



# Newsletter

## Udon Thani International School

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# INTERNATIONAL WEEK

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9 March	PTA
16 March	Parent Cafe #6
3 April	Songkran festival (full day)
3 April	Last day of Term 2
20 April	Start of Term 3

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# INTERNATIONAL WEEK

## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

What a busy start to the second half term it has been with COVID-19 taking centre stage. Last week we closed because of the virus while we deep cleaned our entire campus. It was fantastic to see our staff come together and get this done across all areas of the school. In the afternoon, we sat down for training in online learning to prepare ourselves for when we will need to put this in place.

This is a good time to talk to your children about COVID-19, what it is, what health systems we have in place and how we are dealing with it. Children have a lot of curiosity and it is a good time to reinforce with them that we as adults are working to keep them safe. While there may be changes to our usual routines, learning to be resilient is an important life skill for our learners to develop that will prepare them well for later life.

At UDIS, we have set in place a number of procedures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Mostly these revolve around social distancing to avoid the spread of germs to others. The guidance from health authorities also stress the importance of frequent handwashing while avoiding touching the face. Please see our H&S section later in the newsletter for more information.

COVID-19 will have an effect on the rest of our year's activities. Our international week has already changed to becoming a class based event and Songkran will change in a similar fashion. The Ministry of Education has directed us to avoid any large events with lots of people involved and we will follow this. This also means that we are looking to see what our end of year event might look like. Certainly it will be different to prior years.

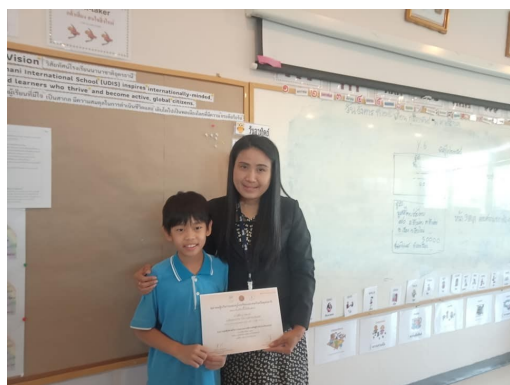
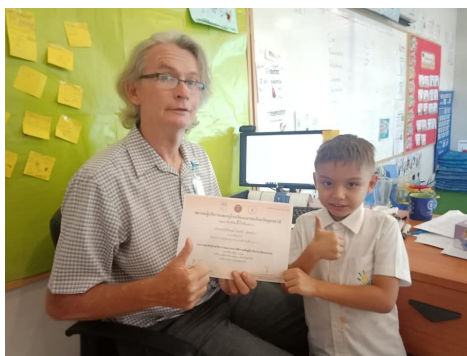
Finally, to make up for the closures last week, we are announcing the following as makeup days. We are cancelling our planned holiday on Wednesday 6 May and this will be a full school day instead. Further, our last day of year is likely to be a full day of school.



Best regards  
Dr. Lindsay Stuart  
Head of School



Well done to students at the Udon Thani provincial Thai competitions that were held in November of last year. Our students placed well in a number of competitions including Chris and Natasha who received Gold medals in Art and Bua who who received the same for Singing. Last month, Ms. Nard, our Thai Director, gave out awards to students that participated in these events:





# Early Years Update

## Preschool class update - Animal Homes

By Ms Charlotte, Preschool teacher

This week we have begun to learn about the different places animals call home. We played a sorting activity learning about garden, forest, jungle, desert, and tundra homes. Ms Charlotte also brought in her pet Iguanas Iggy and Ziggy!





## Early Years Update

### K2 class update - Exploring Antarctica!

By Ms Jane, K2 teacher

This week in K2 we have been exploring **Antarctica**. We made our classroom really cold so we could find out what people feel like who visit the continent. We have found out that penguins and seals live there and we're interested in finding out about the researchers, scientists and tourists who go to stay there.



## Year 2 class update - Forces and Helicopters

*By Mr John K., Year 2 teacher*

In Year 2 class we have been investigating forces and finding out the names of forces that are acting around us. We now know about; gravity, friction, air resistance, pushing and pulling forces. Then with our new knowledge we had to create a helicopter that would stay in the air the longest. In reading, we are very happy with the children's reading progress. We want to encourage every child to read every night. In mathematics we are finding out the names of different units of measurement. We have been using the greater than and less than symbols to show our understanding of place value.





