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April 2014

Early Years Sports Day & Year 9 adventure

Dear Families,

As Learning Block 5 ends the final learning block of the year is about to start.

Learning Block 5 included the Year 9 trip to Kanchanaburi, Maths Day and International Day. International Day was spectacular this year, the introduction of a food court added a whole new dimension. Thank you to all the families that supported us.

Our wonderful Year 9's are about to enter their final learning block at iCAN, their families have been considering the options for them for the next part of their learning journey. The Middle Years team will be supporting them during this transition process to ensure that they are ready for the big move! One of the reasons that iCAN is so special is that we are a smallish school with the children's well being at the heart of everything we do. I feel extremely fortunate and privileged that my own children have had the opportunity to learn in an environment where each and every child is special and each teacher knows their children so well and considers the emotional, social and academic needs of the children. Every child deserves such a learning environment but not every learning environment meets this need. Personal experiences have made me value this even more.

There have been occasions when people have questioned whether the environment we have created is not preparing our children for the harsh realities of the 'real world'. Suggestions have been made that we toughen the children up, give them more tests, give them lots of homework but we are confident that the learning experiences and environment we have created is right for all children and is their right as learners. Instead of changing to fit in we hope that where we lead others will follow. Ms. Charlie shared a quote by L.R. Knost the author of '2000 kisses a day' with me recently, it captures what I am saying perfectly.

'It's not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It's our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless.'

In the last edition of the iCAN Times I referred to the courses that several teachers were attending this learning block to further develop their learning. You can read more about this on page 18. The teachers that went have been sharing their learning with the rest of the team since their return and we will be incorporating the new skills, knowledge and understanding gained from these courses to improve learning at iCAN.

I wish you and your families a happy Khmer New Year, enjoy the time with your families.

Ms. Lori

DIARY DATE REMINDERS

April

- 21st** Start of LB6
- 23rd** 4C class assembly
- 27th** Annual Mekong River Swim
9am start

May

- 1st** NO SCHOOL Labour Day
- 3rd** Swim meet at Olympic pool
8am–11am
- 5th** Capital fee due for 2014-15
- 7th** RB class assembly
- 8th** Child Led Conferences
- 10-11th** Swim team—Vietnam
- 12th** No School—Teacher training
- 13th-14th** No School—
King's birthday
- 15/22/29th** Transition for 2014-15
- 21st** Book Sale

June

- 2nd** 1st fee installment 2014-15
- 3rd** KS2 disco
- 5th** KS3 Exhibition
- 6th** Progress reports sent home
- 7th** EYFS/KS1 family event
- 10th** Y6 End of year dinner
- 13th** School finishes at 11am
KS3 Reports issued

Maths Week



Earlier during Learning Block 5, iCAN held our number crunching, shape bending, problem solving Maths Week. As you can see from our photos this took place from our youngest learners all the way through to some of our oldest. *Can you find someone learning more about comparative sizes?*



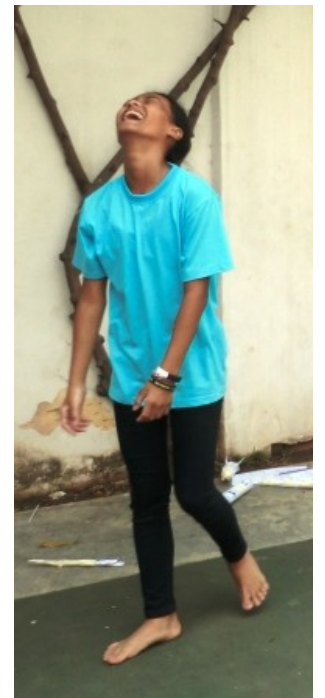
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Maths Week



Thanks to everyone, especially Ms. Kate our iCAN Maths Coordinator, for making Maths great!



Did you know? The inaugural World Maths Day was held on 13th March 2007.

287,000 students from 98 countries answered 38,904,275 questions.

The learner numbers and the participating countries have steadily increased in the following years as evidenced by the Guinness Record created in 2010.

In 2012 as the World Education Games, over 5.9 million students from 240 countries and territories around the world registered to take part in the games.

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EYFS Sports Day



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EYFS Sports Day



We tried to sneak past the dragons to get the treasure. So we had to FREEZE when they saw us!



Find out why these two swimmers are so happy on page 26.

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EYFS Learning journey



For our entry point RV and RB were paleontologists and went digging for dinosaur bones. We used buckets, spades and magnifying glasses to investigate and discover the bones. We found and put together the skeleton of a T-Rex.



