



Newsletter

Udon Thani International School

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Student Council: Making positive change

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

16 September	Parent Cafe #1
19 September	Teachers day event (Assembly, 2 periods)
30 September	PTA#2
October	Follow your passions month
14 October	King Bhumibol Memorial Day
14-23 October	Half Term break
23 October	Teachers Only Day #1
11 November	PTA#3
11 November	Loy Krathong event (Assembly)
25 November	Parent Cafe #2
4 December	Kings Birthday event assembly
5 December	Rama IX Memorial Day Holiday
13 December	Christmas Festival - unless advised otherwise
13 December	Last day of Term 1 (This is a full day)

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

We are over a month into the new term now and I can say that the team has been working really hard to continue to build UDIS into a great school. This week, our building partners have completed the addition of new shade sails across our swimming pool. This will help protect our learners from the sun during swimming lessons.



Our building contractors continue to make steady progress on our new building for the primary years. Despite the weather, they are well advanced on completing the first floor structure. We are certainly on track for having this building completed before the end of the academic year for parents to see. With this being our fourth major development, we certainly have the expertise within the school to pull off these projects on time.

Finally, I would like to share that we are racing into our planning for our Middle Years Programme (MYP). I have been working closely with Terry, our MYP Coordinator, in readying our candidacy application for the MYP. Having just completed our PYP authorisation, we are in an excellent position to get our candidacy approved ready for August, 2020.

Best regards

Dr. Lindsay Stuart
Head of School

Student council for 2019/2020

This year's student council has grown in number with a greater number of students taking an interest in making a positive change within the community as well as in UDIS. We have started some new initiatives to encourage all students at the school to take action and have their voices heard. Currently, there is a class competition going on which allows students to care for the environment that we live in ways such as caring for plants, animals, and reusing recycled products.

For each photo a student submits that shows them taking action they could earn one house point. The class who earns the most house points by the end of September will receive a special class prize. Another initiative to have students voices heard by student council is our student suggestion box. For each meaningful suggestion submitted by students they will have the opportunity to earn house points for their house team.



Early Years Update

K1 class update - Creative Thursday!

By Ms Phibzia, K1 teacher

We have had a wonderful start to the year in K1. All children are well settled now and ready to take learning to the next level. Last week we started a 'creative Thursday' to provide voice and choice for our learners and on this day they are given a choice as to what they would like to do. In math and literacy we are beginning to recognise numbers 1-5 and 1-10. We are now practising finding our names from a small selection of name cards. K1 loves our rhyme times and we love to sing 'Incy Wincy Spider and family finger rhymes'. We sometimes choose outdoor play as part of our day. Here are a few pictures of the last few weeks:



Primary Years Update

Year 1 class update - Busy Little Bees!

By Ms Rachel, Year1 teacher

What a wonderful start we have had to the year! It was inspiring to see all of the children arrive eager and enthusiastic on the first day and I must say the enthusiasm has not waned. The children have participated fully in all subject areas, producing very pleasing results.

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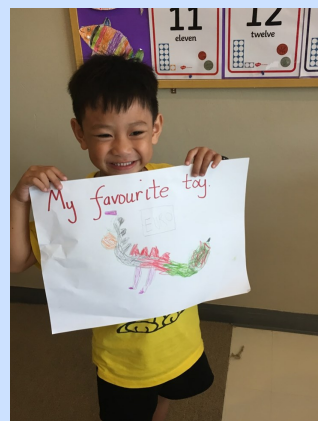
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Tone shows his knowledge of the sound 'c' by making a cake from clay, whilst Petch draws a crab for the sound 'c'.

Prim and Natasha are extremely proud of the patterns they made with the cubes and rightly so!



Petch and Thun Thun, busy painting a life size picture of a girl, for the class to label the body parts.

