



Newsletter

Udon Thani International School

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Student success!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

As a New Zealander, I cannot help but reflect on the events of the terrorist attack that happened last week in Christchurch, New Zealand. My old house was around the corner from the mosque this took place and I know this area very well. My deepest sympathies and condolences for all those who were affected by this tragedy.

I am proud that at UDIS, we teach our students international mindedness through our statement on intercultural education, which is:

We know who we are and what we value, we understand other cultures and how we can work together, we are balanced in our learning and take responsible action in our world.

I believe that by equipping our learners with these understandings, that they can be a positive force in the peaceful development of our world.

Best regards
Dr. Lindsay Stuart
Head of School



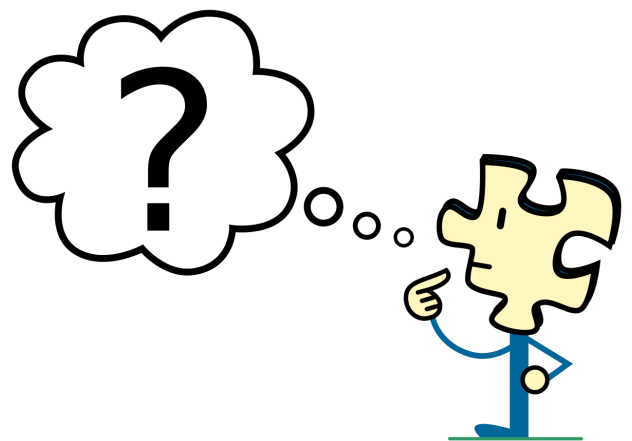
Inquiry corner

By Ms Cynthia Thomas, PYP Coordinator

Our UDIS students enjoy a wide range of inquiry activities. As we walk around the classrooms we see them engaged in all kinds of interesting activities. The most noticeable point is that they are truly engaged. Our students really do want to learn!

This is because we engage them in things that they are already interested in. We've found that whatever content we plan to cover, when we give the students a chance to look at it from the viewpoint of a question that they already have, then they are motivated and engaged.

This is not all about teaching fun lessons, rather it is about giving them some choice in the direction of their learning. This is when deep learning really happens.



Celebrating Student Success

This week children from UDIS performed at the Yamaha Music and dance celebration at Rajabhat University with many receiving certificates for gradings in different disciplines.

Estelle - K1 - Ballet

Lunar - K2 - Ballet

ThunThun - K2 - Piano

Amelia - Y1 - Ballet

Pin - Year 4 - Piano and Ballet

Plai - Year 5 - Piano and Ballet

The performances were wonderful and congratulations to those children who received certificates for passing their gradings



Also Enjoy from Year 2 recently participated in a Mathematics competition and won a medal! Congratulations to Enjoy for all her hard work and success !

Early Years Update

Preschool class update - Special Guests!

By Ms Charlotte Trufit, Preschool Teacher

This week EY welcomed two very special guests as part of our Unit of Inquiry, 'How we organise ourselves'. Dr Supadech and some representatives from Udon Thani Tourist Police came to talk to us about their jobs.



Early Years Update

K2 class update - A visit from the police!!

By Ms Jane Sutton, K2 Teacher

As part of our current UOI:

'People play different roles in the communities to which they belong'

We were very lucky to have visitors from the tourist police and a visit from a Doctor.

We found out lots of exciting information and enjoyed looking at the police uniforms and using their walkie talkies.



Year 2 class update - "May The Force Be With You"

By Mr John Kelly, Y2 Teacher

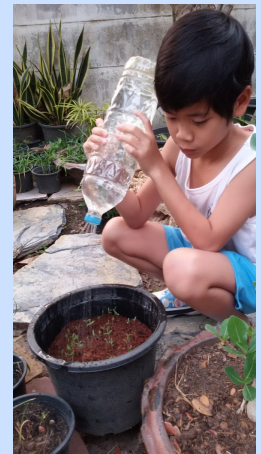
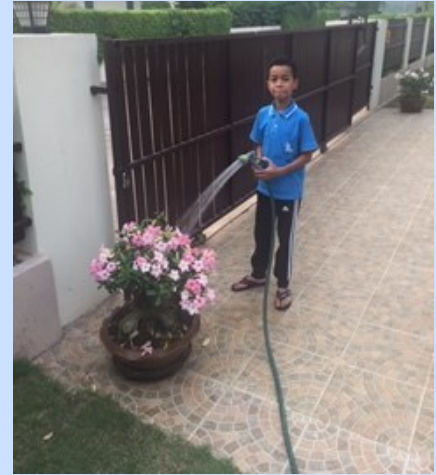
"May the force be with you." No we haven't been watching Star Wars movies, in fact we have been finding out about the various forces that act upon us each day. Some of these forces are gravity, friction, pushing and pulling forces. Dr. Lindsay treated us to a display of gravity in action when he brought his drone to school and flew it for us. We noticed that the blades are slightly curved and discovered that this is why the drone is able to rise into the air. We set up an experiment to find out what attributes would make a helicopter stay in the air the longest. We also talked about the importance of making sure the test is fair. The learners of Year 2 have been investigating inventions and inventors that have made our lives much easier. They have made slideshows about their chosen inventor. We hope to create a craft for Santa Claus to travel across Australia quickly.



