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April 2012

Dear iCAN families,

I know that in every edition of the iCAN Times I say that we have had an incredible teaching block packed full of fun learning but that is because every teaching block is exactly that..... The personal highlights for me this teaching block were the Wake up and Shake down in the park, thank you to all the wonderful members of the iCAN community who came along and got involved. What a great evening. Our International Day yesterday was the best ever building on the great events from previous years and ensuring that there was a clear learning focus. A special thank you to our Korean families who organised the performances at the end of the day that showcased both traditional Korean culture and K-pop, there was something for everyone. We were really proud of the iCAN children who performed. I have also been so impressed by the reflections of our Year 8 students. They had an amazing trip to the Green camp in Bali which involved them taking risks and definitely required them to be outside their individual comfort zones.

I can't believe that we are about to start teaching block 6, the year has just sped by. I wish all of you Susadai Chnam Thmei.

Ms. Lori

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 9am-3pm each day so please help us by making sure our guests feel welcome.

... LATEST NEWS ...

We are in the process of updating the school website. Please explore the new layout and look out for more exciting things to come! IPC in action, photos, classroom tours and much more!!

DIARY DATE REMINDERS

April

28th Swim meet in Cambodian Country Club

May

2nd-4th IPC Conference

9th Child Led Conference

14th-15th No School

23rd Enrichment afternoon

31st End of Year Exhibition

June

1st Reports sent home

2nd Swim Meet at Olympic Stadium

6th KS3 Farewell Dinner

8th End of school



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EYFS Sports Day!



Parents and carers were challenged to race as well!!



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Get Ready, Steady, GO!



What a superb morning in the iCAN garden. The EYFS stage had such a lot of fun and were super busy with all their sports day activities. They were building sand castles, jumping in sacks, balancing eggs on spoons and so much more! Thank you to all the EYFS team for helping out and to Mr. Rowdie for organising such a brilliant morning! It was truly awesome!

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Splashing Friday at iCAN Play



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EYFS first splashing Friday was a huge success. The children loved every moment of it! It was the perfect excuse to beat the scorching sunshine and get wet! Laughter and screams could be heard all around Phnom Penh from this fantastic morning! The children cannot wait for the next one!

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Reception Dinosaur Entry Point!

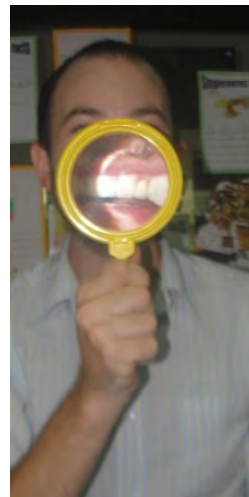


Reception have been super busy! The two classes turned into paleontologists and were busy digging underground to find dinosaur bones! They used different types of digging tools to hunt out those ancient bones! They also painted and built their own dinosaurs which can be found in their classrooms. Amazing learning!



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Reception Dinosaur Exit Point!



WOW!! Reception held their very own Exit Point for the first time ever! They were truly amazing. They shared all their knowledge on dinosaurs which included reading really tricky words, showing off their superb writing skills, describing their incredible art work and so much more! Well done reception; everyone who came including the older children and teachers were left speechless at how great you were. Well done.

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Milepost 1 Exit Point

For our Exit Point to our topic on 'Environments' we invited in all of our parents and carers to share our learning with them. We had worked hard to prepare a mini assembly that we held for our parents in our classrooms. We performed our layers of the rainforest song and showed off all of the different things that we had been learning. We were delighted with how many parents and carers turned up. Thank you very much, the children all loved to see you there!



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Environments Exit Point



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Milepost 1 Entry Point



For our Entry Point to our exciting new topic 'The Olympics' we got wet! We held a mini water Olympics in the new playground. We worked in our new home base teams and had prepared chants to support our team mates. We then worked through 4 different wet activities in our groups – water football, filling up a bowl with water, shooting ping pong balls with syringes and soaking newspaper to make it fall with sponges! We had a great time and are all feeling excited and ready to begin our learning on 'The Olympics.'