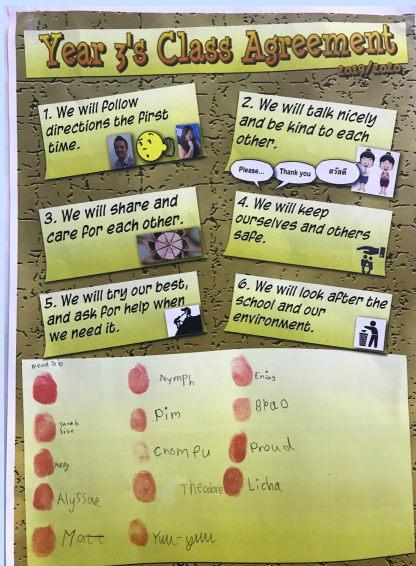
After discussing our different 'likes' and 'dislikes', Euro drew a picture of his favourite toy.

Year 3 class update - Starting the year out in Year 3

By Charlotte (Charlie) Ramsey, Year 4 teacher

We have had a wonderful start to the year in Year 3. The students have been working well together developing some routines and expectations in class alongside Ms PJ and I. All the students have Google accounts that have been activated and we are beginning to use them. The new 1-1 policy is popular with the students.

As part of our learning about environmental care last week the students designed posters encouraging the recycling of glass, plastic, paper and metal. After this the class decided to make some recycling bins in class and have started putting them to good use. We hope to take a lot more action following our learning at school.



Year 5 update - Our Essential Agreements

By Mr John E., Year5 teacher

Year Five spent time discussing how they wish to relate to each other. They created these essential agreements which are displayed in our classroom.



Our Essential Agreements

- Don't be afraid to try new things
- Always be polite
- Don't copy others
- Be friendly and show others respect
- Never be afraid
- Always tell the truth
- Be responsible for your own actions
- Don't daydream during learning time
- Pay attention
- When you are angry do not fight but tell an adult
- Do not go into a classroom if there is no adult there
- Have fun as often as you can
- Believe in yourself
- We do not use erasers except for final copies
- Be courageous
- Keep your hands to yourself
- Don't bring food to class
- Don't talk at the same time as someone else
- We speak English as often as we can
- Never use inappropriate language
- Ask the teacher before leaving the classroom
- Clean up any mess you make

Year 7 - The Central Idea of our Unit of Inquiry is:

By Ms Cynthia, Year7 teacher

We all mature throughout life and need to take care of ourselves as we change.



A key part of this has been inquiring into puberty. On Tuesday we were grateful to Grace's parents for coming to our classroom to discuss with us some of the things we have learned about. Dr. Gong prepared some wonderful slides about how we grow and change. We laughed because he showed us clips of Sailor Moon, Ben Ten and Transformers. We don't change like them, rather we experience gradual changes that we call puberty



This unit also includes some inquiry into the circulatory system. We enjoyed handling pig hearts and seeing what is inside. This helped us towards making a clay model of the heart and talking about its work on video.



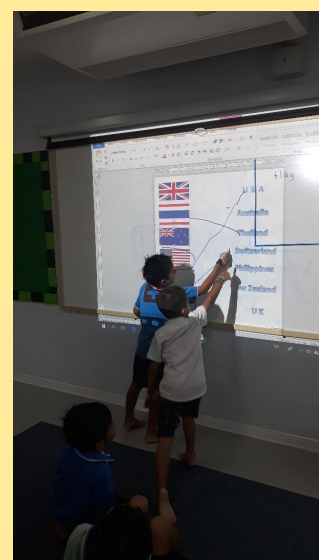
The circulatory system was the topic for our English work. We had more practice in writing an information report. We've learned a lot about how to structure information texts.

In Maths, we have been completing research on UDIS' favourite fruit to assist the menu committee with the menu changes. This has also been a great link to the statistics strand of the

Maths curriculum. This week, we have been applying our researched data to create pie charts. In addition, we have also been looking at place value, rounding to the nearest billion and estimation through addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The Year 7s have been working hard independently and as a whole class to gain a greater depth of knowledge and understanding.

