

# 2024 / 2025 Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

Our Community Fair on Saturday 8 February was a great success.

We had the chance to celebrate 10 years of UDIS being able to offer IB education to our community from 2014 to 2024. We are very much looking forward to our next anniversary in 2034!

This term we have been busy with camps and our Middle Years camp for Years 7–11 starts on Wednesday. Our camps programme help to foster independence, self-confidence, and resilience by encouraging our learners to tackle challenges outside their usual environment. They promote teamwork and leadership skills through group activities and collaborative projects. These experiences enhance academic and personal development, translating into better performance at school. For parents, our camps offer peace of mind knowing their child is engaging in a safe, enriching, and growth-oriented setting, contributing to their overall well-rounded education













## Preschool/K1:Exploring birds through sight and sound







As part of our exploration of living things, the learners took a walk around the school, watching birds fly, move, make sounds, and eat. They were curious about the birds, talking about how they flew and chirped, which helped develop their listening skills.

## Year 1: Learning about the human body





Year 1 have been learning about the human body and what the function of each organ is. In this lesson, the students used zip lock bags, tights, water and food to simulate the human digestive system.

# Year 3: Sharing the planet - plastic waste

Year 3 students have been turning plastic waste into powerful works of art as part of our 'Sharing the Planet' unit. By creating sculptures from waste plastic, they are highlighting the impact of plastic pollution on natural habitats and sparking conversations about sustainability. This hands-on activity has helped students reflect on the choices we make and how we can reduce waste to protect our planet.















### Year 5: Researching into global energy sources



Students in Year 5 have started to research about the global effect and impact of their chosen energy source. They are learning to read graphs and diagrams to find information and compare energy uses in various countries around the world.

#### Senior School: Year 7 and Year 8 work on stress management



In PSPE, the Year 7/8 class had a session on stress management.

We played a game to help create stress amongst the participants, and then tried to identify the signs we noticed of feeling stressed. Later, we explored the benefits and drawbacks of stress, recognising that stress can sometimes be positive if managed properly.



#### Student success at UDIS

Since joining the school last term, Stone has demonstrated outstanding learner qualities, embracing challenges with confidence. He has been a risk-taker in using his growing English skills, while also showcasing his strong mathematical understanding. His curiosity and enthusiasm in our Units of Inquiry have shown that he is a natural inquirer, always eager to explore new ideas.

Well done Stone!





# Thai@UDIS: Food and energy

In our Year 2 Thai class, our Thai and TAL groups combined to learn how to prepare Thai food and use energy from the sun. Students explored the benefits of solar energy, discovering how it helps us dry bananas for long-term storage. They made dried bananas, dried pork, and dried beef using solar energy. These activities are connected to our Unit of Inquiry. Everyone enjoyed the hands-on learning experience, and some students even applied their classroom knowledge about solar energy at home.









Year 12 students visited the Udon Thani Home for Girls to distribute products they fundraised for as part of the Creativity, Activity and Service class (CAS). CAS is a fundamental component of the IB Diploma Programme as it fosters personal growth, ethical development, and a sense of global citizenship by encouraging students to engage in meaningful, real-world experiences. Through CAS, students develop essential life skills such as collaboration, perseverance, and problem-solving, which are crucial for their holistic development and future success.



#### Upcoming events

10 February PYP Exhibition Parents Cafe 12–14 February MY camp 15–17 February Half term break

21 February Year 3 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 in Junior School parent cafe
19 March Eearly Years 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
August Start of Term 1 2025/2026