

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.

Dear Families,

Where has this year gone? I can't believe that we are about to end another year of learning.

We have continued to challenge ourselves as learners this year and to define more clearly our learning process. This is ongoing and I look forward to next year when we continue to develop and improve learning at iCAN.

As the last day of school fast approaches I am filled with end of year emotions, anxiety, excitement, worry, happiness, sadness and acceptance. I have had many conversations over the last few weeks with members our community both children and adults who are working through this process. Emotions have certainly been high.

We are wishing our amazing Year 9's goodbye and good luck and look forward to them changing our world for the better in the not too distant future. They are real ambassadors for iCAN and they share their final thoughts on their iCAN experience later in this edition.

For those of you who are moving on we hope as you move to new places and schools that you will take great memories of iCAN with you in your hearts and we wish you and your families all the best for the future. "The end of something marks the start of something new"
Chinese proverb

For families and children who will be back in August, have a wonderful holiday, keep learning new skills and knowledge to develop your understanding, have adventures, take risks and enjoy your time together.

Ms Lori



DIARY DATE REMINDERS

August

- 12th** Start LB1 Y1-9
- 13th** Start LB1 Reception
- 19th** MY information evening 4:30-5:30pm
- Parent/Carer social 5:30-6:30pm

September

- 1st** Sign up for after school activities
- 3rd** Y9 residential visit meeting 2:30-3pm
- 8th** MP3 residential visit meeting 2.30-3pm
- Y7/8 residential visit meeting 3-3:30pm
- 11th** MY Learning workshop 7:30-8:30am
- 18th** MY Learning workshop 7:30-8:30am
- 22nd** EYS & MP1 family event 3-4:30pm
- 24th** MP2 & 3 family event
- 30th** 6S class assembly

October

- 9th** MATHS DAY
- LB1 ends

iCAN PLAY



At iCAN PLAY we had a wonderful time exploring our clothes topic. We have been busy looking at our shoes, hats, underpants and shirts.



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EYFS Dinosaurs

During exit point we had a volcanic eruption in our outdoor area. Our families were amazed at our dinosaur stomp dance.



EYFS Traditional Tales

We also became architects and construction workers, building the houses for the three little pigs!



For our 'Traditional tales' entry point, we were visited by Little Red Riding Hood & Goldilocks. We asked them lots of questions and they told us all about themselves. We also tried the porridge Goldilocks had taken from the three bears cottage and Little Red Riding Hood shared her grandma's cookies.

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MP1 From A to B

MP1 had an amazing time during our entry point for our new unit of work 'From A to B'. We participated in many different challenges and activities. MP1 had to build a road and coordinate a car along the road. We also had great fun cooperating to build tunnels.

Our MP1 learners had to use their problem solving skills and decide how to make each car go really far through the tunnel. A challenging activity was bridge building! We had to build a really strong bridge and count how many cars each bridge could hold before it collapsed! Our MP1 learners loved exploring the many ways you can build a train track too.



Finally MP1 learners showed what amazing risk takers they are and went through a really tricky obstacle course whilst riding scooters, bicycles and roller skates!



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MP1 Tuk-Tuk trip

MP1 went on an AMAZING tuk tuk trip around Phnom Penh! We visited; Independence Monument, the train station, central market, Wat Phnom, the boat port and the royal palace. Our MP1 learners saw many different modes of transport! We even saw a real train at the train station! Along with spotting lots of different vehicles, they had to locate key features on a map, locate where we were on the map and find the route we would be taking to our next location! MP1 were super at this task of using maps at a variety of scales!

We have a great bunch of map readers!



MP1 Raftbuilding

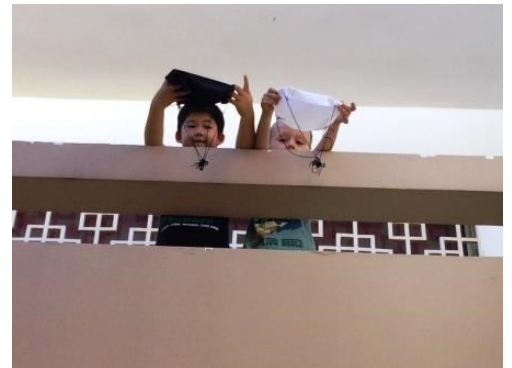


For the technology part of our unit 'From A to B' MP1 had an amazing day building rafts! We thought about the materials we would use, planned how to make them and then worked with our teams to build our rafts. After that we got to test them in the big pool and they all worked! They were even strong enough to carry our teachers!

