



# Newsletter

## Udon Thani International School

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### INTERNATIONAL WEEK



#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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)
3 May	Parent toddler #1
6 May	Coronation Day holiday
10 May	Parent toddler #2
13 May	Parents cafe #6
17 May	Parent toddler #3
All May	Healthy eating month
20-21 May	Half term break (Holiday)
27 May	PTA#8
31 May	Parent toddler #4
7 June	Parent toddler #5
10 June	Parents cafe #7
19 June	End of Term 3
13 August	Start of Term 1 2019/2020

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## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy last couple of weeks after our half-term break. We had our 2nd Board meeting of the year just after the break and Board learned about all the great things we are doing at the school while beginning to make preparations for our next academic year as well. You can read more about the Board meeting later in the newsletter. Last Monday we also had our PTA meeting and parents learned more about the upcoming PYP verification visit and how they can prepare themselves for this.



Last week we were pleased to welcome Mr Andrew Watson, who is a consultant with the IB, as he visited the school. Andrew spent the day with us seeing what we do and sharing with us his own experiences. It was a great opportunity for us to pick his brain as we prepare for our upcoming visit but as we also start planning for our MYP from 2020/2021 onwards.

We have also been celebrating International Week all this week. This is a great chance for our student to celebrate the diversity of languages we have at the school. On Friday we held a lovely performance and you can see some pictures of this event later in the newsletter.

Finally, we have been very busy preparing ourselves for the PYP verification visit on 21-22 March. For parents, please have a look at our #PYP101 campaign on Facebook as we introduce some of the basic elements of what inquiry learning in the primary years programme (PYP) looks like. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Best regards

Dr. Lindsay Stuart  
Head of School

## Inquiry corner

By Ms Cynthia Thomas, Curriculum Coordinator

Nowadays when we think about researching with children we often depend on Google. However, as well as Google there are several other ways for children to engage in 'finding out'. During this present Unit, some of the classes are engaged in inquiries related to nature. This has meant that they have engaged in handling natural or living objects. They've observed carefully, made drawings, investigated the smells and sounds of the objects and enjoyed touching and feeling them too. These activities have provoked a lot of curiosity in the students, and so some great questions have been asked. That's exactly what inquiry is all about!



# Early Years Update

## K1 class update - People in our Communities

By Ms Phibzia Siddiqui, , K1 Teacher

This month in Kindergarten 1, we have been focusing on people who help us in our communities. In this Unit we are learning about the different jobs people do to help us in our communities. Students have been tuning in and finding out about jobs they would do when they grow up. They are learning to be Principled and Open-minded. Some of us chose to explore further our police station, hospital, fire station, garden and space station. We have also been exploring and discussing different communities around us. Stay tuned with Kindergarten 1 on our blog every week [Kindergarten 1 Blog](#) here.



# Primary Years Update

## Year 1 class update - Learning Styles

By Ms Rachel Bradley, Year 1 Teacher

'The things that make me different are the things that make me.' - Winnie The Pooh.

All of our children are different. They have different personalities, different likes and dislikes and not surprisingly different styles of learning. For example, some children are visual learners, preferring to use pictures and images. Others are physical learners, they like to use their bodies, hands and sense of touch. Whilst others may be social learners preferring to work in groups. It is with this thought in mind that we cater for different learning styles in the Year 1 classroom by providing a variety of activities using different mediums.



Linux proudly shows off his 'Jack-in-the-box, made from clay for the letter 'j', whilst Chris, after discussing the life cycle of plants, gets busy painting his vase of flowers. Tanat is engrossed in his story book. A great example of a visual learner.



Hugo thoroughly enjoys 'hands-on' learning. He is busy here making his butterfly life cycle.

Whilst Chris and Linux demonstrate styles of learning as they learn about recycling from some Year 2 students.



