

UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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



Welcome back to school!



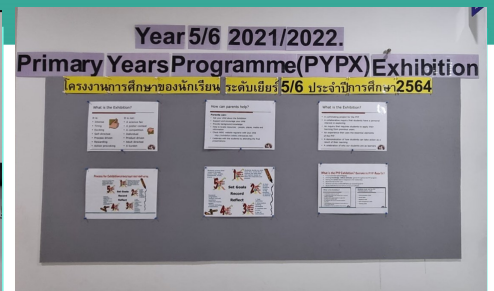
K2: Loving being back at school

The K2 children have loved being back at school. They have explored, inquired and learned a lot of different things in the few weeks we have been back. It has been wonderful to see the children have an opportunity to socialise with old and new friends. We cannot wait to see what the next half term will bring. Well done Penguin Class for being risk-takers!



Y2/3: Exploring the local area

Welcome back to the second half of the term. We are eagerly looking forward to our UDIS Halloween celebration. Our class are busily investigating the geography of the surrounding areas to Udon and discovering the names of the countries that are near Thailand. One day we all hope to visit some of these countries and explore the wonderful sights in these foreign lands.



Y5/6: Investigating the effect of plastic

Year 5/6 have begun their journey towards our PYP Exhibition (PYPX) on Wednesday 30th March. It is connected to our learning about sharing the planet and we will update our class notice board with our progress. The PYPX provides an opportunity for learners to demonstrate the skills they have acquired by preparing and presenting to an audience and shows Learner Agency in action with the support of teacher mentors.

Message from the school

Welcome back to school for our second half term of Term 1. It is wonderful to be back on campus again and being able to conduct our learning face to face. We have had a very successful return to face to face learning since we were able to open again on Tuesday 21 September. Our procedures are allowing a safe return to learning including 88% of teachers fully vaccinated, regular ATK testing of teachers and learners, social distancing, masks, class bubbles, regular disinfecting, emergency procedures and quarantines. Let's keep up the good work!

Our first Board meeting of the year was held recently and the Board comprises members from the community including parent and teacher representatives. The role of the Board is to ensure that UDIS provides students with a good education. The Board sets the plans and policies of the school, and provides oversight of the employment of school staff and the management of the school budget. A short report on the first meeting of the year is later in this newsletter.

Finally, we are busy working on developing a new curriculum around physical and social education that will guide our programmes from Preschool to Year 13. We are considering a range of curriculums from the United Kingdom, the IB, Australia and Canada to help guide these programmes. We will be looking to consult with parents once we are ready to make a recommendation.



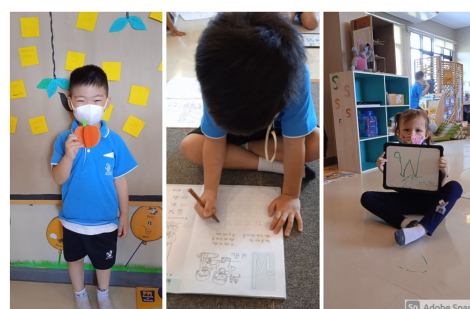
Y8/9: Student led blogs

As part of our efforts to enhance learner agency in the MYP, Year 8/9 learners are now in-charge of their class blog. These responsibilities include writing subject-specific summaries, formatting the blog with text and images, and self- and peer-editing. Throughout the year, learners will cover each subject and take on the role of co-editor, while also developing their ICT skills.



Y4 success: Ichi's passion for art

Ichi is a very visual learner and he has a passion for visual art which runs in his family. His father kindly donated some photo backdrops for Christmas last year that he designed and printed himself. Pictured above is Ichi learning drawing and painting at Hummingbird where they teach creative arts and cooking for kids. Ichi is knowledgeable about visual arts, and is also open-minded to learning new techniques.



Thai in K2: Learning our consonants

For our Thai lessons in K2 we have been excited to learn more about Thai consonants including fan (ฟ). We have been learning how to write and use fan (ฟ) correctly. We then learned about vocabulary that begin with this consonant such as ฟ ฟีน. We then developed some pumpkin paper crafts to challenge our ability.



Getting to know Ms. Mindi in Year 1

I'm Ms. Mindi from the suburbs of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania USA. I have lived on 3 different continents while teaching internationally and have enjoyed travelling the world and experiencing different places and cultures. My favourite places to visit include Sri Lanka, Oman, Bali, Jordan, Rome, Italy and of course, Thailand. I am hoping to get to know Thailand better while I'm here and to see more of this beautiful country.



Board update: First meeting of the year held

At the first Board meeting of the year we inducted all members and began planning for the current year ahead while starting planning for 2022/2023. A main task of the Board is to help guide the development of our new strategic plan from 2022-2027. The Board is also working on developing our next school budget and what that entails for 2022/2023.

Upcoming events

- 22 October UDIS Virtual Open House
- 25 October Chulalongkorn Day Holiday (substitute day)
- 10 November Science day event
- 19 November Loy Krathong event
- 26 November Sports day event
- 2 December Father's day event
- 6 December King Rama IX Birthday holiday (substitute day)
- 10 December End of Term 1 & Christmas festival event
- 4 January Teachers only day #2
- 5 January Start of Term 2



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