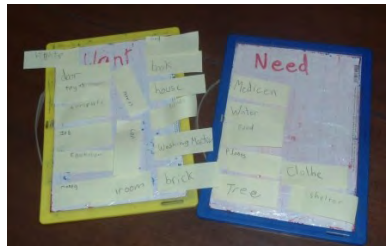


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The Olympics



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Milepost 2 were lucky to have two turtles and an albino hedgehog visiting in the classroom. We thought about their natural habitats and how to keep pets happy and safe when they are kept in a habitat designed for humans.



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Do you live around here?

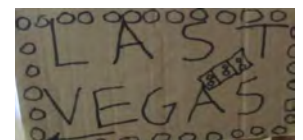


The children in 4K have been making animations to show what they have found out about houses in different habitats.



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Milepost 3 Entry Point



MP3 are currently on a mission ... to Mars! Having qualified as astronauts after an intense and challenging boot camp the children were blasted off into space. Sadly, the mission went wrong and they found themselves on an unknown planet. It was their job to make shelters from the materials found on the planet. After this inspiring morning the children designed their own new planets.

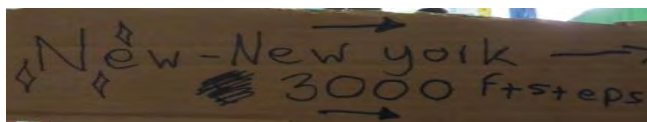
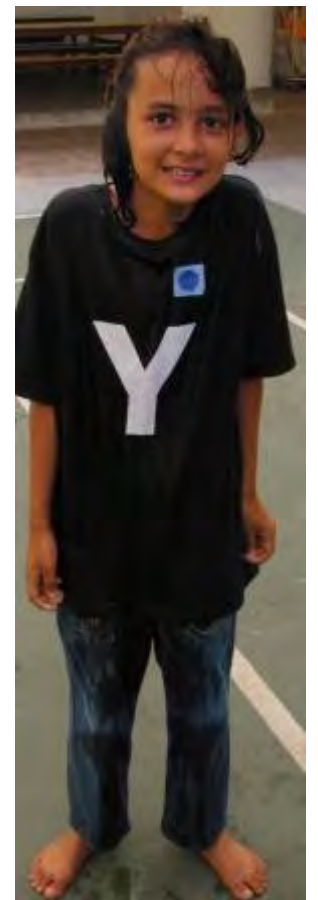


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Mission to Mars



Milepost 3 are now in the middle of their science work – planning how to live on Mars. They have found out what they would need to survive, and have been testing the conditions of different plants so that we could produce oxygen and energy to survive. **It won't be long till we figure out how it is possible for humans to live happily on this mysterious planet!**



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Year 8 Residential

Our Year 8 learners experienced the art of teamwork and team building throughout the week with a range of energetic and thought provoking challenges.



Leo's words on the Green Camp were: "natural, organic, welcoming, friendly, unique, exotic, diverse, special, exciting, unpredictable"



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The Green School, Bali

Piseth thought that the green camp was: 'eco-friendly, forested, friendly, very cold, refreshed, amazing, silent, green, fun, challenging'



Ellie: "I've learnt to be more respectful after learning more about Balinese people, their customs and their beliefs – how they see the world. Balinese people are very thankful for everything they have, especially the nature and their environment."

Canang making explored the Balinese morning ritual of canang making and offering with Ms. Ratna. They learnt about the meaning and cultural significance behind the offering seen all around Bali.



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Year 8 Bali Trip

Piseth: "Sleeping in a yurt has been my challenge, especially listening to the surrounding nature outside the yurt. I have tried to block out the sounds."



On one of the days, we headed down to the field and played some team challenges. In our teams we each had to take on specific roles. One of us could see (but couldn't speak), one of us could speak (but couldn't see) and the third could hear (but couldn't see) – together we had to direct the blindfolded member of our group to baskets of Balinese money around the field, where we had to retrieve a note at a time and return them to our team basket. We certainly learned the importance of effective communication between each other!



