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Teachers' Appreciation Day at UDIS



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 8 October - PTA#2
- 8-12 October - Book week event
- 15-19 October - Half Term break
- 23 October - Teachers Only Day #1
- 2 November - Parents education morning
- 5 November - Parent Cafe #2
- 19 November - PTA#3
- 28 November - Loy Krathong event (Assembly)
- 29 November - Kings Birthday event assembly
- 3 December - Parent Cafe #3
- 5 December - Rama IX Memorial Day Holiday
- 14 December - Christmas Festival (unless advised otherwise)
- 14 December - Last day of Term 1
- 15-7 December - End of year holidays
- 7 January, 2019 - Teachers Only Day #2
- 8 January, 2019 - First day of Term 2

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

This week, we celebrated Wai Kru day at school. Wai Kru is the day of the year when Thai students show respect to their teachers. Celebrating Wai Kru day is one of the ways we help our students understand our vision for intercultural education. Students learn about this important day in Thai culture by thanking their teachers for the knowledge they have given them, for the gift of learning and to also wish them good luck for the future school year.



We have had a lot of sickness over the past few weeks of both staff and students. It is important at this time of year to be careful about hygiene, to wash hands before meals and to cover your mouth if sneezing. If you can reinforce these practices at home this will help us a lot during these times of the year. We have also asked our school nurse to screen students coming into the school each day and she will do this until further notice. For things like hand, foot and mouth disease and RSV it is best for us to keep sick children from entering the school.

Finally, our staff are out and about with trainings. Mr Robb is attending training in Bangkok for the Making the PYP happen course while Mr John E is learning about standards and practices. Ms. Cynthia has been to Vietnam to visit the International School of Ho Chi Minh which has an innovative student agency programme in place. These courses and school visits will hold us in good stead for our PYP authorisation early next year.

Best regards

Dr Lindsay Stuart

Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Ms Cynthia Thomas, PYP Coordinator

In order for good inquiry happen, learners need to be constantly developing in particular skills. There are certain skills that are important across all disciplines of knowledge. These are the skills that will support good learning and are completely transferable; as such they are valuable throughout all of one's life. At UDIS we pay particular attention to developing in children the five following skills:

Communication, self-management, social, research and thinking skills.

An important part of inquiry style teaching and learning is having the students monitor their own progress in these skills. In the coming weeks our newsletter will expand on these and give examples of how you might work on these at home with your child.



Early Years Update

Preschool class update - Family Introductions: Finding Out

By Ms Charlotte Trufit, Preschool Teacher

During our Finding Out, we asked the children to bring in photos of their family. The children really enjoyed looking at the photographs, sharing them with the class and identifying their family members using the language “mummy”, “daddy”, “brother” and “sister”. Our Learner Profile Dinosaur, Inquireapod, has helped us to be curious about the members of our families.



Early Years Update

K2 class update - 'Thinkatops' the dinosaur

By Ms Jane Sutton, K2 Teacher

In K2 we have been busy finding out about our new friend Thinkatops the dinosaur. He is helping us to think about what we are doing in our classroom. How to listen, share and how to be kind to our friends.

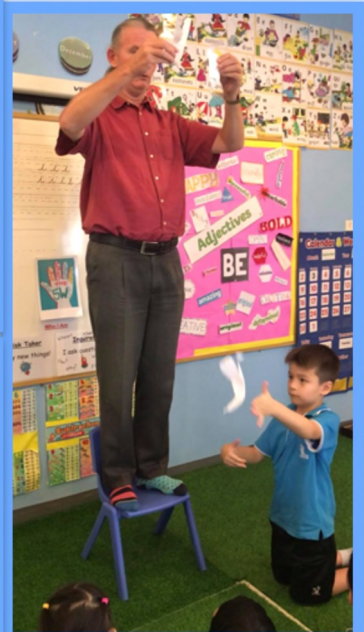


Year 2 class update What a Busy two weeks it has been in year 2

By Mr John Kelly, Year 2 Teacher

In mathematics, we have been working on ways to add two 2 digit numbers together. It is a bit tricky when we have to carry over a ten, but we are getting the hang of it. We have been working well in our mathematics books showing our skills and knowledge of addition facts. In English, we learned about how to use time connectives to make our writing more interesting.

