

Creative Arts Week Special

Dear Parents & Carers,

It seems like only yesterday that I was writing my piece for the last iCAN Times. This teaching block has been even busier than usual with reports, Parent – Teacher meetings, the first inter-school swim meet of the year and family events.

Thank you to all of you who took the time to complete and send back the report feedback forms, we value your feedback and we always enjoy reading the children’s comments.

The Parent – Teacher meetings were really well attended and I saw lots of smiling adults leaving school after hearing about their children’s progress and achievements.

The inter-school swim meet was an exhilarating experience. Once again our children’s incredible spirit shone, from the swimmers themselves to the Key Stage 3 organisers/helpers and the radio club members who did all the announcing. It was an evening full of moments that made me feel so proud and I felt honoured to be part of it.

It was also great to see so many of you enjoying the various family events at the end of November. The Year 1 and 2 ice cream eating events at Le Jardin were really popular. The bowling for the Year 5 families and the Year 6/7/8 families over two evenings at Parkway was also a huge success. I really enjoyed the Year 6/7/8 bowling, there was lots of laughter, cheering and high fives. However, what I was struck by was the way in which the children interacted with each other; they were so supportive, caring, thoughtful and respectful.

This week when our Year 6 class visited Java Gallery to see an exhibition, a number of adults at Java commented on the incredible behaviour of the children.

Another reason to feel proud of our children.

On that proud note I will end but I hope that you all have lots of fun in the holidays with your wonderful children and I look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Ms. Lori



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY AT A GLANCE

- 4/1** Start of TB4
- 7/1** After School Clubs registration begins 7.30am
- 9/1** Family Kite Flying Picnic
- 12-15/1** Y5 residential visit to Kampot & Kep
- 15/1** Y4 sleepover
- 18/1** After School Clubs begin
- 20/1** 2J Class Assembly
- 22/1** Y3 sleepover
- 25-29/1** Maths Week
- 3/2** 1J Class Assembly
- 6/2** Swim Meet at C.C.C.
- 26/11** 2J Family Event
- 8-12/2** Y6/7/8 residential visit to Koh Chang
- 12/2** End of TB4

'Footprints' at iCAN

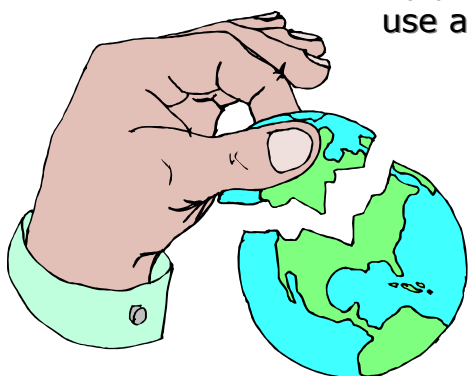
'Footprints' has been the theme for our Creative Arts Week this year, which follows on from our 'Recycling' theme this time last year.

"A **footprint** means pressing down, and **global** means the world so '**global footprint**' means pressing down on the world ... and we don't want to press too hard."

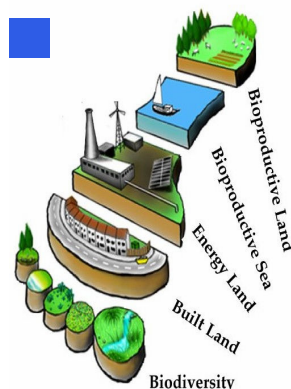
Eco-footprinting

... is a way of measuring the impact of a person, school, city or country on the **global environment**.

It uses real information about what people eat, how they travel, what waste they produce, how much energy they use and more.



If we shared the productive land of the **Earth** equally between everyone who lives on the planet, we would each have around ...



2.2 **global hectares**

... this is land roughly twice the size of the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, Wales for each of us.



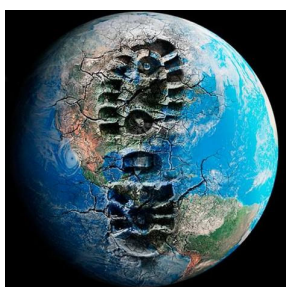
But do you think that **everyone** has an **equal share**?

Do people all over the world each use the same amount of resources and so have the same '**footprint**'?

If you don't think so, **which country's citizens** do you think will have the **greatest impact**, and why?

What do you think the average **Cambodian footprint** would be?

Planet Earth keeps a record of our **footprints** ... human footprints from every individual, every community, every country.