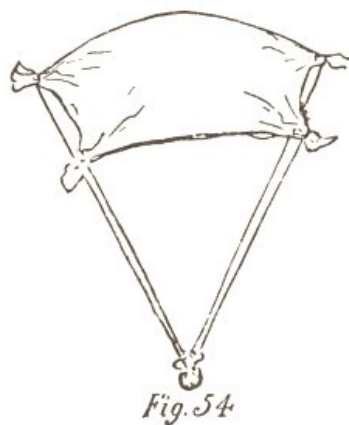
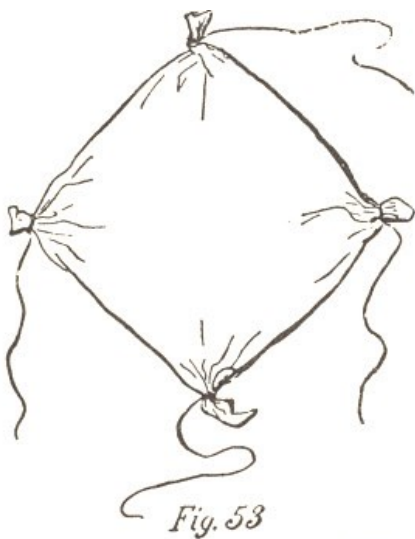


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MP1 Parachutes



In Milepost 1 we practised the skill of planning an investigation in Science. We first learned about **parachutes** and then thought about how to test which material would be best to make a parachute from.



Parachutes.



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MP2 Bread making

As part of our technology unit of work, learners in Milepost 2 learnt about the bread making process and were particularly interested in how yeast makes bread rise. We weighed out the ingredients using our measuring skills, mixed them together and then took it in turns to knead the dough before leaving it to rise. Our MP2 learners then divided the dough into some rolls and after putting them in the oven to bake, everyone enjoyed a tasty treat!



Geography

Our MP2 learners have been thinking about where food comes from and how far it has travelled to get to our plate. We have been using our enquiry skills to decide which foods are imported and which are locally produced.



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Milepost 2 Pizza at Luna



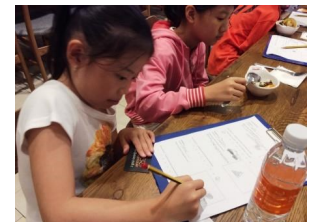
As part of our technology unit, MP2 learners were asked to design and make food products. We visited a local restaurant, Luna, in order to learn from a real life chef how to design and make a healthy pizza. This was a fantastic learning opportunity for our learners to ask questions from an expert and design, prepare and make food in a working restaurant.



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MP2 What's on the menu?

MP2 began their final unit, 'What's on the Menu' with a fantastic learning visit to the World Food Court at AEON Mall. We explored the different restaurants, menus and foods and became food critics, tasting foods from different parts of the world. We were great enquirers and used maps, menus and spoke to staff to find out about restaurants and food.



Restaurateurs visit iCAN



Milepost 2 were visited by two Phnom Penh restaurateurs on April 28th to discuss their businesses and the food they serve. Nick and Trevor, from Che Culo and Buffalo Sister respectively, answered our learners questions which ranged from reasons for their restaurants' location, to the importing of food. Our MP2 learners enjoyed their visit and we thank them for sharing their time with us.

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MP2 Greenleaf Farm visit



As part of our learning for our IPC unit, 'What's on the menu?' MP2 learners have been finding out about food production from 'farm to table'.

We have researched different farms, and how crops are cultivated, harvested and delivered onwards. We visited an organic farm close to the city where we learnt about farm buildings and machinery, the processes needed to plant seedlings and then to cultivate them ready to harvest as fully grown crops.



