

**February 2012**

Dear iCAN families,

Another teaching block filled with fun and learning has passed. This edition is packed with photos of events that took place including the Kite Flying, The Amazing Race, the KS1/2/3 Sports Day and of course Book Week. A special thank you to Ms. Michaela for organising and coordinating Book Week, the costumes this year were incredible. You will love the photos.

We are also organising and hosting more events in teaching block 5.

I have been amazed this teaching block by the quality of the learning that has taken place. The MP3 exit point which was enjoyed by so many concluded with the entire milepost performing a musical piece in the hall that was truly breath taking. Wow!

I can't wait to see what teaching block 5 brings.

I hope that you all have a wonderful week with your families and look forward to seeing everyone back ready and raring to go on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**Ms. Lori**

## ... LATEST NEWS ...



Congratulations to Mr Pierre and his wife on the safe arrival of Baby Daniel Born on 6th January 2012!

## DIARY DATE REMINDERS

### March

- 3rd** iCAN 9th Birthday
- 5th** Start of TB5
- 6th** Maths Day
- 12th** Parent Drop-In
- 24th** NISC Swim Meet

### April

- 1st** Mekong River Swim
- 12th** International Day
- 16th-20th** Khmer New Year

## IPC Conference

As the **International Primary Curriculum** has been such a success at iCAN, we will be hosting an IPC Conference in May. From the **2nd-4th May**, teachers from all over South East Asia will be visiting iCAN to take part in this conference as well as spending time in the classrooms seeing all the fantastic learning that is happening.

The visiting teachers will be in school from 9-3pm each day so please help us by making sure our guests feel welcome.





# iCAN Sports Event



A huge thank you to all the teachers for making sure everyone had a fun day! It was so much fun!



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# 16th December 2011



"I'm having  
so much fun!"



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# EYFS Come and Play Day!



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# Early Years Foundation Stage

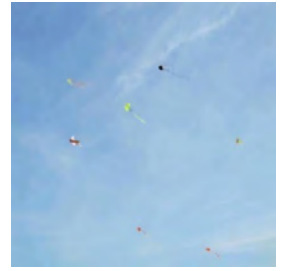


We had a fantastic morning, it was great to see so many parents getting busy and discovering the value of play! The Tuff Spots, yet again, showed them children's creativity and imagination. Thank you to all those parents who came and showed support.

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# Family Kite Flying



Thank you to all the families and friends who joined us at our Kite Flying Picnic. It was a great success despite the lack of wind!

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# Come, Come Fly A Kite...



Happy Kite Flying!



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# Reception: Lucky Supermarket



Reception spent time preparing their shopping list of choosing carefully their ingredients before hitting the shops!



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# Shopping, Shopping, Shopping



Reception headed off to lucky to buy lots of vegetables so they could return to iCAN and prepare a yummy soup as part of their healthy eating topic. All the different soups tasted delicious and they had a great time shopping and cooking!



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# Milepost 1 Miniature Gardens



The children in Year 2 worked in their Home Base Teams to make miniature gardens. They first had to create designs and then choose the best design from their table. From this the children began the building process. They used clay to create ponds, bridges and mini rivers. Then they planted grass seeds and needed to water them and make sure that they had sun so that they would grow.



They used stones to create paths and make areas in their garden. Then they began to get really creative and inventive, creating swings, slides and other accessories.



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# Miniature Gardens



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# Milepost 1 Entry Point



Great fun and great learning happening in MP1!



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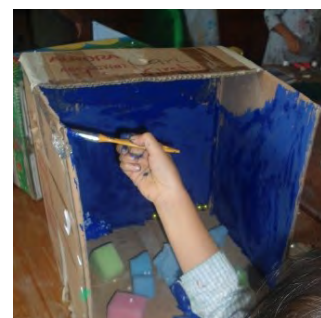
# Milepost 1 Environment



The Entry Point to our new topic 'Our World – Environment' has been sooooo much fun! We took over the art room and were given a wide ranging supply of different resources. Using these resources we had to build up a miniature environment, with only a picture as a guide.