Modern languages - English as an Additional Language (EAL)

In EAL, we have had an exciting start to the year getting to know each other and celebrating our differences. We made surprising discoveries about our favourite things and we had a chance to have a snowball fight with each other. We learnt about the many things that make us unique. We looked at the flags of the countries we come from, drew ourselves in our national clothes and shared things that we like about the countries we are from.



Health and Safety- Parking

Good afternoon to you all. I would like to give all of the parents, careers and nannys a gentle reminder that as you enter the school, you need to have your parent ID visible. If you forget to bring it, that's not a problem, just explain to the office staff and they will give you a temporary pass for that morning or afternoon. Don't forget to return the temporary pass back to the office on your way out of school.

Secondly our new parking and drop of routines are improving each week. Thank you that's really great! I have one request! Please drive around the circuit again if your child has not arrived at the gate when you arrive to pick them up. I don't want you parking near the gate and causing congestion or worse, someone accidentally scratching your car.

Now for some items of happy news. The extension to the canteen area is complete.

The children and staff will have more room to move around and enjoy their food. Speaking of food the school menu has been reviewed and there are new and interesting foods to be tasted. The teachers are encouraging the student's to try all the new foods, please you could do the same at home. Thank you!

Last of all this week, an update regarding the swimming pool shade. This has been completed and the children will again be able to enjoy their swimming lessons again (weather permitting!).



Inquiry corner

It is our aim here at UDIS to find out what the students already know before we start inquiring into new content. It is very important to us as teachers to engage students at just the right level of challenge. We don't want to repeat what they already know, and neither do we want to make them feel worried because they know nothing about the topic. The aim is to engage each child at their own level of understanding. Allowing children to learn at a level that is good for them and allowing them to engage in their own inquiries is the key to engaging students and keeping them motivated in their work . This is the heart of inquiry style learning .



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	39
Blue House	28
Black House	33
Green House	41
Yellow House	23



Parent cafe

Our Parent cafe for 2019/2020 will resume this year and the upcoming events are:

Session	Date	Topic
#1	16/09/19	The PYP and Learner Agency
#2	23/09/19	Playbased learning at UDIS

The next parent cafe is the PYP and Learner Agency with Ms. Cynthia on Monday 16 September.



Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

Promotion from CPP Eng Inc

EngInc Activity September 2019

ปฏิทินกิจกรรมเดือนกันยายน

	Show and Tell	Cooking	Science	D.I.Y.	Clay
Week 1 7-13 Sep	I Wanna Be...	Rainbow Cupcakes	Iron Deflection	Fish Straw	Lively Veggies
Week 2 14-20 Sep	Rooms In My House	Funfelli Cakes	Life Cycle of a Frog	Indoor Golf	Seahorse
Week 3 21-27 Sep	My Favorite Holiday	Chocolate Crinkle Cookies	Alcohol Art	Paper Plate Maze	Dragon
Week 4 28 Sep-4 Oct	Pass The Ice Cream	Banana Muffin	Skeleton	Rocket	Octopus and Its Treasure

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BUBBLE TEA menu

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- เมล็ดพื้ง Honey Milk 55.-
- ช็อคชงกาแฟ Volcano Genius 65.-
- ยูนิคอน เมล็ด Unicorn Milk 60.-
- ช็อคชง Chocolate 55.-
- ชาเมล็ด Milk Tea 55.-
- เอสเปรสโซ่ ชาเมล็ด Espresso Matcha Latte 65.-
- ชาไข่มุก Thai Tea 55.-
- เมล็ดยูนิคอน Sweet Potato 55.-
- ชาอู่หลงเมล็ด Early Grey Milk Tea 60.-
- โฮจิชชาเมล็ด Hojicha Milk Tea 65.-
- ฟองชาเมล็ด Toro Milk 55.-
- เมล็ดยูนิคอน Hokkaido Milk 60.-

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- ✔ เรียนกลุ่มเล็ก ดูแลทั่วถึง
- ✔ ผู้เรียนได้ผลจริง
- ✔ สอบอัพคะแนน อย่างมั่นใจ