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MP2 Exit Point



What an incredible way for MP2 to end the school year. We held our 'Food and Restaurant Fayre' to show our families how much we had learnt during our unit, 'What's on the Menu?'. It was such a fun, exciting unit full of amazing learning opportunities so we were so pleased that so many of our families could join us and learn about where our food comes from and so much more! Where would you put a restaurant in Phnom Penh and what should you serve? Our Year 3 and 4 experts can tell you!



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Enrichment



What a fantastic afternoon of celebration! Enrichment Tasks are set in MP2 and MP3 to extend and support childrens' learning outside of our school environment. The standard of learning this year was outstanding!
It was great to see so many learners celebrating their home learning!



Year 6 End of year party

Year 6 ended their time in Milepost 3 with a fantastic end of year party! Lots of delicious food was consumed, the dance floor was packed and everyone had a great time! It was a fitting send off following a fantastic year of learning! A big well done to everyone in 6M and 6S! You will all be missed as you move into Middle Years.



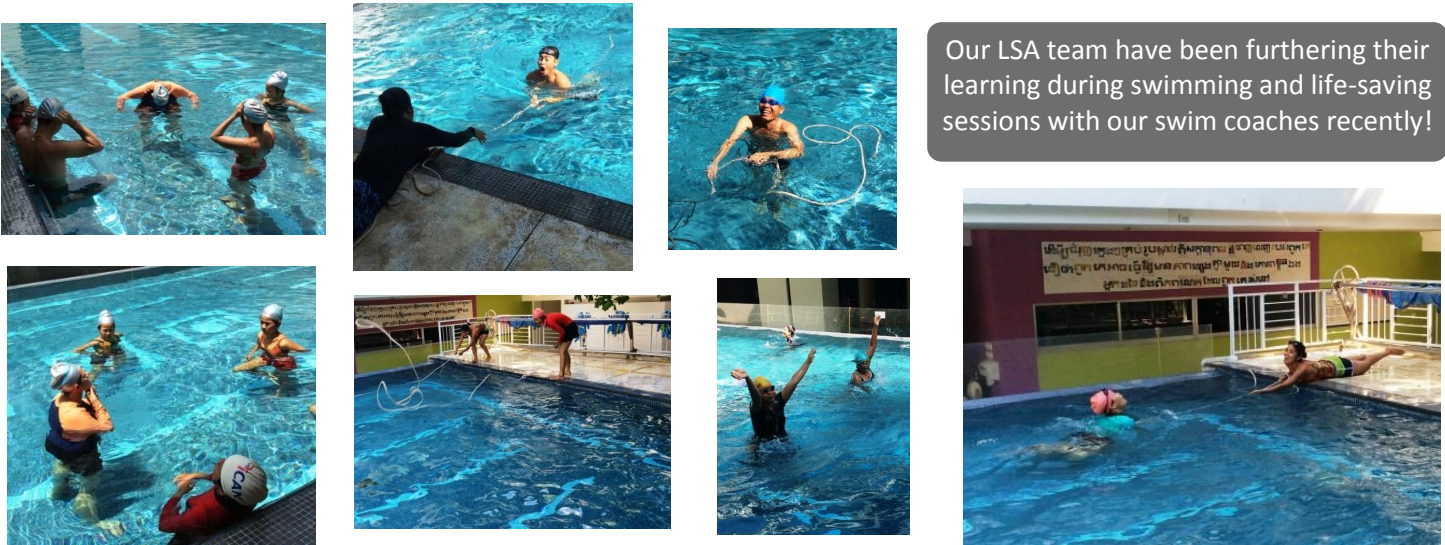
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iCAN Child Led Conferences



Earlier this learning block we held our annual Child Led Conferences at iCAN. Families joined their children for a journey through their learning over the past year. It was wonderful to see so many families join us to celebrate learning!

Swimming Life-saving



Our LSA team have been furthering their learning during swimming and life-saving sessions with our swim coaches recently!

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Middle Years Exhibition



A learner in Year 7 showing her display board to her mum during the Middle Years exhibition.

Year 9 Art work



Opening remarks by Ms Kirsty.