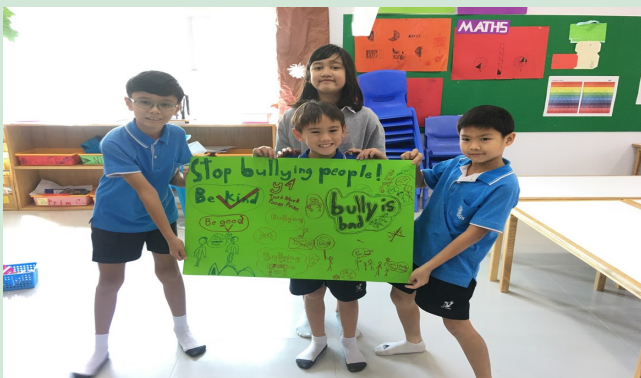
## Year 4 class update - From Thailand to North America!

By Mr Seth, Year 4 teacher

Year 4 learners have teamed up with Mr. Mark and Year 6 to go on a journey exploring North America! Students were able to learn about famous North American artists and try creating their own examples. Students also discovered the famous artist and wilderness conservationist John Muir. Finally, learners recorded various interesting facts about the many countries that make up North America including Canada, USA, and the Bahamas. Did you know there are 23 countries in North America?

In UOI students have been learning all about how the world works in regards to changes in the earth and its atmosphere having impacts on the way people live. We have enjoyed discovering how humans are changing the atmosphere with Co2 and causing global temperatures to rise. We have also examined how the hydrosphere works and how water can change the earth.

Finally, learners are finding out why mountains form and earthquakes happen due to tectonic plate movement.



## Year 6 update - Discovering North America

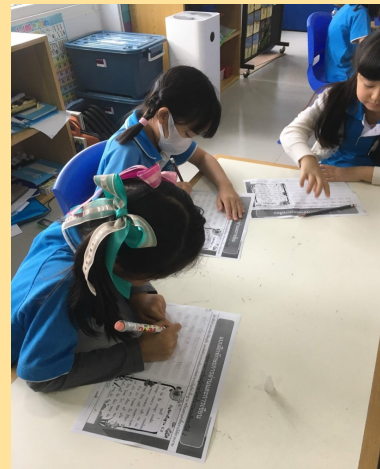
By Mr Mark, Year 6 teacher

The Year 6 class has been learning about the continent of North America. They were keen to learn new and interesting facts, traditions and customs about some of the 23 countries that make up this continent. As part of International Week the learners have been exploring various art forms and artists from this continent. In addition, the learners have also been learning about North American literature and authors who have written famous novels and stories. Some examples of the work that our Year 6 learners have completed can be seen in the classroom and are also on display in the PY building.





In Thai, our learners have been learning about Thai culture and history. We have been researching about Thai history, how Thailand became a country and the important kings of each reign. We also learned about Thai traditions from the past and how they have influenced our daily lives today. Finally, we have been learning about changes in the Thai flag over the years and how the Thai alphabet has changed.



## Health and Safety- COVID 19

Thank you for your cooperation last week in evacuating your children from school. The time that the student's were not here was used to deep clean the whole school. We have not had any official reported cases of COVID 19 in Udon Thani and we at school are actively promoting the best ways for our children to stay healthy. Primarily the ways we are suggesting to the student's are

1. To keep your hands clean (frequent hand washing) and try to not touch your face.
2. If you are coughing or sneezing to cover your mouth and/or wear a mask.

For those learners that are in quarantine, you are able to return on the 15th day of your quarantine.



## Inquiry corner

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 Songkran 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 child 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.



## 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	215
Blue House	210
Black House	231
Green House	272
Yellow House	270



## Parent cafe

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

Date	Topic
16/03/2020	Student led conferences & high quality learning

The next parent cafe is “Student led conferences & high quality learning” with the PY team on Monday 16 March, 2020.



## School board update - Summary of meeting held on Friday 22 November, 2019

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 22 November, the school held its second Board meeting of the year. The Board lineup for this year is:

Acting Chairman:	K. Siriphat Pukpo
Representative of the Owner & Licensee	K. Siriphat Pukpo
Honorary member #1	Mr. Kurt Lunstrum
Honorary member #2	K. Wicha Chanklom
Parent representative #1	K. Kasama Kraikutree
Parent representative #2	Ms. Chen Wenshan Dawn
Teacher representative	Mr. Mark Abbadessa
School Director	K. Sineenad Chamat
Board member	Dr. Lindsay Stuart

In the second meeting of the year, the Board completed the appraisal of the Head of School for the 2018/2019 academic year and set targets for the 2019/2020 academic year. The Board then discussed strategy and planning for next year that would inform the approval of the new school budget for 2020/2021. The Board believed we needed to do better in marketing the benefits of the school to parents and suggested a regular climate survey to gauge parent perceptions. The Board also confirmed the plan to proceed step by step until the Diploma Programme (DP) which provides options for parents to continue with our style of learning until the end of high school. The Board then identified its work for the remainder of the year which includes finding new Board members and completing its technology plan amongst other things.