Head to the Year 2 corridor and check out their amazing art work!



We had an ICE environment, a JUNGLE, a CITY, UNDER THE SEA and lots more. We were so full of great ideas. Pop into the MP1 classrooms and have a look! Well done MP1.

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# Years 3 & 4 Chocolate & Aztec Cups

In D.T. we made our very own chocolate creations! We mixed together sugar, cocoa and melted butter and added two extra ingredients of our own choice. We shared these with our parents when they came to see all our brilliant work! Delicious!



MP2 researched information about the Cacao tree that grows in South America. They then compared it to some of the trees in the school garden. They also examined a range of materials that could be used to keep chocolate products fresh and devised an experiment to find out which was best. We wrapped pieces of chocolate in different materials, placed them in individual bags with garlic and left them in the fridge overnight. We then did a smell test to see which one was still fresh!

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# Milepost 2 Exit Point



A huge thank you to all the MP2 parents who came to see all the chocolaty work their children have been learning about. What a great topic with so many amazing outcomes. The journey of the cacao bean, making Aztec cups, designing chocolate wrappers and looking at photosynthesis are just a few. A huge amount of fun with a huge amount of learning. Well done MP2.

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# Milepost 2 Sleepover



In the morning we had a delicious breakfast and packed away our tents before our parents came to pick us up.



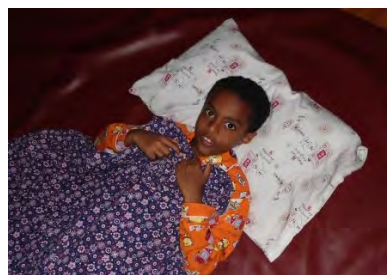
A massive thank you to all the Year 3 and 4 teachers and assistants for their help in organising such a brilliant night! Much fun was had by all!

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# Bedtime Stories

Year 3 & 4 had a very exciting sleepover at school. We came back to school on Friday evening at 7 o'clock and began an evening of fun and games. First, we put up our tents and made them really comfortable with bedding and teddy bears. Then we played some games together and all got a bit worn out! Then we had a bedtime story and watched a movie before going to bed at 10.30pm. It was ever so late – definitely past the Year 3 and 4 class teachers normal bedtime!



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# MP2 Entry Point



What a fantastic morning at the Dream Garden. MP2 were busy looking for and sketching different habitats, taking photos as part of their treasure hunt as well as collecting an array of environmental things and creating art.

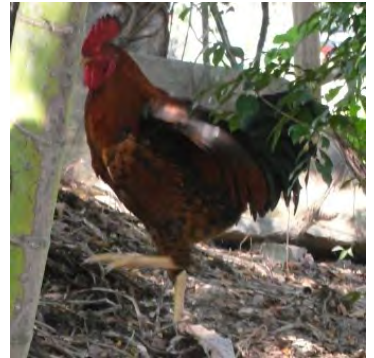
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# Who lives around here?



A colourful peacock spreading his wings to show MP2 just how beautiful he is!



Art inspired by the lovely scenery! Amazing stuff!



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# Years 5 & 6 Weather & Climate



Come to MP3  
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the weather!



