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## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

We are coming to the end of a busy start to the calendar year. We are wrapping up this half term with our annual sports day which is always a lovely way to bring everyone together.

We have been busy preparing for our PYP verification visit in March. To prepare, we invited Catherine from SBS in Bangkok to have a look at the school and offer some advice for the visit. Catherine is the PYP Coordinator at SBS and she has just been through a successful visit and was able to share her experience. She was really pleased with what she saw at the school and she was able to provide some good advice into things we could make more clear for the visitors. We are working really hard for this visit and we are certainly on the right track.



It was great to see our Early Years classes visit Harbour Land last week. It was good for them to spend time as a group to develop relationships with each other and our parents. The EY is doing some excellent things, particularly with the development of the outdoor area that is in use now. We encourage you to come in and see all the awesome things EY are doing.

Please have a safe and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to seeing you back later next week.

Best regards

Dr. Lindsay Stuart  
Head of School

## Inquiry corner

*By Ms Cynthia Thomas, PYP Coordinator*

The students at UDIS are engaged in a style of learning known as inquiry. This means that their questions are taken into account when teachers plan courses of learning. Throughout the learning journey, students are supported in continually asking questions and considering how best to find answers.

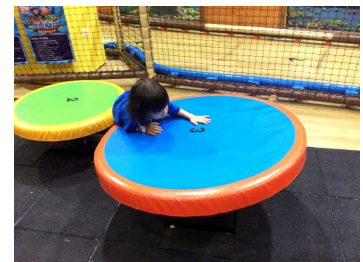
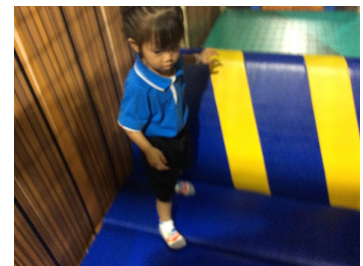
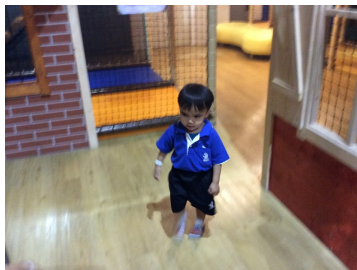
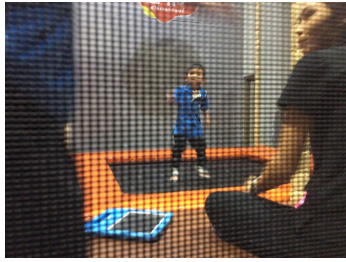
Inquiry is certainly not just for primary school children. When we think about how we, as adults, live day to day then we see that all of us are continually engaged in some kind of inquiry. For example, our half term break is coming up soon, and so I need to find out about where to go. I've done a lot of inquiry into Laos! I only intended to find a few simple facts about immigration procedures, but in fact I ended up reading so much more about the country and watching videos too. I learned so much because I was inquiring into something that was meaningful and relevant to me. As you support your children in their learning at home please take their personal interests into account. When they start inquiring into the things that interest them, then the potential for enduring understanding of the learning is greatly increased.

# Early Years Update

## Preschool class update - Trip to HarborLand

By Ms Charlotte Trufit, Preschool Teacher

This week the children took their class field trip to Harbor Land as part of our Unit of Inquiry, How We Express Ourselves. We have been inquiring into how we express ourselves through play and our trip to HarborLand offered lots of opportunity to try different types of play.



## Early Years Update

### K2 class update - Field trip to HarborLand!

By Ms Jane Sutton, K2 Teacher

**‘Through play we express our feelings and ideas and come to new understandings.’  
As part of our UOI, Early Years went on a trip to HarborLand.  
We had a great time exploring the different ways of playing.  
We were wonderful communicators and risktakers’.**



## Year 2 class update -Caring For Our Planet

By Mr John Kelly, Y2 Teacher



Year 2 have become extremely interested in what happens to our plastic waste once we have put it in a rubbish bin. Soon we will go to find out the facts at a recycling plant in Udon. We have been busy thinking about ways we can save our natural resources and posting our ideas around the school with large and small posters.



