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## October 2010

Dear iCAN community,

This has been an incredibly busy teaching block.

A delegation of headteachers and senior education officials from several provinces spent a day here at iCAN this month, as part of a partnership project with KAPE. They observed lessons and took part in workshops as part of their continuing professional development. A number of teachers in Upper KS2 and KS3 were instrumental in making this day a successful learning experience for all. There are plans to develop this partnership further.

We also received very positive feedback following our annual inspection visit from the Ministry of Education which took place earlier this week.

**Ms. Lori**

Swim Meets at iCAN ... During November iCAN will host 2 inter-school swim meets. Our **iCAN SWIM SQUAD** have been training so hard for their second and third meets of the year. Find out what happened when they took on the iCAN adults! (pages 6 & 7)



### Parent & Carers drop-in sessions 2010-11

There are 3 more of these drop-in sessions on the School calendar for the 2010-11 academic year. They are all on Mondays:

#### 8th November 2010

17th January 2011

28th February 2011

As you can see, the second one is in just over a weeks time. On this day you will be able to explore your child's classroom, guided by your child. Their teacher will be available to answer any questions you may have about their learning journey.

### Our new iCAN P.E. kits are here!



Today your child will have brought home their **NEW** iCAN P.E. kit.

They will need to bring it to school every week to change into for their P.E. lessons.

See page 9 for more details.

Last week we were delighted to host the first CEOP International Child Protection Network (I.C.P.N.) 'Safeguarding Children Training' to be held in Cambodia, as the safety of our young people both online and in the real world is a priority for us. Five members of the iCAN team joined 120 delegates to take part in this training. The training our staff, and other key professionals here in Cambodia working with children received, will enable them to equip children with the skills necessary to ensure they are safe.

Mr. David, our wonderful Vice Principal, worked tirelessly on the logistics of this training in liaison with CEOP staff from the London.

### ... STOP PRESS ... LATEST NEWS ...

Our iCAN **International Day** has been rescheduled and will now take place on **Friday 19th November**.

Please contact Ms. Jenna if you can offer your help, your time or would like to share your nations costumes, dances, music, food and history.

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# Reception **Royal Palace visit**



Ms. Cindy and Ms. Vijaya's Reception classes went to visit the Royal Palace. They saw so many interesting things.



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# Reception **Royal Palace visit**



There was time to pose, pray, sketch ... and there was even time to have a snack!



We were so proud of our amazing children.



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# Year 3 Bophanna Arts visit



Ms. Jo and Ms. Kate took Year 3 to visit an exhibition at the Bophanna Arts Centre to bring their Phnom Penh learning journey to life. They enjoyed using the computers to look at images of Phnom Penh from the past and in the present .

## Creative Arts week is coming!

At the end of Teaching Block 3 we will be holding our annual **Creative Arts week**.

Offering opportunities for our children to be creative and recognising the diversity of talent that they have, goes hand in hand with our vision here at iCAN.

We want to inspire every child to recognise their full potential whether their strengths and talents are creative, physical or academic.

Recently I have watched some thought provoking videos from TEDtalks ([www.ted.com/talks](http://www.ted.com/talks)) that bring together people from all walks of life who all have the ability to inspire us. One of their speakers, Sir Ken Robinson, is well known in the education field and a few years ago delivered a talk entitled 'Do schools kill creativity?' He argued that we don't get the best out of people because we've been educated to become good workers, rather than creative thinkers. Students with restless minds and bodies - far from being cultivated for their energy and curiosity - are ignored or even stigmatised, with terrible consequences. He concluded that

**"We are educating people out of their creativity!"**

*[www.ted.com/talks/ken\\_robinson\\_says\\_schools\\_kill\\_creativity](http://www.ted.com/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity)*

At iCAN, Creative Arts week gives all of us the opportunity to celebrate the importance of creativity in our lives. The plans for the week are really exciting but I don't want to spoil the surprise, all will be revealed soon enough.

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# Year 6 Flea Market



Year 6 are  
**'KEEN TO BE GREEN'**

As part of this learning journey unit they thought about how to;  
**REDUCE, RECYCLE, RE-USE**

They held a flea market to recycle and reuse old toys, books, clothes and other items.