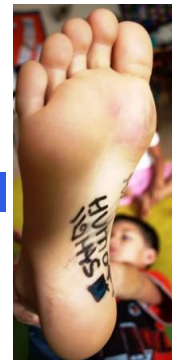
Remember

... each one of us

CAN make a difference!

Throughout our 'Footprints' Creative Art Week we asked the young people of iCAN to think about their **footprints** ... through dance, art, music, photography, film-making, poetry, discussion ... the following pages just give you a glimpse of all the amazing creative art that took place at iCAN during this very special week.

How can we reduce our 'Footprints' ?



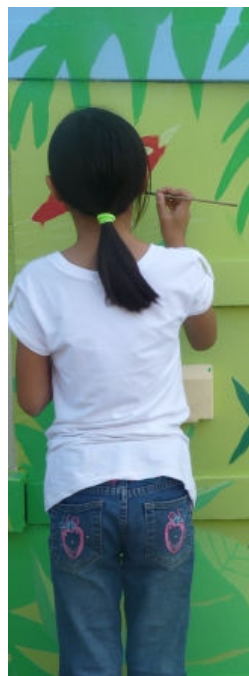
Year 1S worked with Mr. Den during their 'inter**ART**ive' session, thinking about ways that they can make a difference to the world in which we all live. As you can see here, they have been very creative in delivering their messages to our iCAN community.

Can **you** do something to improve our environment?

Every little step we take can make a difference.



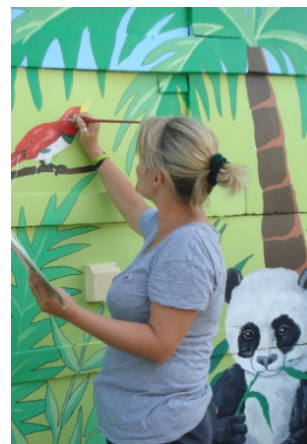
Jungle 'Footprints'



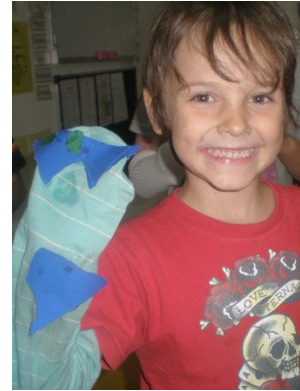
This week the children in Years 2, 5 and 6 worked together with Benita to create the most amazing mural, highlighting endangered animals. It is outside the Y2 classrooms.



Let's hope this wall will not be the only place you can see these amazing wild animals!



Creative Arts 'Footprints'

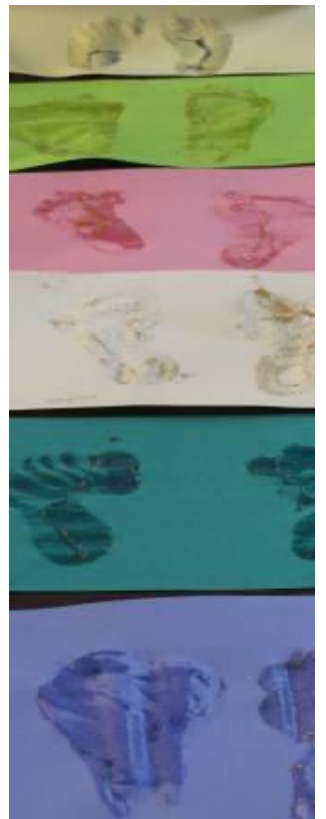


Creative Arts Week has been a great way to end the first half of the school year. The children explored many different creative arts including dance, poetry, music, film making, pottery, photography and art.

We were very lucky that a number of our parents came in during the week to run workshops for the children. As a result, Year 6 produced a short documentary about Creative Arts Week under the guidance of Nick Wood, the Reception classes were inspired to create some great sketches with the help of Nick Grey and Years 2, 5 and 6 collaborated on a fabulous jungle mural in the Year 2 outside space with Benita Sharpe. We really appreciate the time skills and creativity shared by these parents. This edition of the iCAN Times is absolutely packed with photos of the numerous events and activities the children enjoyed this week.



Little feet ... big creativity!



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How many different 'foot' inspired activities can you see taking place in these photos?

Our children in Early Years had so much fun being so creative!



Over at iCAN PLAY the youngest members of our iCAN family enjoyed 'Going on a bear hunt'.