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MP1 The stories people tell



During our *The Stories People Tell* IPC unit, Milepost 1 have been enjoying lots of amazing learning about some fantastic stories!

We learned about creation myths and then got to create amazing 3-D worlds of our own.

After reading *Where The Wild Things Are*, we designed our own Wild Things creatures in art. Then in PE we actually became Wild Things by learning how to move our bodies in different ways.

We learned lots about the legend of Robin Hood, the different characters and emotions in the fairytale Jack and the Beanstalk and had a great time reading lots of other stories as well!

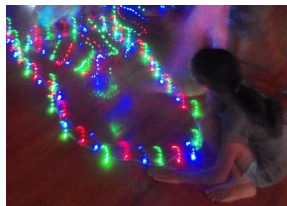
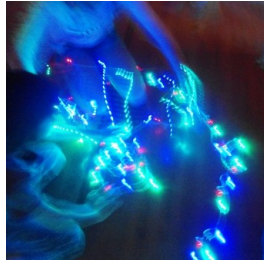
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MP2 Bright Sparks!



MP2 have started our new IPC topic 'Bright Sparks', all about electricity.

For our Entry Point, we made our own light show using lots of string lights.



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MP2 Chocolate ... and the rest!



After carrying out lots of research into how and where chocolate is made, MP2 found out that there are a number of chocolate companies that have young children working for them in dangerous conditions.

We wrote persuasive letters to Nestle to ask them to stop using children and we made a petition and got lots of signatures. Some of us went to the post office to post off our letters. Lets see what happens!



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MP3 Fairgrounds



As part of the International Primary Curriculum our learners have been enjoying exploring the Science to do with Fairgrounds. At first glance there might seem little connection between Fairground and Science but in fact there are many things about the laws of physics in a fairground.



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MP3 Fairgrounds

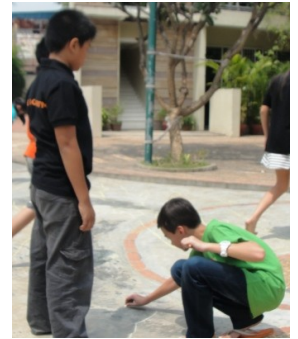


MP3 have been finding out about magnetic force. Many facts have been explored and explained using experiments created by the learners themselves.



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Milepost 3 Shadows



As well as the forces found around fairground rides, our MP3 learners have been finding out about light and sound energy with a variety of experiments designed to explore the nature of waves.

Centrifugal Force



Learners from MP3 have been finding out about how gravity, friction and air resistance act on a pendulum. There are kinetic and potential energies acting on a ball in a tube as learners have found when experimenting with loop-the-loop.



Our Year 5 and 6 learners have had a tremendously enjoyable time finding out about the world of physics through this IPC unit and are looking forward to an exciting fairground based Exit Point.

Magnets



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iCAN 11th Birthday Celebrations



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IPC & IMYC Summer School



Ms. Michaela, Mr. Thabo, Ms. Rosaleen, Ms. Charlie & Ms. Lori all attended the recent IPC & IMYC annual SE Asia Summer School which was held at Nexus International School in Malaysia.

They joined a variety of courses over the 3 days, networking with teachers from the many schools throughout Asia, UK and beyond who have implemented the IPC/IMYC.



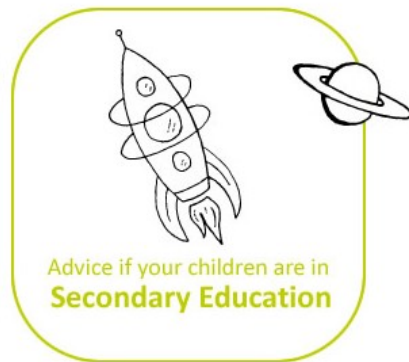
ICPN/CEOP Update



Mr. David, Ms. Kirsty and Ms. Louise recently represented iCAN at the Sout East Asia regional child protection conference, which this year was held in Phnom Penh. iCAN has worked closely with CEOP (Child Exploitation & Online Protection) since first introducing the ThinkUKnow resources as part of our internet safety curriculum several years ago. iCAN have collaborated with CEOP to translate a child safety comic into Khmer which will help educate children throughout Cambodia about how to stay safe and who to contact if there are any child protection concerns.