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# Milepost 3 Exit Point



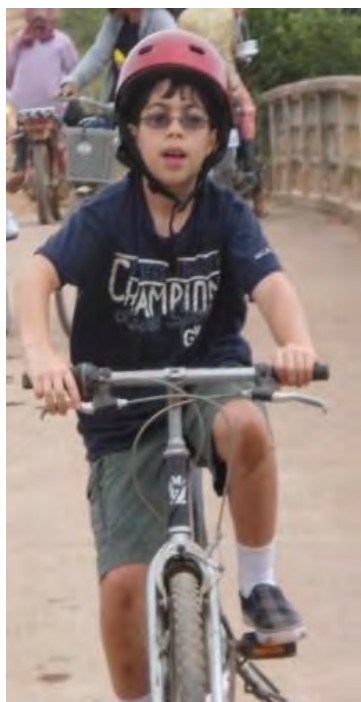
MP3 put on a fantastic display of their work based on the IPC unit 'Weather and Climate'. All the children took the role of teachers and educated children from MP2 as well as their parents. We saw animations, musical songs, role plays, hurricane video footage and much more. To finish the wonderful morning the children created a storm using only their hands and feet before singing Africa by Toto. It was a truly special morning and the teachers were so, so proud of all the children. Well done!



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# Cycling Trips



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# Mekong Island Years 4-6

Another successful trip to Mekong Island. Lots of children from Year 4 to 6 travelled on the ferry, hired bikes and then cycled around the beautiful island soaking up the sun and comparing the differences between city and island life. We stopped for some healthy fruit snacks before speeding back to school for a well deserved lunch!



It was a brilliant week for all the cyclists! Keep pedalling!

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# Year 5 Trip to Kep and Kampot



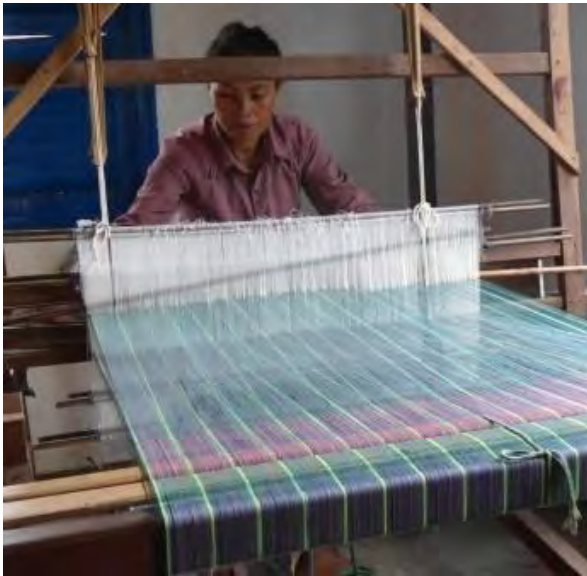
What a fantastic trip to Kep and Kampot! There was so much to see and do. We visited Funky Junk, a great organization, who makes wonderful items out of recycled plastic bags. We swam in the enormous Veranda pool before eating a HUGE meal and snuggling down for bedtime stories!



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# Residential Trip



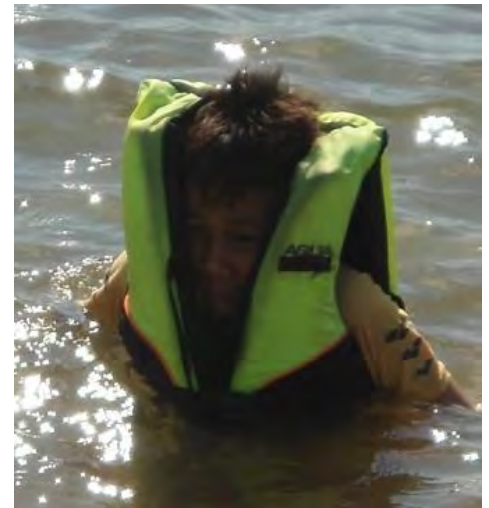
EPIC Arts was a real highlight too! Year 5 got to practise their sign language as well as perform dances and take part in landscape and portrait paintings. If this wasn't enough, we also sailed at the Kep Sailing Club before enjoying the most delicious BBQ lunch! You are so lucky Year 5!



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# KEP & KAMPOT!



5K spent some of their time out of the water in Kep making a huge underwater sand playground.

There were seahorses, turtles, shells and much more! It looked great!



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# iCAN Year 5 Trip!



Ha-ha! Miss Kate got stuck in the mud and lost her flip flops! Look how mucky she is!