They had to walk across all kinds of terrain!



Movie making 'Footprints'



Year 6 worked with Nick to create a documentary film. Ms. Lori was put under the spotlight by our fantastic movie makers!

The mysterious disappearance of Ms. Chandy!

Year 5 (and the rest of KS2 ... as well as some staff) thought iCAN had been turned upside down this week as everyone was upset with Ms. Chandy. Even Mr. Sam & Ms. Olivia had a big falling out! So our Y5 team of top investigators got right on the case.

They pieced together all the evidence, following footprints around the school ... only to be met with a ransom note for the release of Ms. Chandy!



Pots of creativity



Ms. Claire worked with many of the classes across the school creating some amazing ceramic pieces. The children were so focused on their clay work and showed great skill. Luckily for them this was only a taster of things to come, as Ms. Claire, along with Ms. Cindy, will be running a Pottery After School Club throughout teaching blocks 4, 5 & 6. *More information about After School Clubs is on page 17.*



Gumboot dancing YEAH!

Gumboot dancing originated in South Africa and was brought to Cambodia by our very own Ms. Louise, who inspired Mr. Andy to write his very own song about it! (see bottom of page 11)

Mr. Andy & Mr. Duncan have worked with each class on their own gumboot dance performance, which were premiered during our Craft Fair on Friday.

Gumboot dancing originated as a form of communication created by the miners to pass messages to each other whilst they worked down the mines.



Gumboot dancing **YEAH!**



Gumboot dancing, yeah!
 Gumboot dancing, yeah!
 Gumboot dancing, yeah!
 Gumboot dancing, yeah!

Born in South Africa
 Men would work in the mine
 They could not ever talk
 So they made a morse code

Slap your gumboot and you
 hit your chain
 and then you send a
 message to your friend



Poetry...Drama...Dancing...Singing



Earlier on in Teaching Block 3, years 7 & 8 performed a truly memorable assembly, which saw them incorporate singing, dancing, drama and poetry into their spectacle.

Their performance was such a hit that they were asked to reprise it during Creative Arts Week. This enabled all of us to get a different view, second time round!



Dance Club Performance



In addition to a vast array of After School Clubs on offer here at iCAN, there are also a growing number of lunchtime clubs that our children can join. One of these which has proved



extremely popular is Dance Club. Ms. Jo initially offered this club once each week ... but demand has been such, that recently she has found herself dancing through most of her lunchtimes! The Dance Club performed a fabulous routine to the whole school on Wednesday!



Concert Club iCAN Idol



Concert Club is just one of over 40 clubs available to children at iCAN during teaching blocks 4, 5 & 6. See page 17 for more details.

Ms. Rachael's Concert Club performed their songs to the whole school, in the middle of Creative Arts Week.



There were solos, duets and group ensembles.

Some of the performers (who had never even played a guitar back in September) were amazing, as they accompanied their performances playing the guitar.

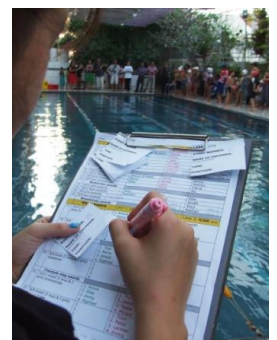
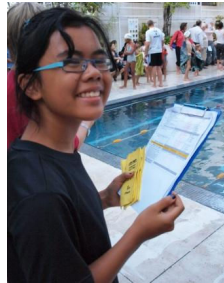


Once again, performances by our talented iCAN stars, left us all in awe of their ability to captivate an audience.

'Breathtaking!', **'Inspiring!'** and **'Wow!'** were just a few of the words being repeated throughout the hall on Wednesday morning!



SWIM TEAM TEAM EFFORT



Altogether there were 27 events and iCAN won:

1st place = 15

2nd place = 11

3rd place = 1

Overall iCAN came

1st!



iCAN SWIM TEAM



The next swim meet will be held on **Saturday 6th February 2010** at the C.C.C.



iCAN SWIM ... and we certainly did!

On Tuesday 17th November, iCAN hosted their inaugural Swim Meet. Teams from I.S.P.P. and Lycée Descartes joined iCAN poolside for what proved to be the most memorable and enjoyable swim meet in history! KS3 & staff volunteers worked together, in true iCAN spirit, to ensure the event ran smoothly and on time. The iCAN radio presenters kept the crowd thoroughly entertained and provided live commentary on all the races. In the water the iCAN Swim Team shone so, so brightly and the spirit of support from the swimmers and spectators was magnificent! Thank you to everyone who made this event so special for everyone involved.