Welcome to CEOP's Thinkuknow for Parents and Carers!

www.thinkuknow.co.uk



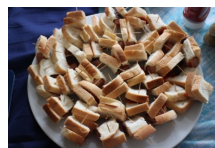
Talk to your child about... Webcams



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International Day

International Day this year had a World Cup theme as well as the introduction of our first ever international food court. Parents from more than 20 countries worked together to make this new addition possible ... and what a resounding success it was! Thanks to Ms. Amanda, Mr. Thabo & Mr. Labhras for coordinating this event!



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International day



We were also surprised to hear iCAN Air announce their 1,000,000,000 passenger ... Kim Ton from Year 6! To celebrate this there was a very unexpected flashmob performed by all the local staff and all of the passengers in our iCAN international departure lounge joined in. Thanks also to Pochentong airport for the loan of lots of their equipment!



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Middle Years Artists in residence



Year 7 explored how artists take risks in their work. We visited an exhibition at Sofitel to inspire us to take risks with the materials we use. We then worked in groups to experiment with materials and techniques that we hadn't used before

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Year 9 residential visit Thailand



Year 9 recently visited Kanchanaburi in Thailand to learn more about WW2.



We visited many historical sites including the bridge over the River Kwai, Chungkai War Cemetery, Hellfire Pass ... and were able to walk across the railway bridges built by the prisoners of war during WW2.

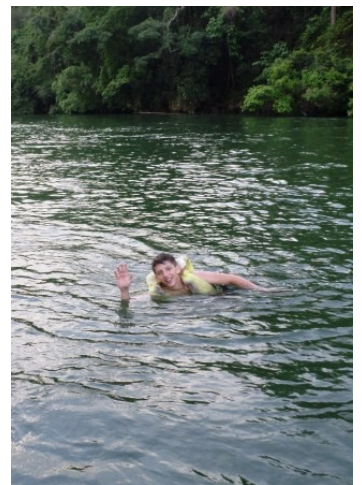
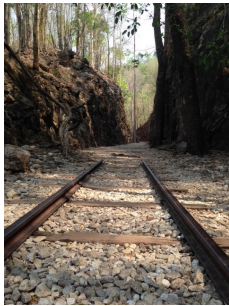


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Year 9 residential visit **Thailand**



Once we arrived at Hellfire Pass Memorial we were equipped with individual headsets so we could listen to recounts from the soldiers who lived through the war and the inhospitable conditions as prisoners of war (PoW) at Hintock and Hellfire Pass. We trekked down the trail to what's left of the Thai-Burma railway and explored (some further than others) the different sections. Following the hike back up to the starting point in the searing heat, we could only just begin to comprehend how unbearable it must have been for the prisoners who were forced to work 16-20 hours each day for months on end without any respite. Marching 6km to and from the construction site each day, barefoot, throughout the monsoons and extreme heat, malnutrition was commonplace and disease was rife. Lunch was a quiet time for reflection as we probably ate more nutrients in one meal than the prisoners would have eaten in a week.

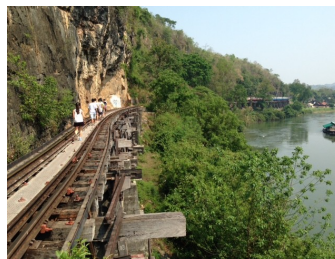
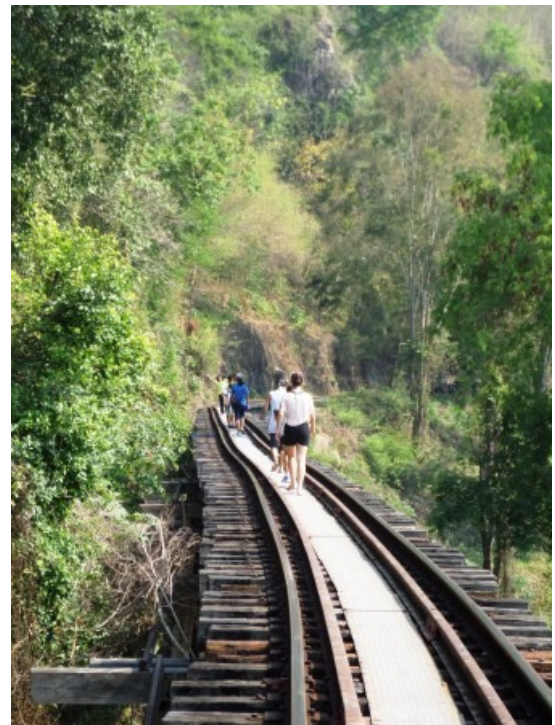
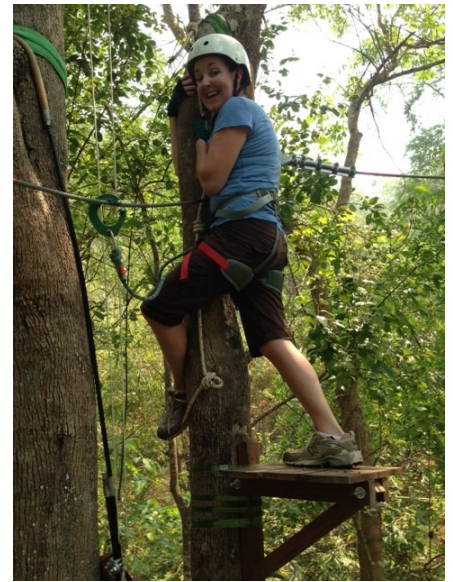


