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December 2011

Dear iCAN families,

I find it hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year and about to break for our mid-year holiday.

With the introduction of the IPC in Key Stage 1 and 2 and structured cooperative learning across the school this year, we are working towards becoming an even more learning focused school.

This learning was reflected in the reports that have been sent home for all iCAN children and it was great to see so many of you meeting with your child/ren's teachers to talk about their learning. The KS3 meetings will be held in the New Year.

iCAN children have been shining in so many different areas in TB3, in their learning, in the pool as part of the amazing iCAN Swim Team, singing and dancing performances on the stage and on the basketball court. We are so proud of them.

We have to say goodbye to some members of our iCAN family today, a special mention to Ms. Lynn who has been our 'rock' in the office for the last 6 years, she will be missed by all. We are also excited to be welcoming new families and staff to iCAN in the New Year.

I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all back in 2012.

Ms. Lori

Parent & Carers drop-in

There are 2 more of these drop-in sessions on the School calendar for the 2011-12 academic year. They are both on Mondays:

16th January 2012

12th March 2012

As you can see, the next one is 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.

... LATEST NEWS ...

iCAN has once again been chosen to host the **C.E.O.P.** (Child Exploitation & Online Protection) national training course in 2012.

www.thinkuknow.com

For more details please contact david_hunt@ican.edu.kh

DIARY DATE REMINDERS

January

9th Start of TB4

12th-20th Y4/5/6 bike riding

14th Kite-flying picnic

16th Parent/Carer drop-in session after school

17-20th Year 5 trip to Kep & Kampot

19th After School Activities registration 7.30am

20th Year 4 sleepover

23rd-27th Year 6 trip to Siem Reap and Battambang

27th Year 3 sleepover

28th Swim Meet at LOGOS

30th After School Activities start

February

4th iCAN Amazing Race

10th Sports Day

13th-17th Year 7 residential visit to Thailand

16th NISC Athletics Meet

20th Book Week

24th End of TB4

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EYFS Tuff Spots



The Early Years Team have been getting creative with our wonderful new tough spot trays. These trays are the perfect size and shape to facilitate a range of learning experiences that cover all areas of the Foundation Stage Curriculum. The children have been exploring by using their senses to investigate a range of materials, such as jelly, crushed ice and shaving foam. They have also been developing their imagination and story-telling skills with the small world toys and animals.



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Early Years Foundation Stage



The trays encourage children to share, take turns and work collaboratively. They enable children to experience learning through a multi-sensory approach which can engage and involve children for sustained periods. Here is a selection of some of the fun play activities we have been engaging in this teaching block. Make sure you have a look to see what exciting learning experience is waiting for the Early Years classes each day.



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Early Years Family Event



Even the class teddies came to try the ice-cream! Yum!



Ms. Michelle and Ms. Vijaya enjoyed the family event at Le Jardin. Children from both classes spent an afternoon playing whilst enjoying delicious ice-creams!

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E.Y.F.S. Family Event



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Learning at iCAN 2011-12

iCAN British International School started the implementation process of the International Primary Curriculum in August 2011. This programme asks for cooperation between children to a high level. That's why we decided to implement the 'structures' of Dr. Spencer Kagan first to give the children a foundation to build on within the IPC.

Structural Cooperative Learning (SCL) was developed by Dr. Spencer Kagan, who lectured at the University of California. With this programme he provides a powerful and structured concept of developing cooperation between children. We first started to implement 'homebase' teams. This is a safe homebase for children in which they talk and work individually, in a pair or in a team, for 6-8 weeks. To stimulate cooperative working the teachers provide class and teambuilders. These are activities that give children an opportunity to bond and improve relationships with each other.

In all classrooms the teachers are using a silence sign and they are regulating voice levels, teaching the children about the different voice levels as Cooperative Learning stimulates and encourages lots of conversation and discussion.



Lifelong learning!

There has been lots of evidence from recent brain research that SCL has a positive impact on learning in many different areas.

- children achieve a higher level thinking because they cooperate with other children
- there is a positive learning environment in classrooms and the whole school
- all children are actively involved in their learning
- children develop great social skills
- in school and each classroom there is mutual understanding in which children respect similarities, differences and talents in their learning
- children are enjoying their learning
- teachers enjoy facilitating the children's learning

To improve equal participation our aim is for every child to have a task for each week.

