

2024 / 2025 Newsletter



Message from the Head of School

Last week we celebrated our Middle Years Personal Project fair. The Year 11 class presented the projects they have been working on since the start of the year. The IB Personal Project is valuable because it provides our students the chance to take ownership of their learning, develop critical thinking skills, and explore their passions. One thing our learners talked about a lot was how this helped develop their time management skills as they had to balance completing different parts of their project with the time constraints they had. They all managed to meet the deadlines though and produce some great projects. Well done to Year 11!

We also held a translanguaging cafe to explain the benefits of using different languages within our school. Translanguaging is beneficial because it allows our students to leverage their entire linguistic repertoire, fostering deeper understanding and effective communication. This practice supports multilingual learners in expressing their identities while reinforcing their cognitive and academic development.

This week we also hosted a visit from Khon Kaen University. All our Senior School students had the chance to learn what it might be like to study at a Thai university. This helps them prepare and assess their future study options as they work out what they need to achieve their goals.

We have our student led conferences and our Songkran event coming up in the last two weeks of school. These show our appreciation of our local Thai culture while our conferences provide a great chance for our learners to show what they have learned to our community.













K2: Learning about numbers



Our K2 students have been learning about numbers through fun, hands-on activities.

They've been matching and identifying numbers 1–20, exploring different ways to make them, and using dominoes to practice subitising. These activities make learning numbers fun, engaging, and meaningful!

During Book Week, our Year 2 students went on an exciting journey with Curious George. We explored his adventurous tales and then put our creativity to the test by crafting our very own Curious George adventure comics. Using their imaginations, students brought George to life in new and exciting stories, showcasing their storytelling and artistic skills. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine through.

Year 2: Book week!



Year 4: Celebrating international mindedness



During the International Mindedness celebration assembly, our class effectively communicated their learning through oral presentations and digital media, demonstrating their understanding of how wealth distribution affects different sectors of society.











Year 6: Fieldtrip to an organic farm

As year 6 continues to research their exhibition topic with their partners, we are also getting a deeper understanding of what it means to share the planet. Recently we went on a field trip to the Udon Organic Farm, where we learned about why organic farming is more sustainable for people, animals, and the environment. They even got to pick their own tomatoes, pluck eggs from under a mother hen, and feed a pig.

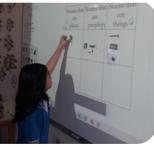






English @ UDIS: Exploring nouns





Our EAL learners have started exploring nouns, which are words used to name people, places, things, and animals. Through a variety of engaging activities, we've been practicing categorizing nouns into these different groups. We have also been carrying on with expanding our knowledge of new sounds and sight words.



Last week, Year 11 students embarked on an exciting interdisciplinary unit (IDU) trip to a local Muay Thai stadium, blending Physical and Health Education (PHE), Thai Language and Literature, and Thai Language Acquisition (TLA). The day began with an immersive lesson on Muay Thai culture, where students explored its deep-rooted traditions, rituals, and significance in Thai society. Through Thai Language and Literature, they learned key vocabulary and phrases tied to the sport, such as "Wai Kru" (the pre-fight respect ritual), enriching their linguistic skills. The PHE component came alive as ex-professional fighters demonstrated techniques, and students practiced basic stances, punches, and kicks, feeling the sport's physical intensity firsthand. By the end, the trip had woven together cultural appreciation, language mastery, and athletic discovery, leaving the students inspired and energized.





Senior School: Personal Project Exhibition













Our Personal Project Exhibition was a resounding success, showcasing the incredible skills, knowledge, and growth our students have achieved—not only through the creation of their projects but throughout their MYP journey. We are immensely proud of their hard work and dedication, as they embodied the IB Learner Profile and demonstrated what it means to be global citizens and future leaders in line with UDIS values. Their projects reflected creativity, critical thinking, and a commitment to meaningful inquiry, making this exhibition a true celebration of their learning and achievements.

Welcome Mr. JC one of our Senior School Humanities teachers

I'm J.C., and I've been teaching for 19 years. I started in Flint, Michigan, then spent 11 years in China, where I was Head of English for Nord Anglia Schools. I have a degree in History and English Literature from the University of Michigan and a Master's in International Education from King's College London. Here in Thailand, I teach MYP Individuals & Societies and IB DP Language and Literature, and I enjoy helping students explore big ideas. At home, I spend time with my wife, Molly, and our 10-year-old daughter, Ivy, enjoying family life.









School Notices



Upcoming events

24 March The TOK Exhibition parent cafe
27 March Senior School careers day
29 March Swimming Gala
4 April Songkran festival
4 April End of Term 2

21 April Staff only day #3
22 April Start of Term 3
1 May Labour day holiday
2 May PYPx exhibition
6-9 May School photo days
12 May Visakha Bucha Day
14 May EY stay and play session
16 May TOK Exhibition
3 June Queen Suthida's Birthday
10 June EOY conference day
13 June End of Term 3
25 July Term 1 invoices due date

13 August Start of Term 1 2025/2026