



# END OF YEAR SPECIAL NEWSLETTER



# Message from the school



**Dear Parents**

**This year has been our most challenging year so far, but we are growing quickly, with a supportive community behind us and on the path for further success. We were able to complete most of the year face to face and what a blessing that was. When online learning continued, it has helped our learners become more independent, flexible and responsible.**

**We held a successful CIS visit this year and our full accreditation is very close now. We opened our MYP which gives our learners the academic, social, physical and cultural skills they need as we work towards the Diploma Programme and a complete high school at UDIS.**

**We celebrated many cultural events this year which helped us celebrate our differences, foster inclusion, tolerance and acceptance of others. This develops the international mindedness we want our learners to embody. We could not do many of these events without the support of our parents.**

**Next year is our first chance to revisit our guiding statements with our community and the principles we use to guide the school. These will then be used to inform our new five year strategic plan which will develop our planning to support the Diploma Programme and a complete high school. We look forward to your involvement as we create plans for the school together.**

**So, thank you for a great year. Please enjoy the successes contained within this newsletter as our learners continue to thrive, take action, develop international mindedness and become balanced learners.**

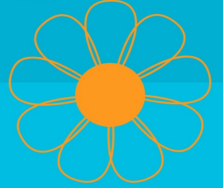
**Best regards**

**Dr. Lindsay Stuart  
Head of School**

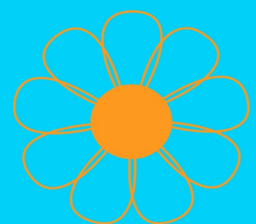
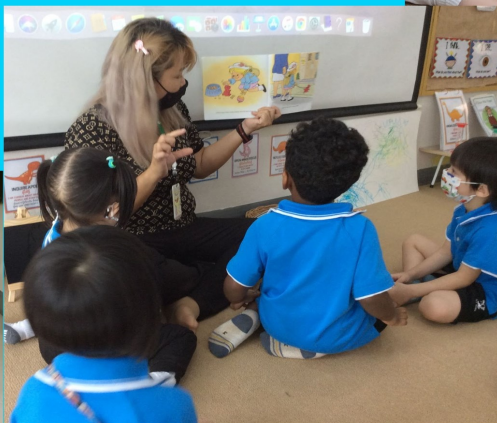
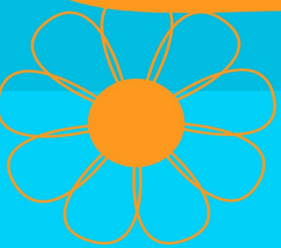


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**Preschool: Short but sweet**  
What a wonderful week it has been. Time flies and now it is time to grow some more as our learners prepare to move up to K1 next year. Please remember all the fun we have in the short time we have had together. We know you will all do well in K1.



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## **K1: Bye to our clownfish**

The Early Years has been a wonderful, exciting learning environment throughout the year for our K1's. As the youngest learners in the school we are very proud of everything we know - which is being knowledgeable and that's one aspect of our learner profile. We practiced using our words to communicate our needs, wants, ideas, stories and questions about the world around us every day. This was an important stage of our development and we thank all the adults in our lives for guiding our language skills. As young artists we communicated through our paintings, drawings and art pieces. Each week we read books to develop our imagination, learn more about the world and understand the stories in depth. We could also recognise the letters in our names. I wish all the best to my Clownfish class in K2 next year. I know they will continue to do all the amazing things we have learned in K1 this year. Keep shining K1!





## **K2: Farewells and a new adventure in primary school**

As we approach the end of the academic year, it is time for the children of K2 to say goodbye to the Early Years team and begin their new venture into the Primary Years in August. What an amazing K2 class we have had this year. Each and every child has worked incredibly hard throughout the year and has made outstanding progress. A big thank you to all of our families who have continually supported us and their child, whether we were face-to-face or online. We have learned together, created together, inquired together, danced together and laughed together. Although we went on this journey together, I know every child is very proud of themselves and what they have achieved. We wish the best of luck to this year's Early Years graduates. We will miss you so much, but we will not be far away.

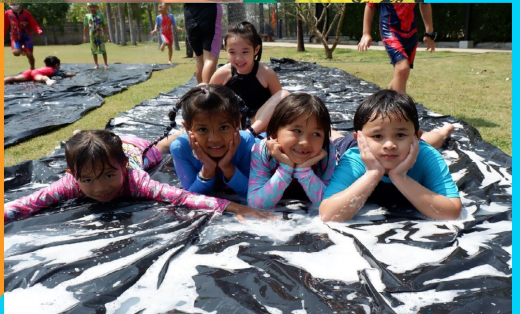
**Good luck Penguin Class!**

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## Year 1/2: So.. much... learning

The end of the school year has arrived and it is time to look back and celebrate the learning achievements of Year 1/2. We have investigated the properties of friction in science, learned to add and subtract two, two digit numbers in maths, and have improved our reading skills to name just a small fraction of the years learning. Miss Am and I are very proud of the way the learners have grown and developed over the year. This has not been an easy year for them but they have shown resilience and adaptability. We will be together next year again and we look forward to proving new challenges and investigations in the new school year. Have a safe holiday everyone and see you all soon.







