



**MEASURE UP! Math's Week Spe-**

Dear Parents & Carers,

This teaching block there have been many opportunities for our children to shine and I am incredibly proud of them.

The children from Year 3 and Year 4 had their first ever sleepover at school although I am not sure that there was much sleeping and think it should be renamed a 'Wake Over'

I was able to go on the Year 5 residential trip to Kep and Kampot, it was an incredible four days and I and was able to witness first hand the respect our children showed for themselves, others and the world in which they live. ( see page 6-7)

Our Year 6/7/8 children return from their trip to Thailand today. I know from reading the students emails and from speaking to the teachers that they have had an amazing experience. Many of them faced their fears during the activities such as the high rope course and the jungle trek and they took risks which pushed them to their very limits.

It was also great to see so many iCAN families at the Kite flying Picnic which was held at the beginning of this teaching block, it was a great location and very successful in terms of keeping those kites up in the sky.

I look forward to seeing you all in school for Family Learning Day on the 8th March.

Have a great holiday next week

Gong Xi Fai Chai

**Ms. Lori**

**What an amazing day in the pool ...**

**Thank you to all of you who came to support our iCAN Swim Team at the C.C.C. last Saturday morning.**

**The swimmers were superb and as usual, a real credit to themselves and iCAN.**

**More information can be found on page 10.**

**Good luck to Mr. David ..**

As you all know Mr. David is about to start his three month sabbatical. His journey will start in New Zealand and then continue to South America where he will spend some time volunteering as well as traveling around the region. We will keep the iCAN community up to date with all his travels and adventures. We will certainly miss him but he will be back before the end of the school year.

**..and to Ms. Emily**

While Mr David is on his sabbatical , Ms. Emily our Head of Early Years will also take on the Vice Principal role. Ms. Emily will continue to work at iCAN PLAY three mornings a week but will be based on the iCAN main site the rest of the week.

Ms. Emily will be happy to answer any questions that would normally be directed to Mr. David.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE**

- 22/2 Start of TB5
- 8/3 Family Learning Day
- 8-12/3 Book Week
- 10/3 KS1 Bedtime stories
- 17/3 1P Class assembly
- 20/3 Swim meet at NISC
- 4/4 Mekong River Swim
- 7/4 2D Class assembly
- 9/4 End of TB5

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The children in Nursery 2 and Reception had fun exploring the capacity of different containers



Many children used Art and Design & Technology skills to make posters to advertise their products



Adding the old fashioned way—using fingers!



The ovens and hobs were hot from 8am until 3pm each day as children developed their cooking skills as well as their measuring skills.



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Who can make the tallest tower using bricks?

The children solved lots of measure Problems during the week.



How tall am I?



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Each class was given 100,000 riel (\$25) which they could use to buy the materials needed to make their products. The aim was to make as much profit as possible during the week.



The KS3 students kept hungry customers entertained at their stall with an impromptu music performance. Their crepes with nutella were worth waiting for.



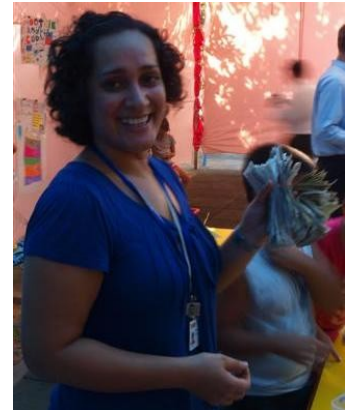
The children and their teachers were ingenious in the range of products produced and sold.



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The total amount of profit made during the week was \$573. This money has been donated to an orphanage, 'The Children of Hope'. It will be used to buy beds and other essentials for the children. Ms. Rachael who teaches in Y3R is currently taking care of the children staying at this small orphanage.



3R made the most profit during the week closely followed by 2J.



# Year 5 residential **Kampot & Kep**



I had a great day! I liked the Epic Arts show but it was quiet hard to understand because a lot of it was in sign language. The ice cream was delicious and after that we walked through the jungle but it made my feet dirty.



Today has been awesome. I can't decide which bit is the best! It's all been brilliant! Apart from the ant that ate me! I am really looking forward to the BBQ tonight! YUM.



I enjoyed making friends at the local school. The swamp walk made my feet muddy and wet.



