



iCAN TIMES

November 2007
Teaching Block 2

Science Week Special

School News

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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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.



BABY NEWS

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

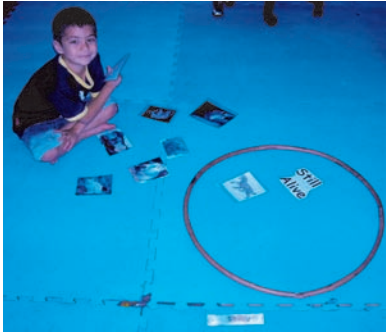
Although she is not officially back at work yet she has been popping in regularly and is keen to be involved in the December productions.

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!

SCIENCE WEEK in our EARLY YEARS UNIT



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!



SCIENCE WEEK in KEY STAGES 1 & 2



poking



squashing



thumping



patting



rolling

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



pressing



kneading



pushing



twisting



squeezing

SCIENCE WEEK in KEY STAGES 1 & 2



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!

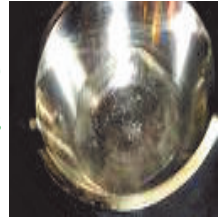


SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS

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.



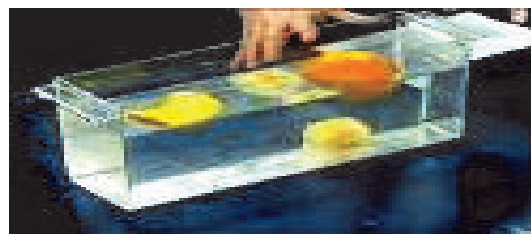
What happens to the running water if you look closely?

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

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

fi yuo cna raed tihs, yuo hvae a sgtrane mnid too. Cna yuo raed tihs? Olny 55 plepoe out of 100 can. i cdnuolt blveiee taht I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hmuam mnid, aoccdrnig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it dseno't mtaetr in waht oerdr the ltteres in a wrod are, the olny iproamtnt tihng is taht the frsit and lsat ltteer be in the rghit plcae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can sitll raed it whotuit a pboerlm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Azanmig huh? yaeh and we awlyas tghuhot slpeling was ipmorantt!

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!

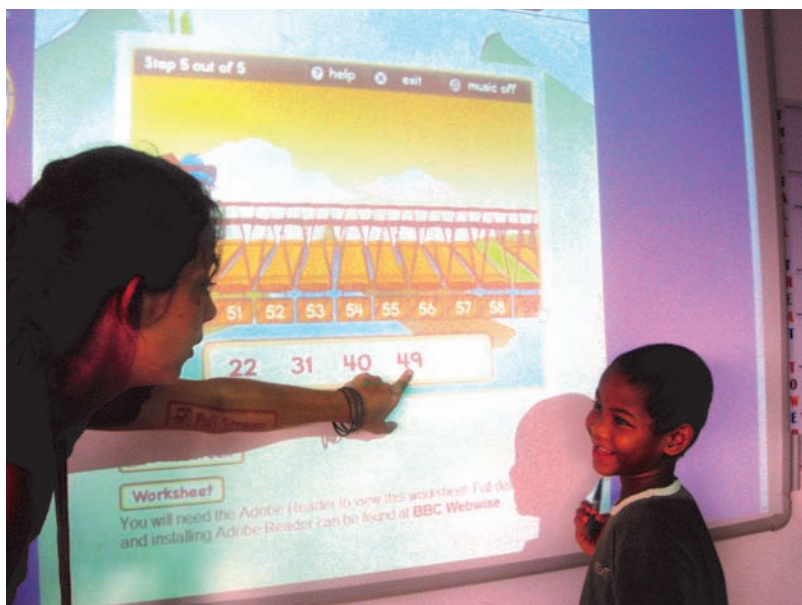
An interactive whiteboard—What is it?

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.



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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

