who is the audience? What are we writing about? Why are we writing this piece of information? Students were also introduced to differentiated writing process to talk about the steps in writing like:

- Brainstorming
- Drafting
- Revising
- Editing
- Publishing



What does it LOOK like?	What is the STAGE called?	What does a WRITER do?
 brainstorming	PREWRITING	Choose a topic and plan it out: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk about it• Draw a picture• Make a web
 drafting	DRAFTING	Write your first copy in your notebook <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Don't worry about spellings• Punctuation• Organisation of the text
 revising	REVISING	Rereading to make your writing better
 editing	EDITING	Think <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capital letters• Punctuation• Spellings
 publishing	PUBLISHING	Creating the final copy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rewriting neatly• Share your writing with others



Health and Safety

By Mr Donato Nucciarone, Health and safety coordinator

The health and safety committee has worked really hard this week on tightening our fire drill procedures. After our last drill, I noticed some imperfections such as students talking a while to leave the building and toilets being unchecked on the way out. As a result, I provided staff and students with a “Fire Safety Workshop” during Thursday’s assembly. We then had a second drill later that day and it went much better. Our goal was to get the students out as quickly and quietly as possible. In addition, I added a “sweep team” consisting of teachers who stayed behind to quickly take a look at the toilets before leaving the building.



House Update

With Healthy eating month around the corner, teams will get many opportunities to earn points for their teams. This Thursday will be our first healthy eating month assembly and we will be giving out a lot of house points! We also have a "Water Carnival Day" coming up on May 24th but more information will be given later about this!

The current house scores are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	27
Blue House Martin Luther King	23
Black House Princess Diana	15
Green House Nelson Mandela	5
Yellow House Mother Teresa	9



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 from K2->Year 1
#7	Monday 4 June	Assessment at UDIS for end of year reports

The next parent cafe is "Student transitions" with Jen, Jo and Jane.




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Message from Admin

Yearbook 2017/2018 Advertising Rates

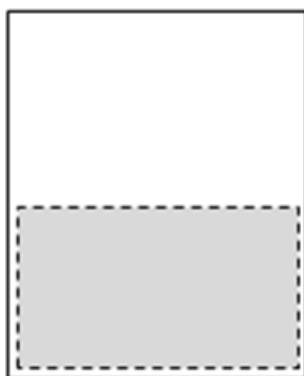
Yearbook 2017/2018 Advertising Rates

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.

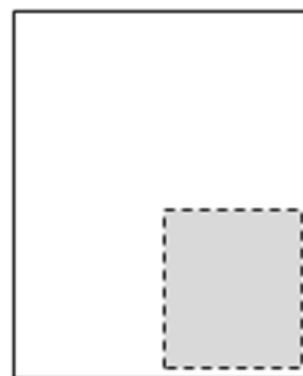
The Yearbook will be distributed to all students, parents and to our community as a printed book. As such, we are looking for Yearbook sponsors who can advertise their products and services. **The final date for submission of advertising will be Friday 18 May.** We have the current advertising space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