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# GOODBYE TO 2018/2019

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

We come to the end of the fourth year of our short history and we continuing to move forward with our vision of seeking to develop internationally minded, balanced learners who thrive and become active global citizens.

As I reflect over the year, we have successfully completed another key stage in the school's history as we completed our new primary years building and covered tennis court. These new facilities have helped us to expand and support exciting new student learning and activities. We have already had some fantastic events like the Silver Fern sports exchange which took advantage of the cover the tennis court now



provides. Our Community Hub has also provided a welcome space for parents to relax before and after school and our relocated library has provided more space for our learners to read.

Next year we will continue our campus development with our new swimming pool. We will also be working on our roadmap for the next 4-5 years as we work with parents to plan out our campus expansion and plan for a middle years and future high school. There is a lot to come as we work to provide the facilities to support the vision of the school.

This year we also hosted our prep stage accreditation visit for CIS and the learnings for that will help us prepare for the final team visit stage in a few years time. Meanwhile, we have been busy preparing for our IB authorisation which goes ahead next year in March. So, while the facilities of the school develop, so to are we making continuing strides to improve our curriculum and to ensure that it best meets the needs of the students within our school.

This is the final newsletter of the year and as such I would like to farewell some staff who are leaving us for new opportunities. Good luck to Miss Natt, Miss Ploy, Miss Noon, Miss Olga, Miss Jen, Miss Jo and Mr Don. We wish you all the best for the coming year and we hope you remember your time with UDIS fondly.

So, please have a happy and safe holidays. I hope to see you all back again in August for our fifth year. It promises to be a big one!

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart Head of School



#### Inquiry corner

#### By Ms Cynthia Thomas, Curriculum Coordinator

This year has been a pleasure for us as teachers to watch our students develop in all of the PYP skills and attitudes. Students have been given opportunities to demonstrate deep thinking and have had chances to evaluate information gathered from their own simple research. They have worked on handling the task of sorting and sifting through a lot of information and then making sense of it.

Through this inquiry-based learning, we have guided our students towards being proactive learners who think and take the actions needed to make a difference. We believe that the act of forming questions and exploring the mysterious is the purpose for our work and it embodies what education is all about. Students have been asking questions, following through with their chosen inquiries, and in this way they have taken some measure of ownership of their own learning. All of these are tremendously important skills for our students to master in order to deal well with the issues and challenges of the real world.

Throughout our units of inquiry this year we have acknowledged and celebrated the diversity of all learners in all our classrooms. Well done UDIS students. You are all becoming quite skillful inquirers!

### Early Years Update

#### Kl class update - A time to reflect By Ms Jennifer Chapman, K1 Teacher

It has been a wonderful year with the K1 children, I have seen them become more mature, confident and independent each day. Our time has been full of laughing, playing, singing and making lots of new discoveries! Over the last few weeks we have been using the time to reflect on our many achievements and memories over the past year and look forward to the future. We were amazed to discover all the things we have learnt and could do now, that we could not do in Preschool such as writing our name, riding a bike and counting to 20. Now our adventure is coming to an end, it is exciting to think what the future holds as our students move into K2.

What do you want to be when your older?





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### **Primary Years Update**

### Year 1 class update Our favourite memories from this year

By Ms Jane Sutton, Year 1 Teacher

Year 1 have had a wonderful year. They are confident, motivated and creative learners who are more willing to take a risk and love to inquire! During our reflections the children said the following things......

'We love to swim!' 'We like going on field trips to learn new things.' 'Playtimes are fun!'

'We like finding out about numbers!' 'We like learning English'

'We enjoyed working in teams!'

Here are some of our favourite photographs .....





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### **Primary Years Update**

#### Year 3 class update How did we grow this year? By Ms Emmi Hines, Year 3 Teacher

As we come to the end of another school year, Year 3 has taken the time to reflect on all the ways they have grown individually this year. It is not just about academic growth but this also includes personal interest, social and emotional growth. Congratulations to all of the Year 3 students for learning how to become well balanced, active learners this year!