Our Unit of Inquiry has been about how the choices we make affect our health, and as part of this we were learning about "What is a food pyramid?" and "Why is a food pyramid important?" We discovered new ways of staying healthy. We made our own aerobics routine and danced it in class this week. We all felt pretty tired after that! After our fieldtrip related to this Unit, we tasted the fruit we got from the market. Some of us enjoyed the sugar cane and pomelo. Others liked the dragon fruit and longong. Our computer skills are improving. we are currently learning about how to search for pictures using Google and then making a slideshow presentation.



Year 5 - Enthusiasm!

By Mr John Eastham, Y5 Teacher

On Thursday 13th September, Year 5 lead a Primary Year Assembly on the theme of **ENTHUSIASM**. We have created a display that relates to this in the canteen!



Here are some pictures from our Assembly!



Prue wants to run a florist. Katy loves to play the violin. Bryony dreams about being a great singer. Jeng Jeng loves making and eating biscuits and cookies. JJ loves to play computer games.



Belty loves to dance and Jennesa enjoys having friends over for a sleepover. Zen is enthusiastic about board games, while Mint loves to play badminton.



Grace is learning to play a Chinese musical instrument but Ikkyu loves to play tennis. Mike supports Muang Thong Thani United and likes to play football. Time loves expensive cars especially if they are a Mercedes. Ryu is a basketball player and fan!

MODERN LANGUAGES

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (EAL)

At UDIS, we understand that language learning is a process of learning language, learning about language and language through language. Therefore, EAL goals are to:

- ◇ Collaborate to create safe and stimulating environment
- ◇ Differentiate teaching and learning engagements to enable all learners to access the curriculum
- ◇ To use English in social settings.



School board update

The school operates a school board which oversees how the school is operated and makes decisions on policy, fees and budgets. The parent volunteers role is to look out for the interests of parents on the school board so that the Board can consider the interests of parents when it makes decisions.

We are looking for parent representatives to join the UDIS Executive School Board. If you are interested in joining the School Board, please contact Dr. Lindsay at lindsay@udis.ac.th or please contact us through the School Office. If there are more nominations than vacancies, then parents will vote on the representatives.

PTA update;

Summary of meeting held on Monday 10 September

At this meeting the school explained that the school's guiding statements help's the school make decisions and should guide any decisions the PTA makes too. The school explained the purpose of the PTA which is an important consultative and decision making body for the school.

The PTA is also a place where parents and teachers can come together to express their concerns and express suggestions for improving the school and a place where parents and teachers can get to know each other better. This year the PTA will help with input into the school's strategic plan and continuing campus development, preparation for PYP authorisation, development of parent volunteers within the school and support for school events like the Christmas festival and Songkran festival.

Miss Cynthia then talked about the attributes of the learner profile. The schools seeks to develop students who are Inquirers, Thinkers, Communicators, Risk-takers, Knowledgeable, Principled, Caring, Open-minded, Balanced and Reflective. These are important values the school seeks to instil within our students so we would like parents to also be aware of these.

The school received feedback from parents which included more information about school standards, issues with traffic, the school's music programme, computers and customer service linked to the rollout of the parent ID system and contacting of parents.



Health and Safety

By Mr John Kelly, Health and safety coordinator

We hope you are appreciating our school nurse being on duty each morning and she is there to check if your child has any symptoms of hand foot and mouth disease and any flu like symptoms, such as RSV. However while she is there she is also available for any health related questions you may have.

At the moment, we would like all our parents to be aware of hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD). If your child shows any symptoms, please keep them away from school, inform your classroom teachers and seek medical attention.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

What is it? - โรคมือเท้าปากคืออะไร

Despite its scary name, hand, foot, and mouth disease is a common, contagious illness caused by different viruses. It typically affects infants and children under age 5, but older kids and adults can catch it as well. Hand, foot and mouth disease can be unpleasant, but it will usually clear up by itself within 7 to 10 days. You can normally look after your child by yourself at home.

