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December 2010

CREATIVE ARTS WEEK SPECIAL

What an incredible end to Teaching Block 3 and 2010! At iCAN we nurture creativity and this week has been a celebration of the creative talents in school.

Our focus for Creative Arts Week 2010 was 'Art in our environment'. We wanted to design and work on pieces that we could enjoy long after Creative Arts Week is over. We wanted to enhance our amazing spaces with creations that would delight our different senses.

We want to give our children opportunities to explore a whole range of creative activities so that they can develop skills which will prepare them for the future. We may be nurturing the artists, dancers, musicians and actors of the next generation!

Earlier in TB3 we held our amazing International Day organised brilliantly by Ms. Jenna. Recent renovations to the terminal building meant that our iCAN departure lounge was bigger and better than ever before and throughout the day there were 52 scheduled flights to 13 different countries! (see pages 2-5 for more details)



Parent & Carers drop-in sessions 2010-11

There are 2 more of these drop-in sessions on the School calendar for the 2010-11 academic year. They are both on Mondays, straight after school:

17th January 2011 28th February 2011

As you can see, this third Parent & Carer drop-in session of the school year, is just after the Winter break. 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 elephants are here!



Just like the lambananas in Liverpool, cows in Amsterdam and horses in Milan, iCAN now has its very own four-legged (well 48 legs in total) art installation ... a herd of ELEPHANTS! See page 24-27 for photos!



This is officially our most epic iCAN Times ever! With a whopping 42 pages documenting all the amazing adventures we've had at iCAN during Teaching Block 3 ... that's only 29 school days! Inside you can relive our ... International Day ... Y1 buildings tour around Phnom Penh ... Y2 visit to SOS Clinic ... Y3 Roman Day ... Y4 Ancient Egyptian Day ... Y5 bread-making, bridge-building and mask-creating ... Y6 Victorian Day ... KS2 & 3 Cycling adventures ... Family Learning Day ... Angkor Wat marathon ... Family & social events ... iCAN Tennis Open ... Circus ... Swim meets ... Employee of the month ... and of course, Creative Arts Week!

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

Our new P.E. & Sports Coordinator, Mr. Rowdie, will be joining us at the start of Teaching Block 4.

So get ready for even more sport here at iCAN!

The After School Activities programme for January-May 2011 is now available to view on our website.

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iCAN International Day



We loved our very trendy International Day t-shirts, designed by the very talented **Thyda** in Year 7. We really felt the design captured the spirit of International Day, which has become an annual event here at iCAN.



The iCAN Air crew ensured the smooth running at iCAN International Airport. The passengers particularly enjoyed the security check by the very thorough Head of Security, Mr. Sophak.

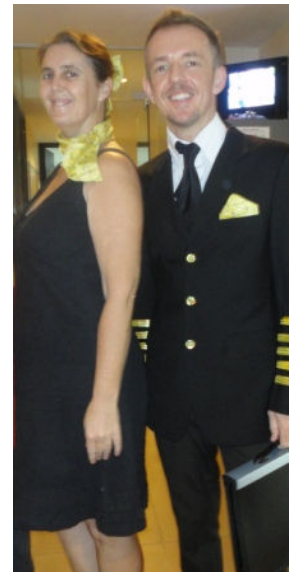
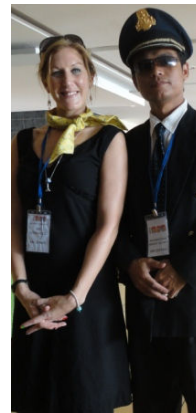
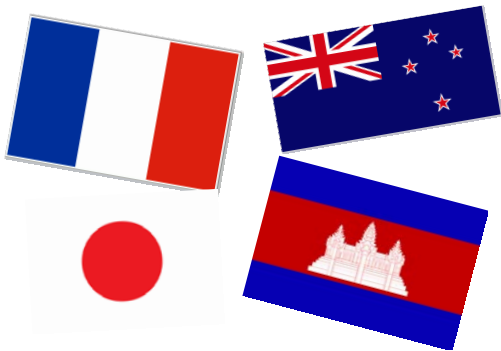


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Passengers from our international community pulled out all the stops and stunned us all with their fabulously authentic costumes and national dress.



Can you remember which 13 countries the small flags on pages 2-5 represent?

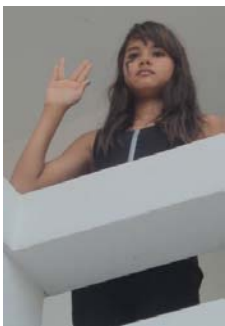


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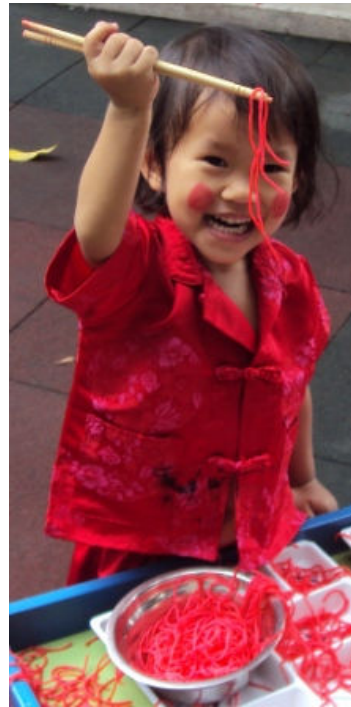


Our KS3 students created a whole new country for our International Day ... New Earth!



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ICAN International Day



Ms. Jenna coordinated a day packed with activities for everyone to enjoy.

The culmination of the days events was a reverberating performance by Phnom Penh's premier Japanese drumming group.