# Primary Years Update

## Year 3 class update - Sharing the Planet

By Mr Nathan Aaron Rector Year 3 teacher

Last week Year 3 was fortunate to have an animal expert visit the class. He brought snakes, turtles and fish. Student queries included: “Why don’t snakes close their eyes?” Why do snakes shed their skin?” “Is that snake poisonous?” “What are those turtles doing?” Luckily, the animal expert was able to field all of these questions and much more from the curious students.



To investigate the natural world outside at UDIS, students searched around campus hunting for animal habitats and were delighted to photograph armies of ants and nests of birds.



## Year 5 update - Bowling + Maths = FUN

By Mr John Eastham, Y5 Teacher

Most people don't think about Maths when they are bowling but that's exactly what Year 5 learners did on their last field trip. Learners were responsible to track their score while bowling at Major Bowl in Central last week. Learners needed to know how to add their pins for every frame and learn the proper vocabulary associated with bowling such as a strike, split or error. Our Year 5 learners had a great time competing with each other, having fun, while learning how to apply practical, everyday maths problems.



# Language and Culture

## Modern languages - English as an Additional Language (EAL)

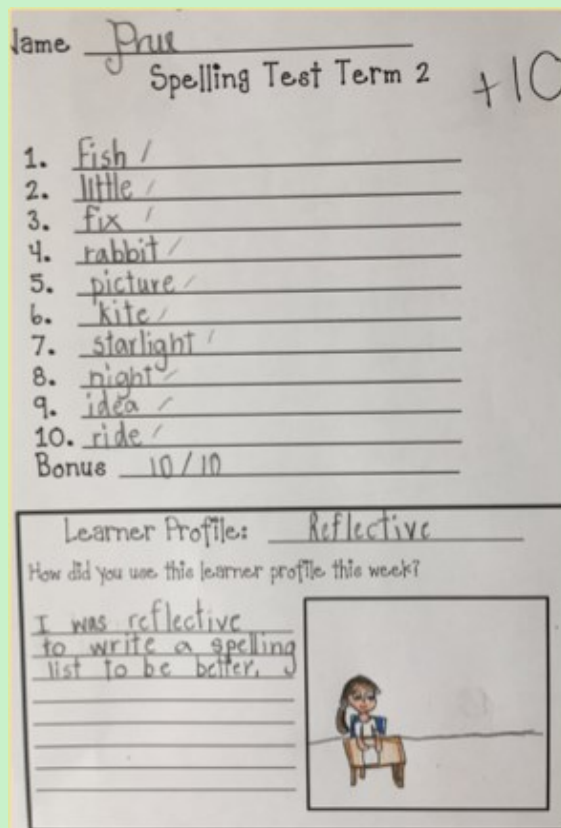
By Ms Julia Anjanette Jones Arnold, EAL Coordinator



In our EAL class, we have been reading the chapter book *Polar Bears Past Bedtime* by Mary Pope Osborne. We have learned many new vocabulary words and facts about polar bears. We have also enjoyed learning about the main characters, Jack and Annie.

We are also learning comparison words (bigger/biggest, larger/largest, heavier/heaviest, colder/coldest) as we compare ourselves with what we have learned about polar bears.

We have learned the spelling and definitions of new words that have the vowel sounds, “o” and “i”.



## Health and Safety

*By Mr John Kelly, Health and safety coordinator*

### The Swimming Pool is Open

After a few false dawns, the swimming pool is now in operation. Mr Xavi will have his watchful eye on the students along with teaching assistants during each lesson. I am sure that there will be communications from Mr. Xavi regarding expectations of behaviour and safety while attending swimming lessons. The pool will be monitored and cleaned each day by the grounds staff to ensure we have a clean and healthy pool each day. There are now safety signs around the pool so the students will know exactly the high standards of behaviour we will expect in this area.



