UDON THANI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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



# Sports day!



#### Pre/K1: Looking after ourselves We have been focusing a lot on our wellbeing. During our circle time we have been sharing our feelings and emotions and how we can express them. Learners have been great communicators and know who they need to talk to when they are worried or anxious about something.



### Y1: Creative afternoon

To kick start our new unit 'how we express ourselves', we held a creative afternoon to provide the children with different ways they can be creative. We had so much fun! We tried canvas painting, Christmas cookie decorating, Thai dancing, body painting, playing games and candle making. Thank you to all the Year 1 families who took part in this event. We created some wonderful memories together.



#### Y3: Art perspectives

Year 3 has begun our third UOI. The central idea is 'People use the arts to express how they are special and different'. We began by focusing on the key concept of perspective. The students all contributed to an Art/ Mood Board stating their perspective about arts, what they liked and why. We looked forward to seeing if anyone's perspective changes over the course of this unit as we learn about, and experience, different forms of art.

## Message from the school

We held two wonderful sports days last week. On Thursday our youngest learners had the chance to compete in fun challenges with their parents. It was wonderful to see the excitement in these activities as we celebrate what it means to be a balanced learner. On Friday, things got really serious with the sports day for our older learners. Rivalry was fierce in competition for the coveted top team on the day. Congratulations to the Green team for emerging as champions. Thanks to all our parents for their wonderful support on this day including those who organised snack stations. This certainly helped the energy levels throughout the day.

Next week we will be celebrating the role of our Board and PTA members. The Board has a key role in overseeing the operation of the school and couldn't do that without its parent members. Thanks to K. Pairat and K. Phirawan for their talent, experience and dedication in representing all parents. Our PTA has also been an important group representing the needs of parents on a day to day level. This is made up of representatives from each class who meet to discuss important issues at the school. Thanks to you all for your dedication and input.

Over the last two weeks of terms we present reports to parents and enjoy our end of year celebration. It has been a wonderful term of learning for sure.



#### Y5/6: Christmas has arrived

An important life lesson is, "How do people around the world express themselves?" We have begun to investigate the different aspects of artistic expression, such as; dance music, visual arts and fash-ion. This week we have been looking at paintings and discussing how they make us feel. We have also begun our Christmas celebrations by putting up our Christmas tree.



#### Y9/10: Relaxing after exams

After a very hard and challenging assessment week. The Y9/10 could enjoy a bit of fresh air during their lunch break and shake away their stress with a bit of frivolity. This is a great way for the learners to celebrate being balanced.



#### Student success: Y7/8 service as action

As part of the Integrated Arts class, the Year 7/8 students have taken part in a services as action activity where they were able to teach the Year 4 class about their research into the many different genres of music that exist from around the world. This was a great opportunity to share their learning with the wider UDIS school community.



#### **EAL: Learning about adjectives** We have begun learning about

simple adjectives. We listened to the adjectives song to help us remember the words. We had a go at matching words and pictures online before writing our own sentences. We also played an exciting adjectives game called Space Evaders for our speaking practise.



#### **Our Executive School Board**

Our School Board meets for the second time on Friday to plan and prepare for our next academic year. A key task this year has been putting together our new strategic plan for 2023-2028. It is exciting to envision where we will be in 5 years time. What we do know is that our DP programme will be well underway as we will open for Year 12 in 2024.

#### **Upcoming events**

5 December

7 December

16 December

16 December

18 January

8 February 13-14 February

6 March

10 March

15 March 31 March 17 April 1 May Labour 14 June

King Rama IX Birthday holiday

EY: Stay and Play #2 (TBC) Christmas Day

event End of Term 1

9 January, 2023 Teachers only day#2 10 January, 2023 Start of Term 2 EY: Stay and Play #3

> EY: Stay and Play #4 HT break

Makha Bucha day holiday

Payment date for

T3 invoices

EY: Stay and Play #5 End of Term 2 Start of Term 3

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Middle Years Programme