Special thanks to Aya Diep for arranging this performance.

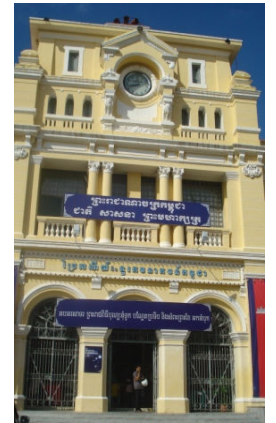


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Year 1 Buildings in Phnom Penh



After a shaky start, making buildings out of packs of cards, our 'Buildings' learning journey unit transformed our Year 1 children into budding architects!



Our architectural tour of Phnom Penh involved us taking lots of photos and sketching.

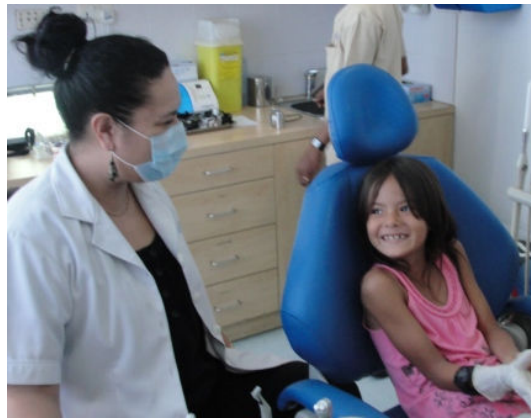


Our favourite building was the **Royal Palace**, but we think it is too big for one person ... although we wouldn't mind living there.



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Year 2 Visit to S.O.S. clinic



**OUCH!
NEEDLES!**
Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to S.O.S. clinic where they had hands on experience of life in a dentist and doctors shoes.



Year 2 had the opportunity to check their pulse rates and examine x-rays. The dentist also explained to all the children about keeping their teeth clean and healthy and was impressed to hear iCAN children brushed their teeth after lunch each day.



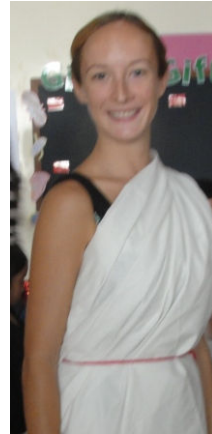
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History days Y3 Romans



Year 3 have really enjoyed learning all about the Romans this teaching block.

They made their own shields in preparation for the ensuing battle over the brow.



They marched around in the 'tortoise formation' showing how effective the Romans were in battle.



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History days Y4 Egyptians



During the Year 4 assembly we found out all the gory details about embalming a mummy.



Mr. David thought he was a lot older than he actually is ... he doesn't look like he's 88 years old!



"Walk like an Egyptian"



A huge well done to Year 4 for putting on a spectacular assembly, reminiscent of a West End show. Your costumes, acting, line learning and singing was all tremendous.



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History **Y5 Ancient Greek masks**



Step back in time to the ancient world. Year 5 created some authentic Ancient Greek theatre masks.

Vaseline, modroc and water helped us create this individual masks.



Food technology **Y5 Bread making**



Yum! After kneading, rolling, prodding, food colouring, jam, chocolate and sprinkles ... the bread was done!



Architecture **Y5 Bridge building**



Who can build the strongest bridge only using a limited supply of paper, string, sellotape and paper clips from the shop?

"We can!"

Why don't you try this at home?



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History days Y6 Victorians



After a step back in time, none of Year 6 wished that they had lived in the Victorian era. They unanimously agreed that they preferred to be at iCAN in 2010.



The girls spent the day training how to look after their future husbands ... sewing buttons onto shirts and stitching up holey socks.

Whereas the boys became men ... sawing, hammering and improving their woodwork skills ... all in silence!

For lunch they ate broth ... several deviants received punishment with the cane ... whilst the academically challenged wore dunce hats and stood in the corner.



Would YOU like to be taught by these teachers?



Not to inspire any child, children should be seen and not heard , and know that they are insignificant and unimportant in the world!

KS2 & KS3 Cycling adventures



After weeks of battling against the elements, we finally made it to the Mekong island for lots of fun and adventures.



Our children also learnt about differences between life on the island and life in Phnom Penh.



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KS2 & KS3 Cycling adventures



iCAN Family Learning Day



We're looking forward to our next Family Learning Day on **Thursday 3rd March 2011.**

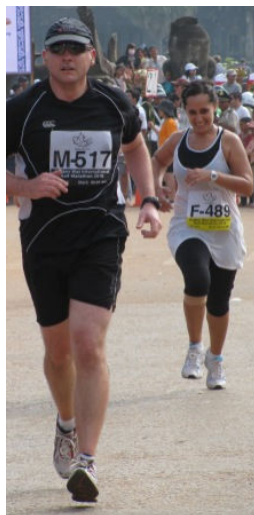
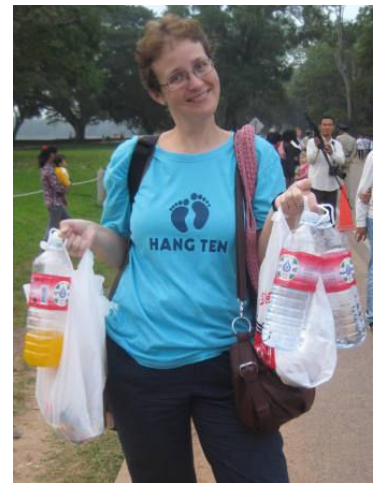


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iCAN Team run at Angkor Wat



At the beginning of December two busloads of iCAN staff headed northwards to Siem Reap to join in the annual running event around the Angkor Wat complex.