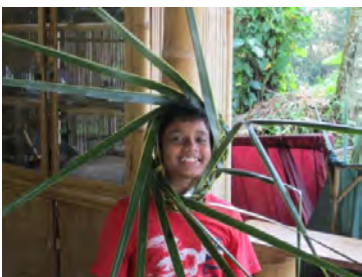
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Residential visit to Indonesia

Organic gardening was another highlight! We found out about the many different food producing plants on the Green School campus and how permaculture systems are used on site. We experienced preparing the raised beds for planting and how compost was made. Later we also were able to plant carrots and green beans!



Jak: "My biggest challenge has been being so close to so many insects and bugs after having dengue fever last year. My coping strategy has been trying to get to sleep straight away and forget about them."



Our adventure in Bali has been the most memorable week of our lives and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at the Green Camp who ensured we were risk-taking every single minute of each day, especially ... Ms. Ratna, Mr. Risky, Mr. Wayan & Mr. Newman. You were so amazing! Thank you so, so much – come and visit us in Phnom Penh! Thanks also to Mr. Conor and Ms. Ami for working hard behind the scenes too ... iCAN will be back at Green Camp again next year!



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Maths Day!



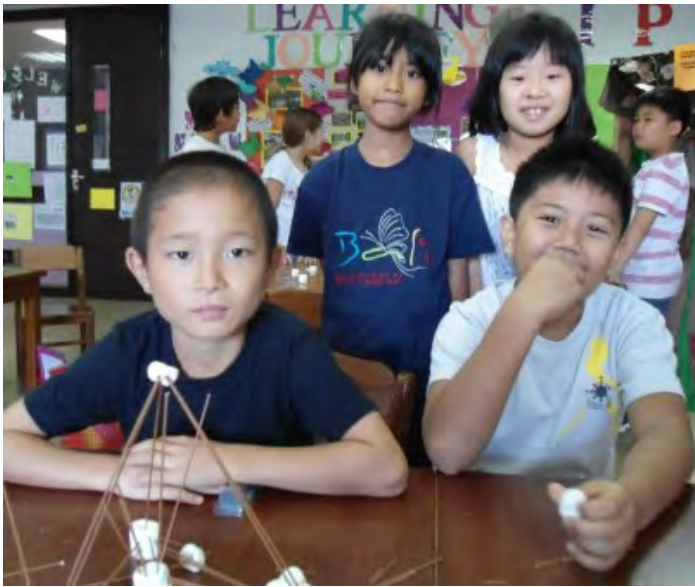
On March 7th, iCAN celebrated World Maths Day with some brilliant maths activities. We ran around the playground finding the hidden questions of the iCAN Maths Quest, practising our mental maths skills. Congratulations to the winners in each year group!



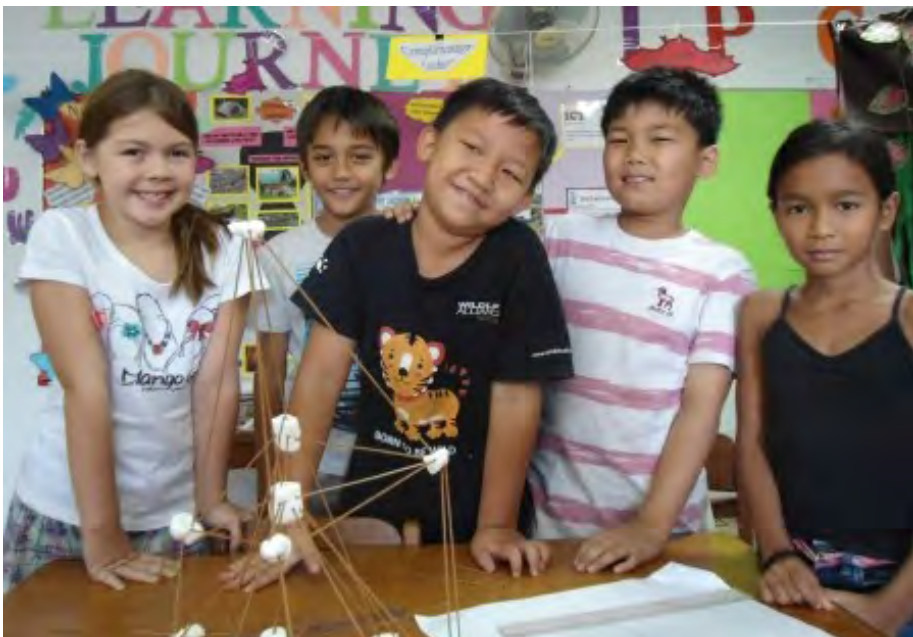
We solved really tricky maths problems in a variety of activities, everything from making the strongest structure out of spaghetti and marshmallows, to helping the police organise a criminal line-up! We also played adrenaline packed maths games against children in other countries all around the world, from Antarctica to Russia.