- I found that I really enjoy making things and being creative.
  I have learned how to be a good friend and my writing has improved. Year 3 is so much fun! Eric
- Year 3 has been so much fun! My favourite part has been the field trips and making new friends. I learned that I can do maths and help my friends. - Daewa
- I am independent and creative. I learned that I can do things by myself. I learned that I can ask for help and I had fun this year. - Liew
- Learning can be fun. I like talking with my friends and learning about making projects. UOI has helped me ask questions. Uma
- I like to draw. I like to play with friends. I learned that I can paint and write a stories I like. - Athens
- This year I have learned Maths. I can help my friends learn by helping them in class. Field trips were fun to learn outside of class.Y3 has been fun and I like my teachers. - Pin
- I have fun at school. I learn how to ask questions, play with friends and write stories. I like UDIS. Kevin
- I like my teachers, they are nice. My teachers help me to learn when I am writing. I like my new friends and I like school.
   Tien
- I learned how to be a friend. I have learned that I am confident and I show commitment by doing my projects. I like my friends and I have new friends this year, too. - Phee











#### Year 5 class update - Making a Difference By Mr Robert Langridge, Y5 Teacher

Year 5 has had a great year and has been involved in many school activities that help to make the school community and outside communities, a better place. Year 5 students were largely involved in most of the special activities such as Thai Day and the End of Year show. They were also involved in special events such as Sports Day, the football match with Silver Fern, and International Day. Outside the school community, Year 5 students helped to build relationships with students in a poor community in Phen, and introduce them to a different style of learning, and provide them the opportunity to dream of something better. They also fundraised to support the Udon Thani Girls Home, and made a special visit to see and learn about the children who live there as well as making a donation of more than 7,000 baht. Year 5 also learned about how to be better people and an interesting visit by a famous monk gave them a chance to explore and understand their faith more deeply. In summary, Year 5 has made tremendous improvements academically, socially and personally. They are to be congratulated for their hard work and commitment to doing better this year. It has been a great pleasure to know and teach this wonderful class. Great work Year 5!





### Language and Culture

By Ms Jiang Chen, Chinese Teacher

### **MODERN LANGUAGES - CHINESE**

For the last three weeks of this term, we have been learning more about the Chinese language and culture through a programme named Real Chinese on the BBC learning zone. Through the first five parts of this we have seen how Chinese children learn their native language, what the Chinese people do to keep fit and how their celebrate national holidays. Year 1 students showed interest in the Terracotta Warriors located in Xian, Shanxi Province in China and Year 4 students enjoyed doing the setting up exercises which Chinese students do everyday during their morning breaks at school.





### Health and Safety

#### By Mr Donato Nucciarone, Health and safety coordinator

We are wrapping up the school year and i have just completed the final Health and Safety report. I'm really happy about the work we did this year. The staff and children, are also really looking forward to the new pool and the Health and Safety team will do it's best to safe-proof it. In addition, we have some really big projects planned for next year! I'd also like to take this opportunity to announce the new Health and Safety coordinator for next year, Mr. John Kelly. I wish Mr. John and UDIS all the best!





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### House Update

The current house scores are:

| House team                       | Current points |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Red House<br>Confucius           | 457            |
| Blue House<br>Martin Luther King | 126            |
| Black House<br>Princess Diana    | 134            |
| Green House<br>Nelson Mandela    | 453            |
| Yellow House<br>Mother Teresa    | 280            |





This is the second year that we implemented the house system at our school. We had some really fun activities over the course of the year and the kids really enjoyed competing in the events. The winning team for Term 3 is the red team!

### Parent cafe

#### *Thank you for your participation in parent cafes this year. We look forward to welcoming you for a new set of cafes in 2018/2019.*









#### Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

Our Marketing Coordinator has joined Rotary Ceremony events to celebrate the new presidents of four Rotary clubs in Udon Thani. Our school is now a member of the Rotary club of Makkang which will help us link into charity events in the Udon Thani community. Our Marketing Coordinator will also visit the USA for promote our school with a visit to Rotary clubs in Portland, Minnesota, Iowa and Florida during July 2018.



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### Invoices for Term 1, 2018/2019 have now been issued.

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## School Terms and Dates 2018/2019

UDIS operates three terms per school year as follows:

#### Term 1 (81 days)

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

**Term 2 (61 days)** Start: Half term break: Finish:

Monday 7 January, 2019 18-19 February, 2019 (2 days) Thursday 4 April, 2019

**Term 3 (40 days)** Start: Half term break: Finish:

Monday 22 April, 2019 20-21 May, 2019 (2 days) 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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