We have just completed some interesting pieces of writing using adjectives to make our writing become much more interesting. We then took our work to read to students in K2. Both sets of children said they enjoyed the experience.



Meanwhile one of our student's has set the class a challenge. We are going to try and build a boat made from plastic single use bottles. So if you have any plastic bottles that you might be thinking you want to throw away...DON'T... Bring them to the Year 2 classroom to be reused in this exciting project.

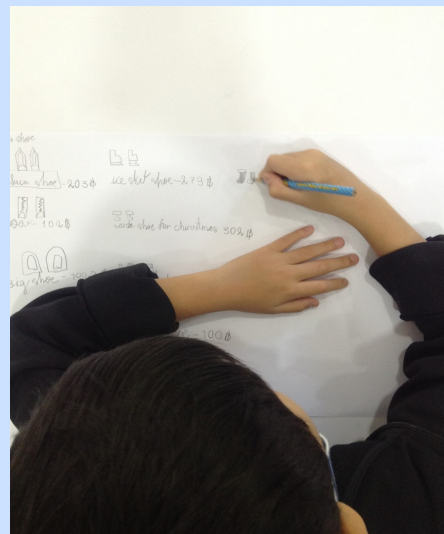


## Year 4- Advertising & Media Influences

By Mr Mark Abbadessa, Y4 Teacher

In the Year 4 classroom the students have wrapped up their Unit of Inquiry on Advertisement and Media influences. The students have learned that a great deal of time, money and effort goes into the development of marketing and promoting companies each year. The students also learned that companies use advertising and media outlets to influence people's opinions to convince them to purchase more consumer goods. As part of this unit the students worked in groups to create TV commercials based on products they have selected in the classroom. The students also created different types of companies, branding and logos for these companies throughout the past 6 weeks to develop what they have learned about advertising and media.

The students enjoyed a field trip to Central Plaza to gain first hand experience on how the shops use advertisement to draw in their customers. The students evaluated which shops at Central Plaza they thought had the most effective, and best, advertisements in their shop windows based on their own opinions.



## Year 6/7 update - Governments By Ms Cynthia Thomas, Y6/7 Teacher

Our unit of inquiry has the central idea, "Government systems influence the lives of citizens" which involved us in many valuable learning experiences. Firstly, we've begun to understand the importance of putting aside time to watch current events and news programmes. It is clear from these that there is a lot of injustice in the world. This led us into inquiring further into what human rights are. Some governments are actually violating the human rights of their citizens.

Thankfully, in Udon Thani we are well cared for by the local government. We have good hospitals, schools, public spaces and many other government services taking care of us. We are grateful to the Deputy Mayor for making time to visit our classroom and tell us more about how local government works in Thailand.

Have you ever heard of Crecoocom? It's an imaginary nation created by Year 6/7. It is built on the principles of Creativity, Cooperation and Commitment and has a wonderful constitution which gives a lot of attention to protecting the rights of its citizens. We worked hard on creating this great nation, and so there is so much to tell. Please ask the students about it.



## Modern languages - Thai as additional language (TAL)

At UDIS this term we have many new students from Singapore. How do we learn with these students? These students, and those where Thai is not their native language, are placed within our Thai as an Additional Language classes. In these classes, students have learned basic Thai through games, singing and games. Students have also learned about Thailand, its culture and history. Through their learning, students have demonstrated they are open-minded, active learners.





## Health and Safety

We have now moved the staff parking to the rear of the school. We hope that this will alleviate some of the parking issues being experienced. We are eagerly awaiting the opening of our new swimming pool. There will be safety notices and reminders for students regarding the pool in the weeks to come. Keep your eyes peeled for those!



## Administration - Message from the office

A reminder that the Term 3 installment for fees will be due by Friday 15 March.