## Administration – Message from the office

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



## Student council

### Student Council

Dear Parents,

The student council and all of the staff at UDIS would like to sincerely thank you for the overwhelming support and donations that were given to our student council during our Student Council Charity Bake Sale. As a result, we were able to raise 6,024 baht in profit from this sale. All proceeds will be used to purchase supplies for the Kudsra Subdistrict Administrative Organisation and will go to schools in need of supplies. We hope to organise a similar fundraising event to help those in need as part of our Udon Thani community outreach program. The next event will be held during Term 3. More information on this event will be sent out at the beginning of Term 3.

Kind Regards,  
Mark Abbadessa  
Year 4 Teacher/Student Council Coordinator

สภานักเรียน

เรียน ผู้ปกครอง

สภานักเรียนและพนักงานทุกคนของ UDIS ขอขอบคุณอย่างจริงใจสำหรับการสนับสนุนและการบริจาคที่มอบให้กับสภานักเรียนของเราในช่วงการกุศลในการขายขนม เป็นผลให้เราสามารถรวบรวมเงินได้ 6,024 บาท จากการขายนี้ รายได้ทั้งหมดจะถูกใช้เพื่อซื้อของใช้สำหรับองค์การบริหารส่วนตำบลกุตุสสะ และจะนำไปมอบให้โรงเรียนที่ขาดแคลน เราหวังว่าจะได้จัดงานการกุศลเพื่อช่วยเหลือผู้ขาดแคลนอีก ซึ่งเป็นส่วนหนึ่งของโครงการเข้าถึงชุมชนของเราในจังหวัดอุดรธานี กิจกรรมครั้งต่อไปจะจัดขึ้นในช่วงเทอม 3 โดยจะแจ้งให้ท่านทราบในช่วงต้นเทอม 3

ขอแสดงความนับถือ

มาร์ค แอบบาเดสสา  
คุณครูประจำชั้น Y4  
ผู้ประสานงานสภานักเรียน

# House Update

The current house point totals are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	49
Blue House Martin Luther King	50
Black House Princess Diana	42
<b>Green House Nelson Mandela</b>	<b>56</b>
Yellow House Mother Teresa	40



This is the third year that we implemented the house system at our school.

## 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
#7	13/5/2019	Assessment at UDIS with Mr John

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

## School board update - Summary of meeting held on Friday 22 February

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.

On Friday 2 November, the school held its second Board meeting of the year. 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 reported on school activities since the last Board meeting which covered the growing enrolment of the school, school activities, accreditation process and teaching activities. The Board then reviewed and confirmed the budget for the next school year which includes a 3% fee increase for the tuition, textbooks and catering fees at the school. Finally, the Board had a chance to learn more about the PYP programme from Ms. Cynthia and some special guests from Year 6/7. This was a great opportunity for the Board to learn more about what we do at UDIS to help them prepare for our PYP verification visit.

**The next Board meeting is planned for Friday 17 May, 2019.**

## PTA update - Summary of meeting held on Monday 25 February

The school opened the meeting and presented information about the PYP verification visit that is coming up on 21-22 March. The school has put information onto Facebook as part of a #PYP101 campaign. The school then reported back on the 1:1 device initiative from the last meeting. All the parents that took part were in support of the programme but were split on how they thought the programme could be actioned. The school will prepare information about both options to present to parents by 29 April. The school then discussed the parents code of conduct policy. This is an important policy to ensure that everyone within our community feels safe and welcomed. Lastly, the school rolled out the facilities survey that it hopes to use to gauge feedback from the community on the strengths and weaknesses of current facilities, and what they think are needed new facilities. This survey will be conducted with parents, teachers and students to gain their feedback into the school. The school encourages all stakeholders to take part in this survey.



# Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

## Promotion from Eng Inc

ตารางคลับประจำเดือนมีนาคม

### MARCH

MONDAY	Show & Tell	Cooking
TUESDAY	Clay	D.I.Y.
WEDNESDAY	Science	D.I.Y.
THURSDAY	Cooking	Clay

## EngInc Activity March 2019

ปฏิทินกิจกรรมเดือนมีนาคม Eng Inc

	Show and Tell	Cooking	Science	D.I.Y.	Clay
<b>Week 1</b> (2-8 Mar)	What's your favorite sport?	Honey Toast	Dinosaur Egg	Chef Hat	My Kitchen
<b>Week 2</b> (9-15 Mar)	What's your favorite sport?	Oreo Milkshake	Dinosaur Egg	Shop	Bubble Tea
<b>Week 3</b> (16-22 Mar)	My five senses	Hot Dog	Salt Painted Snowflake	Gumdrop Bridge	My House
<b>Week 4</b> (23 - 29 Mar)	My five senses	Sushi	Salt Painted Snowflake	Pom Pom Cheer	Sport
<b>Week 5</b> (30 Mar - 5 Apr)	What's your favorite sport?	Apple Roses	Devils Under the Water	Flower on Jelly	Camping

\*\*โรงเรียนปิตุโศภการที่ 1 มีนาคม \*\*

**โปรแกรมปิดเทอม สำหรับน้องๆ 4-12 ปี**  
ที่โรงเรียนภาษาอังกฤษอิงอิงค์

ซัมเมอร์นี้น้องๆจะได้ทำความรู้จักกับอาชีพต่างๆ ผ่านกิจกรรมที่หลากหลาย เช่น ศิลปะ, ทำอาหาร, วิทยาศาสตร์, บกสนทนา, ภาษาอังกฤษ และ ได้ทดลองฝึกปฏิบัติจริงกับสถานการณ์จริง

### DREAM OCCUPATION

อาชีพที่ใฝ่ฝัน

สามารถเลือกลงเป็นรายสัปดาห์ เวลา 10:00 - 15:00 น.  
 สัปดาห์ละ 4,900 บาท  
 ลง 3-4 สัปดาห์ สัปดาห์ละ 4,400 บาท  
 ลง 5-6 สัปดาห์ สัปดาห์ละ 3,900 บาท

สัปดาห์ที่ 1: 4 - 7 มีนาคม 62 เชฟ (CHEF)	สัปดาห์ที่ 2: 11 - 14 มีนาคม 62 บาริสต้า (BARISTA)	สัปดาห์ที่ 3: 18 - 21 มีนาคม 62 วิศวกร (ENGINEER)
สัปดาห์ที่ 4: 25 - 28 มีนาคม 62 นักกีฬา (ATHLETE)	สัปดาห์ที่ 5: 1 - 4 เมษายน 62 นักสำรวจ (EXPLORER)	สัปดาห์ที่ 6: 8 - 11 เมษายน 62 นักแสดง (ACTOR)

## Eng Inc Summer Camp 2019

Week1: 4-7 Mar เชฟ(CHEF)    Week4: 25-28 Mar นักกีฬา(ATHLETE)    Eng Inc.

Week2: 11-14 Mar บาริสต้า(BARISTA)    Week5: 1-4 Apr นักสำรวจ(EXPLORER)

Week3: 18-21 Mar วิศวกร(ENGINEER)    Week6: 8-11 Apr นักแสดง(ACTOR)

Day/Time	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 12:00	12:00 - 13:00	13:00 - 14:00	14:00 - 15:00
Mon	English	Cooking	LUNCH	Show and Tell	Project
Tues	English	Cooking		Clay	DIY
Wed	English	Cooking		Science	Presentation
Thurs	English	Cooking		TRIP	

www.facebook.com/enginc2016    095-148-3696    @sxk65411



Message from Admin

# UDIS Summer SCHOOL

Monday - Friday **8-12 April**, 2019  
8.00 am - 3.00 pm

Welcome students from **5-11** years old.  
Students will get to experience how we learn at UDIS through structured and unstructured activities.



จันทร์ที่ 8 ถึง ศุกร์ที่ 12 เมษายน 2562  
8.00 - 15.00 น.