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World Mathletics!



A huge thank you has to go to the wonderful Ms. Kate for organising such a fantastically fun packed Maths Day! And, Well done to everyone for being such maths superstars!



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iCAN International Day

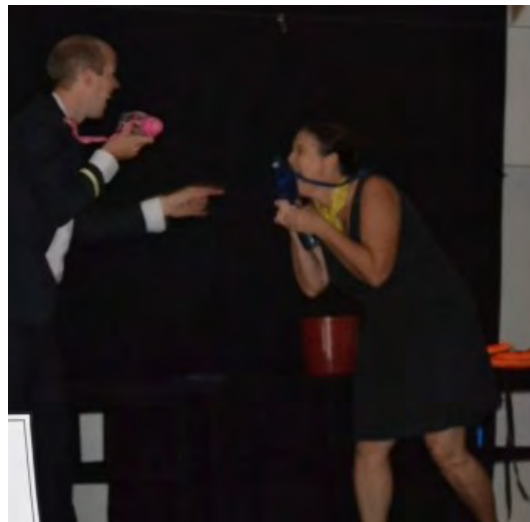


International day started with a bang with a jam packed full departure lounge! Passengers were patiently waiting with great excitement! Looks of anticipation were on everyone's faces as the planes started to load and engines began to roar! The corridors were filled with planes, bags and children as they headed off to their favourite countries to learn all about them!



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Which Country Did You Visit?



There were so many countries on offer this year! The teachers prepared their classrooms in the theme of their chosen country. These were the countries on offer:

- America, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Canada, Japan, France, Russia, Australia, Great Britain, Vietnam and India



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iCAN International Day



International Day 2012 was the best yet! Children visited countries from all over the world with the likes of Germany, and Russia making their first appearances. There were some fantastic activities that the children were able to join in with, such as a water puppet show, sumo wrestling and aboriginal art. As always, food was also central to the day with samosas, meatballs and pancakes all being tasted. At end the day, we were treated to traditional South Korean singing and music, Taekwondo and Kpop dancing – what an extravaganza!

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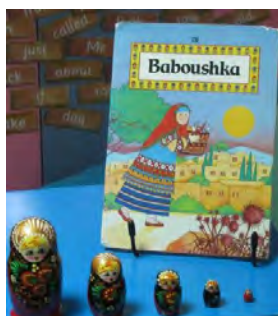
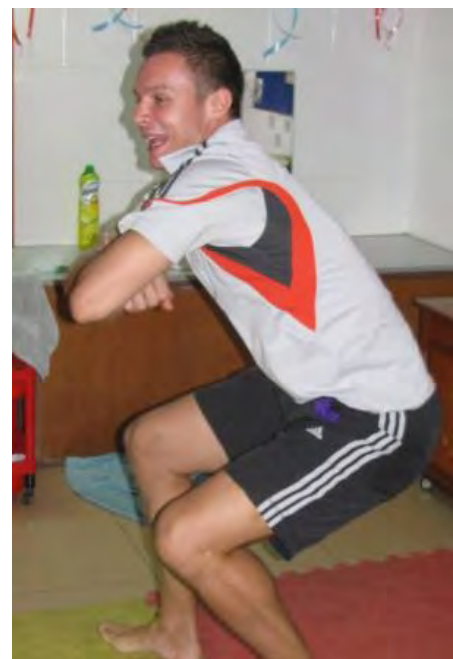
What new things did you learn?