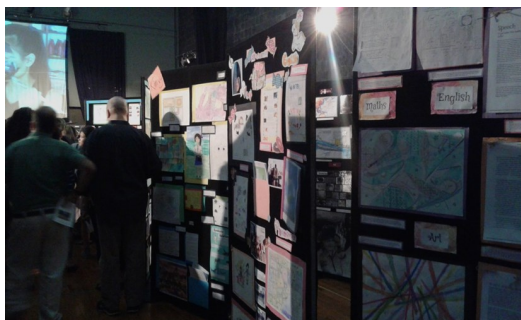


Getting ready for the live performances during the exhibition!

Middle Years enjoyed their 5th annual exhibition this learning block. Our Middle Years learners were able to share their learning with their families and show case some fantastic performances. Our Year 7 and 8 learners thoroughly enjoyed this experience and it was also an opportunity for us to say farewell to our Year 9 learners. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved this year and look forward to more events next academic year.



Year 8 girls musical performance!



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Middle Years Science Adaptability

Year 7 learning about environmental principles



Searching for insects and their habitats.



Year 9 Renewal



Year 9 presenting their learning about separation.



Year 9 performing simple distillation.



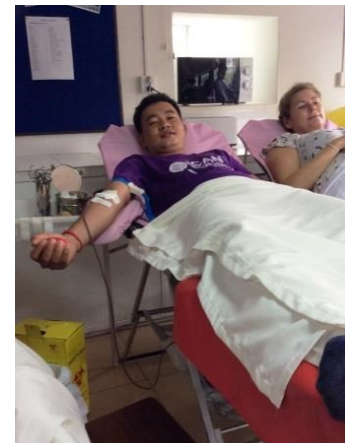
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Community Blood donation day



Cambodia has a National Blood bank here in Phnom Penh but it is always under stocked. They have enormous challenges in encouraging people to donate.

Thank you to all those members of our iCAN community who gave up their time (& blood) for such a worthy cause.



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19th Annual Mekong River Swim

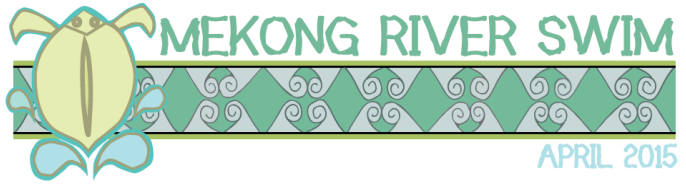


A massive THANK YOU to the team of volunteers and sponsors who made the MRS2015 such a resounding success! After the cancellation of the MRS in 2010 due to a lack of volunteers, the Swim Team at iCAN offered to take over the organisation of the MRS in 2011. It was a real team effort and over 50 of the iCAN staff and school community have volunteered at each of the Swims from 2011-2015.



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Check out www.mekongriverswim.blogspot.com for the full story and results from the MRS2015!

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iCAN Learning Team 2015-2016

There are lots of familiar faces returning to iCAN in August, along with some new teachers who are coming to join our iCAN family. Over the next two pages you can find out who will be learning with which classes and also discover more about our new team.

Ms Maggie
iCAN PLAY



Ms Anjali
Nursery



Ms Vijaya & Ms Becky
Reception



Mr Ibon
Spanish & PE



Ms Samantha & Ms Rebekah
Year 1



Ms Jade & Ms Annemiek
Year 2



Ms. Laura Primary Art & Learning Support Team



Ms Joann
Music



Ms Rochelle
Primary PE



Ms Jessica & Ms Gemma
Year 3



Mr Thabo and Mr Michael
Year 4



Ms Liz, Mr Sopheap & Mr Narak
Swim Coaches



Mr Noel & Mr Phil
Year 5



Ms Shona & Ms Robyn
Year 6



Mr David
ICT



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iCAN Learning Team 2014-2015



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British
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Ms Mei
Chinese



Ms Ali
P.E. & Sports &
Humanities

Ms Jo
MY Drama & EAL



Ms Fiona
Maths



Ms Adele
DT & Leader for Learning



Ms Lena
Art



Mr Pete
Humanities



Ms Sarah
Science



Ms Clare
English



Ms Gemma
Learning support
team



Ms Bev
Learning support
team



Ms Michaela
Leader for Learning



Ms Johanna
Learning support
team



Ms Debby
EAL &
Learning support team



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Welcome!