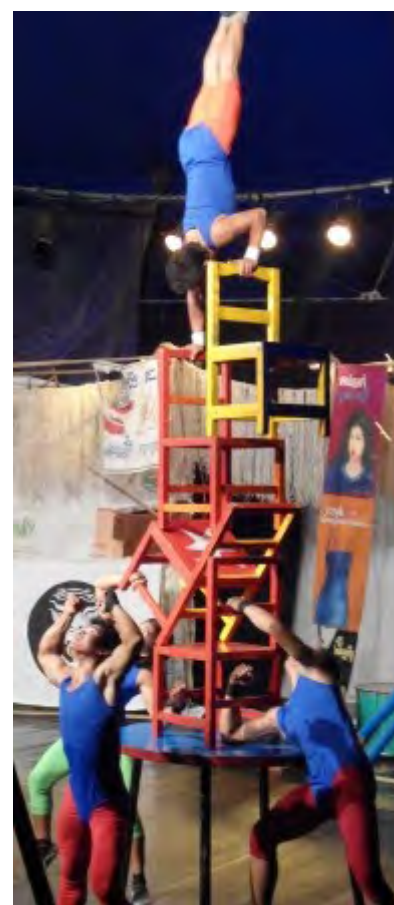
'This is the best trip ever!' could be heard all over Kep and Kampot—the children LOVED it!



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# Year 6 Residential



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# Siem Reap & Battambang



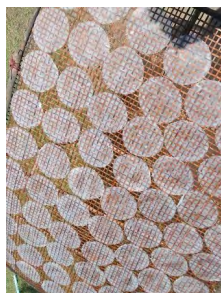
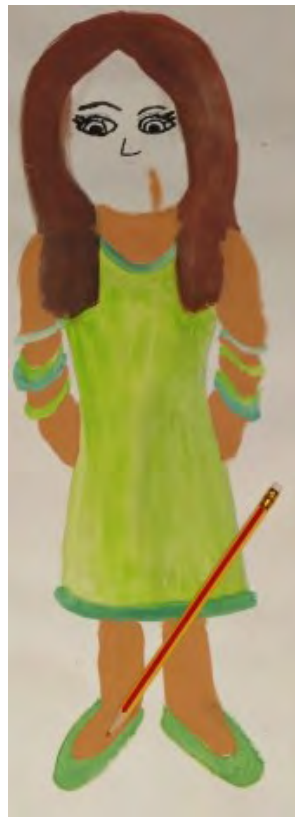
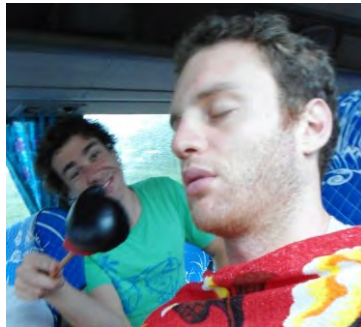
Throughout the week the children learnt how to deal with new situations. They conquered fears (from eating spiders to listening to ghost stories), worked as teams, creating spotless rooms ready for daily inspections, and most importantly learnt about independence. The Year 6 teachers have never been so proud of their classes.

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# Year 6 Residential

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January, Year 6 left Phnom Penh to embark on their adventure to Siem Reap and Battambang. First stop was Siem Reap where they braved the waters of the Tonle Sap, stared crocodiles in the eye and wandered through villages of Cambodian sky scraper houses!



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# Siem Reap & Battambang



Then onto Battambang – a beautiful town with wonderful countryside to admire. Learning and fun were combined as they whizzed through the fields on a bamboo train and everyone desperately tried to hold their breath as they explored the smelly yet fascinating Prahok factory.



