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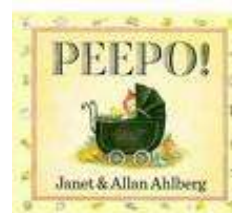
iCAN TIMES

February 2008
Teaching Block 4

Dear Parents & Carers,
I hope you enjoy this edition
of the iCAN Times.
Have a great February break.
Miss Lori

Book Week Special

...STOP PRESS...
Amazingly exciting
news from Elain, the
Director, on Page 2!
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A special thank you to
Miss Kathryn, one of our
Literacy Coordinators, for
organising a fun filled
Book Week.

The children and adults
have all had lots of fun.
Thanks to all the parents
who came and read
to the classes.



These meetings will take place on
Wednesday 13th and Thursday
14th April from 3-5pm. Sign up
sheets will be on the wall outside
each classroom at the beginning
of April .

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr. Matt
on his appointment as Key
Stage 2 Coordinator. He will
take on this role from the
start of Teaching Block 5.

Also, congratulations to Miss
Kathryn who will become
the Head of Early Years in
August 2008.

- ☺4-7/3 Y5/6 Field Trip to
Kep and Kampot.
- ☺7/3 Y3M Assembly
- ☺14/3 Y2N Assembly
- ☺17-21/3 Creative Arts
Week
- ☺2/4 Book Sale
- ☺4/4 Y4 Assembly
- ☺9-10/4 Parents Meetings
- ☺11/4 Khmer Assembly

**GREEN COLLECTION CARD
POLICY**

The safety of the children attending iCAN is of the utmost importance to us.

Every child attending iCAN should have a Green Collection Card, which includes photographs of the child and any adult expected to collect the child from school. This may include parents, nannies, drivers, older siblings, relatives or family friends. Parents may request additional cards.

The completed card should be brought to the school office to be laminated.

The person collecting the child from school will be expected to show this Green Card to the guard on the school gate each time they come to collect the child and also when they go to the class to sign their child out and as they leave the school site.

In the event that the green card can not be presented the guard will contact the office and the parent will be asked to go to the office to collect a white slip which authorizes them to collect their child from class. (nannies, drivers, older siblings, relatives or family friends. Will not be able to collect the child in these circumstances.

No exceptions can be made, as this will compromise the security of all the children attending iCAN.

THE DIRECTORS ANSWER TO THE \$10,000,000 QUESTION...

Should iCAN have a secondary school? ... and the answer was it should.

Will iCAN have a secondary school?

Two years ago we were not so sure, there were so many implications: financial, the teenage years, the struggles.

We were so young! We were not ready!

It however did not stop parents from hoping and ceaselessly asking “The Question”

Over the years I have watched my oldest daughter grow, develop and mature into a beautiful person at iCAN. I have felt her bonds of friendship with her classmates. I have watched the love and care her teachers have given her over the years. I know without a doubt that my own three children and every child in iCAN are truly loved. Each child feels joy and happiness while at iCAN and when I see their smiling faces I know there is nothing we wouldn't do to keep them as happy as long as possible. I am truly blessed to have the chance to do this. I don't feel that the decision to have a secondary school is my own, it is the children's. It just seems like a natural progression. From iCAN Kindergarten to Primary and now Secondary. From one loving nurturing home to the next.

We have found the land we wish to build our new school on and we are in the final stages of negotiation. Our target is to be able to finish the new campus by August 2010. We will continue with year 7 and year 8 on the current school campus.

I would also like to stress that iCAN was never created foremost to make money. Our fees are 35% less than other international schools here in Phnom Penh. We are in a position to charge more due to our state of the art facilities but we don't because our principle is not to make as much money as possible. It is to give the best education at an affordable price to families who are helping to make Cambodia a better place. We will always try to maintain our fees so that iCAN remains an affordable option.

The construction of the Secondary School will cost in excess of US\$10 million including the cost of the land and we haven't begun to cost the resources needed to equip the new school. It will be many years before we will see a return on our investment but we remain committed to the children's future.

iCAN was never a business venture right from the start when we began as a Kindergarten and it will never be. It will always be “only the best will do for my children”. It was and always will be from a parent's point of view.

Our goal is to make your children happy learners so you have peace of mind and we are working very hard to achieve this, it would be really appreciated if parents could keep this in mind and say a kind word or two occasionally to our staff.

I would also like to take this chance to say from the bottom of my heart thank you to all the parents who trusted and believed in us and would follow us wherever we go. Your faith has helped greatly in our decision to move forward with this exciting venture.

Elain Younn

BOOK WEEK in KEY STAGES 1 & 2



Did you see our fantastic Book Tent on the multi-purpose court?

We all enjoyed reading here with our friends.