The next Board meeting is planned for Friday 21 February.



## PTA update - Summary of meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020

First topic of this meeting was about where we are headed into the next academic year. Lead by our vision statement it is to inspire internationally-minded, balanced learners who thrive and become active, global citizens. We celebrate and respect cultural diversity and we offer a 21st century internationally based curriculum.:

- Not textbook based, but offering practical, real-life applications of learning both in class and outside class
- We are accountable for meeting grade level standards, which are measured using internal and external assessments
- Hitting standards through content our learners can understand and become actively engaged in

We have known for a long time that there will be a new International School in the area. Our school is very different, it's been very popular, and it provides access to best-practice education needed for our modern world.



## PTA update - Summary of meeting held on Monday 20 January 2020

การประชุมครั้งนี้เราพูดคุยกันถึงเรื่องทิศทางการวางแผนงาน ของโรงเรียน โดยยึดวิสัยทัศน์ของโรงเรียน เป็นแนวทางในการดำเนินงาน คือ สร้างผู้เรียนที่มีใจเป็นสากล มีความสมดุลในการดำเนินชีวิต และเติบโตเป็นพลเมืองโลกที่มีความกระตือรือร้น จากวิสัยทัศน์ ที่เรามี ทำให้โรงเรียนมุ่งเน้น ในเรื่องความเคารพในวัฒนธรรมที่หลากหลาย ส่วนเรื่องการเรียนการสอน เราให้การศึกษาแบบโลกยุคใหม่ ศตวรรษที่ 21 กล่าวคือ

- ไม่เน้นการเรียนจากตำรา แต่ให้ปฏิบัติจริง การใช้ชีวิตจริง ทั้งในและนอกชั้นเรียน
- แต่ในขณะเดียวกัน เราก็มีการประเมินผลและนักเรียนเราสามารถสอบได้ตามมาตรฐานสากล เช่น การสอบ **GL**
- สอบผ่านได้มาตรฐานตามเนื้อหาวิชา และความร่วมมือร่วมใจในผู้เรียน

เรารู้มานานแล้วว่า จะมีโรงเรียนนานาชาติมาเปิดใหม่ ที่อุดร แต่เราเข้าใจในความแตกต่างของหลักสูตร และวิสัยทัศน์ของแต่ละโรงเรียนที่ไม่เหมือนกัน การเรียนแบบ **IB** เป็นหลักสูตรที่ยอมรับทั่วโลก และสามารถให้ผู้เรียนได้เรียนรู้ผ่านกิจกรรม ที่สามารถเข้าใจ แล้วนำมาปรับใช้ได้เป็นอย่างดีในโลกสมัยใหม่

**Next we talked about the development of our UDIS campus in preparation for starting the MYP and the opening of our new Primary building. These include new classrooms, a science lab, a Design Technology lab specific arts spaces, a large meeting room, a full sized sports field, a new nurses room and improved parking facilities. We looked at an overview of a campus map which has been published in our recent newsletter**

เรื่องที่สอง คือ รายงานความคืบหน้าการก่อสร้าง ตึกประถมศึกษาใหม่ ที่จะประกอบไปด้วย 6 ห้องเรียนใหม่, ห้องทดลองวิทยาศาสตร์, ห้องทดลองออกแบบ / เทคโนโลยี ห้องพยาบาล ห้องเรียนเสริม และห้องประชุม ส่วนตึกมัธยมศึกษา (ตึกประถมเดิม) จะปรับปรุงห้องเรียน, ห้องศิลปะและห้องดนตรี นอกจากนี้ที่ดิน 5 ไร่ หลังโรงเรียน ที่จะใช้เป็น สนามกีฬาขนาดใหญ่, เพิ่มจำนวนที่จอดรถและ สร้างฟาร์มปลอดสารพิษและเคมึ แบบแปลนใหม่ของโรงเรียน ได้ลงไว้ใน จดหมายข่าวครั้งที่แล้ว

**The school is currently looking at choosing an appropriate uniform style for our MYP students. Ideas are being sought from parents, students and staff. We also intend to review EY and PY uniforms**

เรื่องที่สาม เกี่ยวกับชุดเครื่องแบบนักเรียน เราจะมีการเปลี่ยนแปลง ผู้ปกครอง นักเรียน สามารถมีส่วนร่วมในการออกแบบด้วย ในการประชุมครั้งหน้า

**Ms Cynthis spoke to us about our upcoming International Week. Ms Cynthia spoke about our initial plans for International Week. This year there is a major focus on encouraging greater parental involvement, especially in celebrating the nationalities within our UDIS community**