Mr. Narak ... fundraising update!



Mr. Narak is currently representing Cambodia at the South East Asia Games in Vientiane, Laos 10-15th December 2009

Mr. Narak, our assistant swimming coach here at iCAN, is representing Cambodia at this months South East Asia Games which are currently being held in Vientiane, Laos.

As with all athletes selected to represent Cambodia, Mr. Narak first of all needed to raise money to cover the cost of his transport, accommodation and food whilst competing in Laos.

With your help, support and generosity, we were able to raise the \$420 needed to send Mr. Narak to compete for Cambodia, in Laos.

Mr. Narak called this week from Vientiane to express his gratitude for all the donations made by our iCAN community and promised to do his best for himself, iCAN and Cambodia. "GO, MR. NARAK!"

Who knows where this kind of continued support could propel Mr. Narak in the future ... **LONDON 2012?**



Those of you who have been into school throughout Creative Arts Week, will have been struck by the amazing art work which has been created and hung throughout our learning environment. Many of the pieces will be finding permanent homes throughout school after the holiday, so keep a look out for them!



After School Clubs ... 2010 preview



Registration for After School Clubs will take place in the School hall from **7.30am** onwards on **Thursday 7th January 2010**. Club spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Among the activities on offer in 2010 are Mini-Tennis, Swimming, Judo, Drama, Art, Story, Ukulele, Concert, Yoga, Netball, Book, Circuit Training, Worldwide Pen-Pals, Science, Photo-Shop, Pottery, Origami, Laptop, Table Tennis, Cookery, Newsletter, Music, Film Making, Dance, iCAN Radio, Tennis and Y.A.P.P. (Young Athletes of Phnom Penh).

Each child has taken home a registration form and information sheet about the After School Clubs on offer to their year group. The same information can also be found on our School website on the **After School** page.



This collection of 'footprints in the sand' inspired canvases, can be seen hanging in our Early Years Unit. Reception really enjoyed creating this collage artwork.



New Outdoor Area ... update!

Latest news!

In the last edition of the iCAN Times we shared the exciting news about our new outdoor area and the plans we have for it. The new space, that we have leased, will soon become the car park/sports pitch (as from Monday 4th January 2010) and the current car park will be transformed into an incredible outside space for our children at iCAN.

This space, which will be developed during Teaching Blocks 4 and 5, incorporates ideas from the children. They designed their ideal play space, which will include outdoor learning spaces, a sensory garden, a large grassed area for sports such as badminton and volleyball, a safe attractive water feature, benches, outdoor classrooms.

The work began in Teaching Block 2, and the new car park area is almost ready. The car park has been marked out for both cars and sports spaces. The new car park will have more car park spaces which we hope will make the bringing and collecting your children to and from school a bit easier. The car park will be open each day at the following times (for drop-off and collection)

7am-8.15am

10.45am—11.15am

1.45pm—4.30pm

From 8.30am—10.30am and 11.30am—1.45pm the main car park will be closed to all vehicles. During this time it will be used as a multipurpose sports space.

The space at the front of the new car park will be for the use of staff, as these cars will remain at school throughout the day. There will be a few additional spaces available in this area for visitors or parent/carer(s) collecting children from school outside of the times above.

Here are a couple of photos of our developing new outdoor area!



