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February 2011

EDDIE THE PENGUIN Special

Dear Parents and Carers,

I didn't think that this teaching block would be as busy as teaching block 3 but I was mistaken, with both Y5 and Y6 going off on their residential trips, Y3/4 and KS3 movie nights, the Y3/4 sleepovers, the dragon dancing and the KS1 production. It was another action packed teaching block.

I hope that the families who came to join the kite flying picnic earlier in the teaching block enjoyed it as much as the iCAN staff did. There were some incredibly funny moments during the morning and thankfully there was lots of wind.

Although we are just a little more than half way through the school year we are busily recruiting staff both overseas and locally to join the iCAN team next year. We have been amazed by the outstanding calibre of the applicants. We will keep you informed of our progress.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Sports Day events in March, make sure you all get in lots of practice for the parents races, I am reliably informed that the competition will be strong!

Start running now!

Ms. Lori

Parent & Carers drop-in

There is 1 more of these drop-in sessions for the 2010-11 academic year. It will take place straight after school on:

28th February 2011

As you can see, this fourth and final Parent & Carer drop-in session of the school year, is just after the February 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.

DIARY DATE REMINDERS

February

- 21st** Start of TB5
- 25th** NISC Track Meet
- 28th** Parent & Carers drop-in session

March

- 2nd** 2M Class Assembly
- 3rd** KS1-3 Sports Day
- 9th** 1C Class Assembly
- 12th** iCAN Amazing Race
- 14th-18th** Book Week
- 14th-18th** KS3 Residential
- 19th** Swim Meet at NISC
- 23rd** 1J Class Assembly

April

- 2nd** Swim Meet at CCC
- 11th-15th** Khmer New Year

iCAN ... all over Cambodia!



Years 5 and 6 have been on their residential visits to Kep, Kampot, Siem Reap & Battambang during Teaching Block 4.

Check out their fantastic photos on pages 8-11.

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

Sports Day for Years 1-8 will now take place on **Thursday 3rd March**

at the location where we held our kite-flying picnic earlier in Teaching Block 4. Please come along and cheer on your children and their teams.

Give A Gift Who Will Village



Thank you to all the members of our iCAN Community who donated gifts in our December 2010 'Give A Gift' Appeal. This was the 7th year that we have held this appeal and your support was greater than ever. Your gifts were delivered by Santa's little iCAN helpers to HAP & Who Will!



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Give A Gift HAP



Staff, children and parents travelled to HAP & Who Will to deliver your gifts to the children.

As you can see from these photos, your gifts put smiles on lots of children's faces. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Not only did the children enjoy receiving and unwrapping your gifts, they also celebrated with a Christmas party!

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Reception **Volcanoes & Dinosaurs**



The children in our Reception classes have been having lots of fun this teaching block finding out about dinosaurs and volcanoes. They even got the chance to make their own mini-volcanoes and watch the dinosaurs scatter as they erupted! Most of them managed to survive the life-threatening lava and made it back into the topic box to be played with again the next day!



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Family Social Kite Flying Picnic



Up, up and away ... most of the time!



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Key Stage 1 Production



Our Key Stage 1 children and adults worked incredibly hard to put on such a professional performance last week!

Eddie the penguin certainly did save the world with all of his environmental top-tips! Let's hope we can all remember them!



Eddie and his friends shared a very important message with us about global warming. They reminded us about recycling and conserving energy in our homes.



The actors looked great in their costumes and make-up! Which was your favourite character?



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Key Stage 1 Production

Where is Eddie going?
Brazil?
U.S.A.?
U.K.?
or
another country?



When Eddie and his friends visited the U.K. they sang a song to encourage everyone to find environmentally friendly alternatives to always using a car for short journeys ... maybe we could walk ... or scoot on a scooter ... or even ride a bicycle to school instead!

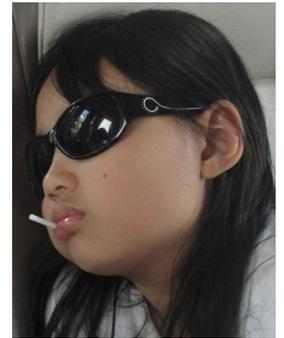


Beautiful smiles!



