



iCAN TIMES

February 2015 issue

Learning is an ongoing journey of discovery. We can gain new knowledge, practise and improve our skills and develop our understanding through making connections and learning from our mistakes.

Kite flying Cycling adventures Sports Days

Dear Families,

I know that you are going to enjoy finding out more about your child's learning in this edition of the iCAN Times.

Even though this has been a short learning block it has still been packed with learning opportunities and experiences for everyone.

**Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.**

Benjamin Franklin

It was great to see so many of you in sharing learning with your children on our second family learning day earlier this learning block. I hope that it helped to develop your understanding of learning at iCAN.

I am sure many of you have enjoyed looking at our wall of smiles in the canteen which is a tribute to Mr. Kosal

and his never ending smile. The display was planned to celebrate smiles and coincide with his 100 day ceremony. We met with his wife to give her the book of memories that had been compiled using messages and photos. We hope that it will remind her about how special he was to us.

Our family kite flying picnic saw the biggest turnout for several years and we were very lucky with the wind.

Both the Early Years and Primary/Middle Years Sports Days were really great events with all the children practising their personal goals as well as their sports skills.

We enjoyed hosting the ISSAPP international schools swim meet at the Olympic Pool at the end of January. It was great to see our iCAN community come together to make this event such a success. Once again our swimmers made us feel very proud and all their hard work in the pool paid off.

Our Middle Years football teams have also had a great learning block with a number of resilient wins and their usual great sportsmanship both in winning and defeat.

A big thank you to our iCAN team for being so committed to the children's happiness and their learning.

Enjoy the February break, make sure your children have opportunities for adventures but also some time to relax as the next learning block is going to be a long one!

Ms. Lori

DIARY DATE REMINDERS

February

- 23rd Start of LB5
- 25th MY Information evening for Y6 families
- 28th Amazing family tuk-tuk race 8-11am

March

- 2nd Family drop in session after school
- 5th All children go home at 11:30am
- 9th-13th Book week
- 11th Bedtime stories 6-7pm
- 18th 3N class assembly
- 20th World HAPPINESS day
- 21st Swim meet (at ISPP) hosted by Hope 8-11am
- 25th 6M class assembly
- 27th Family coffee morning with Leaders for Learning 7.30-8.30am

April

- 1st RV class assembly 7.45-8.15am
- 2nd iCAN Maths Day
- 6th All children go home at 11:30am
- 10th LB5 ends iCAN Times issue 77 published
- 26th Mekong River Swim

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EYFS Sports Day



Splashing Friday



We had a super fun day splashing with our friends!

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Reception Shopping at Aeon Mall



Before we went to Aeon mall, we made a list of healthy ingredients to make a sandwich. We then went to buy our ingredients and made a tasty sandwich ... yummy!

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EYFS Family Learning Day



We had a fantastic day when our iCAN families joined in with their children to share their learning.

EYFS from seed to plant



We grew our own beans. We kept a bean diary to record what happened to the beans.



During our topic food we made a yummy fruit salad and pumpkin custard.



Learning in Early Years is ...

- Finding out new things
- Trying again
- Exploring
- Working together
- Asking questions
- Sharing
- Making mistakes
- Thinking

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Milepost 1 It's movie time!



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Milepost 2 **Footprints from the past**



Our MP2 learners enjoyed designing, creating and running their own class museum which showcased all of their fantastic learning from this exciting unit. Visitors could search for fossils, explore the different dinosaur periods, take part in interactive science activities and relax with a drink from the museum cafe.



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MP3 Fair Trade goes bananas!



International Day Entry point



For our International Day entry point, Japanese drummers from our iCAN community came into school during our Monday Together Time and gave a pulsating performance! We were really impressed with their rhythm and strength in creating such a powerful beat.

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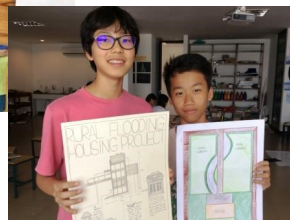
Middle Years Collaboration



Our BIG IDEA in Year 7 has been **COLLABORATION**. Year 7 wrote and illustrated their own children's story books. In art they learnt about how to create meaning through colour and line.



Middle Years Communication



During our **COMMUNICATION** unit, Year 8 learnt different methods to effectively communicate their design solutions.



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Middle Years **Identity**



For our **IDENTITY** unit, Year 9 have been designing costumes to suit one of their peers. They have had to explore each other's identities and discuss how identity is perceived.