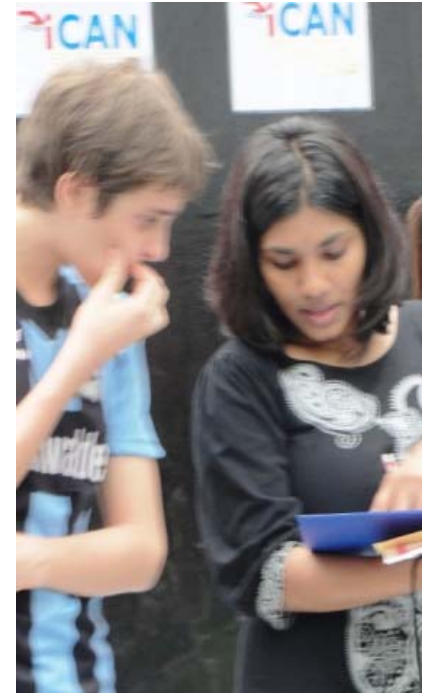


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# Swim Meet **Children v. Adults**



We had so much fun at our first swim meet of the year, as the iCAN adults turned out in force to challenge our iCAN Swim Teams.



Our fantastic students from KS3 organised the swim meet, with the support of our iCAN staff. They will also organise our next two swim meets at iCAN in November.



As you can see, not all of our iCAN adults are as competent at swimming as our aquatic iCAN children ... they wore lifejackets just to make sure that everybody was safe in the swimming pool!



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# Swim Meet **Children v. Adults**



We are preparing to host several other international schools, at our upcoming meets on the 16th & 30th November.

It was a close contest, but the children eventually overcame the iCAN adults to take overall 1st and 2nd place at the meet.



As we have come to expect at iCAN, the spirit and support from all the swimmers and spectators was electrifying!

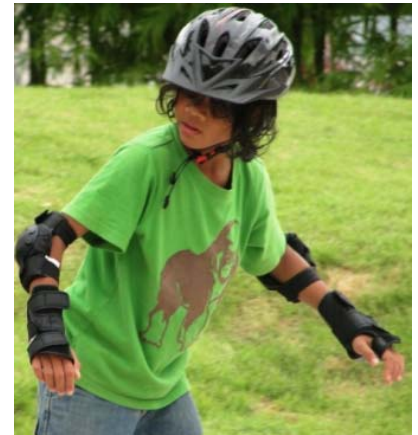


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# Skateboarding Club



**Skateboard club** was new to iCAN this year ... thanks to the arrival of our incredibly talented (and tall) Mr. James. The children who joined prepared themselves well, arriving equipped with helmets , knee & elbow pads and wristguards to each session.



A list of the After School Activities available in the second half of the school year, will be made available on our school website at the end of Teaching Block 3.

Registration for these new clubs will take place at the beginning of TB4 on Thursday 13th January 2011, in our school hall.



The last week of after school clubs is the week beginning Monday 8th November.

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# P.E. kits ... have arrived!

Each child has been provided with two pairs of navy blue shorts made from sweatshirt fabric and two yellow t-shirts with the iCAN logo on them.

All our iCAN children will also be able to wear their kit for After School activities.



We have introduced this new school P.E. kit for a number of reasons including;

- General hygiene, so that children can change before and after P.E. sessions.
- Health and Safety, it will ensure children are wearing suitable clothing which will allow them to partake fully in the sessions.
- Requests from the children themselves for a kit which identifies them as iCAN students when playing sport with other children.

The children were involved in this new initiative through their School Council representatives. They chose the colour of the t-shirts and the design.

We were also fortunate that one of our parents agreed to manufacture the shorts for us.

Our next initiative is to have P.E. bags and swimming bags designed and made at 'SMATERIA', using the recycled mosquito net fabric, like our book bags.

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# Safeguarding Children Training

Here at iCAN over the past year we have integrated the 'Think U Know' educational resources into our curriculum with great success.

We have used many of the downloadable resources, which are available for each Key Stage. These teaching materials relay vital messages through powerful animations and dramatisations.

Student feedback here at iCAN has been very positive and we have seen concrete evidence that iCAN students are now using social networking sites more responsibly and safely.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Please contact [david@ican.edu.kh](mailto:david@ican.edu.kh) if you know of other organisations which would benefit from similar training in the future.