Most of the adults joined the 3km or 10km races ... but **Ms. Louise** and **Ms. Kate** went that extra kilometre (well 21km to be exact!) and completed it with such determination ... **AWESOME!**



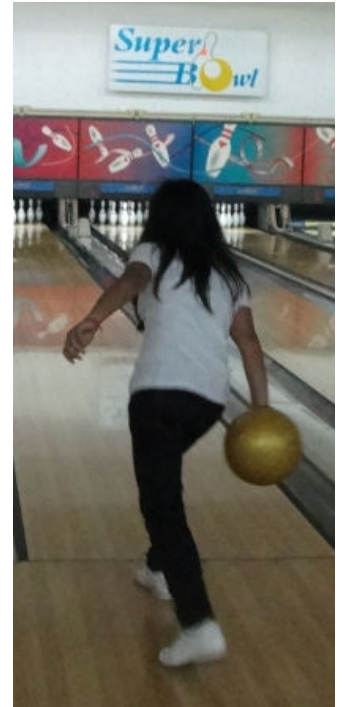
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Family socials 10-pin Bowling



There were lots of family socials this teaching block ... Years 5 & 6 went bowling with their families and the students in KS3 challenged their teachers to a bowl-off. By all accounts Lily was the star bowler, up there with Ms. Adele.

STRIKE!



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iCAN Family events

Key Stage 1 and their families went to Le Jardin for lots of delicious ice cream. **Mmmmmmm!**



We even saw a guinea pig hiding behind the plants!



iCAN Tennis Open



The last weekend of October saw our inaugural **iCAN Tennis Open** sponsored by Ms. Elain. After some very close matches Mr. Kosal won both the singles and the doubles titles, partnered by Mr. David.



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iCAN Circus



We were wowed by PHARE circus group from Battambang who were in Phnom Penh as part of the Tini Tinou circus festival.

Amazing acrobats, juggling, contortionist, fire-throwers and clowns ... some of us were even lucky enough to go and see the full show the following weekend!



How do they do that?

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Swim Meet v. ISPP & NISC



Following the success of the Children versus Staff swim meet back in September, November was the month that iCAN played host to two further swim meets. We hosted I.S.P.P. and N.I.S.C. on 16th November and then HOPE and LOGOS two weeks later, on 30th November. Each school entered a team of 16 swimmers aged 8-11 years.



Once again our K.S.3 students played a huge part in the organisation and success of both these meets. They took on the roles of timekeepers, photographers, scorekeepers, announcers, award presenters, runners and starters. Thanks to all the staff that supported our students with this.



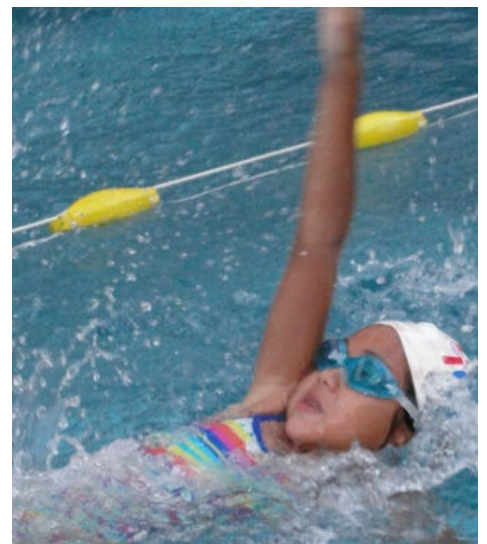
Here are the results from both our November swim meets:

16th November

- 1st iCAN 103 points
- 2nd ISPP 89 points
- 3rd NISC 48 points

30th November

- 1st iCAN 118 points
- 2nd HOPE 61 points
- 3rd LOGOS 53 points



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Swim Meet v. HOPE & LOGOS



Our swimmers are a real credit to our school and always represent everything that is so great about iCAN. Not only do they always try their best, but they have great fun doing so. They always show so much support, not only for their own team mates but also all the swimmers from every school we compete against. We're looking forward to taking their fantastic team spirit onto our next swim meet at LOGOS School on 22nd January.



So many yellow ribbons were won by our fantastic swimmers!



Our iCAN SWIM SQUAD keeps growing as more and more children strive to be selected to join the extra training sessions and break into the team. However for our next meet our squad will have shrunk by 3 swimmers ... we would like to say a huge thank you and good luck to Mea, Ratana and Jess who are moving to Australia to begin their next adventure!

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The following children have been selected to join the **iCAN SWIM SQUAD:**

Year 3

James, Mea, Aaron & Ellen

Year 4

Les, Donald, Mariamawit, Lehkena, Roseanne, Gawon & Alex P.

Year 5

Vuthy, Jamie, Serinya, Jet, Jessie, Alex E., Chivann, Eli, Amy, Cameron, Phannita, Ying, Theo, Ratana, Tokna & Anna

Year 6

Jack, Li Lien & Nathan

Year 7

Jakamo, Adi, Mai, Ellie, Maliya, 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 at LOGOS school on

Saturday 22nd January 2011

8.00am-12noon.