Year 4- Learning How to Care for the Environment

By Mr Mark Abbadessa, Y4 Teacher

In Year 4 we have been learning about the negative and positive impacts that people have on the environment. The students have been taking action both in school, and at home, by caring for the environment and for living things. As part of these actions our class has donated and planted some bushes near the PY building. We have also cared for and fed fish in the classroom. The students have decided to release these fish into new habitats to allow them to live a happier life. One additional action that our students are currently taking part in is to care for tomato plants that they have planted at home and to document their growth.



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

We are really enjoying inquiring into the diversity of living things. We started off by looking at something simple from our own environment. We looked at a frog, turtles, fish, crickets and some medicinal plants too. The purpose was to observe, to draw and to ask questions. We began to refine the questions and think about how to develop them into simple scientific inquiries. Everyone was truly engaged in their inquiry and a lot of understanding was developed.

On a less happy note, we also found out about the amount of destruction that plastic causes in the environment. This motivated all of us to consider what we can do to make a small difference to the situation locally.



Modern languages - Thailand/Thai history

In Thai class time we learn about Thailand and Thai history once a week. This week in Year 4, students have learnt a lot about Udon Thani history. To develop their knowledge and understanding we took Year 4 to the Udon Thani city museum. Students enjoyed learning about Udon Thani history and technology there.



Health and Safety

This week has seen a decline in the air quality around Udon Thani. The school has reacted by investing in air quality monitors and some air purifiers to test within class rooms. Last week saw the air quality index (AQI) rise to a reading that was over 150, which meant that it was important that the children stay indoors as much as possible and only engage in light physical activity outside. Each morning, and again before lunchtime, the reading will be checked and the appropriate action will be taken based on the AQI indicator. So please do not worry, we are taking care of your student's physical, as



Air Quality Index (AQI) icons*

**Good**

0 - 50

Little to no health risk**Unhealthy**

151 - 200

Harmful for sensitive groups, reduced outdoor activity for everyone**Moderate**

51 - 100

Sensitive individuals may experience irritations**Very Unhealthy**

201 - 300

Everyone can be affected. Avoid heavy outdoor activity**Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups****

101 - 150

Sensitive groups should limit outdoor exertion**Hazardous**

301+

Serious risks of respiratory effects. Everyone should avoid outdoor activities

** Following the US EPA Standards for Particle Pollution to calculate AQI*

***Sensitive groups include people with respiratory or heart disease, children and the elderly*

Administration – Message from the office

A reminder that the Term 3 installment for fees were due on 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** ขอขอบคุณอย่างจริงใจสำหรับการสนับสนุนและการบริจาคที่มอบให้กับ สภานักเรียนของเราในช่วงการกุศลในการขายขนม เป็นผลให้เราสามารถรวบรวมเงินได้ 6,024 บาท จากการขายนี้ รายได้ทั้งหมดจะถูกใช้เพื่อซื้อของใช้สำหรับองค์การบริหารส่วนตำบลกุดสระ และจะนำไปมอบให้โรงเรียนที่ขาดแคลน เราหวังว่าจะได้จัดงานการกุศลเพื่อช่วยเหลือผู้ขาดแคลนอีก ซึ่งเป็นส่วนหนึ่งของโครงการเข้าถึงชุมชนของเราในจังหวัดอุดรธานี กิจกรรมครั้งต่อไปจะจัดขึ้นในช่วงเทอม 3 โดยจะแจ้งให้ท่านทราบในช่วงต้นเทอม 3

ขอแสดงความนับถือ
มาร์ค แอบบาเดสซา
คุณครูประจำชั้น **Y4**
ผู้ประสานงานสภานักเรียน

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	64
Blue House Martin Luther King	65
Black House Princess Diana	43
Green House Nelson Mandela	76
Yellow House Mother Teresa	49



Parent cafe

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

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

The next parent cafe is “Assessment at UDIS” with Mr. John



Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

**Summer Season with Wood You Like
Please visit our CPP during this summer**



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.



Message from Admin

Yearbook 2018/2019 Advertising Rates

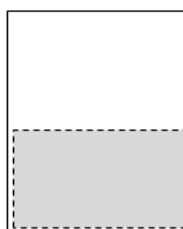
UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our fifth year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our fourth year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects, 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: 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	135mm high x 180mm wide	3,000 baht



Full page



Half 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 with your contact details and desired advert type and placement or contact the School Office.

Please contact the School Office for more information:

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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
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.

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