เปิดรับสมัครเด็กๆ อายุ **5-11** ปี  
เพื่อเปิดประสบการณ์เรียนรู้ที่ UDIS  
ผ่านกิจกรรมเรียนตามขั้นตอนและกิจกรรมเสรี

**7,200฿** per student  
(Lunch, snack and fieldtrip fees included)

ค่าธรรมเนียม 7,200฿  
(รวมอาหารกลางวัน, ของว่าง และค่าทัศนศึกษา แล้ว)

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# Yearbook 2018/2019 Advertising Rates

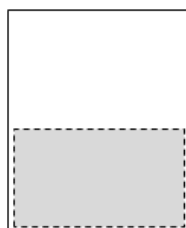
UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our fifth year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our fourth year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects,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

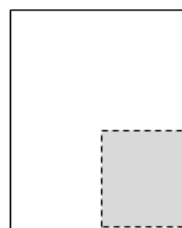
Location	size	Price
Back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	12,000 baht
Inside Front cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	8,000 baht
Inside back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	7,000 baht
Full page	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	5,000 baht
Half page – horizontal	145mm high x 200mm wide	3,500 baht



Full page



Half page



Quarter page

## Details

- Adverts are required in any of the following formats: High resolution Adobe PDF/X files (distilled at 200 dpi 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 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**

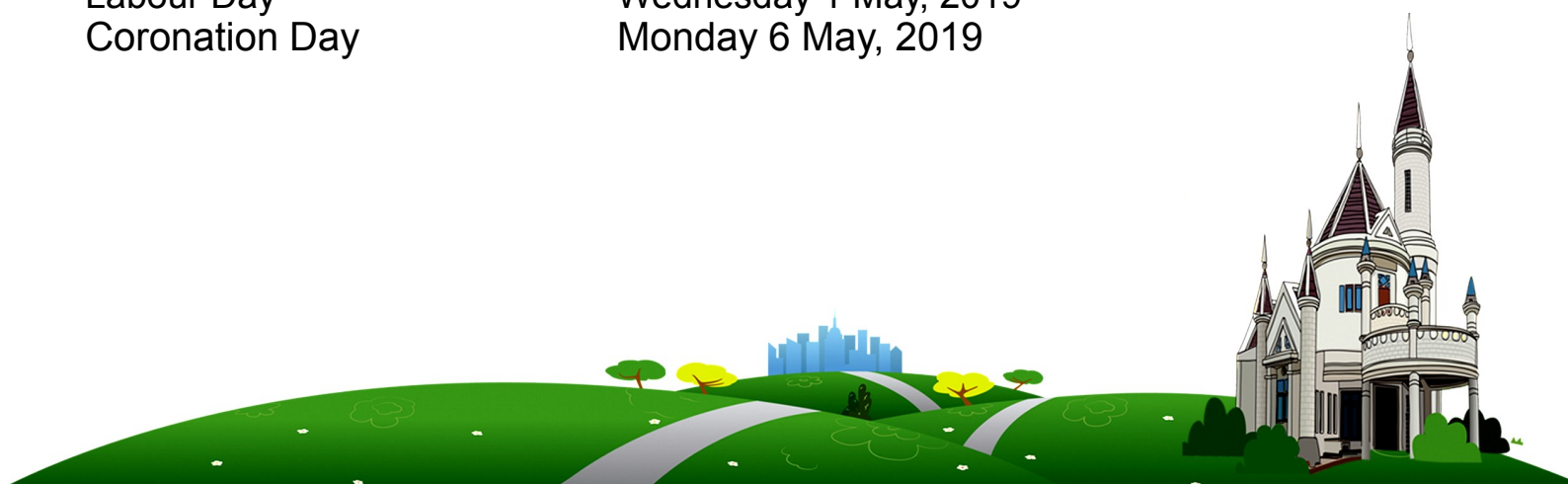
School start: Tuesday 13 August, 2019

## **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  
Coronation Day Monday 6 May, 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.

## Contact us

**Office hours: 8.00am - 4.30pm**

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