## **Year 3: Caring and supportive learners**

Now that we are at the end of the year we can reflect on the year that has been. The class started as a Year 3/4 class and at one point there were 20 students all working and learning together. At the start of Term 2 the Year 4 students moved to a new class making the class smaller. We missed the Year 4 students that left us but carried on with open minds and positivity. This year we had the challenge of online learning and I was impressed at the resilience and positivity of the students to persevere through this challenging time. One of the most striking things about this class is how caring and supportive each student is of each other. I am very proud of the personal growth each and every child has made. Every child has learnt a lot and also developed in so many positive ways.

It is a short lived farewell, as I am very happy to say I will be with this wonderful bunch of students again next year as their Year 4 teacher again.



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## Year 4/5: Conquering the challenges before them

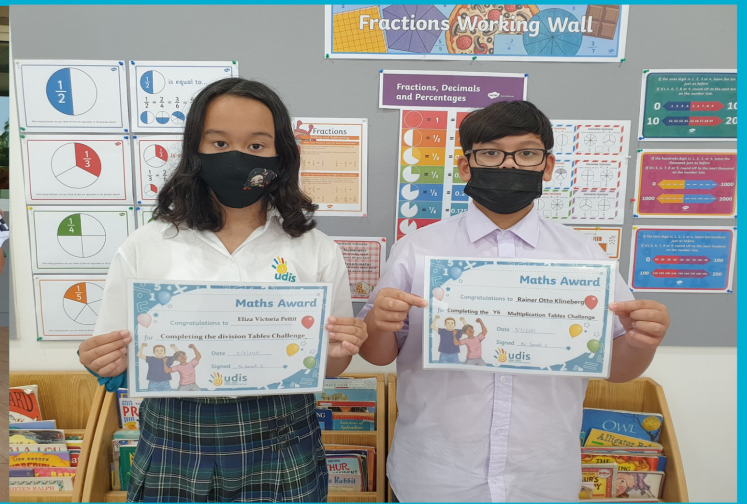
The 2020/21 school year had its share of challenges. From students changing classrooms mid year and having to adjust to new teachers, to adjusting to the various Covid safety procedures and distance learning. However each and every challenge was accepted and met by the Year 4/5 learners.

They always came to school with a positive attitude and made the best of the experiences. They grew as individuals and as a group and are more than prepared to take on the next grade level. I anticipate that 2022 will see some great work on the Exhibition project the soon-to-be Year 6ers will take on. I hope that everyone has a relaxing, enjoyable, but productive summer holiday. Take this time to try something new.



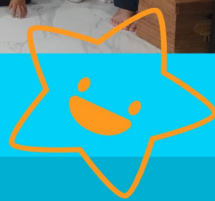
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## Year 6: Exhibition superstars

What an action packed and challenging year we have experienced. Year 6 have shown tremendous enthusiasm, maturity and have been super role models for the lower grades. There have been many highlights including our Fashion Show, working in the Science Lab, creating PYP assemblies and the amazing PYPX presentations from all of the children. The PYPX was a tremendous showcase of an extended project which enabled the students to demonstrate the skills and attributes that they have developed during their time following the PYP at UDIS. They will be missed as they move into Middle School but we are certain that they will continue to be successful.



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## **Year 7/8: Adapting to new learning**

**This year the learners in Year 7/8 have had the opportunity to experience our new Middle Years Programme. They worked hard to develop their Approaches to Learning Skills and their knowledge of each criterion area for each subject of the MYP. Each of the learners have shown great progress, and continue to develop their organisational skills and are working with a principled mindset to develop their knowledge even further. Year 7/8 has built the necessary foundation skills needed to continue into Phase 2 of the MY programme. I wish them all the best moving forward throughout the different phases of the Middle Years Programme.**