The British Ambassador  
H.E. Andrew Mace

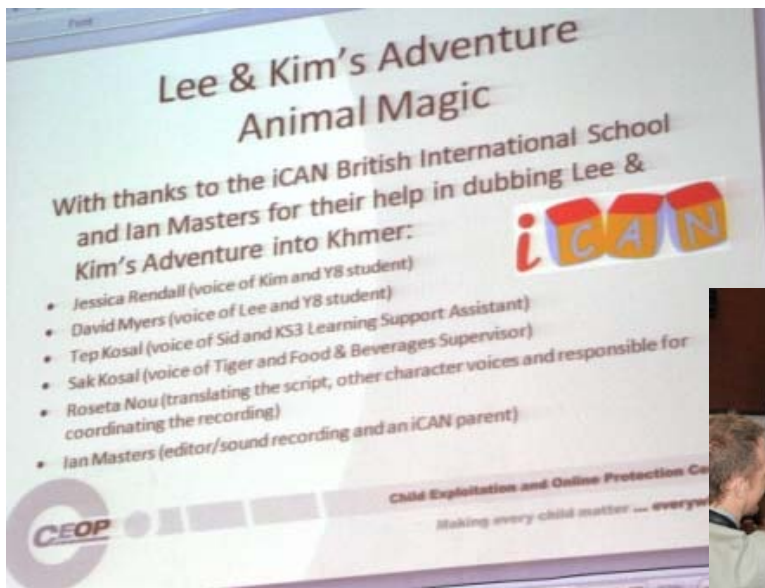


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# Safeguarding Children **Training**



Our friends from K'NYAY came in to school to cater for all the delegates throughout the three days of training. Run (K'NYAY Executive Chef) passionately spoke to all the delegates about how the 'Friends Mith Samlanh' programme, here in Phnom Penh, had been the turning point in his life.



We are excited about introducing our younger students to the new animation 'Lee & Kim's Adventure' which was translated and dubbed here at iCAN, and was launched during this training. It was a real team effort with students, staff and parents working together fantastically!

The three day training course was a great opportunity to share good practice and find solutions that will help to prevent the abuse and exploitation of children here in Cambodia. Following this training the participants now have the skills and resources necessary to empower the children in our wider community to be able to make safe and informed choices.



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The following children have been selected to join the **iCAN SWIM SQUAD** since the start of this year:

**Year 3**

James & Mea

**Year 4**

Les, Donald,  
Mariamawit & Lehkena

**Year 5**

Vuthy, Rika, Jamie, Serinya, Jet,  
Alex, Chivann, Eli, Amy,  
Cameron & Phannita

**Year 6**

Jack, Lucy, Nat, Karissa, Nathan,  
James & Yo Han

**Year 7**

Jakamo, Adi, Mai, Ellie,  
Socheata, Jalesa & Emily

**Year 8**

David, Matteo, Emma, Lily,  
Jonah, Chettha, An, Olivia,  
Sowon & Jessica

Our next swim meets of the year will be held here at iCAN on **Tuesday 16th November & Tuesday 30th November**

3.30-5.30pm.

I.S.P.P., N.I.S.C., LOGOS, HOPE & Lycee Descartes will join us ...

so come along and cheer for your **iCAN TEAM!**

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.

Last year the event didn't take place, for the first time in 15 years. In 2011 the Mekong River Swim will be back and will hopefully be held on Sunday 3rd April!

Our iCAN team will take over the organisation and running of the annual Mekong River Swim in 2011. As in previous years, the Swim will be at the Prek Leap Agricultural College, about 6km outside Phnom Penh, over the Japanese Bridge.

The swim is open to anyone wishing to participate. In 2009 over 160 swimmers from numerous countries and aged from 10-71, joined the event and it was enjoyed by a large contingent of enthusiastic spectators. Competitors swim 650 meters across the Mekong, and return to the starting point by boat. Spectator boats will be available for those who prefer a more leisurely crossing.

If you would like to get involved by volunteering, sponsoring or participating in the Mekong River Swim 2011, then please contact Mr. David at school:

**david@ican.edu.kh**

With your support we hope to make the 2011 Mekong River Swim the most successful to date.