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_hunt@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 Employee of the month

September

Ms. Whattey
L.S.A. in Class 2J



Whattey effective communicator confident
organised firm
respectful punctual
teamwork open minded independent good fun
team player efficient
gentle knowledgeable
perfect
helpful
responsible

October

Mr. Sokchea
Food & Beverages Team



Cheafriendly good communicator
Mr Possible great ideas
helpful good attitude
well organised punctual creative
flexible works tirelessly
patient problem solver
reliable gives good advice
honest talkative well groomed
respectful

November

Mr. Dam
Public Area & L.S.A. Teams



always positive hardworking flexible A/C checker
great interaction with children pleasure to have within our teams keen to learn punctual tidy respectful
always welcoming enthusiastic clean keeps learning helpful good character honest
Dam puts his heart into his work good communicator caring
L.S.A
helps teachers

December

Mr. Heng
Food & Beverages Team



Heng tidy works hard reliable
loves his job helpful
works with his heart mmmmm
punctual coconut and passionfruit cake
very determined honest
always trying to improve

Each month members of our iCAN staff are nominated for the 'Employee of the month' award. When it comes to decision time, it is always a tough choice as we are lucky to have so many great staff here at iCAN. Above are our winners so far!

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Creative Arts Week at iCAN



The elephants were inspired by the lambananas in Liverpool in the UK and we felt that elephants gave this concept an Asian twist. Each one is unique, designed and painted by the children themselves.

We have finished all but one elephant, he is hiding in the bamboo at the moment but ... watch this space!

I noticed a few dare devils riding the elephants bare back this morning, including a few adults ... hmmm!

The musical instruments which Mr. Andy and his able team put together have been a real hit (literally). The children (and adults) love them. Everyone is going to have hours of fun with them. We are also planning to add to the collection over the next few months.

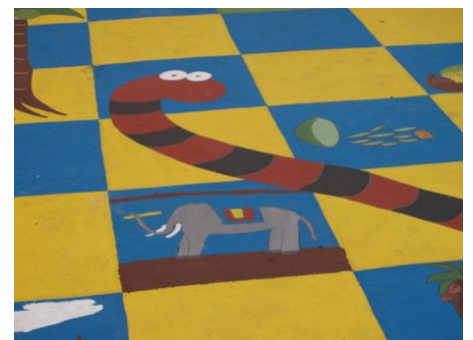
The 'Snake and Coconut trees' game as you come into school was designed by the children in Year 5 and Year 6. This amazing creation was brought to life by Benita Sharpe, Mia Berberovic and the Year 5 and Year 6 children.

The bamboo sculptures hanging in the garden were inspired by an exhibition in Chiang Mai. Thanks to the team of teachers and assistants who worked hard on these sculptures.

EPiC Arts were epic indeed. This wonderful group of young people ran a series of workshops for KS2 children and the grande finale was their performance in our garden, which was breathtaking! Our Year 5 children will be spending more time with our friends from EPiC when they go on their residential trip to Kep and Kampot in January. It was particularly special for us, as Roath who is the student that the iCAN community sponsor was here leading visual arts sessions.

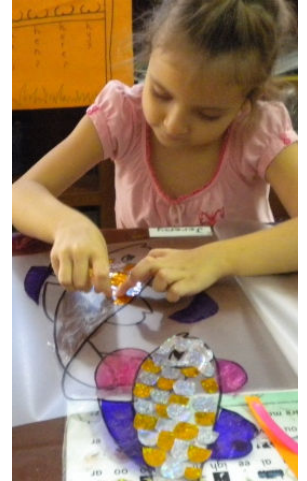
Picasso said that all children are born artists but according to Sir Ken Robinson who we quoted in the last iCAN Times the problem is to remain artists as we grow up.

Ms. Lori



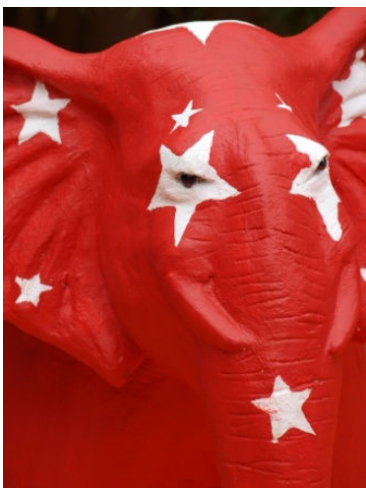
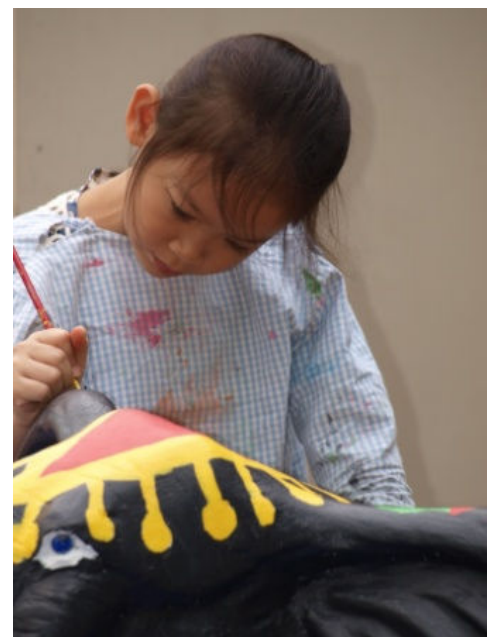
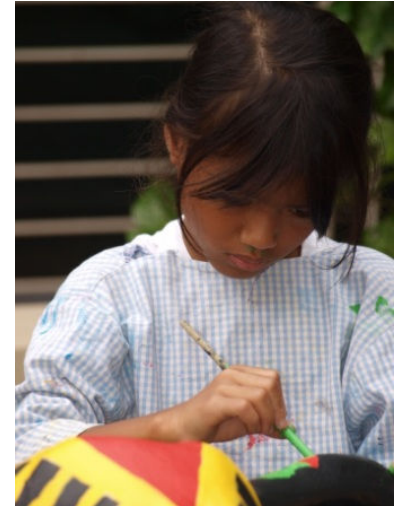
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Creative Arts Week Elephants