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# Year 8 Debate



As part of Year 8's Discursive writing/Debating unit, the students researched three motions: 'Should everyone be vegetarians'; 'Should there be age limits in the entertainment industry' and 'Should eating exotic animals be made illegal.' The students spent a week in class and at home researching their motions and practising their speeches. All three debates were interesting and exciting, **the students enjoyed, 'arguing in an organised manner'.**

Each debate was judged and had a winning team: congratulations to Kun Woo, Thyda, Adi, Piseth, Jakamo and Mak who displayed excellent argumentative speaking skills. We are hoping to set up an iCAN debating team in the near future to debate with other schools in Phnom Penh.



**Yvonne: 'Debating was really enjoyable for me; I learned a lot while researching for points. In the process I also learned how a debate works and that it can be quite tough. The final debate was tense yet exciting.'**

**Leonardo: 'The debate taught me about how to present and give a speech effectively. It was really nerve wracking but also fun. I really enjoyed presenting my speech and rebutting my opposition.'**



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# Year 8 Trip Phnom Chisor

Year 8 students visited Phnom Chisor as part of their World Religions unit which focuses this year on Buddhism. Their project also has Art and English elements so this trip gave the students an opportunity to sketch an 11<sup>th</sup> century temple site; take photographs and write a description of the unique setting.



Jakamo: "There were amazing temples with phenomenal brick work surrounding them. I couldn't compare any site I had seen on that day. We stopped to have an apple and I looked around taking in the atmosphere, finding myself almost falling asleep because of how peaceful it was to sit there. I felt privileged to be in such a pagoda."



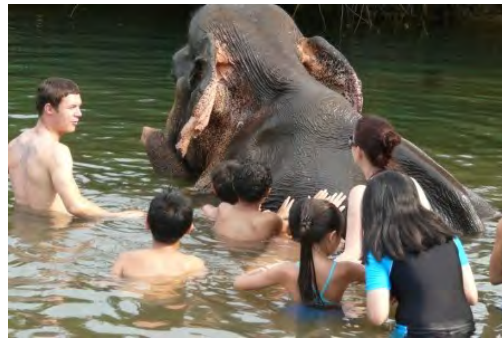
Ellie: As we ventured deeper through the ruins, we came across a beautiful area with ancient statues and temples covering the grassy land, like the pattern on a quilt. The atmosphere was so humid and still, but the beauty of the place helped me escape mundane reality. I put my hand out and felt the rugged, uneven, rock. It was such a picturesque area! The whole place took me back in time, and I began to think about all the other hands that have touched this same rock, over the past several hundred years. We continued on through all the ruins, there was too much to see and unfortunately we were running out of time.



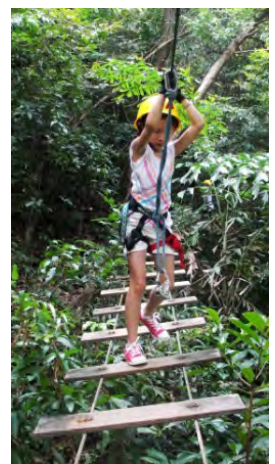
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# Year 7 Residential Trip



"I have experienced things that I have never tried before. The most amazing part of the day was when we had to jump from a very high rock into the cool, refreshing water and swim to under the waterfall."  
Lillien



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# Koh Chang



"The most fun thing today was making bracelets, which was kind of complicated. It's really hard to put some of the beads on because sometimes the holes are very small and sometimes the string is twisted." Kayley

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# Year 7 Residential Trip



Excitement (and nerves) was in the air as everyone ate their breakfast this morning. We were all about to face our fears and the challenges that the high ropes course would throw at us but we were ready!

