

Issue 44

November 2009 Teaching Block 2

International Day Special

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another incredibly busy teaching block and what a wonderful way to end it.

The Family Learning Day yesterday was a real success with lots of families joining their children to have fun learning with them.

International Day (which is drawing to a close as I type this message) was inspirational to the very last touch down.

Enjoy the Water Festival!

Ms. Lori



So long, farewell ... Ms. Jane!

As many of you will no doubt already know, Ms. Jane will be leaving us at Water Festival to return to the U.K. where she will be expecting her first child early in 2010. We wish her well and would like to thank her for all that she has contributed to life here at iCAN.

Ms. Sarah is excited that she will now be teaching Ms. Jane's class for the rest of Year 1.

What an amazing day

Thank you to everyone who made this such a huge success ... and a special thank you to

Ms. Jenna

our Geography Coordinator, who brought her vision for a truly interactive, multi sensory event to life!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

9/11 Start of TB3

9/11 Last week of clubs

13/11 Reports sent home

17/11iCAN Swim Meet

18/117S/8N Class Assembly

18 & 19/11

Parents meetings

23/111S Family Event

24/111P Family Event

25/116A Class Assembly

25/112D Family Event

25/1150 Family Bowling

26/112J Family Event

25/116/7/8 Family Bowling

7-11/12

Creative Arts Week

9/12 Book Sale 2-4pm

11/12Craft Fair

11/12End of TB3

Family Learning at iCAN









It was great to see so many of you having fun whilst learning alongside your child during the first Family Learning Day of this school year.













Family Learning at iCAN







Some parents and carers enjoyed the sessions so much, they wanted to stay all day!



Our next Family Learning Day will take place on Monday 8th March 2010.











International Day Design a t-shirt

Ms. Jenna our iCAN Geography Coordinator and International Day organiser, invited all the children in School to submit their designs for a t-shirt to represent our 2009 International Day. 4 winners were chosen, (one from each Key Stage) and then an overall winning design was chosen to be EYFS Supicha in RC made into t-shirts. The winners from each of the Key Stages were... KS2 Vi in 6A **KS1** Melisa in 2J ational friends KS3 Jonah in 7S The overall winning design [[CAN] was created by Erica in 50. All of the winners received prizes

The **'International friends'** t-shirt featuring the winning design can be ordered from Ms. Lynn in the School Office for **only \$3**. Please order in person or by e-mail (ican@ican.edu.kh) by **Friday 13th November**.

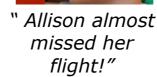
from Ms. Jenna in our Assembly on Wednesday 28th October.

International Day Departures



" The passengers in the iCAN Departure Lounge were very noisy ... mainly due to excitement!"







" Saem Chan had to pay \$100 for his excess baggage."

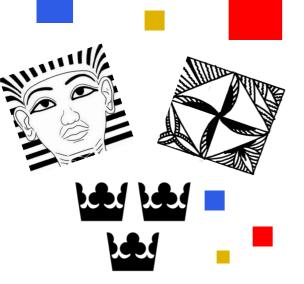






"4 countries 1 day ... it was just like being on the Amazing Race Asia!"





Immigration

How many stamps did you get in your iCAN passport? Did you get any of these stamps in your passport? Do you know which countries they were from?













Can you find all the activities that took place in each of the countries that you visited? Maybe the flags will help you!











































We ate sushi from Japan, Welsh cake, Cambodian spring rolls, gimchi from South Korea and so much more!





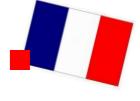
































Once we had all taken our final flight of the day back to Cambodia, our friends from C.D.C.C. came to iCAN to perform some truly magical Khmer dancing. It was absolutely mesmorising.

























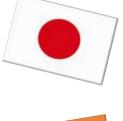




















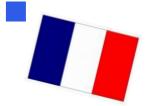


Remember to order your iCAN 'International friends'

t-shirt from Ms. Lynn in the School Office.
They only cost \$3 and can be ordered up until Friday 13th November (the same day that individual reports are sent home).
Once Ms. Lynn has collected all the orders she will place them with the printers and you should receive your fabulous new t-shirt, designed by

Erica in **50** within a week.





International Adventure Mr. David

Dear iCAN Families,

As this edition of the iCAN Times celebrates International Day here at iCAN, it feels like the right time to share my 'International' news.

From the start of Teaching Block 5 (late February) until mid Teaching Block 6 (late May) I will be taking extended leave. During this time I will be travelling to and exploring New Zealand, several countries in South America and back to Cambodia through central Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

I have a long term commitment to iCAN and Cambodia and with the support and encouragement from the Directors, Senior Management Team and my colleagues, I'm able to pursue this journey.

For this three month period, Ms. Emily, who is already in her second year as a member of the S.M.T. here at iCAN, will be acting Vice Principal. She's looking forward to the challenge and we know she will do a fantastic job. Thank you all in advance for supporting her in this role. Ms. Kathryn (who will be returning to iCAN after her maternity leave) will be joining Ms. Maggie at iCAN PLAY as from January 2010.

I'm hoping to make my journey interactive so that the children here at iCAN can become involved in my adventure too. I'm also planning to swim a major river in South America to coincide with the Mekong River swim on Sunday 4th April ... depending on piranha hotspots!

Any must-see recommendations would be most welcome too!

Thanks for your support!



Swimming Trials

On your marks ... get set ... GO!