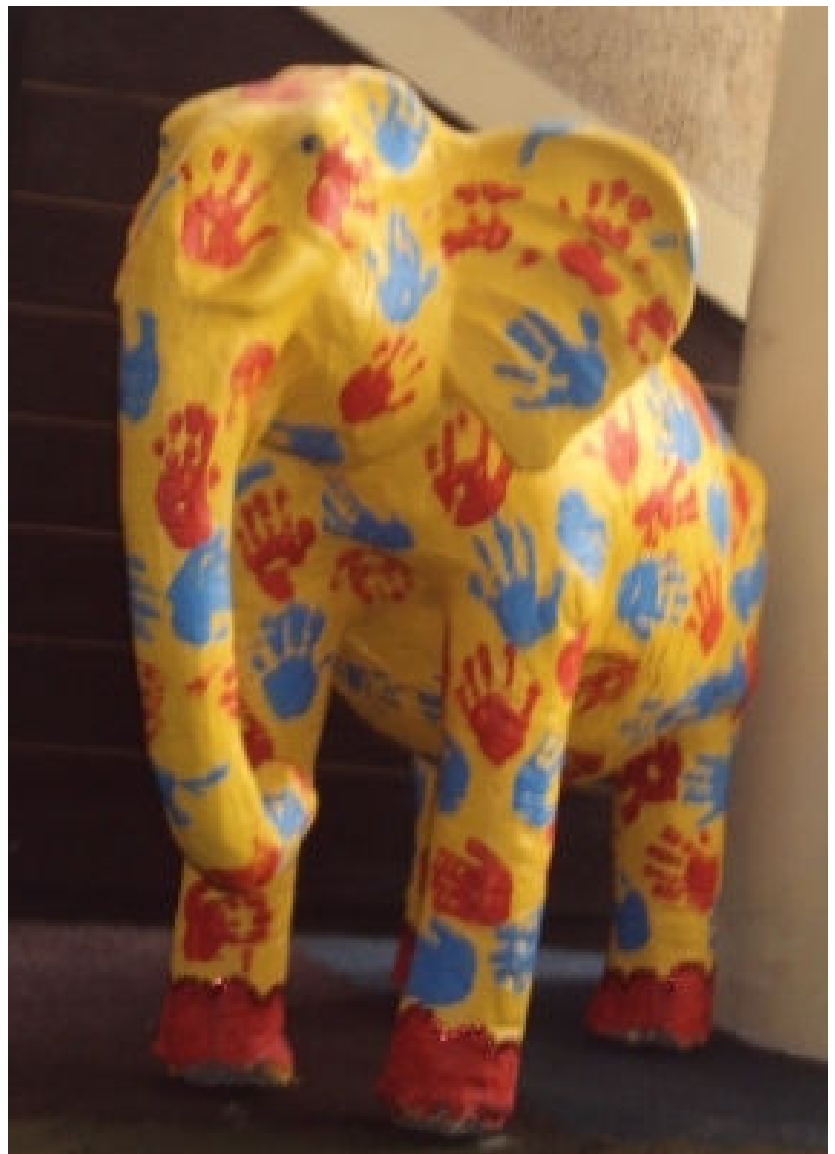
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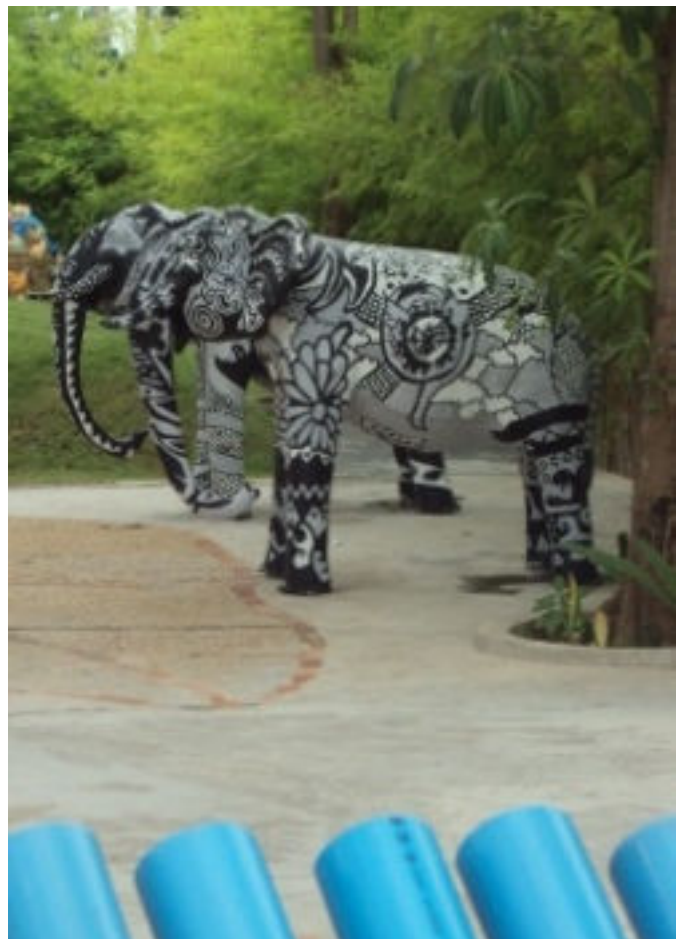
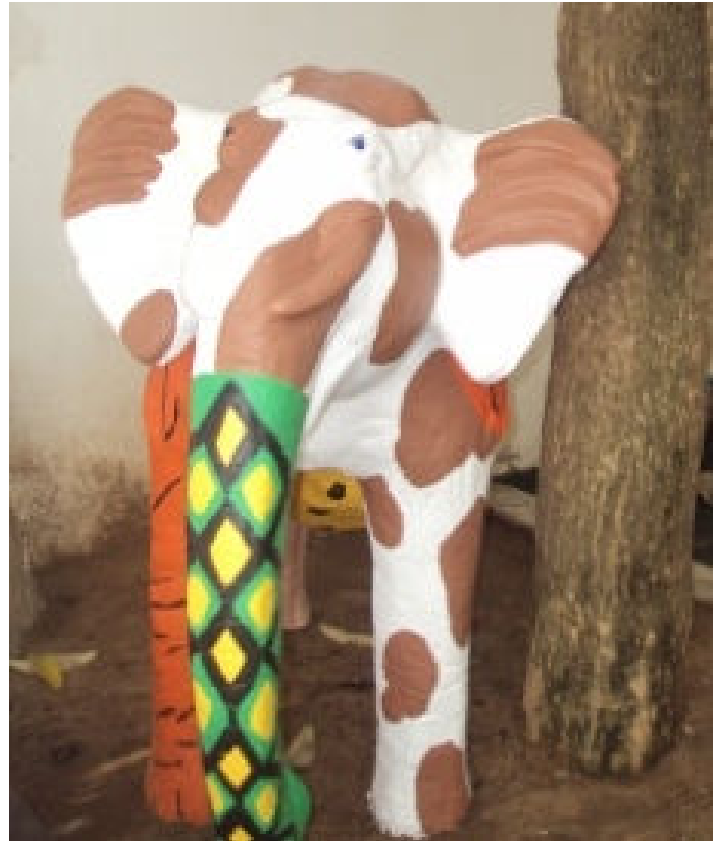
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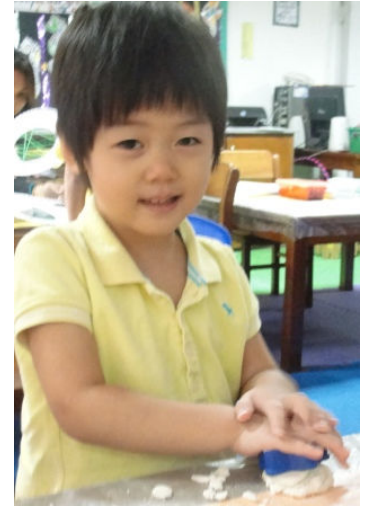
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Creative Arts Week in E.Y.F.S.