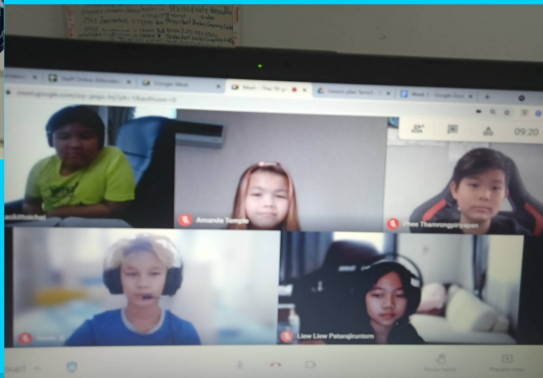
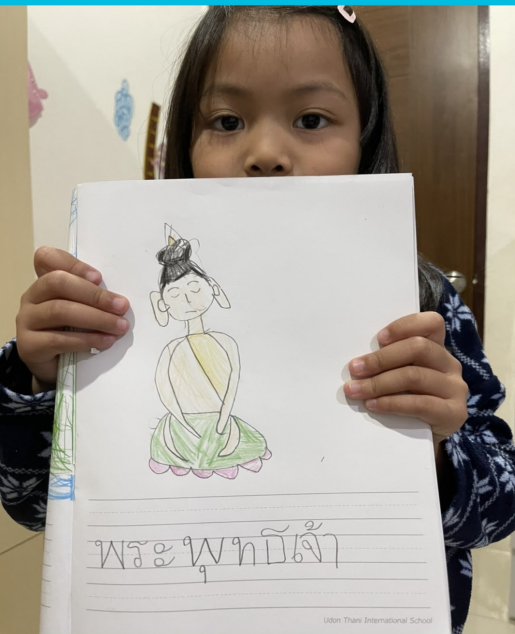


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# Thai at UDIS: Plenty of fun Thai activities and learning

We have had so much fun this year learning about the Thai language and taking part in all of our different activities across the school year. We have used the central idea from each one of our UOI units to make connections, engage our learners and help them be successful when learning in Thai class. Our learners have developed the four language skills of writing, reading, listening and speaking. We wish all our learners the best for the future and you should be really proud of your efforts this year.



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**PSPE: Getting to grips with rugby, baseball and water polo**  
This year, our learners had lots of fun during PE and swimming lessons. We had a chance to learn about many different new skills and sports that we never played before, such as baseball, rugby and water polo. In addition, our learners had a great opportunity to develop their swimming skills by playing water games and practicing their strokes. Overall, although it was a challenging year, our learners did an amazing job, whether at school or during online learning.



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## Arts: Making connections to develop artistic abilities

This year in visual and performing arts class we have tried to use the central ideas from each one of the UOI units to make connections and help guide our Arts units. This has helped the learners develop their creativity skills and be able to express the knowledge they have gained through their UOI units in an artistic way. The learners have had the opportunity to explore many new art forms this year.





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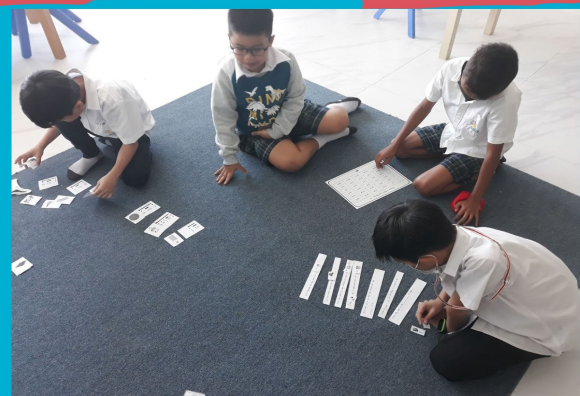
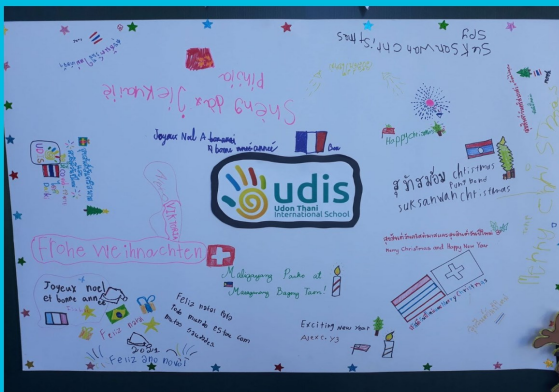
## Student council: Taking action despite pandemic challenges

This year the Student Council has been faced with many challenges relating to Covid-19 that prevented us from visiting local schools to take greater community action. As we continue to grow as a community we are also trying to develop our Student Council programme so that we can take greater action in supporting both the UDIS school community and the local community through teaching and learning projects and group presentations. We do hope that the current Covid-19 situation does improve for next year so we can begin to implement more of these community service projects. However, if we are still faced with the same situation for next year then we have already developed a plan to try and offer these Student Council presentations and learning projects via online resources to the outside community.



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## EAL: Celebrating diversity

It is almost time to say goodbye to a very challenging school year. Our learners have proven to be resilient, open-minded, caring and risk-takers. We had a lot of activities promoting cultural diversity and our own native languages because they are part of our identity. We had fun doing these activities while developing our skills in English. We were able to celebrate our small successes and we would like to thank our parents, teachers and everyone in our community for helping us grow this year.

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