UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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



### Welcome back!



#### K2: Starting our year with phonic

K2 has made a great start to the new school term with work in phonics. Learners produced some amazing crafts for the letters S and A. What a great start! It won't be long until they're working to blend words and read short sentences.



#### Y2: Getting to know each other

We have had a very busy start of term. It has been a lot of fun to get to know all the children and we have been busy developing our essential agreements which are our classroom rules. We have also completed our maths, phonics and reading assessments and are excited to get into our full curriculum lessons and UOI next week.



### Y4: Thought showers

Year 4 has been reflecting on themselves and how they interact with each other and their families. They created some "thought showers" to convey their feelings which are on show in our classroom. We have also welcomed Lunar and Annabelle to our class. We are looking forward to learning about Signs and Symbols in our first Unit of Inquiry.

## Message from the school

It's fantastic to be back for our ninth year providing the very best inquiry international education for the Udon Thani community. We have had a fantastic summer and everyone is super excited to continue building on our success as life starts returning to normal. We certainly have a busy year ahead and we appreciate all of our parents for their continued support.

This year we continue to build and grow as a school. We are introducing Toddle, a leading app for the IB curriculum, to improve our planning, teaching and learning throughout the school. Through Toddle, parents will also have a platform to view information about your child. Once we are up and running, parents will be able to see the regular progress of their child at UDIS. We can't wait to get Toddle up and running.

This year we are also rolling out consent forms for data protection so we can be compliant with the new PDPA laws in Thailand. We have also adjusted our Community Plan for Covid-19 to provide a balance between the benefits of our education and sensible mitigation measures. Finally, we are bringing back an expanded ECA programme this term. We are hoping parents will support the range of activities we are

Have a great year everyone!



Y7/8: Welcoming Year 7 to the MYP Our Year 7/8 learners have been enjoying their start to this school year. Year 7 learners that have joined the MYP this year are beginning to develop a good understanding of the new expectations in this programme. Our Year 8 learners have been able to discuss and put into practice the skills that they have learned from last year. They displayed their leadership skills by helping the younger



Pupat our super carer in K1

Last academic year, Pupat planted a seed as part of our inquiry sessions in Preschool. He looked after the plant throughout the summer holidays and by doing this, he has developed his ability to care for his environment. Well done Pupat!



Thai: Having fun learning Thai Welcome back to Term I! We have been busy learning the Thai language through fun games as we have reviewed and practiced some of our Thai vocabulary. We have also been working on developing our student's thinking, problem solving and team work skills.



Welcoming Mr. Charles (our new DPCO) Mr. Charles has thoroughly enjoyed his start at UDIS and has been impressed with the high level of engagement of the MYP learners in his Science lessons. He is looking forward to leading the candidacy and authorisation process for the IB Diploma Programme, which will be launched at UDIS in 2024. Mr. Charles will be using his learning support and counseling role to ensure a smooth transition from MYP into the IBDP. (including making maple syrup!).



PTA update: Creating our new team Across parent meetings this week we have been encouraging parents to volunteer to be class representatives. Parent representatives are part of our Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) and have a valuable role working with the school to help UDIS best fit the needs of our community.

#### Upcoming events

22 August Start of ECAs for Term 1 10 September First week of Swimming

Saturday ECAs 15 September Teachers day event

(Wai Kru) End of ECAs 1 October 8-17 October Half term break 17 October Teachers only day #1

24 October Chulalongkorn Day holiday (substitute day)

24 October ECAs restart 8 November Loy Krathong event (TBC) Sports day 25 November

(this may be separated for EY, PY and MY)

25 November Payment due date for T2 invoices

1 December Fathers Day assembly End of ECAs for Term 1 3 December 5 December King Rama IX Birthday

holiday

16 December (TBC) Christmas Day event

16 December End of Term 1







Middle Years Programme