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Creative Arts Week in K.S.1



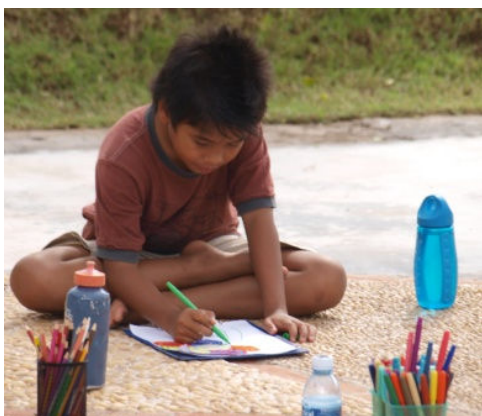
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Creative Arts Week in K.S.2



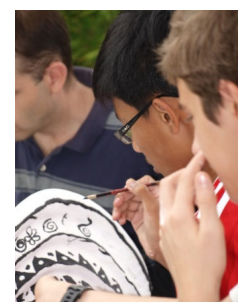
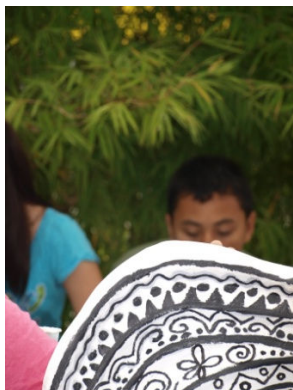
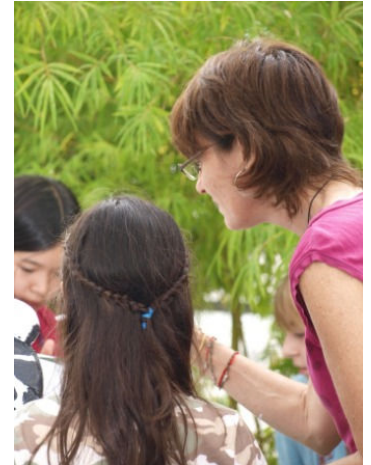
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Creative Arts Week in K.S.2