ถึงแม้ว่าจะมีชื่อน่ากลัว แต่โรคมือเท้าปากนี้เป็นโรคที่สามารถพบเจอได้ทั่วไป และเป็นโรคติดต่อที่เกิดจากเชื้อไวรัสหลายชนิดแตกต่างกัน โดยปกติแล้วจะพบในเด็กทารกและเด็กที่อายุต่ำกว่า 5 ปี แต่เด็กโตหรือผู้ใหญ่ก็สามารถติดเชื้อได้เช่นกัน โดยโรคมือเท้าปากอาจสร้างความวิตกกังวล แต่อาการจะดีขึ้นเองภายใน 7 ถึง 10 วัน ท่านสามารถดูแลรักษาบุตรหลานได้ที่บ้านตามปกติ

What are the signs and symptoms? - สัญญาณและอาการของโรคมือเท้าปาก

From the time the child is exposed to hand, foot, and mouth disease, it takes 3 to 6 days for the first symptoms to show up. It usually starts with a fever, sore throat, and runny nose much like the common cold but then a rash with tiny blisters may start to show up on the following body sites: ในระยะแรกของการติดเชื้อโรคมือเท้าปาก จะใช้เวลา 3 ถึง 6 วันกว่าจะแสดงอาการ โดยอาการจะเริ่มมีไข้ เจ็บคอ และคัดจมูก น้ำมูกไหลเหมือนกับไข้หวัดธรรมดา แต่จะเริ่มมีตุ่มหรือแผลตามร่างกาย ดังนี้

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| • In the mouth | • ภายในปาก |
| ⇒ On the inner cheeks | ⇒ ภายในกระพุ้งแก้ม |
| ⇒ Gums | ⇒ เหงือก |
| ⇒ Sides of the tongue | ⇒ บริเวณข้างลิ้น |
| ⇒ Top of the mouth | ⇒ เพดานปาก |
| • Fingers | • นิ้วมือ |
| • Palms of hands | • ฝ่ามือ |
| • Soles of feet | • ฝ่าเท้า |

Health and Safety

By Mr John Kelly, Health and safety coordinator

How is it spread? - การแพร่กระจายของเชื้อ

The virus is spread by coughs and sneezes, and is also found in the faeces of infected children. Some children infected with the virus do not have symptoms but can still pass it to others.

เชื้อโรคจะแพร่กระจายผ่านการไอและจาม และพบได้ในอุจจาระของเด็กที่ติดเชื้อ โดยเด็กที่ติดเชื้อบางคนอาจจะไม่แสดงอาการของโรค แต่เชื้อโรคนั้นยังคงสามารถแพร่กระจายไปสู่คนอื่น ๆ ได้

Is there any treatment? - วิธีรักษา

There is no specific treatment for hand, foot and mouth disease. It is usually a mild and self-limiting illness. If a child feels unwell paracetamol may help. Antibiotics and creams or ointments for the blisters are not effective. Children recover just as quickly without them.

โรคมือเท้าปากไม่มีวิธีรักษาที่แน่นอน แต่ปกติแล้วจะสามารถหายเองได้ โดยท่านสามารถรักษาไปตามอาการ เช่น หากเด็กรู้สึกไม่สบายให้ทานยาพาราเซตามอล แต่ยกเว้นตุ่มที่เกิดขึ้นไม่สามารถรักษาด้วยยาฆ่าเชื้อ ครีมทาผดผื่น หรือขี้ผึ้งได้ ซึ่งเด็กจะดีขึ้นได้เองโดยไม่ต้องใช้ยาพวกนั้น

How long are children infectious? - เด็กสามารถมีเชื้อได้นานแค่ไหน

Children who are ill are infectious. Also they may carry the virus in their faeces for many weeks after they have recovered and so can continue to pass on infection.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

เด็กที่มีอาการป่วยจะสามารถแพร่เชื้อได้ รวมถึงมีเชื้อที่อยู่ในอุจจาระอีกหลายสัปดาห์หลังจากที่เด็กมีอาการดีขึ้น โดยเชื้อนั้นยังคงสามารถติดต่อไปยังผู้อื่นได้อยู่

สุดท้ายนี้ ท่านสามารถติดต่อโรงเรียนหากมีคำถามหรือข้อวิตกกังวลเกี่ยวกับสิ่งต่างๆ ที่กล่าวมา



House Update

UDIS has a House system comprising of five house teams. This is the third year that we implemented the house system at our school.