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# Koh Chang



"Today was an awesome day! We went hiking up the mountain which lasted for quite a while and we were really tired. But our reward was just as good as anything. Our reward was to swim into the ice cold waterfall. We climbed up huge rocks, jumped and just played around everywhere." Nathan



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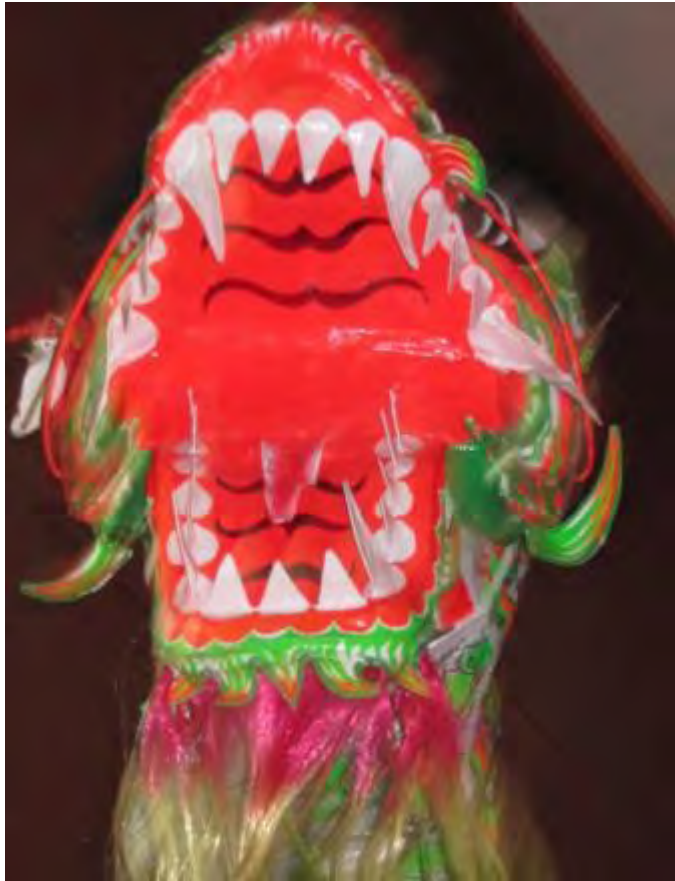
# Chinese New Year!



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# The Dragon Dancers Came to iCAN!



Wow!! The Chinese Dragons came to iCAN and what an fantastic performance they put on. The bright and colourful costumes lit up our hall as we all sat in amazement at the dancing. What an afternoon!



Well done to all the children for watching so brilliantly throughout the performance and well done to those lucky people who managed to brush the dragon! That's Good Luck!



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# iCAN Book Week



This year's Book Week was really busy with sooo much going on! There was a guess the teacher competition, the craziest place to read a book competition, there were trips to iCAN play for KS2, bedtime stories for KS1 and must excitingly of all—the amazing fancy dress parade on Thursday! There were some incredible costumes this year and everyone should be really proud of their efforts! Really well done.

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# Bedtime Stories



Obviously Book Week can't happen without someone special to coordinate it; this year Miss Michaela took on the challenge and did a magnificent job. Thank you Miss Michaela for all your hard work. Book Week was truly wonderful!



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# iCAN Book Week

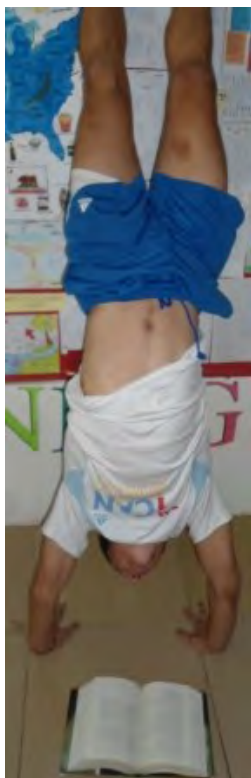
All the children at iCAN learnt about different authors throughout the week. EYFS worked on the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Head to Toe* by Eric Carle. MP1 concentrated on books by Julia Donaldson and MP2 studied the book *The Window* by Jeannie Baker and MP3 looked at a beautiful book called *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan. Each class presented their work in assembly on Friday which was fantastic.



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# Book Week



Thank you to everyone who has donated a book this week. This is an ongoing project so please keep handing in your good quality second hand books. The children receiving these books will be amazed at your generosity!