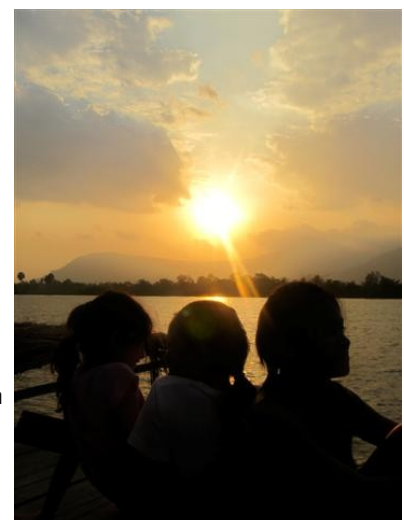
The fun thing about last night was when we were walking round the swamps and everyone got scared



I never had such a great time before; the food tastes very, very nice.

The thing I enjoyed most was when we met the people in Funky Junk. When we stopped at Les M, I thought there was only one place to live in but it's huge and there is so much space. I love it!

I really enjoyed visiting the Community Village, walking around and seeing how life is in a village. I like this hotel as there are lots of windows and fresh air can come in. This is my first time to sleep in a bungalow.



# Year 5 residential **Kampot & Kep**



I liked the part when we had to walk in the night and I think I faced my fear.



I feel excited about seeing my mum and dad tomorrow but a little sad for the fun to be ending.

I enjoyed tasting the Khmer fish and enjoyed going round the village and seeing how they lived. It is amazing; I think the village recycles the most out of anyone in the entire world.



I liked Funky Junk because we learnt how to make stuff out of plastic bags. I didn't like the walking so much but we did walk to Epic Arts where I learnt how to sign language with the deaf people.



The night walk was very scary but I faced it Mum! Ms Lori and I had a lot of fun today and it was really fun at Funky Junk because I got to learn how to recycle and knit plastic bags. It was really hard but I did it anyway and I never gave up no matter what.



Today what I really liked was the swamps because it made me feel like I was in the wild. I ignored all the things that said you are not in the wild and you are in civilization. I enjoyed going to the salt fields but I don't understand how Cambodia manages with only two provinces that produce salt. We went to Epic Arts and learned how to sign language; it is really cool that you speak with your hands.



# Years 6, 7 & 8 Thailand

... through the eyes of our iCAN intrepid explorers and risk-takers!

## Deep in the forest the iCAN adventurers were on a mission...

It was **Emma** who kept her fellow trekkers upbeat as they ventured through the forest to the magnificent waterfall. Then **Celina** jumped into the waterfall lagoon and swam. She was screaming like she had seen a ghost. Next **Olivia** scrambled through the rainforest during the trek. She also cleaned elephants and managed to avoid being struck by elephant poo! Over and above **Kun Woo's** expectations, he touched an elephant. Wow! **David** was amazed how an elephant skin felt after washing an elephant for the first time. **Angela** loved swimming in the waterfall, but didn't like swimming in elephant poo! Altogether, everyone, including **Ponnaka**, went swimming in the lagoon. They liked jumping off the rocks into the water and making big splashes. Under **Jak** was a lot of elephant poo because he was washing the elephants in the bathing pool. In the end **Vi** eventually swam into the photo with the elephants. She didn't complain once ... even though she was surrounded by elephant poo! Towards the end of the day, **Matteo** and his friends got to wash elephants in some murky water ... there was lots of elephants poo! Contrary to her own personal expectations, **Nalani** jumped off into the waterfall at the highest rock. Terrified **Jalesa** was so scared by the elephants. She was worried that they would bump into her and squish her flat ... but they didn't! Phew! **Eden** didn't smell bad even though he'd stepped in elephant poo. He also sweat a lot during the amazing trek, so he felt he was so lucky. Today **Jonah** was so excited because he jumped from about 10m high into the waterfall. Everyone took lots of pictures of him and he also enjoyed the trek to the waterfall. His friendship with everybody shone through!



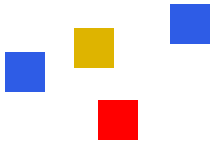
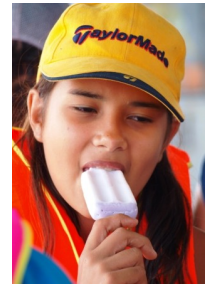


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However, on the other side of the island ...

