



2024 / 2025

Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

Our Senior School students took part in our first international sporting competition in Vientiane on Saturday 11 January. A team of 20 students competed against students from Kiettisack International School in Vientiane. While it was a friendly competition our students competed very well winning the doubles competition and reaching the finals of the singles. Well done to all the students and teachers who participated in this event.

During January to April, the air quality in Udon Thani typically degrades for a variety of reasons. We track the air quality with our own monitoring station at the school and we check these readings daily. The air quality then determines what our outdoor activities look like each day. Our classrooms are also supported with air purifiers and we encourage students to wear PM2.5 masks on days when the air quality is bad.

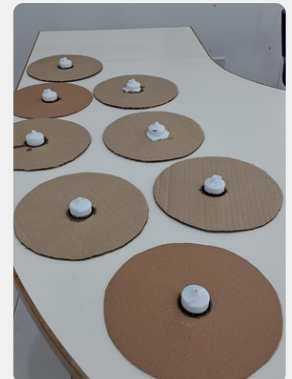
Finally, our preparations for our Community Fair on February 8 are well underway. During this event we will also celebrate the 10 year anniversary of UDIS from 2014 to 2024! We are looking forward to a range of activities provided by the school and outside providers. There should be some excellent food available on the day too. We will also be selling raffle tickets with some great prizes up for grabs including an Ipad and a PS5.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

K2 : Learning through play in maths



Our K2 class is learning through play in Maths. This week, we learned how to play hopscotch, which helped us practise counting from 1 to 5. It's a fun way to bring numbers to life and make learning enjoyable.



Year 2 : Becoming young engineers

Year 2 students became young engineers as they built DIY hovercrafts using cardboard, bottle caps, and balloons. They tested their creations on various surfaces, including tile, carpet, and grass, to investigate how friction affects movement. Students then reflected on ways to improve their designs, sparking creativity and critical thinking. It was a hands-on and exciting way to explore science in action!

Year 4 : Investigating fractions

The student's have been investigating the very tricky topic of fractions. We are currently finding out how to order fractions depending on their value. The learners can now convert improper fractions into mixed numbers. During our PSPE lessons the class have been sharing their feelings and ideas about racial discrimination and how they can change the way others judge people. Learners shared their ideas with our guest speaker Mr. Thomas.





Year 6: Scientific advancements

The Year 6 students have started their new unit on scientific advancements. Last week they were able to go to the lab with Ms. Daphnie to discuss and learn about how to plan a science investigation. This will help students as they prepare to go to Year 7 and the Middle Years next year.

Senior School: Hexagonal thinking

Our Year 7-8 learners are inquiring into the visual representation of different concepts and their connections through the hexagonal thinking strategy, through which they developed their thinking, social skills and their inquirer attribute.



Year 9/10 are working on creating their Kites in Design and technology. They have previously researched the best methods of construction, materials and design practices to create their own models.



Our DP learners explored a new technique where you transfer one image into another surface to create a likeness that can be intervened and later on used on an appropriation artwork



Getting to know Mr. George

I am very pleased to have joined the UDIS community. I enjoy building a love of knowledge by showing students that learning can be fun! I use a sense of humour and silliness to create a relaxed atmosphere that students want to participate in. If kids are laughing, they don't notice they're working.



Languages at UDIS - English

Our learners in Years 3 to 6 have finally finished creating their own version of the poem "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright.

They imagined a magic box where they could put their favourite things, memories, amazing places and fantastic dreams. This is a great way to use all the things they have learnt so far including similes and alliteration. The best part of creating their own version of this poem is using their imagination and being creative with their writing.



Library News: Making Friends with New Books!



This week, our students warmly welcomed new books to the library through an exciting activity called "Judge the Book by Its Cover." They used their creativity and critical thinking to predict the content based on the titles and cover designs, which not only introduced them to the latest arrivals but also sharpened their observational and analytical skills. This activity sparked curiosity and inspired a deeper connection to reading.

UDIS Community Fair – 8 February

We welcome our community to join our Community Fair on Saturday 8 February. Enjoy fun activities, great food and have the chance to win fantastic prizes. We look forward to seeing you there!



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FUN FAIR
8 FEBRUARY 2025
10:00-13:00

ENTER TO WIN!

PS5

PS5 console and game covers (FIFA, NBA 2K, Gran Turismo Sport, Gran Turismo Sport)

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Upcoming events

- 3 February DP Extended Essay parent cafe
- 6-7 February Year 5 camp
- 8 February Community Fair
- 12-14 February MY camp
- 15-17 February Half term break
- 20 February PYP Exhibition parent cafe
- 21 February Y3 camp
- 7 March International mindedness day
- 7 March Term 3 invoices due
- 10 March Translanguaging and bilingualism parent cafe
- 14 March Personal project fair
- 17 March Transition and alignment in Junior School parent cafe
- 19 March EY stay and play session
- 24 March The TOK Exhibition parent cafe
- 27 March Senior School careers day
- 4 April Songkran festival
- 4 April End of Term 2
- 22 April Start of Term 3
- 13 June End of Term 3
- 13 August Start of Term 1 2025/2026