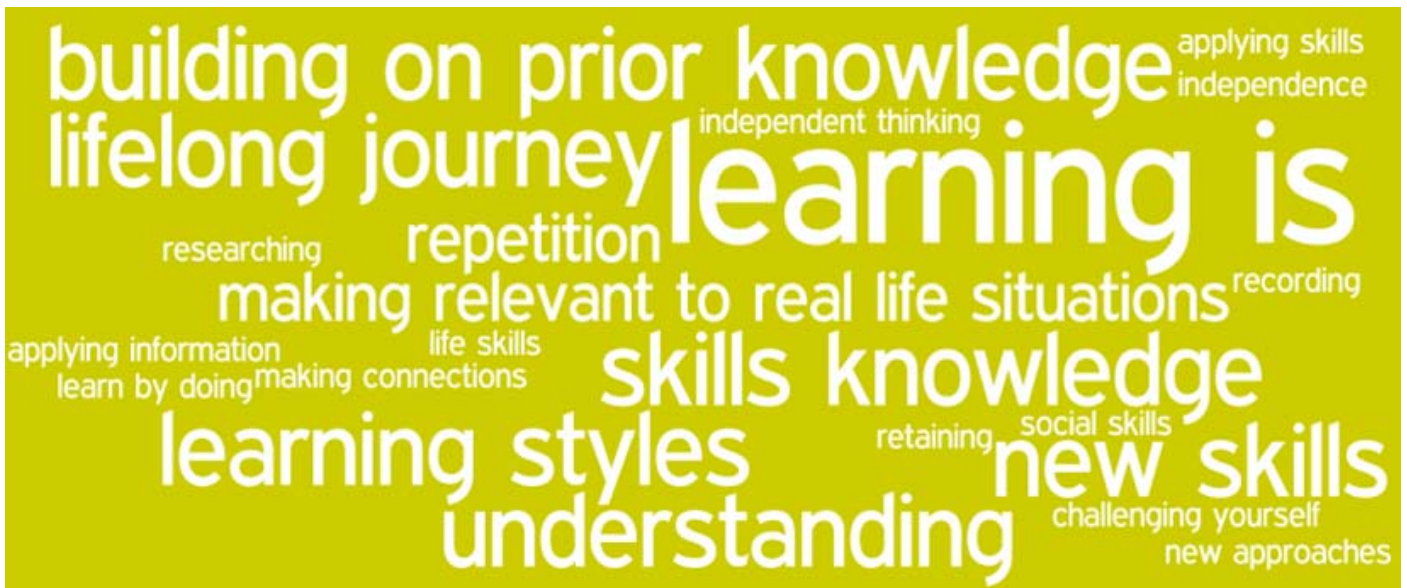
This can be the material monitor, basket chief, voice monitor or time keeper.

To create more learning experiences we use Structural Cooperative Learning 'structures'. 'Structures' are designed to enable learners to work together in a structural way e.g. 'Rally Robin', 'Rally Table' or 'Find someone who...'

These structures make sure there is positive interdependence, equal participation and simultaneous action.

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International Primary Curriculum



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.



The children in our school are the future. We hope they will become internationally minded people, able to make a real difference to Cambodia, both by leading Cambodia into the future and supporting Cambodia as it continues to move towards becoming a developed country, and the wider international community.

As we are living in an international environment, it is essential that we support our children as they develop into internationally minded people.

By offering SCL structures we develop thinking skills, communication skills and social skills. We believe that here at iCAN we are preparing our children for an ever evolving world. They will be able to use these skills all over the world in every community they live in and play an active role in their development as internationally minded people.

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Years 1 & 2 Milepost 1



Milepost 1 headed off to the Dreaming Garden as part of their entry point. The sun was shining and the flowers and insects were all out to play. We had a fantastic time exploring the garden looking for living and non-living things. What a great day!!



We used magnifying glasses to get a close look at unusual bugs!



"I had fun and I saw a spider with spots." *Safia*
"I want to learn more." *Otoha*



The children had a fantastic worksheet to complete! They went on a nature walk looking for different wildlife; things that live by the water, something that is non-living, things that were breathing and lots more.

"We had an amazing adventure. We saw a beautiful goose." *Camryn*



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Milepost 1 Flowers and Insects



Whilst they were exploring, the children gathered some things that were once living. Then in groups they designed a piece of art work using all the different materials.



"We did lots of things on the trip. We dug out a shell. It was a little bit hard but the butterfly garden was very fun." Jade



We even had time to play in the playground!! It really was an amazing trip.



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Years 3 & 4 Chocolate

Our entry point was a chocolaty feast of massive proportions! We tasted lots of different foods and thought about whether they were sweet, salty or bitter.



We had TWO chocolate fountains and we tried dipping lots of the different foods in milk and dark chocolate to create a range of taste sensations.



We even tried Marmite! Some of us LOVED it, some of us HATED it!



