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Teaching Block 5

School News

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you enjoy this Khmer New Year edition of the iCAN Times.

I cannot believe that we are already moving into our final teaching block of the year. Just 7 more weeks at school before 2007-8 school year comes to a close.

Miss Lori

IMPORTANT

You will receive forms to complete after the Khmer New Year holiday which you will need to return by

MONDAY 5TH MAY

if you would like your child/ren to be enrolled for the next school year.

STAFF NEWS

Miss Nalli has returned to Germany for medical treatment. We all wish her luck and hope that she is able to come back and join us at iCAN really soon. Miss Kate from the UK will be taking Reception N until Miss Nalli returns.

Creative Arts Week Special

Thank you to Miss Nalli, Miss Nikki, Mr Andy and Miss Mel who worked together to organise an amazing first Creative Arts Week.

I am sure that you heard about the week from your children and have seen the wonderful artwork around the school.

Turn to page 2 and 3 to see some of the fun we had in Creative Arts Week.



HAPPY KHMER NEW YEAR

Khmer New Year Events

Ms. Rose and all the LSA's have been busy at break times organising lots of traditional Khmer games for the children this week. All the children have had an opportunity to enjoy these games in the run up to Khmer New Year. Thanks to Ms. Rose and all her helpers!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

☺ 23/4	World Book Day
☺ 1/5	Family Learning Day
☺ 5-7/5	Dentist in School
☺ 7/5 & 4/6	Book Sale
☺ 9/5	RE Assembly
☺ 12-13/5	No School—Kings Birthday
☺ 19/5	Last week of clubs
☺ 23/5	RN Assembly
☺ 30/5	International Day
☺ 30/5	Reports go home
☺ 6/6	Last day of School

CREATIVE ARTS WEEK at ICAN



Each Class studied a famous painting, each by a different artist. Class 2N looked at a painting by the artist N.C.Wyeth.

Can you find this painting somewhere in our School?



Stef from Happy Painting came to do another fantastic workshop in School during Creative Arts Week.

As you can see from the photos, the painting activity certainly made us feel HAPPY!



The Early Years Foundation Stage got themselves involved in so many creative activities during this week. Have you seen all of their work on display in the E.Y.F.S. Unit?



Mr. Andy organised drumming workshops all week long. The whole School was vibrating and feeling the pulsating beats! It was amazing!



CREATIVE ARTS at ICAN



Khmer Arts Ensemble came in and performed traditional Khmer dance and music to the whole School.



The Cambodian Arts Network visited School to hold some workshops in traditional Khmer dancing. We were able to try it for ourselves. It was quite tricky to perform the hand movements and took lots of concentration!



What's your favourite style of dancing?

Did you know that Ms. Nour & Ms. Amirtha run a Dance Club every Tuesday after School?



Tiny Toones came in to show us all how to dance hip-hop and break-dance! They were so quick and performed awesome moves. We were able to have a go ourselves. It was so funky!



Year 5 & 6 visit to Kampot & Kep

Earlier this teaching block, 26 students from Years 5 & 6 (almost everyone!) along with 5 members of staff, enjoyed the most fantastic time visiting Kampot and Kep.

We left School early on Tuesday 4th March, visiting many places on our way to Kampot. We stayed for 2 nights at an amazing home-stay in Kampot, which overlooked the river and had a great outdoor space where we played so many games! After Kampot we set off to visit the salt factory and then onto the pepper plantations, before arriving in Kep on Thursday evening! We arrived back at School on Friday 7th March, exhausted but extremely happy to have so many amazing memories from our 4 days away from Phnom Penh! We can't wait for next year!



We had lots of fun at the luxury home-stay in Kampot. It was great to be able to share a room with our friends!



Catherine celebrated her 10th Birthday whilst we were in Kampot! The teachers organised a surprise birthday cake and we turned off all the electricity as the candles were lit! The cake tasted delicious!

We went exploring through the tropical rainforest – it was quite an adventure!





We visited the salt factory and learnt about how the workers collect the salt from the fields once the water has evaporated. It must be such hard work to be out in the sunshine all day long!



We all drank plenty of water and always remembered to protect ourselves from the sun!

Thanks to Mr. Marc and Carpe Diem for organising our itinerary and visit!



We also visited E.P.I.C. Arts in Kampot which is an N.G.O. which has been set up to enable local people to learn new skills and earn a living regardless of their physical difficulties. E.P.I.C. means... Every Person Is Counted!



School visits ...in 2009

Year 5 will visit
...Kampot & Kep

Year 6 will visit
...Battambang &
Siem Reap

and

Year 7 will visit
...Laos!



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IMPORTANT NEWS

**ABOUT THE iCAN TIMES AND
WEEKLY CLASS NEWSLETTERS**

**JUST A REMINDER THAT
FROM THE KHMER NEW YEAR
HOLIDAY 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.**

**WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS
BEING AS PAPER FREE AS
POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO BECOME
MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY
FRIENDLY AND SUSTAINABLE AS
A SCHOOL.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE
A PAPER COPY OF EITHER OF
THESE PUBLICATIONS PLEASE
SEE MISS LYNN IN THE OFFICE
AND COMPLETE A FORM.**

P.T.A.

The date for the next P.T.A. will be posted on the
Parent notice board in the canteen.

MEKONG RIVER SWIM



The Mekong River Swim draws enthusiasts from around the world who make a pilgrimage to the Prek Leap Agricultural College just to conquer the mighty Mekong river. All in good fun but with plenty of prizes and a myriad of smiling faces, the Mekong River Swim has become increasingly popular since its humble beginnings back in 1995.

This year was the 13th annual installment of the Mekong River Swim, which was held on Sunday, April 6!

The swim is open to anyone wishing to participate. This year 118 swimmers of all ages, from children to grandparents, joined the event and it was enjoyed by a large contingent of enthusiastic spectators. Competitors swam 650 meters across the Mekong, and returned to the starting point by boat. Spectator boats were also available for those who preferred a more leisurely crossing.

This year Mr. David swam the Mekong River for his first time. We are hoping to put together an iCAN Team to swim the Mekong at the next annual swim in April 2009! We are hoping this will include some of our older students, staff and even iCAN directors!