Pete has taught for seven years and was an assistant head of house at his previous school. He loves running geography fieldtrips and also coaches rugby. He will be a Middle Years form tutor and will be responsible for the humanities in Year 7/8 and Year 7 ICT.

Ali is joining us from the UK where she was a police officer for a number of years before becoming a teacher 5 years ago. She is passionate about sports and outdoor education. She is excited about taking Middle Years PE, PSHCE and Year 9 humanities



Fiona has been teaching in Newcastle in the UK for 6 years. In addition to being a whizz with numbers she is a keen Rugby player. Fiona will be responsible for maths across the Middle Years.

Sarah has been teaching in the UK for 3 years with a strong background in Psychology. She fell in love with Cambodia when volunteering here last summer. She describes herself as having a passion for science, psychology and teaching. We know that she will be bringing that passion to Middle Years science.



Clare is coming to Cambodia with her partner who will be teaching at East West. She is a Teach First graduate and as well as teaching for the last two years she is also heavily involved in youth work and community services. Clare will be facilitating English in the IMYC throughout the Middle Years.

David has taught ICT in secondary schools in the UK for 10 years but moved to teach in a Primary school a year ago. He has also volunteered here in Siem Reap and is hoping to maintain those links. He will be responsible for ICT across the school.



Ibon has been teaching PE and the Spanish language for four years both in the Spanish system and in an international school with Ms Davnet who recommended he join the iCAN team. He is also an avid film maker and street artist. He will be responsible for Spanish across the school and PE in parts of the Primary.

Rochelle comes is an elite netball athlete, having played at the World Youth netball championships whilst studying for her Sports development degree. As well as teaching in a Primary in London she has also worked in a gym. She will be leading PE in some areas of the Primary.



Rebekah will be joining the MP1 team and has been teaching in the UK for the last 3 years and is an advocate of a growth mindset culture. She is also responsible for art, design and technology in her current school.

Gemma has been teaching for six years and worked here in Phnom Penh at Gecko Garden pre-school from 2013-14. She loved Cambodia and is looking forward to moving back here in August to join the MP2 team.



Robyn has been teaching for two years at one of the ARK Academy schools in North London. She trained to be a teacher after working as a nanny for four years. She is looking forward to working in MP3.

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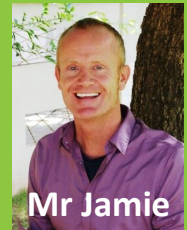
So long, farewell!



Ms Louise

Louise taught the current Year 9's when they were in Year 4 in her first year at iCAN. Since then she joined the learning support team and then our leadership team as a leader for learning. She has been a real asset to our community and will be missed for much more than her amazing voice. She is moving to Denmark to be closer to her family and to spread her amazingness around the globe.

Jamie has been with us just two years but is well known throughout the school as the musical joker. In another life he would have been a wandering minstrel. We wish him all the best back in the UK.



Mr Jamie



Ms Rosaleen

Rosaleen will forever be remembered for her dancing and her crazy wigs. She brought humour and laughter into our community whilst bringing history and geography to life. After almost 6 years she is heading back to her favourite country in the entire galaxy. iCAN will be a less colourful place when she leaves.



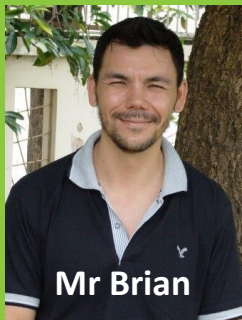
Ms Meri

Meri has put 'Espanol' into iCAN. She was instrumental in introducing Spanish from MP2 to Year 9. She has created a love for all things Spanish and we will all miss her cheery 'Hola'. She is off to share her love of Spanish in the Cayman Islands. Hasta la vista Meri.

Nicole is heading to Australia via the UK and hoping to continue to motivate children to develop healthy lifestyles and get involved in sport. She worked hard in her time here at iCAN to build relationships with other schools in order to develop sporting links. She leaves us in a strong position in terms of a number of different sports. Her organisational skills at sports day were second to none. A hard act to follow.