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Year 9 residential visit Thailand



Prokorb & Apirith reflect after their visit to the Death Railway Museum ... We learnt that people have struggled and have been traumatised and that had changed their lives. It was similar to the Khmer Rouge because they were forced to work, starve kids and adults. We felt terrible because of what happened to them, starving them, forcing them, even using hand tools to cut a way through the mountains. We think this is injustice because the PoW would die, so they are suffering, whilst the Japanese were gaining from their suffering.



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Middle Years Taking risks



Year 7's BIG IDEA was all about RISK! For their Entry Point they headed to KidsCity to take on new challenges and push their comfort zones to the limits! *What's the biggest risk you've taken recently?*

Northbridge Swim Meet



Our iCAN swimmers have been training hard and were once again victorious in an extremely competitive inter-school swim meet held recently at NISC.

8/9 year olds

1st iCAN 2nd ISPP 3rd NISC

10/11 year olds

1st iCAN 2nd NISC 3rd ISPP

12/13 year olds

1st NISC 2nd iCAN 3rd LOGOS



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National Swimming Championships

Several of our Cambodian swimmers recently took part in the Cambodian National Swimming Championships held at the Olympic swimming pool during the first week of April. All our swimmers performed to the best of their ability and were rewarded with podium finishes in several of the events.

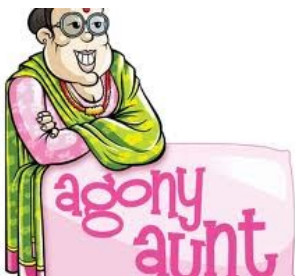
Our 12/13 year old boys relay team competed in the Under-18 age group and secured a hard fought bronze medal against teams consisting of swimmers currently training with the national team. Our female swimmers also set the pace in the pool, dominating the line ups in the finals, with Ally (breaststroke) and Jessie (freestyle) becoming Cambodian national champions in the Under -18 age group ... considering they are only 10 and 13 respectively this is a remarkable achievement!



We had 10 swimmers, 3 of which were new to this level of swimming: Ally, Eli, Cameron, Jaimie (1st time), James, Jessie (1st time), Les, Sothea (1st time), Stephen and Vuthy.



iCAN Agony Aunt needs YOU!



This issue, our resident Agony Aunt is asking for more questions from YOU! Do you have any questions about your child's behaviour? Are there things you'd like advice on? If so, get in touch!

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The **lotus pod** represents the sanctuary of **community** where the seeds of **creativity** and **expression** are **nurtured** and **prepare for transformation.**

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... welcomes all explorers wherever you are on your journey - whether you're in the mud, sprouting through the water, or ready to bloom!

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IPC Units Coming Up ...

'Sensational' in MP1, **'Bright Sparks'** unit in MP2
and **'Science—Investigators'** for MP3!

Check future iCAN Times for yet more photos
highlighting your children's learning.

We continue to develop our 8 personal goals at iCAN,
which we will be encouraging and celebrating each
month throughout the year. Our **8 personal goals** are:

Adaptability	Communication
Cooperation	Enquiry
Morality	Resilience
Respect	Thoughtfulness

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 our 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. Phalla 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 ...

▪ **Olympic pool
interschool meet**

▪ **Child Led
Conferences**

▪ **EYFS/MP1
family event**

▪ **Middle Years
exhibition**

... and so much more

**Check out our next issue
of the iCAN TIMES to find
out all about our
World Cup themed
International Day!**

MEKONG RIVER SWIM

Sunday 27th April 2014

The annual Mekong River Swim
organised by iCAN will be taking
place at the end of April.

E-mail:

mekongriverswim@ican.edu.kh
if you'd like to help on the day!

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