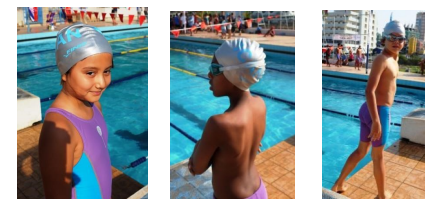


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Olympic Stadium swim meet

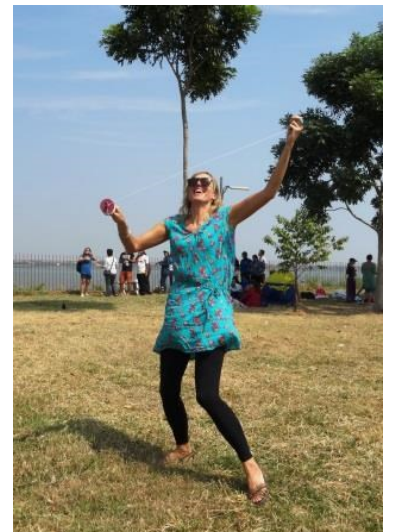
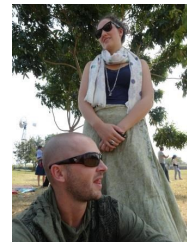


iCAN hosted the 3rd ISSAPP inter-school swim meet of 2014-15 at the Olympic Pool during LB4. As well as ISSAPP schools joining the event, we were please to welcome teams from Liger Learning Center, Saigon Swordfish and Hola-VLK (Kampong Cham). Our iCAN 12/13 year old team triumphed winning the overall trophy!



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Family kite flying picnic



It was wonderful to welcome a record number of iCAN families to our annual family kite flying picnic in January. As you can see from all these amazing photos, everyone had great fun flying their kites!

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Milepost 3 **Cycling Adventure**



Our Year 5 & 6 learners spent the morning cycling with their teacher, LSA and classmates just across the river. Thanks to Ms. Adele & Mr. Kosal for coordinating another series of safe cycling adventures for Milepost 3 during Learning Block 4.



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iCAN team mascots



Last learning block our Pupil Council organised a vote for our new iCAN mascots. There were 4 categories of endangered Cambodian species to vote in. **REPTILES** (Siamese Crocodile v. Cantor Giant Softshell Turtle), **BIRDS** (Giant Ibis v. Sarus Crane), **MAMMALS** (Sun Bear v. Yellow-cheeked Crested Gibbon) and **FISH** (Mekong Giant Catfish v. Giant Freshwater Stingray). After the vote concluded a talented local graphic designer, Nix McKool, worked with our iCAN team to create 4 iconic logos. We then held a whole school assembly to draw lots and decide which coloured team would be represented by which new team mascot ... Sun BEARS, Sarus CRANES, Giant Freshwater STINGRAYS or Siamese CROCODILES!



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Primary & Middle Years Sports Day



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The competition was tight again but after the lead changing hands several times during the morning, it was the **SUN BEARS** who eventually came out on top, winning the overall trophy. Congratulations to the **SIAMESE CROCODILES** for their team chant!

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Family-School Communication

We are really committed to developing more effective channels of communication with members of our community. **Improving communication between home and school is a priority for us.**

There are a number of communication systems in school both formal and informal.

There is **written communication** which is usually e-mailed home, unless a consent form needs to be completed, in which case a paper copy also goes home;

- incidental letters,
- **fortnightly newsletters** published by each year group which are posted on the school website every second Friday. These newsletters contain information about the learning that is taking place in each year group and across mileposts and other information on events that are planned.
- the **iCAN Times** which is posted on the school website at the end of each learning block which is always packed with photos and information relating to that learning block.
- our **iCAN website** and our **online school calendar** which is updated with the latest school events. This online Google calendar can also be downloaded to your computer, tablet or smartphone, where reminders can be set up so that you don't miss any of the upcoming school events.
- our **family notice board** in our school canteen. Upcoming events and notices are posted on this board for all families to access.
- the **'reading records'** that go home each day in your child's reading folder are another means of communication with your child's class teacher about your child's reading.

At iCAN PLAY there are **'Home-School books'** which families and teachers use to write messages about individual children in.

There is also **verbal communication**

If you have a question or concern please do come and talk to one of us at school. Generally, if your question or concern is related directly to your child e.g. progress, health or behaviour then your first port of call is your child's class teacher. Class teachers are usually happy to have a quick chat in class at **7.20am** but if you need longer then please make an appointment to meet with them.

Family drop-in sessions You are also invited to visit your child's class on the **second Monday of learning blocks 2, 4 and 5** for an hour after school, so that your child can share their learning with you. This also offers you the opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about their learning.

If you need further clarification or your question is related to a wider school issue please make an appointment to see either **Ms. Louise**, **Ms. Michaela**, Leaders for Learning, **Mr. David**, Vice Principal, or **Ms. Lori**, Principal.

If the matter is related to general day to day administration such as the payment of fees please speak to **Ms. Raxmey**, **Ms. Vanna** or **Mr. Sophak**

If you have ideas or suggestions on how we can improve our channels of communication please do let us know.

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IPC units continuing during Learning Block 5 ...
'Media Magic' in MP1, **'Inventions that changed the World'** unit in MP2 and **'Being Human!'** 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. Vanna 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 ...

- **Book Week**
- **World Happiness Day**
- **iCAN Maths Day**
- **Family Amazing Tuk-Tuk Race**
- **Mekong River Swim**
- ... and so much more

Check out our next issue of the **iCAN TIMES** to find out all about our rescheduled **Creative Arts Week!**

MEKONG RIVER SWIM

Sunday 26th April 2015

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

E-mail:

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if you'd like to help on the day!

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