

# NEWSLETTER

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

## What is Talk4Writing?

Talk4Writing is an approach that allows children to develop all areas of Literacy: speaking, listening, reading and writing.

At UDIS, Talk4Writing is used across the Early Years.

Talk4Writing involves focusing on a story and takes the learning deeper through questioning, creativity and imagination. By building on these areas, it provides a child with more tools for story writing.



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## Talk4writing at UDIS



### K2: Being risk-takers!

K2 and their families have been risk-takers and open-minded during online learning. Some children are incorporating what they are making during the online lessons into their play at home. A big thank you to the K2 families for the incredible amount of support to their children during our online learning and the photos and videos you have shared.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting with a presentation slide. The slide is titled 'Organizational Chart' and features two diagrams: 'Awa's Toy Ad of Pispngri' and 'Tanat's Toy Factory'. Below the diagrams are several questions for discussion, such as 'What are the different types of settlement?' and 'How do settlements change over time?'. The Zoom interface shows participants' names and a chat window.

### Y3: Learning about organisations

Year 3 has been learning about organisations as part of our UOI and their project was based around making up a pretend toy company. Students created their own toy, factory and company to produce it. They decided on the different roles and responsibilities within their organisation and made a chart to show this. All the students were creative risk-takers. Well done Year 3!

### Y7/8: Exploring growth and sustainability

In Year 7/8, the children have been exploring how growth and development allow communities to become more sustainable over long periods of time. The learners have been knowledgeable and reflective in sharing their ideas about how the school can become more sustainable through the use of renewable resources and energy.

# Message from the school

Our education programme for parents continues and please see the Talk4writing video from the Early Years about this exciting literacy programme we are using. Talk for Writing is powerful because it is based on the principles of how people learn. The Talk for Writing approach enables children to read and write independently for a variety of audiences and purposes within different subjects. The approach moves from dependence towards independence, with the teacher using shared and guided teaching to develop the ability in children to write creatively and powerfully.

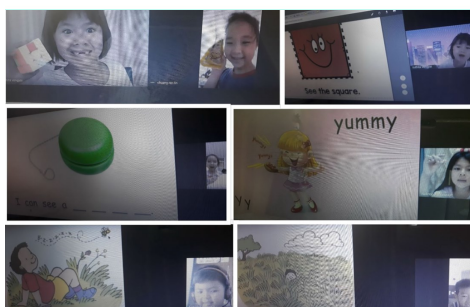
Thanks again for helping us host a successful CIS team visit! The visiting team had a really good visit and dialogue with the community and saw so many positive things. They commended us for the amount of progress we have been able to make since the Prep visit. The next stage will be a final report from CIS including commendations of the things the school is doing well and recommendations for what can be improved further. This will help us with our planning moving forward and helping us achieve our goal of creating the best international school in the Northeast.

Thanks to our community for their continued support of our online learning. We are seeing so many wonderful things happening at home which are helping our learners continue to learn. You should be extremely proud of your efforts.



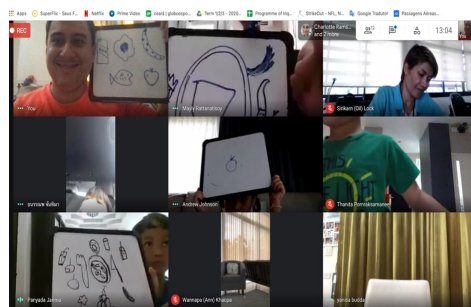
### Student success: Bless in K1

This term Bless has really been a risk-taker and especially during our online activities. She has been retelling stories using her own made props and toys available at home as part of our Talk4writing programme. Well done Bless!



### Languages at UDIS: EAL

Learners in Y1 and 2 have been learning the sight word 'see' and words beginning with the 'y' sound. We have been listening to different songs to help us get familiar with words beginning with 'y' and had fun finding 'yellow' things and 'yummy' food in our homes. We were able to read stories using lots of pictures and we can now write simple sentences using the sight word 'see'.



### PSPE: Keeping healthy online

During PSPE online lessons, we have been learning about how to stay healthy at home through exercise, hand hygiene and drinking lots of water each day. A favourite discussion has been healthy eating and how to balance our meals during the day. K2 did a very nice job about it by drawing their plates and talking about them during the lesson.



### Staff profile: Mr. Mark

Mark is a PY and MY teacher at UDIS who in his free time cherishes spending time with his family, friends and traveling to the ocean to explore nature. He loves visiting restaurants and sampling foods from around the world. He also has a passion for investing in the stock market and learning about new companies that are being developed.



### PTA/Board: Planning for next year

Both the PTA and the Board will be meeting over the final weeks of Term 3 to reflect on the year and to discuss the school's action plan for the 2021/2022 academic year. Our school values the input of the whole community into our planning so please take advantage of these opportunities to share your thoughts.

### Upcoming events

- 25 June Final day of Term 3 (new finish date)
- 9 August Start of Term 1 2021/2022 (no changes)

### Postponed or cancelled events

- 26-30 April ~~External test week (Year 2 and above)~~ - **POSTPONED**
- 3 May ~~Labor day substitute holiday~~ - **CANCELLED**
- 4-6 May ~~School photo week~~ - **POSTPONED**
- 24-25 May ~~Half term break~~ - **CANCELLED**
- 3 June Queen Suthida's Birthday - We are not observing this holiday this year



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