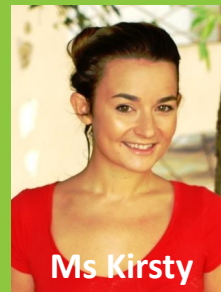


Ms Nicole



Mr Brian

Brian has brought maths to life as his passion for numbers was clearly infectious. He has been a wonderful member of our team, caring, considerate and thoughtful and we hope that he will be back in the future. He will be returning to the land of basketball but will be missed by all but mostly by his loyal Middle Years basketball crew.



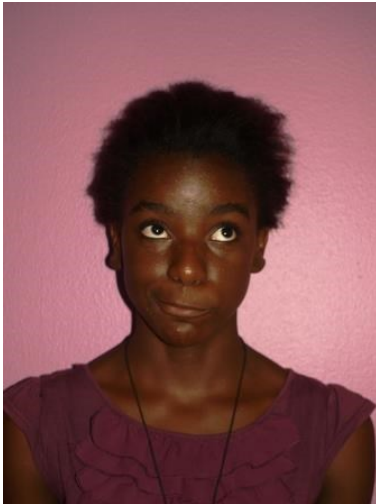
Ms Kirsty

Kirsty has been at iCAN for 5 incredible years. She has taken on a number of different roles and responsibilities in her time with the Middle Years team and has been instrumental in its development. She has been a wonderful support to the Middle Years learners, offering them care and understanding. She has been a joy to work with and will be very much missed and we wish her all the best as she moves to Spain to be nearer to her family in Scotland.

Au revoir also to Michael who has been supporting the Year 8 and Year 9 French classes. Your time with us has been short but very much appreciated by your learners! We also wish Pov, Nareth and Sokunthea all the best as they start the next adventure in their lives. Good luck!

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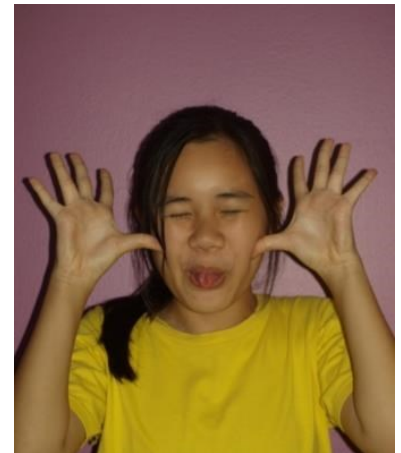
Goodbye, Year 9



“People let you be who you are.” *Jessica*



“It’s been my home for 9 years. I’ve experienced great teachers and great learning.” *Cameron*



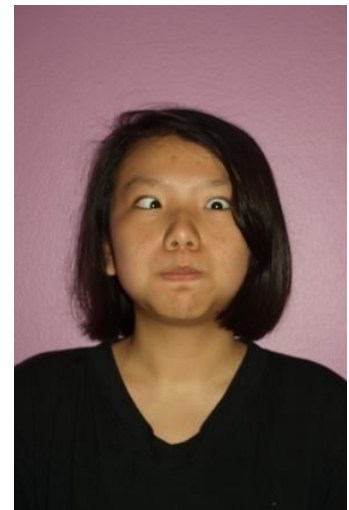
“I’ve grown and become more confident as a person. I LOVE iCAN!” *Anna*



“It’s been a blast. I’ve had brilliant teachers and friends.” *Eli*



“iCAN built my character. The people are great and the teachers are great!” *Ryuichi*



“Everyone looks out for each other.” *Rith*



“Absolutely the best, shaped me for who I am today!” *Sokhema*



“It feels like my second home.” *Chivann*



“A place where I can be comfortable in my own skin.” *Jessie*

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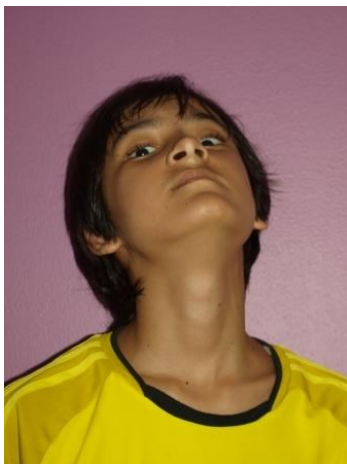
"It's been like a home to me, it's where I grew up." *Munie*