Earlier this teaching block, swimming trials were held at School for the iCAN SWIM SQUAD. The SQUAD is the larger group of swimmers who will join additional lunchtime training sessions in the pool. As other children are identified as being proficient in all swimming strokes, by their swimming teacher, they may also be invited to join the SQUAD.

For each swim meet this year, an iCAN TEAM will be chosen

from the SQUAD of swimmers.



The first swim meet of the year will be held here at iCAN on Tuesday 17th November 4-6pm. The 3 further meets scheduled for this year are all on Saturdays.

6th February (organised by iCAN at a venue to be confirmed), 20th

March (NISC) and 1st May (ISPP).



Mr. Narak ... an iCAN Olympian?

Mr. Narak will be representing Cambodia at the upcoming South East Asia Games in Vientienne, Laos 10-15th December 2009





Mr. Narak, our assistant swimming coach here at iCAN, has been selected to represent Cambodia at next months South East Asia Games which are being held in Vientienne, Laos.

As with all athletes selected to represent Cambodia, Mr. Narak first of all needs to raise money to cover the cost of his transport, accommodation and food whilst competing in Laos.

Mr. Narak has been instrumental in the success of the iCAN

SWIM TEAM over the past year and we thought that you (our iCAN community) would wish to join with us in raising the \$350 needed to enable him to compete in Laos and represent Cambodia. If any of you or the businesses you work for would like to make a donation to the S.E.A.

SWIMMING

Games fund for Mr. Narak, please contact Mr. David at School or you can e -mail him at david@ican.edu.kh.

NARAK'S













FACTS! ... he first learnt to swim at the age of 13 (that's older than all our iCAN students) ... Narak (now 24 years old) first represented Cambodia in 2002 when he was 16 ... his favourite swimming strokes are butterfly and freestyle ... this will be the first time he has ever been to Laos ... when he is standing on the starting block ready to race the only thing he thinks about is winning ... Narak is proud to represent iCAN and he wants to win a medal for Cambodia ... he tries hard he could make the Olympics in the future (maybe LONDON 2012) ... currently Mr. Narak swims 3km everyday at (that's 187 Olympic Stadium lengths of the iCAN pool) ... he promises to win the Mekong River Swim 2010 which usually takes place on the first Sunday in April.







New Outdoor Area Vision

Exciting news!

Some of you may have noticed that our yellow fence in front of our iCAN car park doubled in size over the summer holidays, and may have been wondering why the car park remained the same size. All can now be revealed after months of planning and preparation ...

The new space, that we have leased, will become the car park and the current car park will be transformed into an incredible outside space for our children at iCAN. This space incorporates ideas from the children. They designed their ideal play space, which will include outdoor learning spaces, a sensory garden, a large grassed area for sports such as badminton and volleyball, a safe attractive water feature, benches, outdoor classrooms. We have however been unable to include a few of their other ideas such as a wrestling ring, trampoline, water slide, retractable roof and milkshake stand!

The work has already begun, and the new car park area is being cleared and prepared for the concrete to be laid. Once this is done, the car park will be marked out for both cars and sports spaces. The new car park will have more car park spaces which we hope will make the bringing and collecting your children to and from school a bit easier. The car park will be open each day at the following times

7am-8.15am 10.45am-11.15am 1.45pm-4.30pm

From 8.30am—10.30am and 11.30am—1.45pm the main car park will be closed to all vehicles. During this time it will be used as a multipurpose sports space

The space at the front of the new car park will be for the use of staff as these cars will remain at school throughout the day. There will be a few additional spaces available in this area for visitors or parent/carer(s) collecting children from school outside of the times above.

We hope to include some photos of our developing new outdoor area in the next iCAN Times ... watch this space!

New Outdoor Area Design



We have been working with Ms. Sarunya Lormaneenopparat on the new outdoor area design. She is a landscape architect and the Director of Sa.la. Design.

Sarunya is an iCAN parent and her son Supicha is in our Early Years Unit.

We really appreciate her volunteering her time and expertise to this project which will benefit all the children at iCAN.

We've really been inspired by her ability to incorporate 'the children's ideas into the final design.

Landscape & Architectural Group

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A special THANK YOU to Sarunya and her team!

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School Residential Visits

Year 5 Kampot & Kep Years 6, 7 & 8 Thailand

Please remember to sign your child up for their residential visits by Friday 13th November.

Lost & found

All lost property is placed in baskets in the areas next to the staff room.

There is one basket for water bottles and another for clothing and other items. These baskets will be emptied at the end of each teaching block. Items that can be reused will be donated to a local N.G.O.

ISPACE

Remember to check out this amazing resource. It will provide hours of fun learning, for your child (and you!)

You can access it by going to the school website on www.ican.edu.kh and then clicking

or by using the following link:

www.ican.edu.kh/ispace/home/ispace.htm

This week we celebrated International Day, so why not encourage your child to visit some of the great Geography sites.

CDCC Give A Gift appeal

This year our Give A Gift appeal has a very specific focus. Ms. Jenna has been coaching the children from C.D.C.C. basketball. We want to ensure that all the children at C.D.C.C. have their own pair of trainers to wear when they are playing sports. So this year we are going to be asking our iCAN community to buy a pair of trainers for a child at Christmas.

More details to follow...

Ms. Kathryn's growing family...

We are delighted to announce that Ms. Kathryn, her daughter Grace and new son, William, will be returning to iCAN in January 2010.

Ms. Kathryn & Grace will be new additions to iCAN PLAY!

Have you visited

iSPACE

on our website yet?