## 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	35
Blue House Martin Luther King	29
Black House Princess Diana	24
Green House Nelson Mandela	34
Yellow House Mother Teresa	12



## Parent cafe

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

Session	Date	Topic
#6	11/3/2019	Student led conferences with Ms. Emmi and Ms. Charlotte

The next parent cafe is “Student led conferences” with Ms. Emmi and Ms. Charlotte



## School board update - Summary of meeting held on Friday 2 November

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.

On Friday 2 November, the school held its first Board meeting of the year. At this meeting, the Board inducted new members. The Board lineup for this year is:

Acting Chairman:	K. Siriphat Pukpo
Honorary member #1	K. Wicha Chanklom
Honorary member #2	Mr. Kurt Lunstrum
Parent representative	K. Ampuscha Chotnopparatpatara
Parent representative	K. Kasama Kraikutree
Teacher representative	Mr. Robert Langridge
School Director	K. Sineenard Charmart
Board member	Dr. Lindsay Stuart

At the meeting, the Head of School provided an overview of the School Report for 2017/2018. This discussed the growing enrolment of the school, school activities, accreditation process and the results of the CIS prep visit. The Board also confirmed changes to its Charter and agreed on the process of appraisal for the Head of School for this academic year. Lastly, the Board considered its development work for this year which included finding further qualified members to add to the School Board, looking at more meetings or subcommittees, developing a school technology plan, developing a school report for the community and preparing for our March PYP authorisation.

The next Board meeting is planned for Friday 22 February, 2019.



## PTA update - Summary of meeting held on Monday 21 January

The first item on the agenda was about moving to a 1:1 policy, Mr Richard presented information to parents about this proposal. Mr. Richard explained why students should have access to their own device in school (a 1:1 policy) and the benefits of learning this provided. The school presented the pros and cons of two options that could be used to rollout this policy. The first was a school provided 1:1 solution with the second being a bring your own device (BYOD) option. Parents were open to the idea and the school promised to present a more detailed proposal at an upcoming meeting. We also discussed the parking issues at present and what we are to alleviate the problem. This included promoting a 'stop, drop and roll' promotion for primary parents to drop their kids off at the front entrance only. Lastly, the school discussed the upcoming International Week and canvassed ideas from parents about this event. The next PTA meeting will be on 25 February 2019.

# Yearbook 2018/2019 Advertising Rates

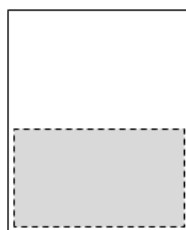
UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our fifth year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our fourth year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects, 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 17 May. We have the current advertising space available:

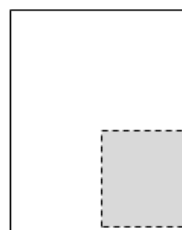
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Inside Front cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	6,000 baht
Inside back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	5,000 baht
Full page	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	3,000 baht
Half page – horizontal	135mm high x 180mm wide	2,000 baht
Quarter page – vertical	27mm high x 87mm wide	1,500 baht



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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@udis.ac.th) ; Phone: 042 110-379**



# School SPORTS Day



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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: 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



## Upcoming activities

- 15 February Sports day
- 18-19 February Half term break (Holiday)
- 25 February PTA#5
- 4-8 March International week
- 11 March Parents cafe #5
- 21-22 March PYP verification visit
- 25 March PTA#6
- 4 April Songkran festival event
- 4 April End of Term 2
- 22 April Start of Term 3
- 29 April PTA#7
- 1 May Labour day (Holiday)
- 6 *May Coronation Day holiday (unconfirmed)*
- 13 May Parents cafe #6
- All May Healthy eating month
- 20-21 May Half term break (Holiday)
- 27 May PTA#8
- 10 June Parents cafe #7
- 19 June End of Term 3
  
- 13 August Start of Term 1 2019/2020



## 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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