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Year 5 Kep & Kampot



Year 5 went on their first ever residential visit this teaching block, travelling with Mr. Paul, Ms. Rattana, Ms. Olly, Ms. Kanha and Ms. Leakena to Kampot & Kep. They were the first ever group from iCAN to enjoy the sailing opportunity in Kep!



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Year 5 Kep & Kampot



As you can see from the photos here Year 5 were kept busy ... weaving ... swimming ... sailing ... milling ... playing pool ... walking ... painting ... bending ... posing ... eating ... and SLEEPING!

Next year when they are in Year 6 they will be visiting Siem Reap & Battambang!



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Year 6 Siem Reap & Battambang



Year 6 enjoyed an exciting residential visit to Siem Reap & Battambang recently. Unfortunately Ms. Andrea was sick, so Mr. David quickly packed his bag and joined them, along with Mr. James, Ms. Lahkena and Ms. Leakena for an action packed learning journey!



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Year 6 Siem Reap & Battambang



Lots of highlights throughout the week, especially the day at the Circus School!



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Chinese New Year Dragons



Towards the end of Teaching Block 4, Ms. Elain's mum organised for the dragon dancers to visit us at iCAN again. The long wait that Friday morning was certainly worth it, as we all enjoyed a truly amazing performance!



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The following children are currently members of the

iCAN SWIM SQUAD

this year:

Year 3

James, Aaron & Ellen

Year 4

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

Year 5

Vuthy, Rika, Theo, Serinya, Jet, Ying, Alex, Chivann, Eli, Amy, Tokna, Cameron & Phannita

Year 6

Jack, Li Lien & Nathan

Year 7

Jakamo, Adi, Mai, Ellie, Socheata & Emily

Year 8

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

Our next swim meet of the year will be held at NISC on

Saturday 19th March

8.00-11.30am.

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

Another swim meet has been scheduled at CCC on Saturday 2nd April ... once we have more details we will let our iCAN swim squad know.

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 is back and will be held on **Sunday 3rd April!**

Our iCAN team have taken 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 The Swim Team at:

mekongriverswim@yahoo.com

Ms. Becky in our school office also has registration forms. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Mr. David

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

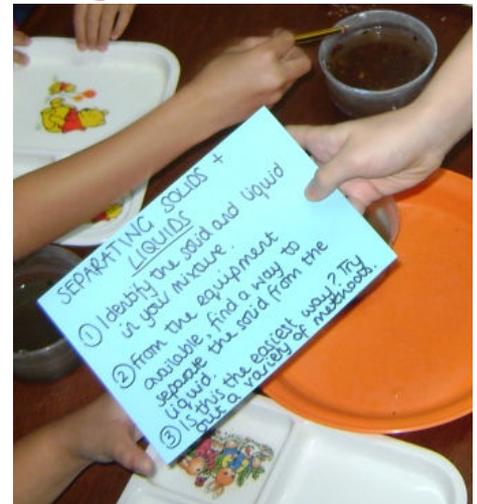
Year 3 & 4 Sleepovers



Unusually for the staff this year, sleeping actually took place ... in abundance ... at the Year 3 and Year 4 sleepovers!