The current house point totals are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	25
Blue House Martin Luther King	47
Black House Princess Diana	57
Green House Nelson Mandela	35
Yellow House Mother Teresa	47



Parent cafe

Our Parent cafe for 2018/2019 will resume this year and the upcoming events are:

Session	Date	Topic
#2	5/11/2018	Reading with your child
#3	3/12/2018	High quality learning at UDIS and what this looks like in our classrooms

The next parent cafe is Reading with your child with Ms. Jane and Ms. Rachel.



WELCOME NEW CPP MEMBER



CHAMPION ARENA PROMOTION FOR KIDS

Call: 097-319-0809 Mr. CHAMP

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TheChampionFootballArena/>

12 HOURS/1000 THB

- Learning basic of SOCCER.
- Team work

Student could choose 2 times for study.

- Mon-Fri at 16.30pm-18.00pm
- Sat-Sun at 9.00am-11.00am



Teachers' Appreciation Day



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

Term 1 2019/2020

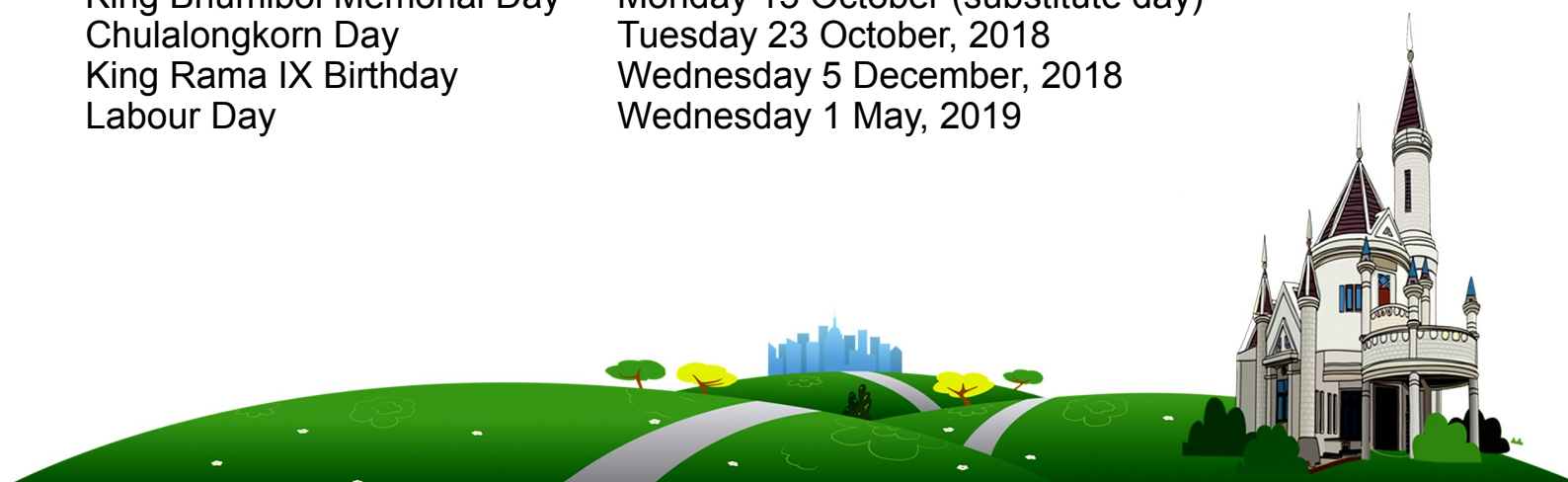
Management & Thai staff: Wednesday 31 July, 2019
New staff: Thursday 1 August, 2019 (2 days orientation)
Returning foreign staff: Monday 5 August, 2019
School start: Tuesday 13 August, 2019

Teacher Only Days

Teacher only day #1: 23 October, 2018 (Monday is substitute holiday for staff)
Teacher only day #2: 7 January, 2019

Public holidays

Queens Birthday: Monday 13 August 2018 (substitute day)
King Bhumibol Memorial Day: Monday 15 October (substitute day)
Chulalongkorn Day: Tuesday 23 October, 2018
King Rama IX Birthday: Wednesday 5 December, 2018
Labour Day: Wednesday 1 May, 2019





MESSAGE FROM ADMIN

Book Week!

For the finale of Book Week on Friday 12 October. Students can come dressed as their favourite book character. Students should also bring the book their character is based on or print out a cover of the book.

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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