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Milepost 2 Chocolate Fountain

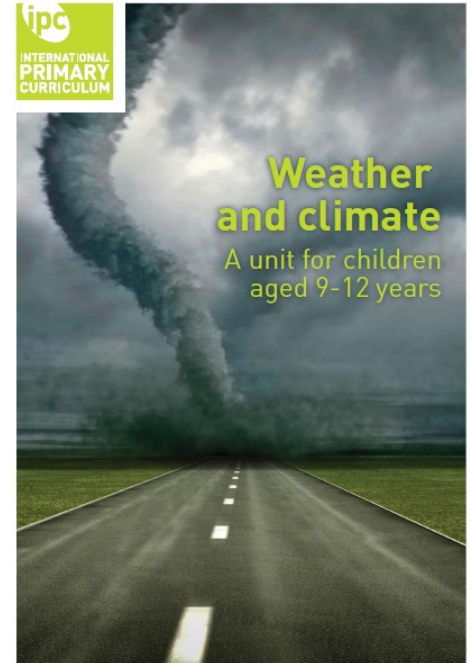
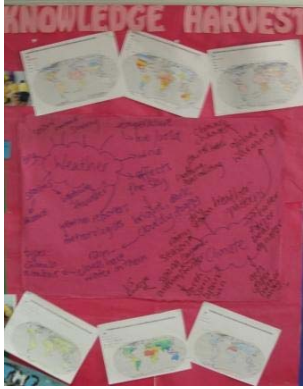


Two characters from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory came to join in the fun!! Do you know who they are??



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Milepost 3 Weather & Climate



Can you remember the MP3 entry point in our last iCAN Times? Our learners in years 5 and 6 have been learning lots about the weather and climate throughout TB4.



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KS3 Bowling



KS3 and their teachers enjoyed a fantastic bowling social at the end of TB4 ... STRIKE!



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iCAN Swim!

iCAN held our very first Swim Meet of the year here at school in November. There was a brilliant turn out from both parents and teachers who came to support.



A huge thanks to Mr. Danny, Mr. Narak, Mr. Phirum and Mr. Sopheap for organising such a fantastic swim meet. The early morning swim training sessions are really paying off — there is no stopping our iCAN Swimmers ... they are swimming machines!!!



Our KS3 children took on the important role as sports leaders. They organised the iCAN SWIM TEAM, took all these amazing photos and provided great encouragement, especially to our younger swimmers.

Great job KS3!



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Mekong River Swim 2012

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WHAT? ... Mekong River Swim 2012

WHEN? ... Sunday 1st April

WHERE? ... Prek Leap Agricultural College 6km north of Phnom Penh, over the Japanese bridge

WHO? ... open to competent swimmers aged 10 and over. Prizes for 10-13, 14-17 and 18 & over age groups

HOW? ... for further details on how to register and participate visit www.mekongriverswim.blogspot.com or email the Swim Team at mekongriverswim@ican.edu.kh

Registration forms can also be collected from iCAN British International School and KNYAY Khmer & Vegan Restaurant in Phnom Penh.

iCAN Basketball

Our iCAN basketballers have had great fun travelling to ISPP on Thursday's to play in some friendly matches. All the teachers from other schools have been amazed at iCAN's behaviour whilst at these matches. Well done sports stars, you should be really proud of yourselves! A huge thanks to Mr. Rowdie for organising these trips and also, to all the staff who go along to support and help! Much appreciated!



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iCAN Tennis

Each year iCAN holds an internal, singles and doubles, tennis tournament which is taken very seriously and sponsored by Ms. Elain. Players go through their group stages to earn places in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and then the final!



Our iCAN LSA's and sports staff are always busy practising out on the tennis court each night after school. They are very devoted players and exceptionally good!



During the semi-final Ms. Theory won against the firey Mr. Rowdie and Mr. Pisal came from a set behind to edge out last years champion Mr. Kosal.
Final: Theory v. Pisal!



The final was a tense but exciting match with Ms. Theory (Cambodian's number 3 and favourite to win) making some excellent shots across the court. Mr. Pisal had clearly been training hard as his backhanders were unstoppable. After some fine rallies and displaying excellent skill, Mr. Pisal took the lead and eventually won! Congratulations Mr. Pisal.



Mr. Sovann and Mr. Vaitanak battled through a tough final against Mr. Kosal and Mr. Chanthy, to be crowned our worthy doubles champions.

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Family Learning Day

Early Years



Thank you to all the families who came to join their children during our recent Family Learning Day. It was great to see you all.

Milepost 1



"A fantastic way to see your child reaching their potential!"