In between Chettha and Alex woke **Kim Hout**, after getting kicked by somebody sleepkicking ... it didn't hurt though! Before **Adi** started the Treetop thing, he aced the training and then completed two levels of the treetop adventure. Maybe **Thyda** went to the swimming pool with Miss Andrea, but a friend found out that she actually went to the tree-top and had some fun and she said "Phew it was so tired but I got to the end!" Suddenly **Ellie** swung a long way on the huge zipline and almost banged into the tree at the other side. Afterwards **Jess** almost fell off a rope struggling to grab on to anything she could lay her hands on. Unfortunately it was Sarah, who also almost went tumbling! Even though **Mary** was scared of heights she still went on the high ropes. It was terrifying at the first place for her but she soon got used to it! My **Mai**. Who would know that swinging would be so much fun. She did all the stages and screamed like no one else. It was amazing when she screamed "I can't wait to see you on Friday!" However **Emily** went to the tree tops and had lots of fun and had lots of mini accidents, but still carried on in high spirits. She made it up to the top. Following **Chettha** was difficult because he got to the top. Afterwards he decided to play football. Eventually **Sowon** reached the top. "Oh my gosh." Sowon was winning. "It's so hard and tiring!" Maybe **Alex** should go back to Treetops again, as it was awesome! He scored again in football too. Yayyyyyy! Well **Mak**, went climbing trees the "idiotic but cool way" ... he geared his pulleys and slid from tree to tree, using ladders, carabinas, swings like Tarzan and much, much more. Therefore **Ragina** felt soooo tired after swinging from branch to branch - or should we say tree - and lay there on the tree house, eating ice cold watermelon and pineapple... Today was so much fun. **An** went to the tree top adventure park. He went on high ropes and wanted to remind his family not to worry, as he's having so much fun. **Sarah** thought..."Not much longer 'til she actually drops off" ... and she did!



## Swim Meet at C.C.C.



# Go iCAN!

Last Saturday it was an early start for our iCAN swimmers as they made their way to the Cambodia Country Club for the second swim meet of the year which was being hosted by Lycee Descartes. We had a huge amount of support from iCAN families who screamed, cheered and encouraged the iCAN team for over 4 hours in the scorching sun.

... We are still waiting to receive the official results from the meet but the iCAN swimmers certainly spent a lot of time on the winners podium. A big thank you to all our children who swam their hearts out and a special thank you to those children who stood in at short notice and swam for team members who were unable to come.

The third swim meet of this school year will be another early start, when it is held at NISC during the morning of Saturday 20th March. The final meet of the year will be held at ISPP at the beginning of May.

## Mr. Narak ... at the SEA Games

**Thanks to your donations  
Mr. Narak represented Cambodia  
at the South East Asia Games  
in Vientiane, Laos 10-15th December 2009.**

**"I was very excited and happy to join the team of seven swimmers from Cambodia. I swam in the 100m Butterfly and came 7th with a time of 1.03. The winners time was 55 seconds. I would like to thank all the iCAN families who supported me. I am now training hard for the Siem Reap triathlon on the 20th March and then the Mekong River Swim in April"**

# Visits ... to iCAN PLAY



Children from Nursery 2 and the Reception classes visit iCAN PLAY on a regular basis. During Math's Week Year 4 also spent a morning there measuring children and baking. They had lots of fun.



# Key Stage 3 Design Challenge



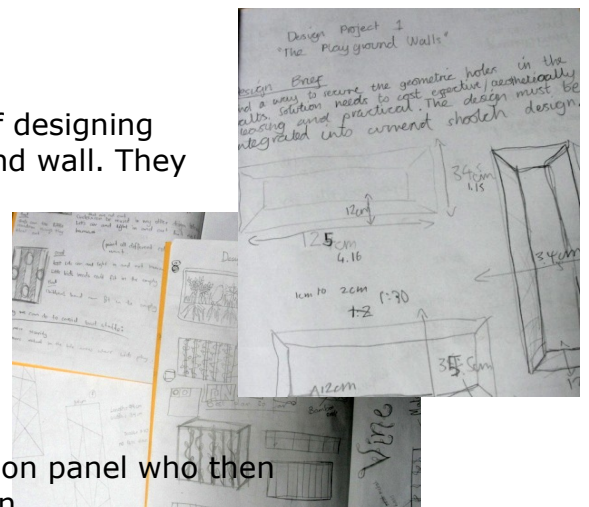
**Design Brief**  
 Design some form of fencing to cover and make safe the holes in the new playground walls

Consider the following elements:

- Practicality
- Cost effectiveness
- Aesthetics
- Safety
- Eco-friendliness – 'green' if possible

