

UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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



## BIG STEP FORWARD

We have become a

### Diploma Programme Candidate School



## DP Candidacy



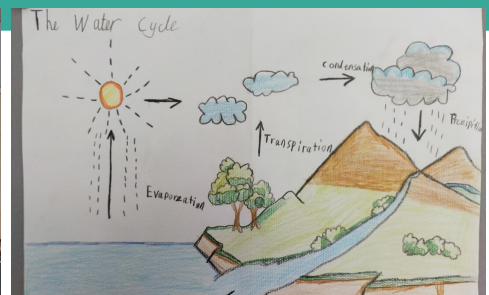
### K2: Giant sunflowers

K2 planted their sunflower seeds over two months ago. They have now begun to produce some beautiful, yellow sunflowers which the kids are enjoying investigating. K2 have taken very good care of their sunflowers and are very proud of themselves for how big these have become.



### Y2: Exploring new countries

This week Year 2 celebrated our UOI "Where We Are in Place and Time." We have been exploring the idea of why people choose to live in the places they do. The children chose different countries to research, compared those to Thailand and then decided how they would present their learning. What excellent agency!



### Y4: Solids, liquids and gases

In Year 4, we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases and how they can change when heated or cooled and the processes of evaporation and condensation. We have used this information in order to study 'The Water Cycle' to find out how and why it rains.



# Message from the school

Exciting news for UDIS as we have become a Diploma Programme (DP) Candidate School for the International Baccalaureate!! This supports our high school plan as we are adding levels all the way through to Year 13. We are the first school in the entire Northeast to gain DP candidacy which will enable learners access to this prestigious qualification.

The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) is an assessed programme for students aged 16 to 19. It is respected by leading universities across the globe including the USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Thailand just to name a few. The programme aims to develop students who have excellent breadth and depth of knowledge – students who flourish physically, intellectually, emotionally and ethically. You can find out more about the DP Programme here:

<https://www.udoninternationalschool.com/en/about-us/our-programmes/diploma-programme/>

In other news, we had a fantastic start to our Early Years Stay and Play sessions. These are a great opportunity for our EY parents to come in and see the learning activities at our school and to develop some community. Our Primary Years are also showing their end of unit learning with parents too. So much learning happening across the school!!



### Y7/8: Loy Krathong

The Year 7/8 class enjoyed making environmentally friendly Kra-thongs to celebrate this special holiday. They also participated in sharing the history of this celebration and why it takes place each year during our school event.



### Thai language: My home

Year 1 have been learning about "My Home" which linked to the UOI of the homeroom class. Learners summarised the benefits of their own homes using Thai. They then made items for their house out of playdough and practised the language for these.



### Student success: Atom in Y5/6

Atom was given a Rubik's cube for his birthday and he decided he wanted to complete the cube as fast as possible. He investigated how to do this, and then spent a whole lot of time practising. Currently his quickest time is 27 seconds. Well done, Atom, for your dedication and hard work in this endeavour. We are very proud of you!



### Staff intro - Ice in Y3

Hello everyone, I'm Ms. Thippapha Ruenrom. Please call me Ms. Ice. I am the Year 3 Teaching Assistant. I am thankful for Mr. Kaldi, the goat herder who first discovered the wonderful potential of the daily booster beans (coffee beans) to this world! ☺☺☺ This helps me keep up with all the excitement and learning in Year 3.



### Parent Representatives update

At our last Parent Representative meeting on Monday, 7 November, we followed up on suggestions raised this term and how we actioned these across the school. Some of these actions have focused on the canteen, Toddle expectations, and implementing times for sharing student successes. We will have a full parent meeting (PTA) on Monday, 28th November. All are welcome to join.

### Upcoming events

21 November	Parent Cafe: MYP Approaches to Learning skills and Service as Action
24 November	EY sports day
25 November	PY and MY sports day (school will finish at 11:45am for all programmes)
25 November	Payment due date for T2 invoices
28 November	PTA meeting: Whole school
1 December	Fathers Day assembly
3 December	End of ECAs for Term 1
5 December	King Rama IX Birthday holiday
7 December	EY: Stay and Play #2
16 December	(TBC) Christmas Day event
16 December	End of Term 1
9 January, 2023	Teachers only day #2
10 January, 2023	Start of Term 2
18 January	EY: Stay and Play #3
8 February	EY: Stay and Play #4
13-14 February	HT break
6 March	Makha Bucha day holiday
10 March	Payment date for T3 invoices
15 March	EY: Stay and Play #5
31 March	End of Term 2



## Contact Us

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