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November 2011 IPC & Inter-school Sport Special

Dear iCAN families,

Teaching Block 2 has passed in a whirl. You would not believe what has happened ... the school has been rocked by earthquakes, had volcanic eruptions on the second floor, children have rescued scientists in Antarctica and every celebration that could be celebrated, has been celebrated. iCAN has been positively buzzing with learning taking place in each and every corner of the school.

In our assembly today we found out about boat races all round the world, with a particular focus on Bon Om Tuk here in Cambodia and the boat races in Phnom Penh. We had a minute of quiet contemplation remembering the families whose lives were changed forever last November on the final day of the festival and finished off on a more positive note with a boat race of our own. I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all for Teaching Block 3.

Ms. Lori

Parent & Carers drop-in

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

21st November 2011

16th January 2012

12th March 2012

As you can see, the next one is after the November 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.

... LATEST NEWS ...

iCAN will host 2 friendly swim meets during TB3

Wednesday 16th November
3.15-4.45pm with **ISPP**

Wednesday 7th December
3.15-4.45pm with **LOGOS**

DIARY DATE REMINDERS

November

- 14th** Start of TB3
- 16th** Swim Meet v. ISPP
- 17th** Family Learning Day
- 21st** Parent & Carers drop-in session
- 22nd** Reception family event
- 23rd** Nursery family event

December

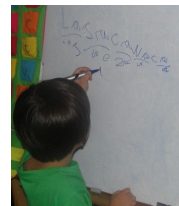
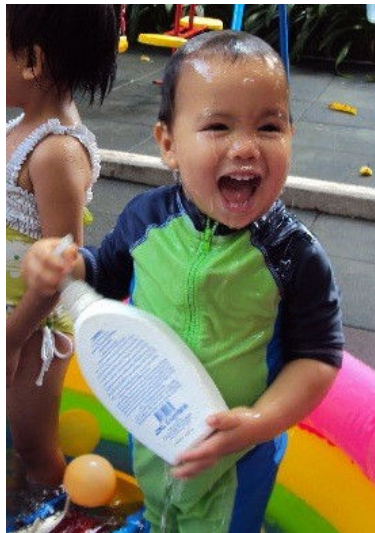
- 2nd** Reports sent home
- 7th** Swim Meet v. LOGOS
- 7-8th** Parents evenings
- 13th** Y1 family event
- 13th** Y5 family bowling
- 14th** Y2 family event
- 14th** Y6 family bowling
- 15th** KS3 bowling
- 15th** Y3&4 family movie
- 16th** Y1-8 sports event
- 16th** TB3 ends 11.30am

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EYFS Splashing Friday



iCAN PLAY had a super fantastic time at our splashing Friday event this teaching block. The children loved exploring the two paddling pools and had lots of fun on our special water slide! Lots of laughter was shared as the children poured and transported water and took turns to get each other wet.....including the teachers! Ms. Lily will be wearing her swimsuit next teaching block and jumping right in to enjoy the fun. A truly magical morning, we plan to have this event every teaching block, building up the children's confidence in the water in preparation for swimming sessions at iCAN Nursery.



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Early Years Foundation Stage



We had so much fun learning this teaching block.



Our learners in Reception wrote party invites to all our friends and teachers and then they went around the school to deliver them all.



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Reception Festivals



Then we wrote a shopping list of what we needed to make our cakes ... which then led to baking the cakes and decorating them.
Then it was time for the parties for Amina and Kala, our new classmates.



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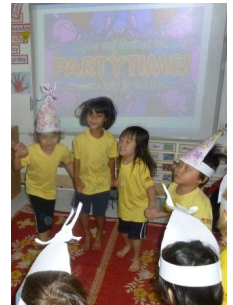
Early Years Foundation Stage



Kala and Amina received some gifts from our thoughtful friends. We celebrated together playing lots of great party games and enjoying the delicious cakes we had baked!



Lots of our friends and teachers came to join us at our parties! We made our party hats and all of our decorations ourselves!



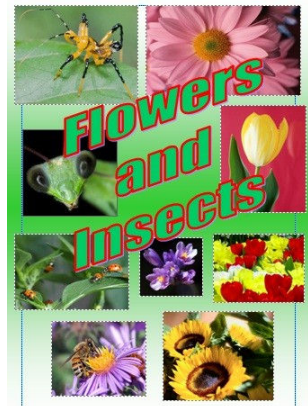
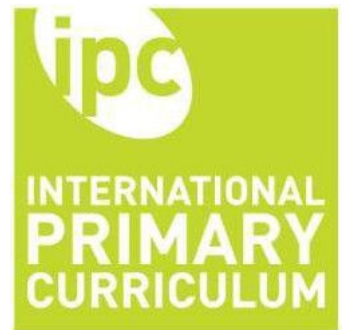
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Learning at iCAN 2011-12

