Dear Parents & Carers,

Teaching Block 2 has now finished and it was as busy as the first teaching block. We are now starting our final teaching block before the December holidays.

Teaching Block 3 will be filled with all the preparations for the December productions which will take place during the final week.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the parents meetings in 2 weeks time.

Miss Lori

These meetings will take place on Wednesday 13th and 14th November from 3-5pm. Sign up sheets will be on the wall outside each classroom next week. You will receive a copy of your child’s report at this meeting.

A special science thank you to Miss Adele our Science Coordinator for organising a fun filled Science Week. The children and adults have had a great time experimenting.

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Amazingly exciting Interactive Whiteboard news on Page 5

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Congratulations to Miss “Music” Mel who has just returned from Australia with her very new baby, Levi.

Although she is not officially back at work yet she has been popping in regularly and is keen to be involved in the December productions.

After School Activities Reminder

There will be NO Swimming Club, Aerobics, ICT Club, Dance & Drama Club, Water Fun, Games & Activities, Music & Singing, Arts & Crafts, Life Saving or Yoga on the week beginning 12th November.

Mini Tennis, Ballet, Tennis, Gymnastics and Judo will take place as normal that week.

The final week for all clubs is week beginning 26th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

😊9/11 Y1A Assembly
😊16/11 French Assembly
😊14-15/11 Parents Evenings
😊17-25/11 Water festival holiday
😊5/12 Book Sale
😊10-14/12 Productions

Fantastic range of new After School Activities are being planned for January —watch this space!
Nursery 2 had lots of fun blowing bubbles. You could try this at home.
Reception tried solving the problem: How much flour does playdough need when we make it?
They also investigated which animals were still living and which were extinct!

1F found lots of ways of changing the shape of playdough.

poking

squashing

thumping

patting

rolling

pressing

kneading

pushing

squeezing
During Science Week Year 2 made Crazy Custard using cornflour and water!

“IT felt a bit strange—and it smelt a bit too!”

“It was hard to pick up because it was stuck on the floor!”

Year 5 made rainbows using milk, washing-up liquid and food colouring! Their fingers even changed colour!

Miss Adele has kept Year 4 on their toes this week with an amazing range of Science investigations to try.

Here they are experimenting with yeast, sugar and water. Which balloon contained the most gas?

Year 6 exploded volcanoes... in their classroom! Watch them erupt!
SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
DO ... TRY THESE AT HOME!

Science creates a huge amount of opportunities in the home. Here are four simple experiments you could try!

1. Mix 2 cups of cornflour in a bowl and add enough water to make a runny paste. Food colouring can be added to make the slime look realistic.

What happens to the mixture? Try running the mixture through your fingers and then punch it in the bowl, the mixture behaves differently each time. Is it solid or liquid?

2. Mix baking soda and white vinegar in the bottom of an empty drinking bottle these will start reacting immediately. Quickly attach a balloon to the top of the bottle.

What is happening inside the bottle? What happens to the balloon?

3. Blow up a balloon and tie it. Rub the balloon against a rough surface (on a carpet or mat is good!). This will build up static electrical charges on the surface of the balloon. Hold the balloon against a fine stream of running tap water.

What happens to the running water if you look closely? Can you manage to see any tiny sparks on the balloon?

4. Do objects float more or less easily in the sea? Try floating objects that usually sink in a bowl of water by floating them in a solution of water and salt.

Does the salt make a difference? Can you make a sinking object float?
**SCIENCE WEEK BRAINTEASER**

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Only great minds can read this. This is odd but really interesting! Can you do it without hesitating?

If you can read this, you have a strange mind too. Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can. I couldn’t believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phenomenal power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn’t matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yah and we always thought spelling was important!

**I.C.T. UPDATE**

As you know, at iCAN we are committed to our children having access to the most up-to-date I.C.T. hardware. We want to ensure that iCAN children enjoy the benefits of using this technology. We are the only school in Cambodia to have Promethean Interactive Whiteboards (IWB’s) installed. By January 2008 we will have IWB’s installed in every classroom from Year 1 to Year 6 and will also have one for our Early Years Unit and another in our Multi-purpose room. In total we will have an incredible 11 IWB’s!

An interactive whiteboard—What is it?

It is a touch-sensitive whiteboard which allows teachers and children to participate interactively in activities projected onto it from a data projector connected to a computer.

IWB’s can have a positive effect on teaching and learning in all subject areas. They are powerful teaching tools and they have the potential to:

♦ Increase the pace of learning
♦ Improve the quality of interactions
♦ Improve teacher assessment through the promotion of effective questioning
♦ Enhance modeling

Early in 2008 we will offer open workshops for parents to visit iCAN and experience using the new IWB’s. You will also have the opportunity to see them in action at our Family Learning Day on Thursday 1st May 2008.
P.T.A.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th November at 12.15pm, in the Key Stage 2 multi-purpose room (on the 2nd floor next to our Year 6 classroom). This new time will hopefully help to boost the attendance. Coffee and biscuits will be provided and the meeting will be finished by 1.30pm.

BECOMING MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR iCAN TIMES BY EMAIL. THIS WILL HELP US CUT DOWN ON THE AMOUNT OF PAPER WE USE AS A SCHOOL AND BECOME MORE SUSTAINABLE.

DENTIST

Dr. Wolfgang visited iCAN on 22-24th October for the bi-annual dental check ups for children from 3 upwards. He saw 90 children and in addition to the dental check-ups he ran oral health teaching sessions for the children.

The passports are now ready to be collected from the office.

The newly formed iCAN Staff football team will play their first football match at 2pm on Saturday 3rd November at the Old Stadium (near the French Embassy).

They have 1000’s of seats to fill so come along with your family and have fun supporting them.

URGENT REQUEST FROM PENNY TYNAN iCAN PARENT

CSC will be doing free spinal surgery on poor patients with a spinal specialist from the US from Friday 9th until Saturday 17th November.

For this we anticipate that we will need a minimum of 36 units of blood supplies, so ask if you could request members of the iCAN community to volunteer to donate some of their blood at the National Blood Bank on the corner of Russian Boulevard and Norodom.

We would be very grateful if any donors could donate from the 9th until the 16th November 2007.

The Blood Bank policy is that it will only donate 2 units per day which is insufficient for our needs for this program.

Thanks,

Penny Tynan
Fundraiser/Program Coordinator

Children’s Surgical Centre