Classes 5P and 3D enjoyed buddy reading in the Book Tent.



iCAN Best Book Character
awarded to



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One of the highlights of Book Week was when we all came to School each dressed as our favourite book character. There were prizes for the best costumes in each Key Stage.

Do you know who won the prizes?

What book character would you dress up as?



Year 6 and Class 1A paired up for some buddy reading too!

Marvelous magical medicines!

Year 2 stepped into the magical world of Roald Dahl

Magic fingers!

Chocolate factories!

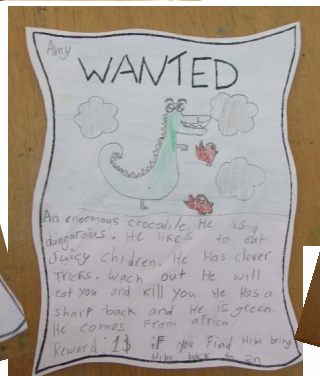
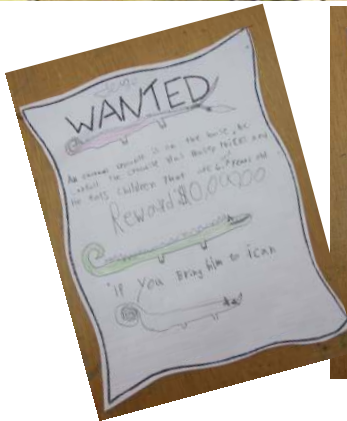
Big friendly giants!



The Enormous Crocodile had 'secret plans and clever tricks'! Can you see what tricks he is playing in these pictures?



Enormous child-eating crocodiles!



We created Wanted posters to try and track the dangerous crocodile down!

We read George's Marvellous medicine and studied the artwork of famous illustrator Quentin Blake. We copied Quentin Blake's style and made cartoon strips showing the amazing affects George's medicine had on grandma...



What happened to grandma

- Shot into the air
- She caught on fire - smoke everywhere
- She got fat and started to blow up
- She shrank again
- She started to grow and grow and grow....



Peer Massage

Pupils in year 6 have been helping Ms Nour to teach children in years 1 to 5 how to give and receive massage from their peers. Reception classes will be learning Peer Massage during Teaching Block 5.

The project is based on the belief that respectful touch can encourage self-esteem, confidence and mutual respect. Several schools across Europe have reported incredibly positive results from the project, such as improved concentration and well-being.

Children are grouped in pairs and administer 10 minutes of simple massage strokes to each other on the head, neck, shoulders and back. They are taught about respectful touch and have the choice about whether to join in or not.

The following URL has more information: <http://www.massageinschools.com/>



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P.T.A.

The next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th March at 12.15pm,
in the Key Stage 2 multi-purpose room.
(on the 2nd floor next to our Year 6 classroom)
One of the items for discussion will be the upcoming Khmer Games.

The PTA meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month.
This years remaining meetings will be on 1st April, 6th May & 3rd June.



Dear Parents,

We have undertaken a review of the use of the iCAN site at the weekends and as a result would like to inform you of a new arrangement.

iCAN Parents will be able to book their child's birthday party, for between 20-50 people here at iCAN. The parties can be booked for Saturday afternoons between 1-4pm.

There is no fee for booking the site but the iCAN canteen staff will cater for the party.

The facilities available for use during a party are the canteen, the playground and the swimming pools.

For further details about booking the facilities and catering costs please see me.

The iCAN Family Weekend Club members will still have access to the facilities at this time.

Mr Sophak
School Coordinator

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT THE iCAN TIMES AND WEEKLY CLASS NEWSLETTERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE YOUR iCAN TIMES AND WEEKLY CLASS NEWSLETTERS AS PAPER DOCUMENTS PLEASE COMPLETE A REQUEST FORM IN THE OFFICE BY **FRIDAY 7TH MARCH.**

THE ICAN TIMES & WEEKLY CLASS NEWSLETTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND WILL BE EMAILED TO PARENTS WHO HAVE PROVIDED THE OFFICE WITH AN UP-TO-DATE EMAIL ADDRESS. WEEKLY CLASS NEWSLETTERS WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED OUTSIDE EACH CLASSROOM AND A COPY OF THE ICAN TIMES WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED ON THE PARENT BOARD IN THE CANTEEN.

THIS CHANGE WILL TAKE EFFECT AFTER THE KHMER NEW YEAR HOLIDAY. WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS BEING AS PAPER FREE AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO BECOME MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE AS A SCHOOL.

iCAN is a weapons-free School and we would ask that all iCAN families respect this in the interests of the safety of all our children.

Adults (Drivers/Guards or Parents) bringing guns onto our school site risk being banned from the site.