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# iCAN Sports Day



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# Sports Day

Thank you to Mr. Rowdie for organising another FANTASTIC Sports Day for iCAN. All the children participated in a huge array of events including sack races, sprints, egg and spoon, throwing, long distance running and much much more. Mr. Rowdie did a marvellous job.

!!!Go Mr Rowdie!!!!



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# iCAN Sports Day



Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to those parents who came to support their children on this special day!

What amazing sporting talent we have at iCAN!

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# Sports Day



This year's Sports Day  
champions were the  
BLUE TEAM!!

Congratulations to  
everyone who took part!

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# iCAN's Amazing Race



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February saw 18 teams join the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual family tuk-tuk race around Phnom Penh. The teams had to work together to puzzle their way through some tricky clues which then identified locations around Phnom Penh, where they then had challenging tasks to perform. On top of all that there was the opportunity for each team to earn special i-bonus points to add to their overall score! Phew!



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# The Amazing Race



Thanks to all our sponsors (Snow Yogurt, Red Apron, Luna d'Autonno, The Terrace on 95, K'NYAY & K2 Bar) for their fabulous prizes and support with this truly AMAZING family event.



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# Amazing Race: Results!



Well, the first team to arrive back, were last year's Amazing Race champions 'Hurricane Hong' – living up to their speedy billing by arriving back 20 minutes before the next team. However, this year's Amazing Race was all about the points earnt throughout the race ... had they done enough to retain their crown?



After lots of flicking through the teams digital cameras to ensure all the tasks had been completed and i-bonus points awarded, the top 5 teams were ...

The new champions 'Popstars Pink' comprised of Theavy & Ellen in Year 4, along with some of their family and friends. The top iCAN staff team were 'We Tuk Tuk No Prisoners' with 37.5 points (26 + 11.5 + 0) ... which would have placed them 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the main race!

	TEAM	i-TASKS	i-BONUSES	TIME PENALTIES	OVERALL
1st	Popstars Pink	+30	+10	0	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hurricane Hong	+29	+6	0	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Green Mean Kick Butt Team	+29	+6	0	35
4 <sup>th</sup>	George & Dragon	+28	+6	0	34
5 <sup>th</sup>	Koala Kids	+27	+9	-2	34

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# iCAN Give a Gift Appeal

The real joy of Christmas can be seen in and through the eyes of a child, and last Christmas, once again, iCAN was the source of much joy. CamKids, for the second consecutive year, arranged and paid for a party at 2 children's centres, one in Kompong Chnang ( Who Will ) and one in Kompong Speu ( HAP ). Also for the second consecutive year, iCAN arranged, through the generosity of its parents and staff, that every child in these two centres received a gift. A number of the iCAN staff were able to make the trips to the centres and personally hand out the presents. It was, as I am sure they will tell you, an amazing gift to see the pure excitement and joy you brought to almost 100 children who would otherwise have received nothing. Both were magical days filled with laughter, as we all played apple bobbing, balloon games and donut eating games. There was also a feast of good food, some treats, music and dancing. On behalf of the children at Who Will and HAP, CamKids would like to thank everyone involved with iCAN who donated gifts and time to bring a little magic into other peoples lives.

THANK YOU - Dominic and Benita Sharpe (Trustees)



**CAMKIDS**  
The Cambodian Children's Charity



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IPC Units in Progress ... **'Environments'** in MP1, **'Do you live around here?'** unit 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.

The MEKONG RIVER SWIM is coming!! The date has been set, so it's time to start training! **Sunday 1st April 2012** at Prek Leap Agricultural College. Registration forms can be requested by sending an email to: [mekongriverswim@ican.edu.kh](mailto:mekongriverswim@ican.edu.kh) Alternatively you can collect MRS2012 registration forms directly from Roseta in the school office or K'nyay restaurant. We're looking forward to seeing lots of you there!

## 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**

## 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 Mr. Nareth 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.

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