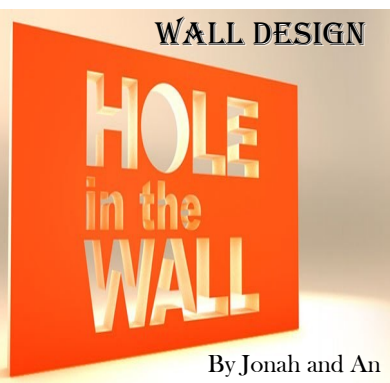
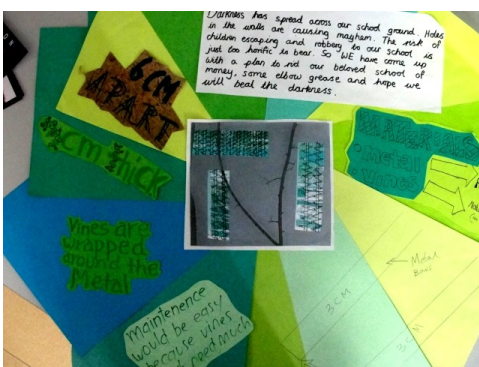
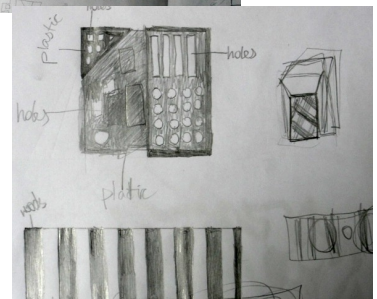
The Secondary students were set the challenge of designing safety covering for the holes in the new playground wall. They went through a typical design process:

- Consider the design brief
- Carry out a risk assessment
- Develop design
- Evaluate design and modify

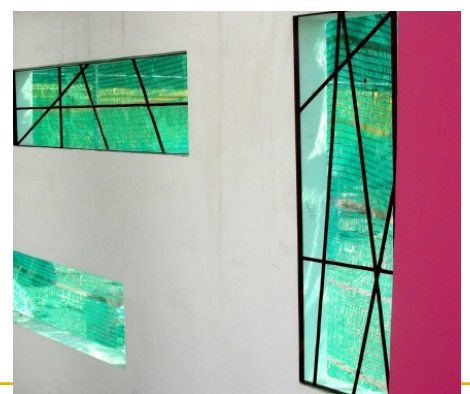
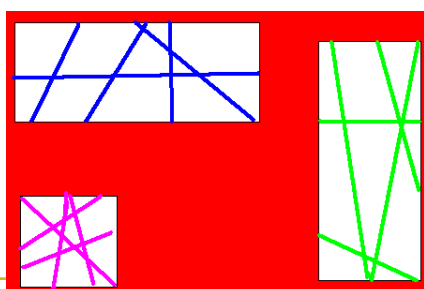
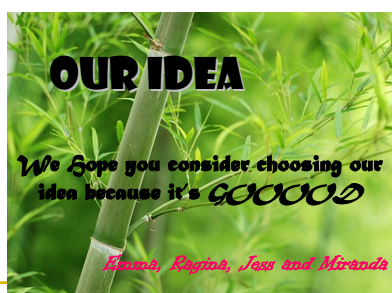


Each group presented their designs to a four-person panel who then deliberated and chose the most appropriate design.

Each group then made the final design drawings and these have now been given to the project manager who will carry out the construction.



By Jonah and An



# Years 3 & 4 School sleepovers



Sleeping?  
Not us!



Great teamwork!

# Kite Flying Picnic



Beautiful kites and beautiful smiles



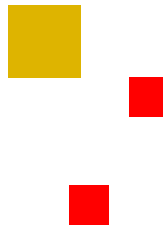
# Science Club



Lava lamps and goo!



YUCK, don't drink it!



Everyone loves Ms. Jo's Science Club



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**iSPACE**

# **Family Learning Day** **Monday 8th March**

Earlier this year we held our first  
Family Learning Day.

It was great to see so many of you having fun  
whilst learning alongside your child .

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

## **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](http://www.ican.edu.kh) and then clicking

**iSPACE**

or by using the following link:

[www.ican.edu.kh/inspace/home/inspace.htm](http://www.ican.edu.kh/inspace/home/inspace.htm)

**Last week we celebrated Math's, so why not encourage your child to visit some of the great Numeracy sites.**

## **FIZZ & WHIZZ**

A huge thanks to Mr. Paul who introduced this great event to iCAN.

75 children ( give or take one or two) took part in 9 mixed year group teams. They answered questions on Science, iCAN trivia, Sports to name a few of the 8 rounds.

The children were treated to refreshments half way through. (The Fizz part of the Whizz) It was wonderful to watch the children work together to try and answer the questions. It was close but the Einstein's finally won with 88 points.

## **Phnom Penh Players Panto**

Snow White and the Jackson 5 was one of the best panto's performed here in Phnom Penh for years. I don't think anyone will ever forget the wicked queen or the mirror! Many of the adult and child actors were members of the iCAN community as were the backstage hands and the musical director. Can't wait until December for the next Panto!

**Have you visited **iSPACE** on our website yet?**