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### UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER** Our vision is to inspire internationally-minded, balanced learners who thrive and become active global citizens.



# Loy Krathong at UDIS



K1 class update

We are beginning to show confidence in our Talk4Writing in K1. We are now beginning to understand how stories are structured and are learning to show empathy for the characters in the story.



Y1/2 class update

In Year 1/2 we were being "Little Scientists" by discussing the need to make our experiments fair. We invented helicopters and reflected on how well they were able to stay in the air. We discovered the attributes for staying in the air the longest were long blades and a medium sized body.



Y5/6 class update

Year 5/6 are very excited because we are starting to use the new Science Lab. We are learning all about the important safety rules and starting to find out how some of the equipment, like microscopes, work.

## Message from the school

This week we celebrated Loy Krathong at our school. Loy Krathong is an important celebration to the local community and draws meaning as a celebration of the end of the main rice harvest season. We certainly had a lot of fun with this making Krathongs in every class. In addition to celebrating Thai events, we also put a lot of emphasis on our Thai language at UDIS. Learners study Thai for one session per day while we have Thai as an Additional Language (TAL) classes for those new to the language. These help our learners understand more about international mindedness and to develop more understanding and respect for other cultures which is a key part of our curriculum at UDIS.

This week we also celebrated Halloween with small class events. This was a chance for our learners to take part in a celebration that is particularly popular in some Western countries. It was certainly a spooky day with many learners (and staff) coming in costume. This was also a chance to celebrate the end of International Library Month with some dressing as book characters instead.

We are also looking forward to Science day coming up in November. This is a chance for us to promote our world-class science curriculum and our top quality science facilities.



Languages at UDIS - Thai

The learners studied about Thai culture on "Loy Krathong Day". They enjoyed working in groups and were thinkers in creating projects out of plasticine for the Loy Krathong Festival.





Belty and Mook trade verses to a hit song by the pop band Black Pink while DJ JJ (in the background) monitors the mix. It was great to see our students being balanced learners by exploring their artistic sides.

#### Health and safety

- We have amended our Covid 19 policy:
- Regular temperature checks when entering campus
- Visitors will be invited on campus for special events etc
- Students resume free play during break times with others
- Assemblies will restart
- Some common play areas will be opened again, eg. EY sandbox
- Travel log to track where people travel to

#### In Term 2:

- Cafeteria will be reopened and served buffet style
- Extra curricular activities will resume



**Community update/school feature** The grade level representatives and the PTA school-wide leadership met this past Saturday to discuss a plan for their work to take place this year. Topics included special events, parent information sessions, strategic planning, COVID-19 policy and communication practices. Thanks to the members for volunteering their time.



#### Student success at UDIS In honour of "Library Month" in October, student council members will be working closely together with Year 7/8 learners to create reading videos that we will share with our EY children. Since we must maintain social distancing we are using these reading videos to help the younger children still be able to form a connection with the older children at UDIS in a virtual way.

### Upcoming events

10 November	Science day event
3 December	Father's day event
7 December	King Rama IX
	Birthday holiday
11 December	Christmas festival
11 December	End of Term 1
4 January	Teachers only day#
5 January	Start of Term 2

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