What an awesome day!
International Day was,
yet again, amazing!

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iCAN International Day



Obviously this amazing day cannot happen without someone special coordinating it! This year Mr. Ollie took on the challenge and it was truly wonderful!! Thank you so much for all your hard work, sweat and effort! It really paid off and everybody had a fantastic day!

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How many different foods did you try?



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Tee-ball at NISC



Tee-ball was a fun afternoon for Year 5 and 6 where they played friendly games against Northbridge and ISPP.

It was the first time schools in Phnom Penh had competed in this sport and the kids were great. One of our iCAN teams remained unbeaten throughout the whole afternoon!

For those that don't know Tee-ball is a game that's like a mixture of baseball and rounders.



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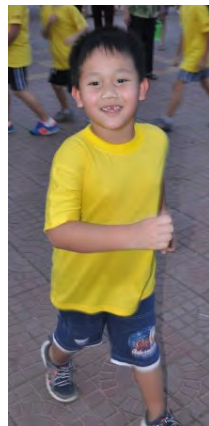
Swim Meet



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Wake & Shake

On Wednesday 28th March, loads and loads of yellow-clad iCAN children, parents and teachers made their way to Hun Sen Park to take part in the biggest ever iCAN Wake Up Shake Down. It really was a sight to behold as the lively crowd danced their way in unison through FIVE songs. Passers-by stopped to watch and take photos of the spectacle as children and adults alike filled the park with their moves and music. Well done to everyone for such an impressive turnout! It was a fantastic after school event!



A huge thank to Ms. Katie for organising such a fun night in the park! We all loved the dancing and so did the locals who came to watch!

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Wake Up & Shake Down



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Northbridge Athletics



Northbridge Athletics was a non-competitive event for Y4-6 (and some of our Y3's; Ally, Hye-Yoon, Abiye, Julian and Harry) earlier this teaching block.

The children participating in a wide range of events such as 100m sprint, softball throw, standing long jump, tug of war, relays...to name a few.



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Northbridge Athletics



We had some terrific individual performances and a great, healthy, fun day out. Thanks to Mr. Rowdie for all his hard work in getting the children prepared for this sporting day!



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CEOP Safeguarding Children



At the end of February the British Embassy and officers from the UK's Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre worked to ensure many more professionals in South East Asia became more equipped to protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation, in the real world and online.

On 27-29 February, CEOP ran their second course on Safeguarding Children in Cambodia, for more than 160 teachers and child care professionals from government and civil society. This training course at iCAN followed on from the success of the last training we hosted in Phnom Penh (October 2010) which has been replicated in other countries in South East Asia.

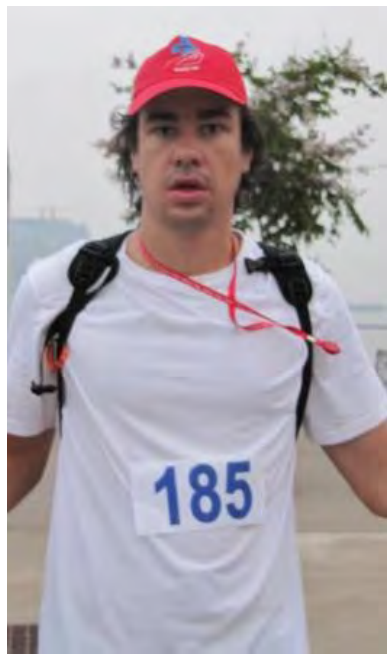
The course was open to participants from schools, teacher training colleges, Ministries, Cambodian National Police and NGOs. There was a course assessment at the end, after which the trainees could use CEOP materials and lesson plans to cascade to others, to ensure that hundreds more can help children be safe.