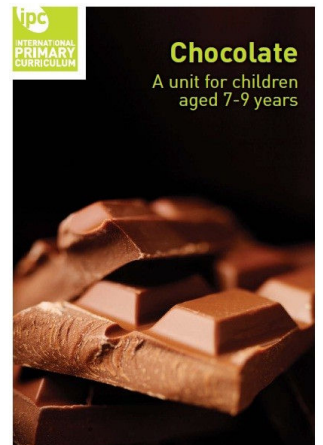
In August we introduced Cooperative Learning in school, which research shows positively affects academic achievement, social/emotional development, cognitive development, liking for school and class as well as a host of other positive outcomes. One of our teachers said cooperative learning "...has transformed my teaching. Having cooperative learning structures in the classroom is making the children far more responsible for their own learning." In the December edition of the iCAN Times there will be an article to explain more about cooperative learning.

Ms. Christy who is teaching in Year 1 is the Lead International Primary Curriculum Coordinator at iCAN and is also leading on Cooperative Learning. She joined us from Singapore and has several years experience in coordinating this innovative curriculum supported by Cooperative Learning in an international school. With Ms. Olly's support, she is providing all of us with ongoing training sessions. At iCAN learning does not end with our Year 8 students! We will all be sharing our learning with you over the coming year.

It is great to be a part of a learning environment that is positively buzzing.



Lifelong learning!



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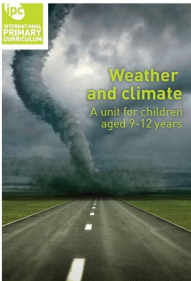
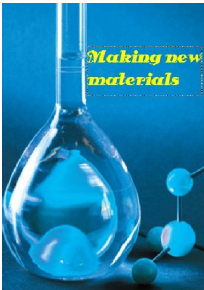
International Primary Curriculum

building on prior knowledge applying skills independence
 lifelong journey independent thinking
learning is
 researching repetition recording
 making relevant to real life situations life skills
 applying information learn by doing making connections **skills knowledge**
 learning styles retaining social skills **new skills**
 understanding challenging yourself new approaches



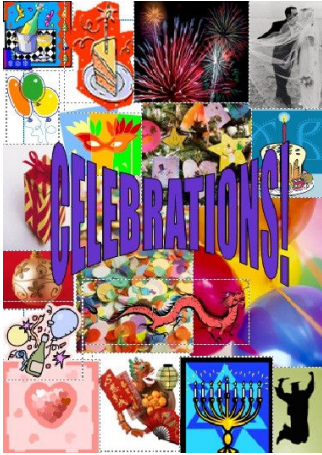
The goal of the IPC is for children to focus on a combination of academic, personal and international learning. Here at iCAN we want children to enjoy their learning; develop enquiring minds, develop the personal qualities they need to be good citizens of the world, and develop a sense of their own nationality and culture, at the same time developing a profound respect for the nationalities and cultures of others. Most of all, we want children to develop all the skills they will need in order to confidently face the world of tomorrow.

In order that parents know what their child is learning, they will be sent a letter at the beginning of each Learning Journey unit which outlines what learning will be covered and how parents can help continue that learning at home if they choose.

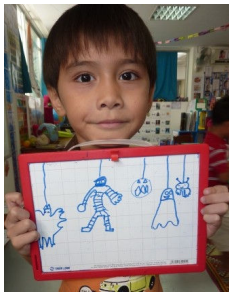


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Years 1 & 2 Milepost 1



The children discussed which decorations would be suitable for a Halloween party. They then designed their own decoration and decided what equipment and materials they would need. Next they made their amazing decorations to hang up in the classroom.



Year 2 held a cotton wool football World Cup tournament ... there was lots of celebrating!



The children worked with Mr. Andy to compose a Halloween song. They thought of the words and then composed the tune. On the second day they performed their Halloween song to their teachers who were very impressed.

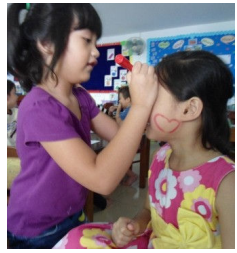


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Milepost 1 Celebrations



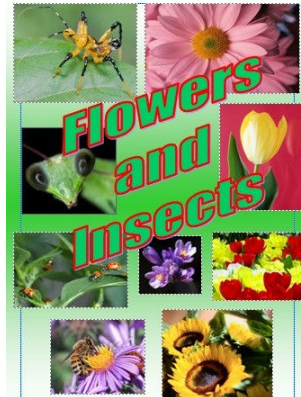
The children had a fantastic time making decorations and preparing food for their party. In the afternoon they danced and played games. The party ended with the children eating the delicious food which they had prepared.



The children looked at different masks from around the world. They then designed two masks and chose their favourite. After that they chose their equipment and materials and made some brilliant masks.