"It's been fun, all the teachers and students are kind and friendly." *Heng*



"iCAN is a supportive community and a great help!" *Monique*



"iCAN has a real sense of community." *Nick*



"iCAN has really changed me." *Teo*



"I've had an amazing experience. iCAN has encouraged me to be who I am." *Tanya*



"It's different. It's special, it's raised me and I am who I am because of iCAN." *Watey*

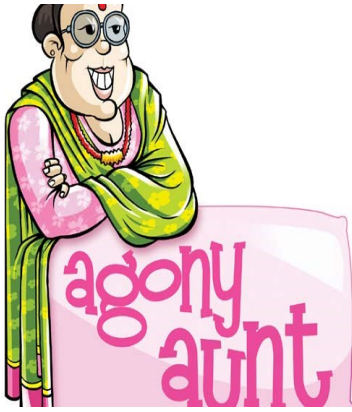


"iCAN will always be my home." *Vuthy*



"It's a big family. I grew up here. I wish I could stay longer but all good things come to end!" *Jamie*

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Dear Agony Aunt,

I am becoming anxious about the transitions my children are about to go through at the end of the school year. With saying goodbye to teachers, friends and routines I'm not sure how they will cope. I want to support them but how can I do this without getting them more worried? Please help!

Concerned, of Toul Kork

Dear Concerned of Toul Kork,

I can definitely understand your anxiety. Of course we want to support our children through difficult times in their lives while at the same time remaining mindful that we can't shelter them from everything. It can be hard to separate our anxieties from theirs at times, but you are right to want to support them through changes at school.

Schools are such providers of consistency and stability for children. The routines and cycles of going through the school year become comforting and knowing when and how to support upcoming changes is important.

A few months ago I answered a letter about supporting a child in their transition to the Middle Years. I wrote about the understanding that the beginning of something new means, in a way, the ending of something old. This might be a helpful way to see and support these transitions.

Help your child to acknowledge the end of a school year by recognising how finishing it makes them feel. Allow your child to ask questions and answer them as honestly as you can. Bear in mind, also, that schools and teachers are accustomed to supporting children through these transitions. Your child will have received opportunities to deal with the transition along with their peers. This support, from their teachers, is really helpful.

But there are some things that you can do to help too:

- Be enthusiastic about the upcoming change. Remember, if you are excited and confident, your child will be too.
- Take the time to talk to your child about the change. It may be that they really want to talk about it but aren't so sure about bringing it up. Or they may not realise that they will feel better if they talk to someone about it.
- Follow this up with taking time when they have begun the new school year to talk to them about how their day has been, how it is different from last year, how it is the same. Encourage them to share their feelings about it and how they can help themselves to feel more settled.
- Maintain communication with the school and your child's new teacher. He or she will be glad to keep you informed of how your child is settling in.

Also, maintain contact with the families of other children in the class. If you are feeling concerned, it's likely they will be too and sharing this with someone else may end up helping all of you.

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IPC units for the start of Learning Block 1 ...
'Flowers & Insects' in MP1, 'The art of learning'
next in MP2 and 'Learning about learning' for MP3!
Check future iCAN Times for yet more photos
highlighting your children's learning.

We continue to develop our 9 personal goals at iCAN,
which we will be encouraging and celebrating each
month throughout the year (check your new iCAN
calendar in August for more information)
Our iCAN learners are working towards becoming:
Adaptable Communicators Cooperative
Enquirers Principled Resilient
Respectful Risk Takers Thinkers

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 ...

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- **Learning at iCAN**
- **ISSAPP swim meets**
- **Middle Years learning workshops**
- **Family events**
- **Assemblies**

... and so much more great learning!

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Our NEW iCAN website will be
launching at the start of the
2015-16 school year.

There will be lots of links and
information to enable you to be
even more engaged with learning
here at iCAN!

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