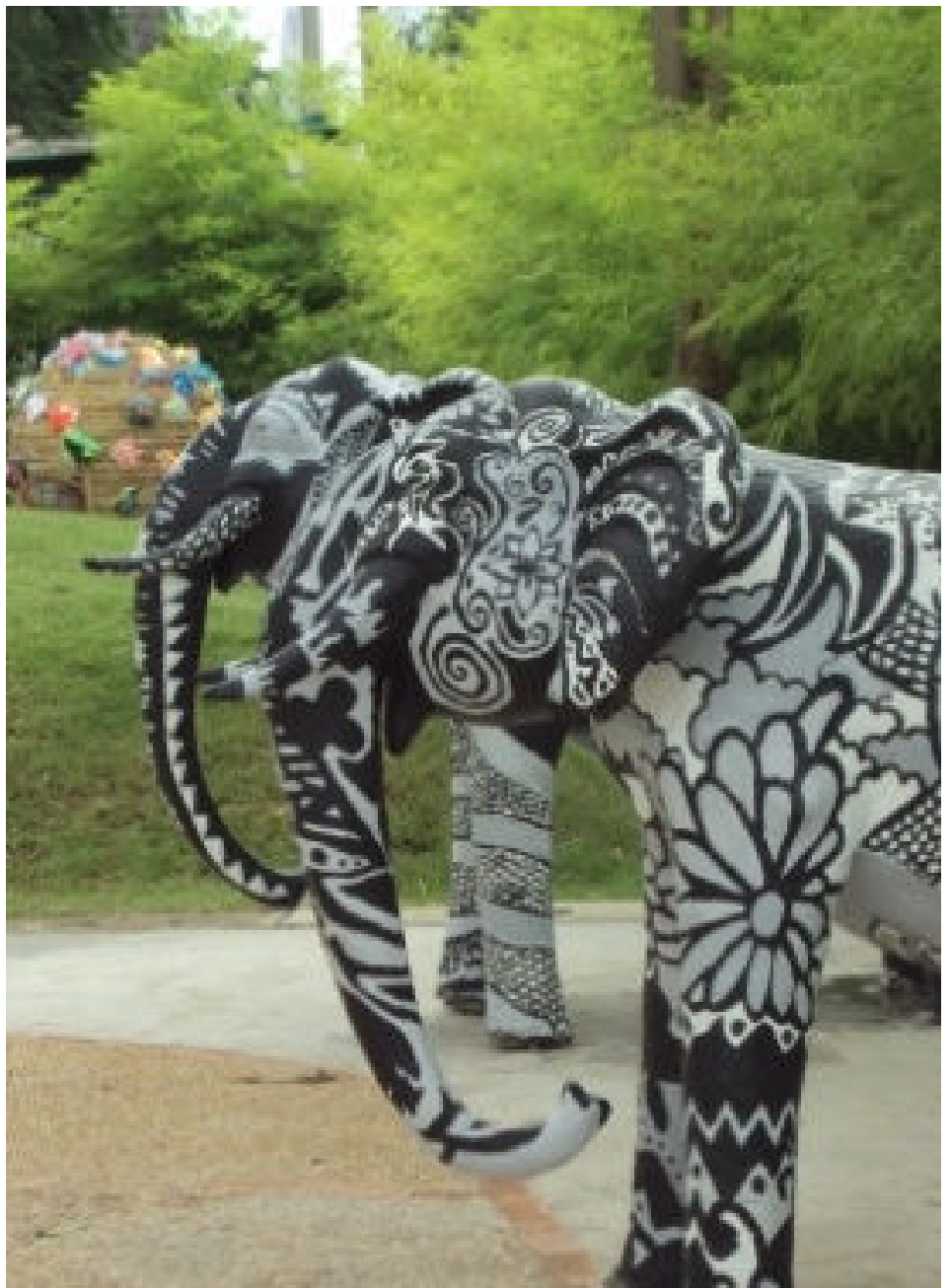
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Creative Arts Week in K.S.3



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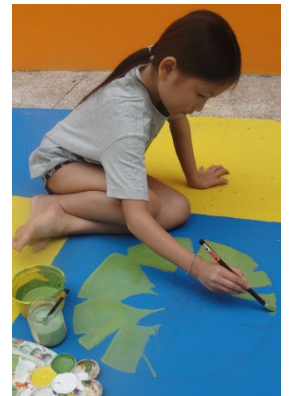
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Creative Arts Week Snakes & Trees

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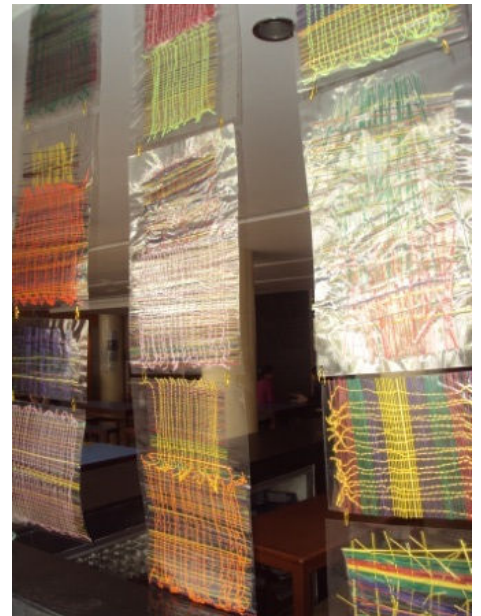


Special thanks to two of our iCAN parents, Benita and Mia who both worked tirelessly this week!



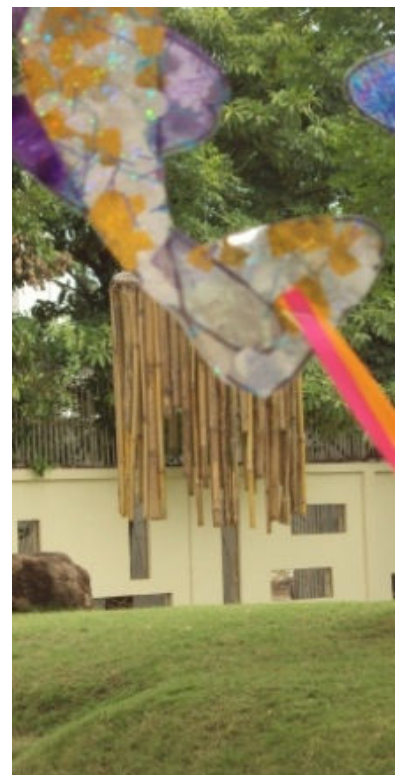
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Creative Arts Week Exhibition