We all thought of great costumes we could wear to help us celebrate at our Halloween party.



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Years 3 & 4 Active planet



In art, we learned all about primary colours and how to mix them to make secondary colours. We learned about hot and cold colours and tried to use them to create pictures with different temperatures. We made our own volcano collages on canvas using paint, pastel and different materials from around the school.

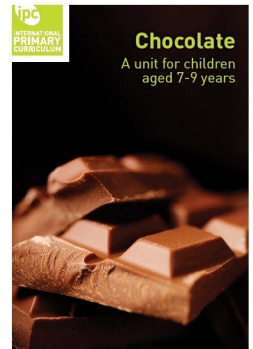
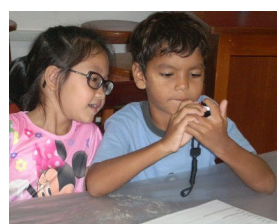


We made some rather impressive volcanoes out of papier maché, which we then painted. We erupted our volcanoes during our exit point!

We had a special visitor, Jackie (Xinaro's mum), who came to talk to us about different ways in which international organisations help after a natural disaster. We then designed our own board games all about disasters and the relief that these organisations can provide.



Look what we're learning about in TB3 ...



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Milepost 2 Erupting volcanoes



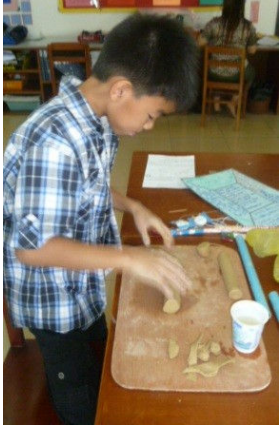
Milepost 2 have loved learning about our Active Planet! We've learned so much in so many subjects and had a well-deserved celebration of all our hard work in our Exit Point. We invited our parents and carers to visit our classrooms where we showed them our volcano dancing, amazing artwork, magnificent musical performances, brilliant board games and much, much more!



In music, we worked really hard with Mr. Andy to explore the ways in which we can use instruments to represent the sounds of volcanic eruptions. We composed our own Year 4 volcano song, including the lyrics, and performed it to Year 3! It's been a busy teaching block ... volcano dancing, amazing artwork, magnificent musical performances, brilliant board games and much, much more!

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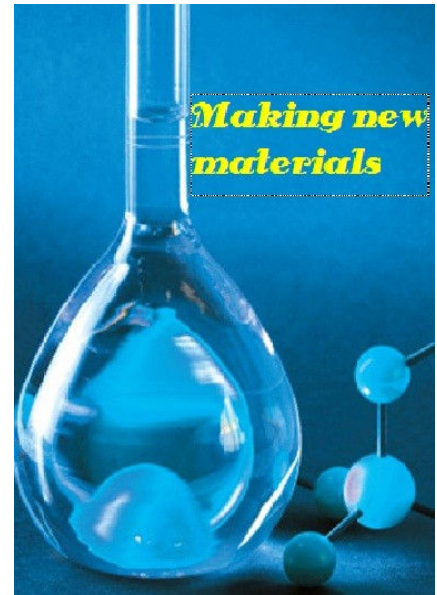
Years 5 & 6 Making new materials



Children in MP3 created an item out of improbable materials. They then began to plan and execute their design over 2 days.

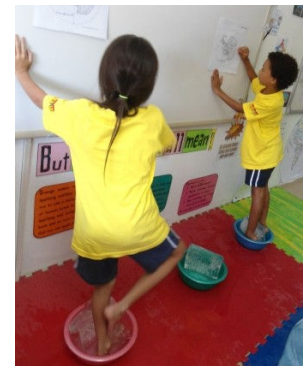
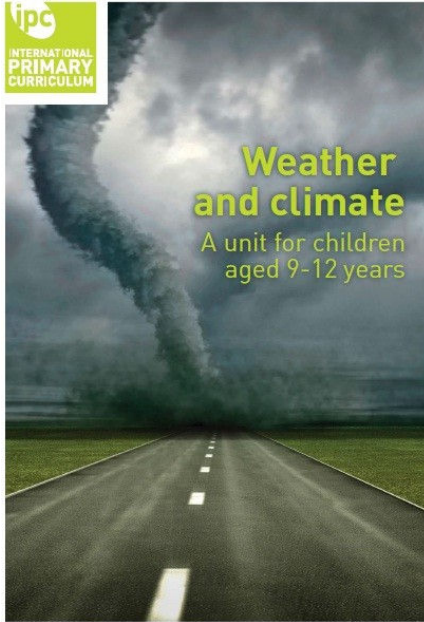


Which is your favourite?