เรื่องที่สี่ เกี่ยวกับกิจกรรมของโรงเรียน เริ่มจากสัปดาห์นานาชาติ, มีสซินเทีย พูดถึงแผนการเบื้องต้น สำหรับปีนี้ เราอยากจะเรียนเชิญผู้ปกครองมามีส่วนร่วมในกิจกรรม ซึ่งจะแจ้งให้ทราบต่อไป โดยเฉพาะสัญชาติที่มีในโรงเรียนเรา

**Ms Rachel spoke about our Sports Days. This year there will be an EY Sports Day on 13 February and a PY Sports Day on 14 February. The emphasis is on fun and participation. We shall share more details closer to the event. Sports Days are part of a whole week where UDIS will focus on Thriving as our central theme for our learning.**

เกี่ยวกับวันกีฬาสำหรับแผนกอนุบาล จะเป็นวันที่ 13 ก.พ. และแผนกประถม วันที่ 14กพ. กิจกรรมนี้จะมุ่งเน้นความสนุกสนาน และการมีส่วนร่วม รายละเอียดเพิ่มเติม จะแจ้งให้ทราบในลำดับต่อไป

**Communication is very important, The school had created the School Line official Account @udis to develop professional communication effectively between school and parents. Parents agreed to this and also would like to keep Line Group “UDIS Community”**

เรื่องที่ห้า เกี่ยวกับช่องทางการสื่อสาร โรงเรียนขอความร่วมมือผู้ปกครอง ให้ แอดบัญชีไลน์ อย่างเป็นทางการของโรงเรียน ชื่อบัญชี @udis เพื่อการติดต่อสื่อสาร ให้มีประสิทธิภาพยิ่งขึ้น และผู้ปกครองเสนอแนะให้เก็บกลุ่ม **udis community** ไว้เพื่อการรับข้อเสนอแนะต่างๆ

**Finally we discussed about upcoming events including Chinese New Year on Thursday, Children are requested to wear Chinese costumes or can wear house shirts as usual and we will have some activities to do the Chinese snack at our assembly. Parents are invited to a ‘Meet our new principal!’ meeting. Learn about the MYP and DP and where our programmes lead with Mr. Rob Taylor Monday 27 January 3.00 in the Community Hub.**

เรื่องสุดท้าย เกี่ยวกับ กิจกรรมที่กำลังจะมาถึง คือ กิจกรรมวันตรุษจีน ในวันพฤหัสบดีนี้ นักเรียนใส่ชุดอิมตรุษจีน หรือใส่ชุดที่มสีมาได้ หากไม่สะดวก กิจกรรมที่เราทำร่วมกันคือ มีการทำของว่างของคนจีน และเชิญผู้ปกครองมาพบปะพูดคุยกับครูใหญ่คนใหม่ **Mr.Rob** ที่จะมาแนะนำ และกำหนดทิศทางการเรียนการสอนแผนก มัธยมศึกษาของเรา ในวันจันทร์ที่ 27 ม.ค. เวลาบ่ายสาม ที่ห้องรวมใจ

Our next PTA meeting will be PTA#5 on Monday 2 March, 2020

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# Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

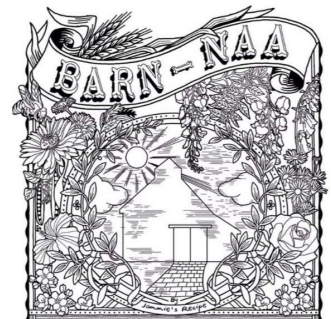
Dear Parents, Student and UDIS staffs

CPP Line QR Code:

We have our UDIS CPP official line application. We will update this in CPP line application for news, discount and promotion of the month.



Promotion from CPP in March  
Barn Na Cafe' discount 10% for you if you show our UDIS CPP coupons.  
Sample of CPP Coupons:



## Promotion from Eng Inc Udonthani

EngInc Activity March 2020

ปฏิทินกิจกรรมเดือนมีนาคม

	Show and Tell	D.I.Y.	Science	Clay	Cooking
Week 1 7- 13 Mar	Hello...It's Me	Summer Shaker	Solubility	Snail	Unicorn Toast
Week 2 14-20 Mar	Do You Have Time?	Sunny Banjo	My tongue	Mouse	Funny Face Pizza
Week 3 21-27 Mar	Community Helpers	Gecko	Respiration	Sea Turtle	Banana Roll
Week 4 28 Mar-3 Apr	Farm Animals Puppet Show	Rainbow Parachute	Chemical Reaction Car	Shark	Mini Pancake Muffin

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# 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

**Friday 19 June is likely to be a full day of school.**

## 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 10 February, 2020  
Labour Day Friday 1 May, 2020  
~~Visaka Bucha Day Thursday 6 May, 2020~~

We are cancelling Visaka Bucha day to provide a makeup day for our COVID-19 closure on Friday 28 February

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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