"Today was the best day of my life! Seeing my child work so well with her peers was truly amazing."



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Family Learning Day

Milepost 2



We love Family Learning Day here at iCAN. It gives our Parents and Carer's a chance to see their child busy learning in the classroom. This year we had a great turn out and it was wonderful to see so many of you learning with your child.

Milepost 3



Like everyday, there was a huge amount of learning happening across the school on this busy Thursday. There were lots of cooperative learning activities happening in Year 1. Year 2 were busy creating their own 'Little Red Riding Hood' stories. There were maths coordinates flying around in Year 3. Year 4 were going fraction crazy. Year 5 were madly researching on the laptops and Year 6 were working fantastically together to create climate world maps.



Our iCAN Child Led Conferences will be held on **Wednesday 9th May 2012** ... please write this date in your diaries!

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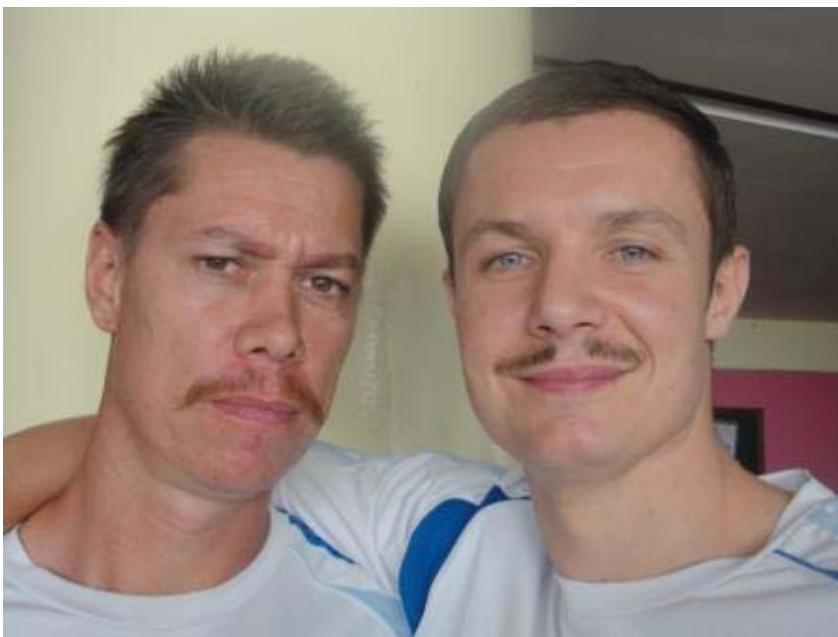
iCAN Movember

MOVEMBER at iCAN

A huge thanks to Mr. James for setting up this event! It has been hugely entertaining seeing the male members of staff facial hair 'grow' each day! Lots of giggles have been heard around school as the children approach these strange looking men!

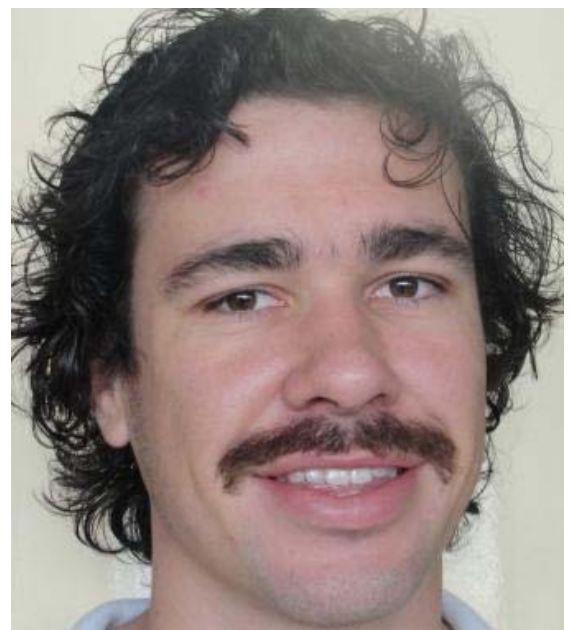


Check out the before and after shots! Who has got the biggest 'Mo Bro'????



As you can see from our facial hair gallery, some of our iCAN guys found it much easier to grow moustaches than others!