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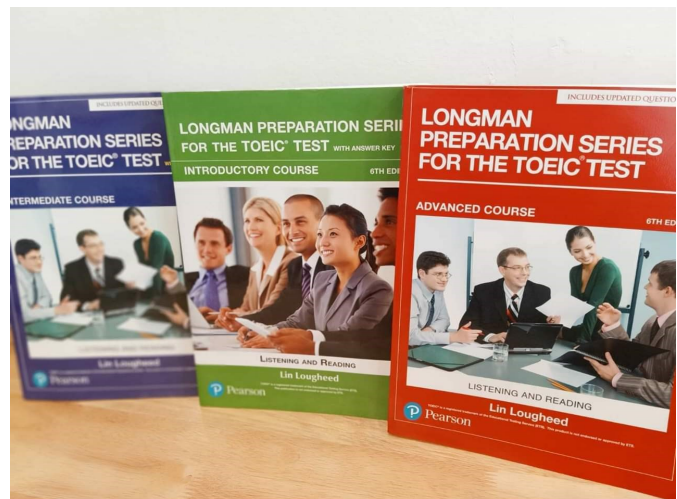
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- กำกับฝึกหัดไม่รู้เบื่อ
- ได้ทักษะ-ทางด้านคณิตศาสตร์ และภาษาอังกฤษ

STUDY WITH INTERNATIONAL TEXT BOOKS FROM UK AND USA

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School board update - Summary of meeting held on Friday 17 May

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 17 May, the school held its third 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 learned that the school has gained authorisation in the Primary Years Programme and will become an official IB World School. The Board also reviewed the fee increase for 2019/2020 with no change in the fees for materials, catering fees and Year 4-7 tuition. There will be a 3% fee increase for tuition fees for students in Preschool to Year 3 levels. The Board also confirmed the switch to a 1:1 policy as a clear majority of parents were in favour of this. The Board also discussed the impact of the International Community School (ICS) that plans to open a campus in August, 2020. UDIS needs to ensure that parents understand the difference between the inquiry based, open-minded and international education of the school versus the Bible oriented view of ICS and its focus on Christianity as a central part of its education.

The next Board meeting is planned for Friday 27 September, 2019.

School board update - Summary of meeting held on Friday 17 May

On Monday 2 September the school held its first PTA meeting of the year. The meeting was held to setup how the school will run the PTA meetings and the responsibilities of all involved. The school is also looking for a second parent representative to sit on the School Board. So, please let us know if you are interested.

The school outlined some important initiatives this year including using the PTA representatives more, preparing for CIS accreditation, communication, Learner agency and the enhanced PYP for 2020, digital portfolios and completing the rollout of the 1:1 programme. The school then explained what had been done to improve the menu. This involved taking into consideration feedback from parents and adding a dedicated egg and soup dish each day.

General concerns included a Year 1 parent asking about showers after swimming. The school recommended every learner have a shower after swimming and will look into this to make sure it is happening. Other parents asked about the use of air purifiers in class and dedicated Line groups for announcements and suggestions/feedback.

The PTA class representatives for this year are:

Preschool	Mrs. Wannisa Chueawanit (Kool's mum)
K1	Ms. Chonnanee Rattanasuntorn (Pleng's mum), Ms. Mukda Purinit - Phat's mum
K2	Ms. Prapapit Chaiyawong (Prabs's mum) , Ms. Mukda Purinit (Phu's mum)
Year1	Mrs. Kasama Kraikutree (Torch's Mum)
Year2	Ms. Potchawan Tangpan (Linux's mum) , Nattira Pollock (Tanat's mum) Ms. Wannisa Chueawanit (Khung's mum)
Year3	Vacant
Year4	Vacant
Year5	Mr. Arnaud Klinsberg (Rainer's dad), Ms. Lhin (Phee's mum) , Ms. Nuch (Athens's mum)
Year6	Ms. Prodpran Supadech (Grace's mum) , Ms. Kasama Kraikutree (Time's mum)
Year7	Mr. Sanpet Enguthaiwat Laopaiboon (Bua's father), Mrs. Rattana Pipatsuttikul (Anfield's mum)