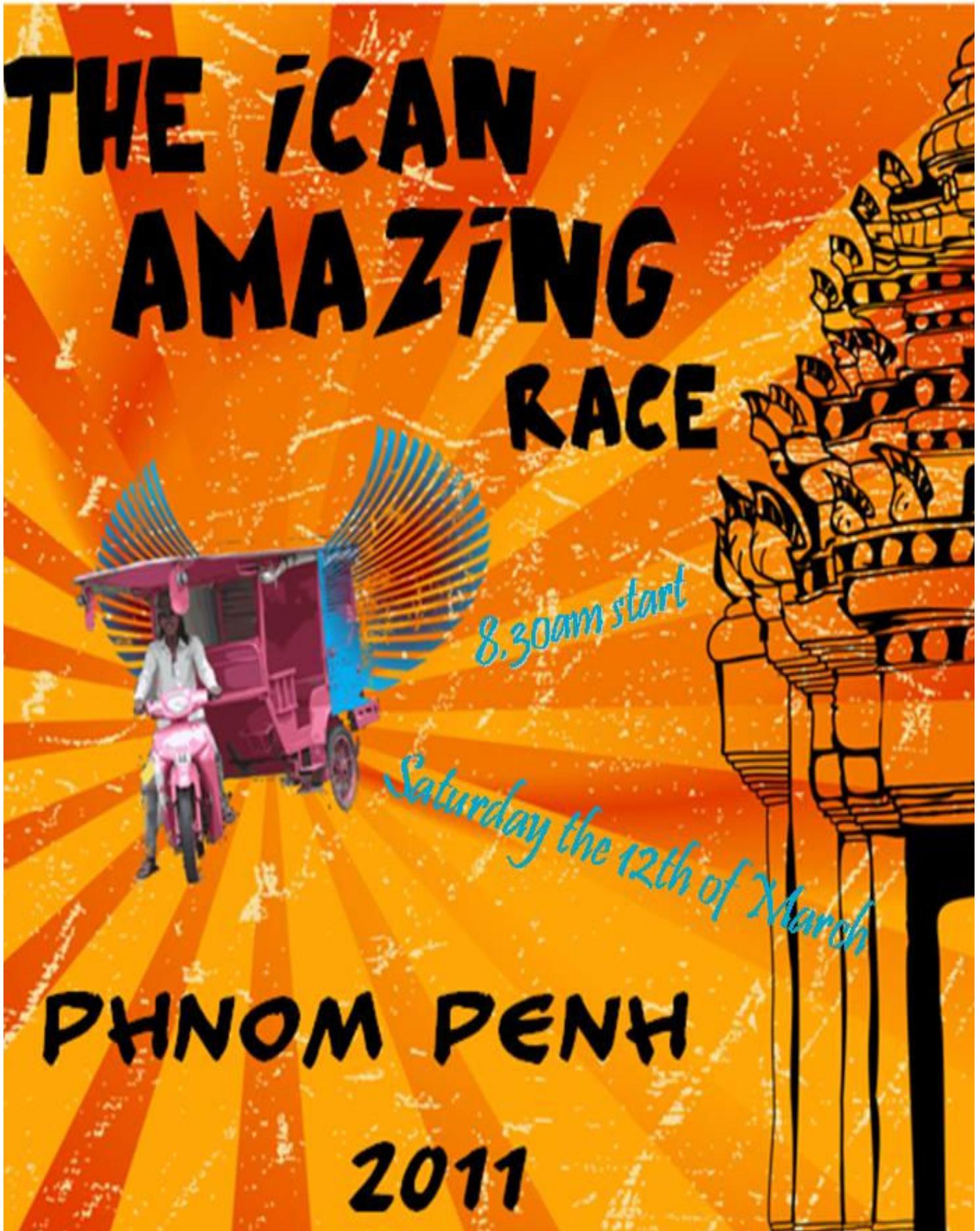
Year 4 Science Day



Following the success of History Days last teaching block, Year 4 recently held their own investigative Science Day!

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Family Social Tuk-tuk Race 2011



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On Saturday 22nd January iCAN competed in the inter-school swim meet hosted by LOGOS International School. The overall positions were:

1st iCAN British International School

2nd International School of Phnom Penh

3rd Northbridge International School Cambodia

4th HOPE International School

5th LOGOS International School

KS3 Residential visit to Vietnam

14th –18th March 2011

Ms. Rosaleen & Mr. David have just put the final touches to the itinerary for this upcoming visit! KS3 are in for a treat, which includes camping and sand-surfing!

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

iSPACE

BOOK WEEK

14th –18th March 2011

Ms. Olly is currently organising what promises to be the most interactive book week EVER!

She already has lots of amazing ideas but would like to hear from you if you can offer your help, your time or would like to share your favourite poems.

Please contact her at onewnham@ican.edu.kh

Which book character will you dress as this year?

NEXT ISSUE ...

- **Athletics Track Meet**
- **Sports Day**
- **Amazing tuk-tuk Race around PP!**
- **Swim Meets**
- **KS1 Bedtime stories**
- **KS3 residential visit to Vietnam**
- **Book Week**

MEKONG RIVER SWIM

Sunday 3rd April

Have you completed your registration form to join this annual swim? You can collect your form from Ms. Becky in the school office.

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