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Milepost 3 Weather & climate



We had a week long entry point where the children were asked to prepare for a rescue mission in Antarctica. The children had to adjust to freezing conditions, research Antarctica, prepare by packing equipment, choosing the right clothing, food, equipment and ways to travel. Finally we had a treasure hunt that led them around different parts of the Antarctic (actually the school) and they had to complete tasks like pitching tents, locating equipment on maps, rescuing people, melting ice for drinking water. The children lived in their tents for home-base teams all week.



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iCAN Football!



Our iCAN footballers have had a successful start to the season with wins at LOGOS and emphatic 12-2, 3-1 and 5-1 wins at ISPP. Mr. Rowdie, Mr. Sophak and their support team are very proud!



iCAN Basketball!



Our iCAN basketballers enjoyed a competitive tournament at ISPP, scoring lots of baskets!



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iCAN Swim!

Our iCAN Swim Team had a great friendly swim meet with ISPP earlier this teaching block. In TB3 we will host ISPP and LOGOS here at iCAN.



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GLEE Club Performance

Glee club embraced their inner Zombies this Halloween with a bone-rattling rendition of Thriller/ Heads Will Roll. What a spine-tingling performance!



Chinese Whispers



Children in Chinese language classes have been working hard this teaching block. In the different classes they have been learning to match the Chinese words to the English words and reading lots of animal names in Chinese. They have also been practising their Chinese writing and many of our learners can now enjoy Chinese conversations with their teacher and classmates. Ms. Mei and Ms. Ing are really pleased with how enthusiastic all their learners are. Well done!



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iCAN Movember

November (the month formerly known as November) is a moustache growing charity event held during November each year that raises funds and awareness for men's health.



ABOUT MOVEMBER The idea for Movember was sparked in 2003 in Melbourne, Australia. A few men were joking about 80's fashion and decided it was time to bring the moustache back. In order to justify their Mos (Australian slang for moustache), they used their new looks to raise money for prostate cancer research... never dreaming that facial hair would ultimately lead to a global movement that would get men talking about a taboo subject – their health.

A 'Mo Bro' starts Movember – the month formerly known as November – clean shaven, and grows a moustache all month long, garnering support from friends and family in the form of donations. What's more, a 'Mo Bro' is a walking billboard for the cause as his new look opens the door for him to talk about cancers affecting men – making the moustache a symbol, much like the pink ribbon is for breast cancer. Each Movember culminates in a Gala Partè in major cities around the globe where 'Mo Bros' dress up to match their Mo, channeling the likes of Tom Selleck, Gandhi and Ron Burgandy, vying for the ultimate accolade: Man of Movember.



While growing a Mo is left to the guys, 'Mo Sistas' (women who support their guys) form an important part of Movember by recruiting 'Mo Bros', helping to raise funds and attending Movember events.



MOVEMBER at iCAN

Here at iCAN, Mr. James has encouraged all the male members of staff to get involved and grow a 'mo'. They are hoping to raise money as well as awareness.



The money they are raising will be donated to an organisation that works with male and female cancer patients here in Cambodia. If you would like to make a donation please see one of the 'mo' growers or come into the office.

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IPC Units Coming Up ... **'Flowers & Insects'** in MP1, the delicious **'Chocolate'** unit for MP2 and **'Weather & Climate'** for MP3!

Check future issues of our iCAN Times for yet more photos highlighting children's learning.

We have planned a number of family events this year and hope that you will all join us and take the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of other iCAN families. We started the year with the Parent/Carer socials in the second week and these were very successful despite the rain! We also held the ever popular Movie nights for KS2 families and the ice cream socials for EYFS families. We are planning to hold the second iCAN Amazing Race when the weather cools down in TB4.

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

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child is unable to attend school due to sickness or another reason please ring the office in the morning and inform

Ms. Lynn or Ms. Roseta on **023 222 416**

Many children miss a significant amount of time from school which has an impact on their learning. We understand that there are times when this is unavoidable but it is important that we are informed prior to the child being absent. We would recommend that if you wish to take your child out of school during school time for a particular event or a holiday you pop in and see Ms. Lori in the office first. If this is not possible please write a letter to Ms. Lori.

NEXT ISSUE ...

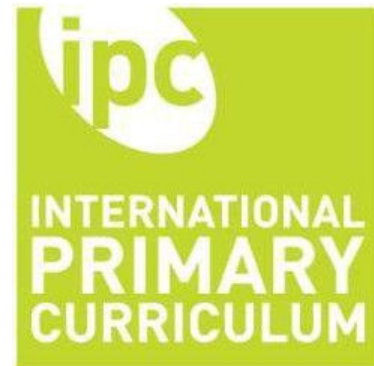
- **Swim Meets**
- **Family Learning Day**
- **Family Events**
- **Cooperative Learning**

MEKONG RIVER SWIM

Sunday 1st April 2012

Keep the first Sunday in April free in your diaries ... as the annual Mekong River Swim organised by iCAN will be taking place.

More info to follow!



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