**Mekong River Swim  
Sunday 3rd April 2011  
organised by iCAN**

# iCAN & EPIC Arts in partnership

explore • express • empower



## Student Profiles: Name: Tao Bun Roath Age: 17 Deaf

### personal statement

"I was born deaf. All my brothers and sisters are hearing. When I was younger I was always on my own, without friends. I went to hearing school but I was the only deaf person there and I was beaten. The teacher would write words on the board but I just didn't understand anything. They even couldn't understand if I asked where the toilet was, so I left school.

I met Yim Marie at the hospital. She was deaf and I saw that she was signing. In 2002 she started teaching me how to sign. In 2003 I started to learn with DDP. They taught me how to write Khmer a little bit but I'm not so good at that. Then in 2005 I met Epic Arts. We did an art and dance workshop at the church. We did a procession around Kampot for Deaf Day, that was lots of fun.

In 2006 the Epic Arts café started. I helped set it up, painting, cleaning, it was great. In 2006 I joined Epic to tour a performance piece around different provinces. I also attended lots of workshops about different arts. By this time I now had lots of deaf friends and we had a great time together. At the end of 2006 my family had to leave Kampot because they had no work here. I left and once again I was on my own. I was so bored and I would just dream about my friends at Epic Arts. In 2008 I came back again and saw they were building this new arts centre. I was so excited to see this and in 2009 Epic Arts chose me to join the VTP. I was so happy to have been chosen.

Here we don't fight, we respect each other and communicate well. I am so happy to be back with the Epic family. I am happy to be learning drawing, theatre, dance... Later when I have finished my education at Epic I would like to work in a café with my brother in Phnom Penh."

### biography

Roath joined Epic's first workshop in Kampot in 2005, and was an enormous help in setting up the café. He has performed nationally with Epic Arts, in "Young, Funky and Able" as well as other dance and theatre productions.

When Roath's family moved from Kampot it was a real loss to the Epic Arts community and we were thrilled to have the opportunity to invite him back to join the VTP course,

Roath is a beautiful teacher and excelled whilst facilitating in local schools as part of the Epic Arts Community Outreach Programme.

Recent practitioners 4Motion commented that 'his maturity and patience supported the group workshop leaders and made them feel very welcome.'

### Artistic Director's comment:

Roath is completely committed to the VTP. He always pushes beyond his comfort zone and is open to trying new techniques in dance, circus and improvisation. He has a natural ability as a facilitator and his kind and gentle nature lends itself to the work with the Peace Class, Epic's project working with young people with intellectual disabilities.



Photo © Nick Heavican



Tao Bun Roath (pictured above) is the young person who iCAN are sponsoring at EPIC Arts. The annual cost of our sponsorship is \$1500.

Tao is also one of the teachers running workshops here at iCAN as part of our Creative Arts Week in December. (see pages 4 & 14 for more details)

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## DIARY DATE REMINDERS

### November

1st	Start of TB3
3rd	6A Class Assembly
4th	Family Learning Day
8th	Parent & Carers drop-in
8th-12th	Last week of clubs & Nursery/Reception socials
10th	3J Class Assembly
16th	iCAN Swim Meet
17th	5P Class Assembly
18th	Fizz & Whizz
19th	Progress reports
22nd-26th	Water Festival
30th	iCAN Swim Meet

### December

1st	Year 4 Class Assembly
1st & 2nd	Parents evenings
7th-9th	Family social events
13th-17th	Creative Arts Week
17th	iCAN PLAY family event
17th	End of TB3

## NEXT ISSUE ...

- Family Learning Day
- iCAN Swim meets
- Cycling trips
- International Day
- Creative Arts Week
- Family social events

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

**iSPACE**

**FAMILY LEARNING DAY** will take place on **Thursday 4th November**. Please sign up for a session on the list outside your child's class.

## CREATIVE ARTS WEEK

13th—17th December 2010

This promises to be the most interactive and eventful Creative Arts week ever!

Our friends at EPIC Arts will join us for the whole week, running workshops for the children and also performing for us all. Exciting plans are also in place to creatively redesign our new KS3 outdoor area with the help of a talented local urban artist and one of our creative and talented parents will be working with iCAN children to design and create something we can all enjoy.

*... the rumour is that Sambo won't be the only elephant in Phnom Penh!*

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