School Terms and Dates 2019/2020

UDIS operates three terms per school year as follows:

Term 1 (80 days)

School start: Tuesday 13 August, 2019
Half term break: 14-23 October, 2019 (1 week & 3 days)
Finish: Friday 13 December, 2019

Term 2 (61 days)

Start: Tuesday 7 January, 2020
Half term break: 17-18 February, 2020 (2 days)
Finish: Friday 3 April, 2020

Term 3 (41 days)

Start: Monday 20 April, 2020
Half term break: 18-19 May, 2020 (2 days)
Finish: Friday 19 June, 2019

Teacher Only Days

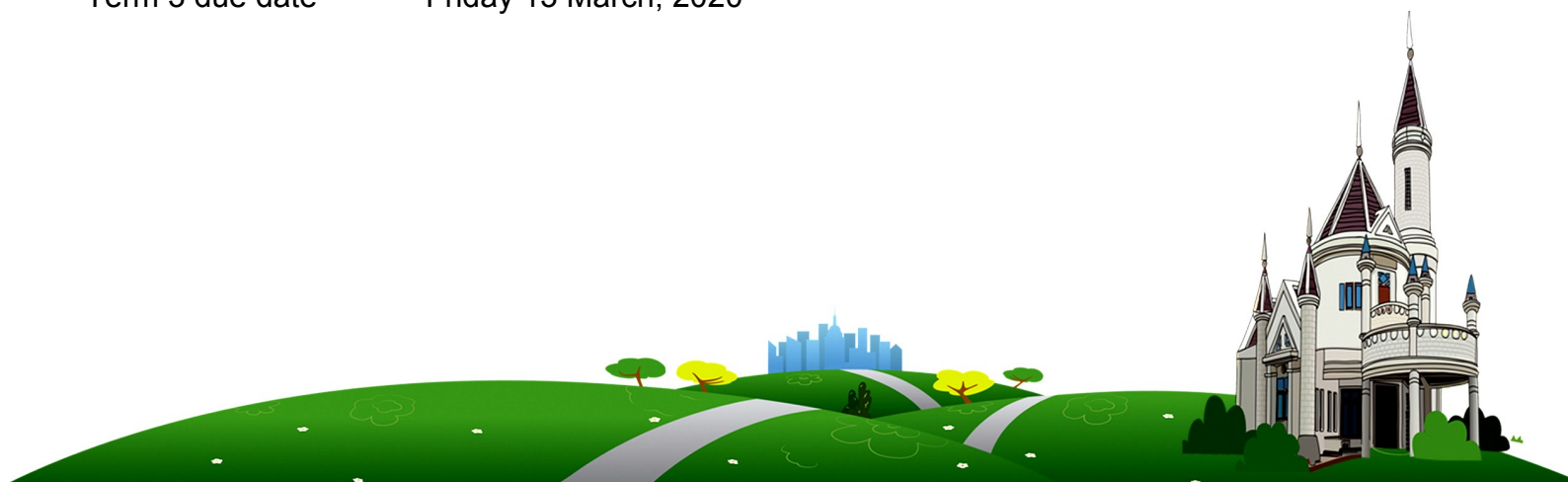
Teacher only day #1 Wednesday 23 October, 2019 (Substitute from Tuesday)
Teacher only day #2 Monday 6 January, 2020

Public holidays

Queens Birthday Monday 12 August 2019
King Bhumibol Memorial Day Monday 14 October, 2019
Chulalongkorn Day Wednesday 23 October, 2019
King Rama IX Birthday Thursday 5 December, 2019
Makha Bucha Day Monday 9 March, 2020
Labour Day Friday 1 May, 2020
Visaka Bucha Day Thursday 7 May, 2020
Queens Birthday Wednesday 3 June, 2020

Payment dates

Term 1 due date Friday 26 July, 2019
Term 2 due date Friday 29 November, 2019
Term 3 due date Friday 13 March, 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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