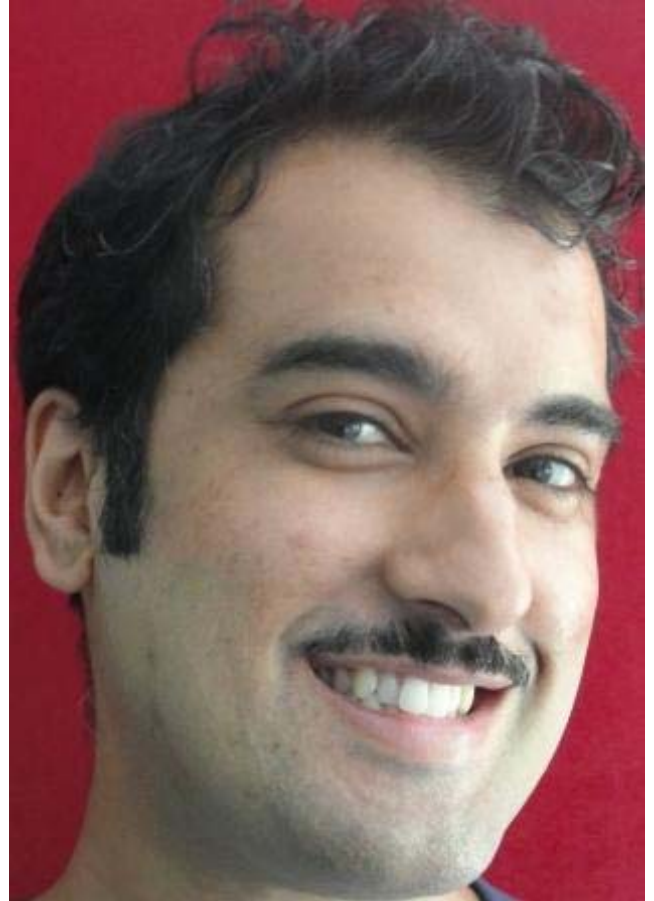
Thanks to everyone who supported this hairy fundraiser!



All the money raised will be going to St. Elizabeth Shelter in Phnom Penh.

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iCAN Movember



The charity is here to care for cancer patients who have no families or medical help. The patients spend their last few months being wonderfully looked after.

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Key Stage 3 Pyjama Day



KS3 held their 'Pyjama Day' fundraiser for rescued dogs in our community.

Kite Flying Picnic ... coming soon!



Our annual iCAN Kite Flying Picnic will take place on Saturday 14th January 2012 from 10am-1pm at Sovann Komar (same as last year). Hope to see you there!



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iCAN Give a Gift Appeal



Thank you to all the members of our iCAN Community who donated gifts in our December 2011 'Give A Gift' Appeal. This was the 8th year that we have held this appeal and your support was greater than ever. Your gifts will be delivered by Santa's little iCAN helpers to HAP & Who Will village!



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iCAN run at Angkor Wat



A special thanks to Ms. Andrea and Ms. Katie for their hilarious fancy dress costumes! You definitely caught everyone's eye in Siem Reap!! The cheering, wigs, leggings and stretching was a great motivator for all the runners!



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Angkor Wat Half Marathon



It was another successful year for the teachers, assistants and support staff at the Angkor Wat Half Marathon! So much training and dedication to running has been put in by all who took part and the hard work, sweat and tears was all made worthwhile! Mr. James, Ms. Louise and Ms. Shona did an amazing job at running the full 21km! Impressive stuff! Ms. Kate cruised round the 10km barely breaking a sweat leaving everyone else to sprint, jog or walk around the 3km fun run! Congratulations to everyone who took part. The weather, scenery, fancy dress and company made the rather long bus journey all worthwhile!



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iCAN After School Activities



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There has been a huge range of after school activities available to children so far this year. These have included:

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| Badminton | Chinese Conversation | Computers |
| Construction | Cookery | Guitar |
| Dance & Drama | Improvers Swimming | Judo |
| Science | Khmer Conversation | Mini-Tennis |
| Origami | Table Tennis | Volley Ball |
| Wheels | Football | Drama |
| GLEE | Tiddlers swim | Story |

... AND MUCH MORE! A huge range has been on offer so far this year. More exciting clubs will be available in January!



You can check out the full list of After School Activities available from January to May 2012, on our school website NOW!

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IPC Units Coming Up ... **'Our World'** in MP1, **'Do you live around here?'** for MP2 and **'Mission to Mars and Beyond'** 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 and bowling 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 on **Saturday 4th February**.

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**

Good-bye Ms. Lynn



Ms. Lynn has been a valued member of the iCAN team for 6 years. She has at times managed the office singlehandedly which has helped us to keep the school running smoothly. We are incredibly sad to see her go but also very excited for her as she starts a new chapter in her life. We also know that even if she is not here every day she will always be a part of our iCAN family.

NEXT ISSUE ...

- **KS2 Cycling Trips**
- **Years 5, 6 & 7 residential visits**
- **Year 3&4 sleepovers**
- **Family kite flying picnic**

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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