

# School News

## Maths Week Special

Dear Parents & Carers,

You will notice that this iCAN Times does not include as many photos as the epic issue 39, however, Teaching Block 4 has been very busy for the children and staff.

We had a great Maths week organised by Mr. Matt. Our whole school focus was subtraction but the children also enjoyed a variety of other mathematical challenges.

The next edition will be absolutely bursting with photos and news about Book Week, our Year 5 visit to Kampot & Kep and our Year 6 and Year 7 visit to Vietnam.

For those of you staying in Phnom Penh next week enjoy your holiday.

To everyone else, hope that you all have a fun but safe holiday.

See you all back at School on Monday 23rd February.

### Book Week is coming...

The children have been asking about Book Week since the start of the school year. It is always a great week. A time when we celebrate the immeasurable value of books and reading. The highlight is usually when we all dress up as characters from our favourite books. There is a rumour that some people have already started planning their costumes.

Can't wait!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

- ☺ 23/2 Start of TB5
- ☺ 2-6/3 Y6 & Y7 visit to Vietnam
- ☺ 6/3 Class RJC Assembly
- ☺ 9-12/3 Y5 visit to Kampot & Kep
- ☺ 13/3 Class 2D Assembly
- ☺ 16-20/3 Book Week
- ☺ 18/3 Book sale 2.30-4.30pm
- ☺ 8/4 Book sale 2.30-4.30pm
- ☺ 10/4 Class 3Z Assembly
- ☺ 12/12 TB4 ends—Khmer New Year holiday begins
- ☺ 20/4 Start of TB6

We will be holding our first **Child Led Conferences (CLC)** in April, find out a bit about this new, exciting initiative on page 4.

# Maths Week in our Early Years Unit

**SUBTRACT**



**DIFFERENCE BETWEEN**



**TAKE AWAY**

**MINUS**

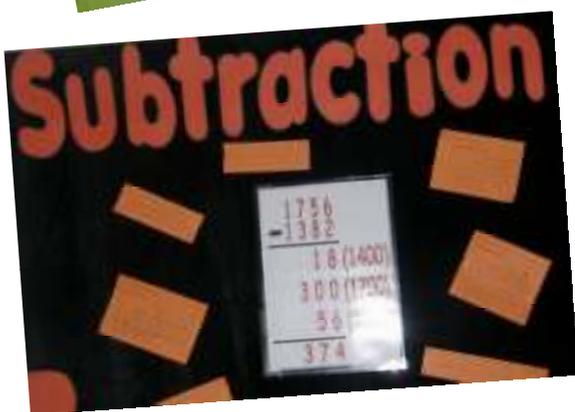


# Maths Week in Key Stages 1-3



Lots of parents came to join us in School during Maths Week and participated in our SUBTRACTION fun!

Follow those mathematical clues!



# Child Led Conferences

## Wednesday 22nd April 2009

At iCAN we are always looking for ways that we can develop, improve and offer your children the best all round education possible. Last year we looked at how we could improve the way that we report your child's progress to you. Traditionally we have held two parent-teacher meetings each year and have also provided you with two written reports.

This year we are introducing a new initiative, Child Led Conferences (CLC's) to enhance the reporting process. Feedback from parents and children from other schools that hold these conferences is very positive. For us, the most important feature of these conferences are that they allow your child to take responsibility and ownership of their learning.

Our CLC will take part during the day on Wednesday 22nd April (except for Year 6 and Year 1A who will arrange an alternative day) so please put this date in your diary. The CLC's will be instead of the TB6 parent-teacher meeting but please remember that you are welcome to make an appointment at another time to talk to your child's teacher.

We will be sending out more information about CLC's after the holidays.

### What are Child Led Conferences?

Child Led Conferences are an opportunity for your child to:

- ◆ show you 'what they do at school'
- ◆ demonstrate their learning and understanding through a variety of different learning situations
- ◆ not only to show you the 'outcomes' of their learning - but also the process

### Why hold Child Led Conferences?

Child Led Conferences enable children to:

- ◆ develop confidence when discussing their learning with their parents
- ◆ demonstrate skills of organisation and oral communication
- ◆ take ownership of their learning process and the outcomes

# International School Swim Meet

Take your marks ... get set ... GO!



On Thursday 12th February we joined Northbridge, I.S.P.P. and Lycee Descartes at I.S.P.P. for our second inter-school swim meet.

Our swim squad was even bigger than last time and the following 39 children represented iCAN:

**Year 7's** Linda, Sowon, Jessica, Sarah and Regis

**Year 6's** Raven, Celina, Ana, Lucy, Aaron, Matteo, Jonah, Emma, Kim Hout and David

**Year 5's** Emily, Ponnaka, Socheata, Mai, Ellie, Maliya, Jalesa and Adi

**Year 4's** Yo Han, James, Sovannrith, Jack, Ryan K, Tevy, Nathan and Sinah

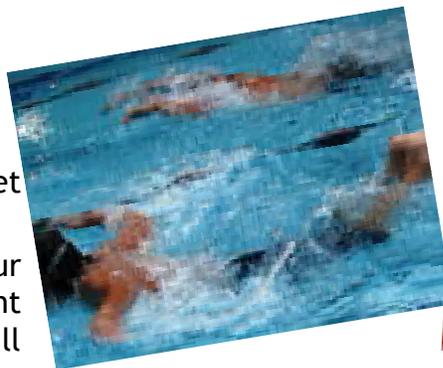
**Year 3's** Rika, Joanna, Jet, Oliver, Nawin, Vuthy, Jamie and Ratana



The iCAN swimmers were once again outstanding! They cheered and supported each and every swimmer in true iCAN spirit, throughout the whole swim meet!

We have been invited to one further swim meet later this year, back at C.C.C. again in April.

If any of you would like to come and support our swimmers at this meet, please check the Parent noticeboard in the canteen, where information will again be posted when we receive it.



We had swimmers in 74 of the races throughout the meet. The full results will be with us after the February break. We had lots of **1st 2nd 3rd** places. We're already looking forward to April!



## Where Elephants Weep

Following their night at the theatre a few months ago to watch "Where Elephants Weep" Year 7 have been continuing their musical journey. The Musical Director of the production ran a percussion workshop for the Year 7 students where they had the opportunity to focus on traditional percussion instruments such as the gongs.

They then visited the Cambodia Living Arts recording studio and met some of the musicians from the production and found out how a recording studio works. The Year 7 students are working towards recording their own song at the studio which they hope will be featured in the drama club production at the end of the school year.



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## Annual Mekong River Swim

This usually takes place on the first Sunday in April (this year that would be the 5th April 2009) about 6km outside Phnom Penh at Prek Leap Agricultural College.

For more information about this event please go to:

[www.mekongriverswim.blogspot.com](http://www.mekongriverswim.blogspot.com)

iCAN staff, children and parents will be taking part this year. Come along and cheer them on! The race starts at 9am (with registration beginning at 7.45am).

## Staff News...

- ♦ **Ms. Nour** our Year 6 teacher will be starting her maternity leave during TB5. We are delighted that she will be remaining a part of the iCAN team next school year.
- ♦ We would like to welcome **Ms. Sarah** who will teach Year 6 for the remainder of TB5 and TB6.
- ♦ Finally the daring **Mr. Den** and the energetic **Ms. Emily** will be returning to teach at iCAN in August 2009. They just couldn't stay away!