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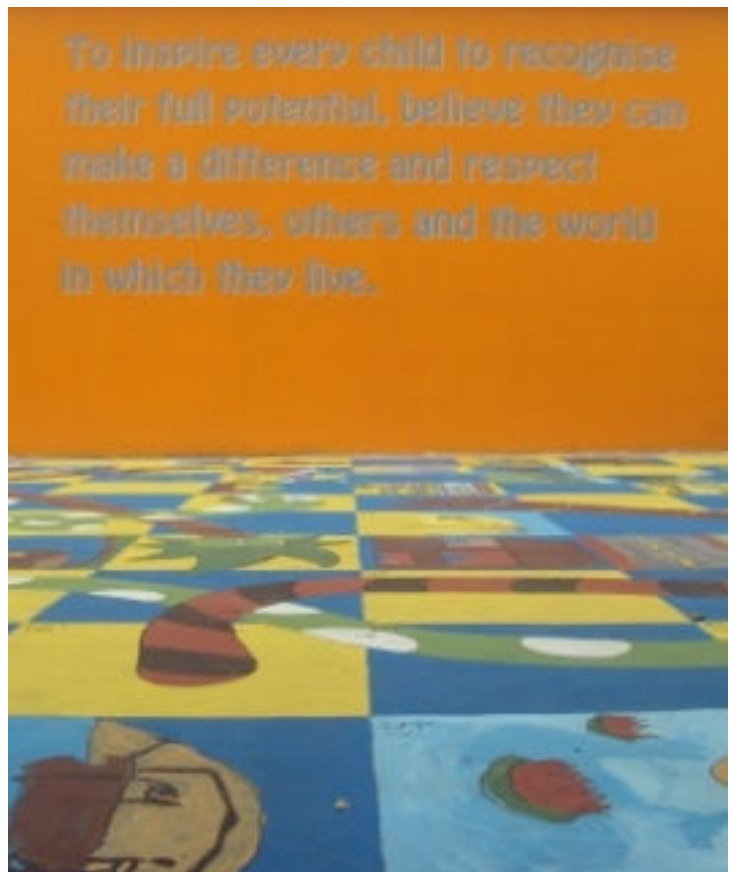


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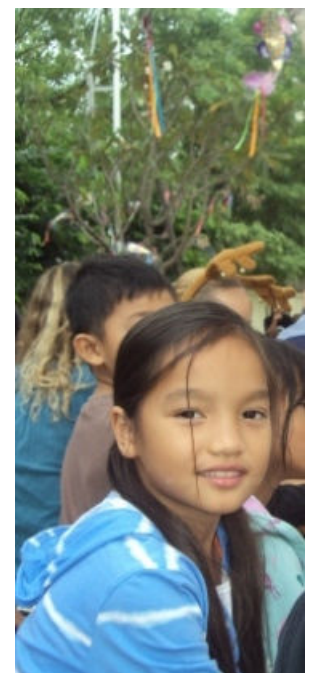
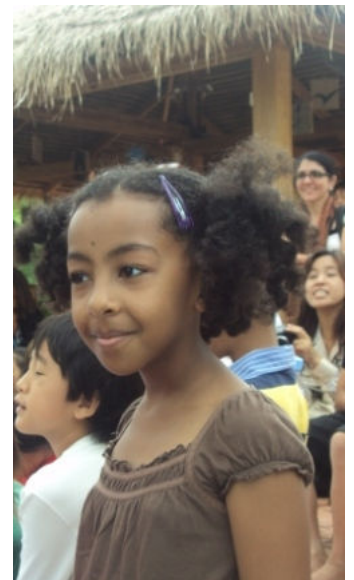
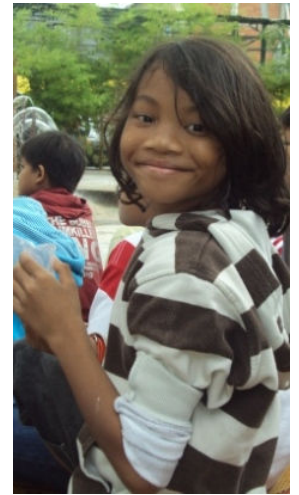
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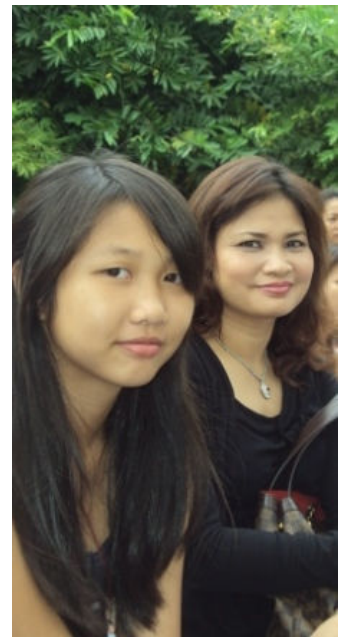
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Creative Arts Week EPiC Arts



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DIARY DATE REMINDERS

January

10th	Start of TB4
15th	Family kite flying picnic
17th	Parents drop-in session
18th-21st	Y5 Kep & Kampot visit
21st	Y4 sleepover at school
22nd	Swim meet at LOGOS
24th-28th	Y6 Battambang & Siem Reap visit
26th	3K Class Assembly
31st	After School clubs start

February

2nd	Sports Day
4th	Y3 sleepover at school
8th	6J Class Assembly
11th	End of TB4

NEXT ISSUE ...

- Family kite flying picnic
- LOGOS Swim meet
- Residential visits
- Sleepovers at school
- Sports Day
- Peer massage at iCAN

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 and then clicking

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The next PARENT/CARER DROP-IN SESSION

will take place after school on **Monday 17th January** in your child's class.

RESIDENTIAL VISITS

18th-21st January 2011

Year 5 will visit
Kampot & Kep

24th-28th January 2011

Year 6 will visit
Battambang & Siem Reap

14th-18th March 2011

Key Stage 3 will visit
Vietnam

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