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## UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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



## We are back at school!



#### K2: Into phonicssssss

Welcome back! Although we are online, the children have been risktakers and communicators during our first week. During our first week, we discussed our first golden rule 'we listen' and began our phonics programme beginning with 's'. We also welcomed Simone to our class, who has been very enthusiastic with our online learning so far.



#### Y2/3: Welcoming new learners

Happily, here we are again!. We have started work online but we are working to make the best of the situation. All of our learners have remembered what they need to do to work online. Our class has four new learners and they have done exceptionally well in their efforts to work from home. Welcome and well done to Natalie, Caylor, Okin and Meena.



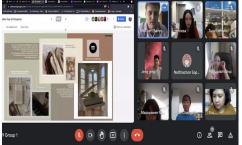
**Y5/6: Developing our agreements** Even though we are learning online, Year 5/6 are finding ways of sharing our ideas with each other. We have created our own set of Essential Agreements for Online Learning. These are helping to ensure our learning is as successful.

# Message from the school

We are back for a new year of learning at UDIS! We will embrace online learning and make the best of it as we look forward to a return to face to face learning as soon as the authorities permit.

To prepare for face to face learning, we have our Community Plan in place to provide the procedures to safeguard our community and to reduce the risk of transmission within the school. With the slow rollout of vaccines, we have nevertheless been able to have over 60% of staff with at least one shot of vaccine. These have helped us prepare for a return to face to face learning.

Big news over the break was the award of CIS accreditation at UDIS. This is a phenomenal achievement and represents over 7 years of hard work to build a quality school capable of making this achievement. Thanks to all our community for helping to support us through this process.



**Y8/9: Learning expectations** Year 8/9 learners spent their first lessons building rapport with each other and their teachers while developing their understanding of the subjects we learn and the skills and behaviours important to finding success in these subjects and the MYP overall. Finally, students looked at and contributed ideas towards course outlines and class expectations.



Student success: Ramon in K1 Ramon has been a superstar and a risktaker! She has just started school and happily prepared herself for online learning. Ramon has been excited to see her friends and meet her new teachers.



Thai: Getting to know each other Welcome back to school in our Thai classes this year. In Year 1, we started the year getting to know each other with fun games using Thai letters. We are starting to learn Thai easy words and long vowels. Our learners are enthusiastic to study Thai!



### Staff intro: Mr Jay

Jay joins us from Canada with his wife Marie and daughter Simone. He has an avid interest in the outdoors, which is something he wants to bring to the UDIS community. This love of nature was developed through wilderness education programs, courses in whitewater rescue and scuba diving, working as a canoe guide and treeplanter, and managing his forested property in Quebec



School notices Next week we'll be holding class meetings for all levels at the school. Please look out for the emails from your homeroom teachers to organise this. We will also be confirming parent representatives for each class this year.

## Upcoming events

	16 September 24 September 9-18 October 18 October	Teacher's day event Government long holiday weekend Half term break Teachers only day #1
	25 October	Chulalongkorn Day holiday (substitute day)
1– 11	10 November 19 November 26 November 2 December 6 December 10 December 4 January 5 January	Science day event Loy Krathong event Sports day event Father's day event King Rama IX Birthday holiday (substitute day) End of Term 1 & Christmas festival event Teachers only day #2 Start of Term 2