HM Ambassador Mark Gooding, who presented certificates to **successful participants**, said **"The growth of internet use in Cambodia, especially among young people, means the CEOP training is becoming ever more important. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office is pleased to be able to play a part in child protection in South East Asia."**

Here at iCAN we have been using CEOP materials for more than four years. iCAN School hosted the first Safeguarding Children training in 2010 and we had no hesitation in doing so again. Student feedback has been very positive and we have seen evidence that iCAN students are now using social networking sites more responsibly and safely.

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WALKATHON

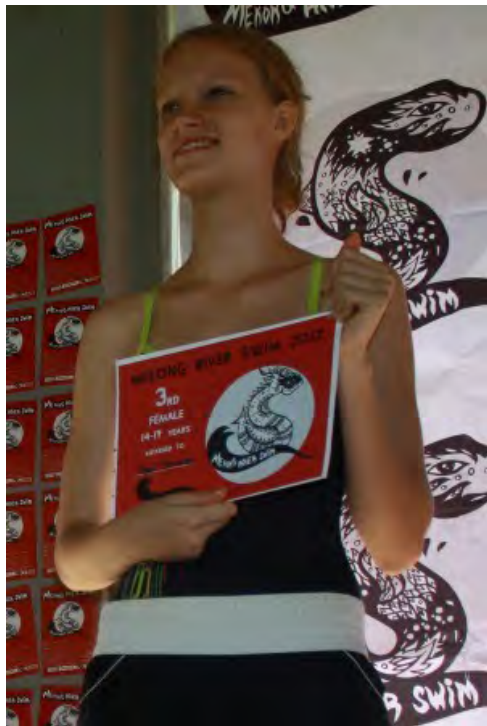


Thank you to all our parents and teachers who either took part in the Walkathon or helped us to raise money! iCAN donated \$332 to this amazing cause which means we have 3 bricks with our names on!



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Mekong River Swim



A record 180 participants registered for the 16th annual Mekong River Swim organised by iCAN on Sunday 1st April. The plucky competitors braved sand, silt and giant catfish to compete in the capital's mighty Mekong challenge. Participants swam the 650-800m (depending on the strength of the current and the height of the water) one way across the Mekong River.



Xavier Riblet once again won the event in a record time of 7 minutes and 10 seconds, knocking 24 seconds off his previous best winning time. Mary E. Carlson was the first female swimmer (and 2nd overall) with a time of 8 minutes 44 seconds. Swimmers from 22 countries participated this year and there was a large contingent of iCAN staff who all placed inside the top 50. For full results please visit the MRS blogsite www.mekongriverswim.blogspot.com

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16th Annual River Swim



The proceeds from entry fees to the MRS2012 will be donated to the Cambodian Children's Trust (CCT) 'Survival swimming Programme' which is based in Battambang. In memory of Jendar Heng, CCT has begun an ongoing survival swimming programme, which in time will be available to all children in the Battambang province.



A huge thank you to all the amazing volunteers from iCAN who once again made this a safe and memorable annual sporting event. The MRS2013 is scheduled to take place on Sunday 7th April 2013.



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iCAN Staff Party!



So ... every year iCAN holds a party for all the staff! Teachers, assistants, cooks, guards, cleaners, you name them and they're there! It is a great event with amazing prizes to be won including rice cookers, phones, fans and then the mega prize of a laptop! This years lucky laptop winner was our wonderful guard Korn. It couldn't have gone to a better person! Well done.



Thank you to our talented staff who sang and danced on the night! It was a great evening and lovely to see you all there!

IPC Units in progress ... **During May all three Mileposts will be taking part in 'The Olympics' unit! We are hoping to visit The Olympic Stadium to hold an opening ceremony so watch this space!**

We are really looking forward to a visit from Martin Skelton, the co-founder and Managing Director of Fieldworks education who were responsible for developing the International Primary Curriculum (IPC) on Thursday 26th April.

NEXT ISSUE ...

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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 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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