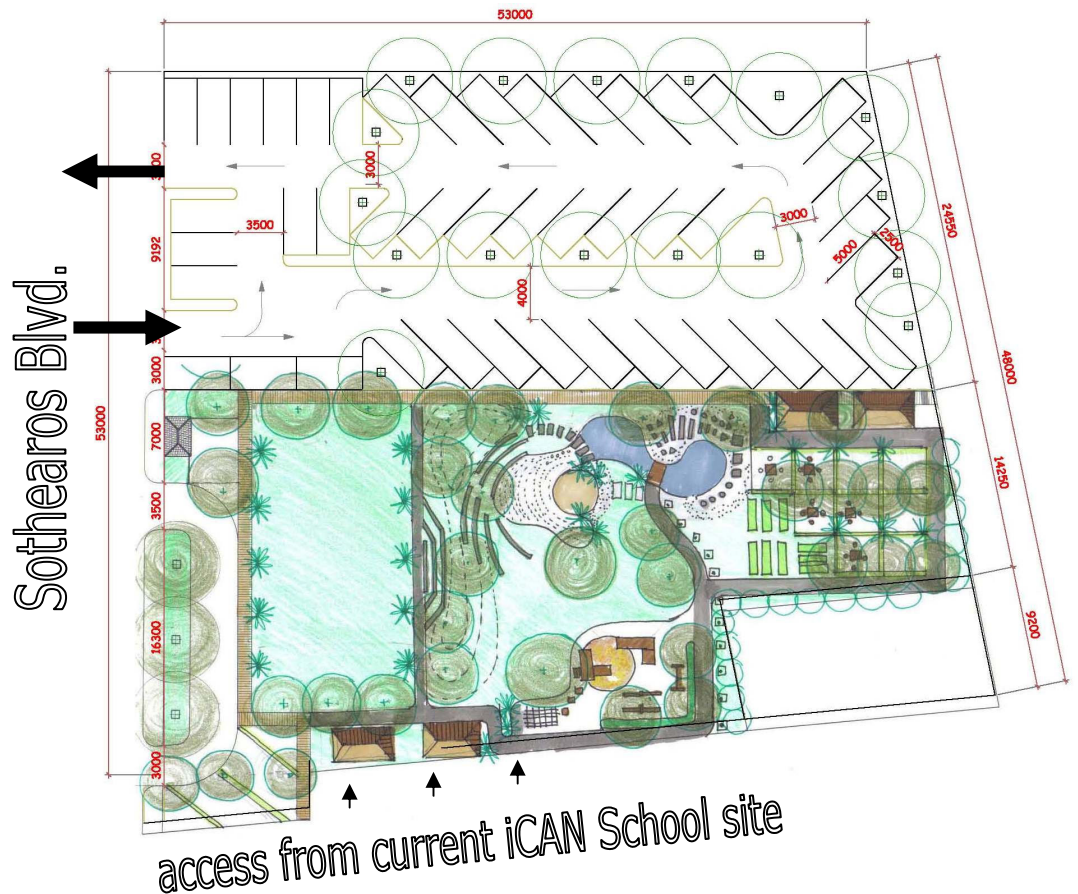
When you come to School on **Monday 4th January** to drop-off or pick up your child(ren), please be prepared to park in the new car-park and park in a space within the yellow solid/dashed lines.

N.B. the blue, green, pink, black and white lines are marking out the sports pitches for football/hockey, volleyball, netball, basketball and badminton respectively.

New Outdoor Area Design

The new carpark has a similar layout to the current carpark, but with more spaces.

As this new outdoor space will be multi-purpose the gates to the car-park will be closed between **8.15-10.45am** and again from **11.15am-1.45pm**. This is to ensure that your children can safely use the new outdoor sports space with their class. There are a few visitor spaces at the should you need to come to school during these times.



We have been working with Ms. Sarunya Lormaneenopparat on the new outdoor area design. She is a landscape architect and the Director of Sa.la. Design.

Sarunya is an iCAN parent and her son Supicha is in our Early Years Unit.

We really appreciate her volunteering her time and expertise to this project which will benefit all the children at iCAN.

We've really been inspired by her ability to incorporate 'the children's ideas into the final design.



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If you have any feedback or questions about the new car-park/ outdoor area, or other school related matters, please come and see a member of staff or fill out a slip and post it in the 'Parent/Carer feedback' box. This is located on the table in front of the iCAN Families board in the school canteen, and is emptied every Friday.

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School Residential Visits

Year 5 Kampot & Kep Years 6, 7 & 8 Koh Chang

These will take place during Teaching Block 4.
Look out for the 'What to bring' list which will
come home a couple of weeks before
your child's residential visit begins.
Year 5 took their list home today!

Lost & found

All lost property is placed in baskets in the areas next to the staff room.

There is one basket for water bottles and another for clothing and other items. These baskets will be emptied at the end of each teaching block. Items that can be reused will be donated to a local N.G.O.

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 on www.ican.edu.kh and then clicking

iSPACE

or by using the following link:

www.ican.edu.kh/inspace/home/inspace.htm

This week we celebrated Creative Arts, so why not encourage your child to visit some of the fantastic artistic sites.

CDCC Give A Gift appeal

This year our Give A Gift appeal had a very specific focus. Ms. Jenna has been coaching the children from C.D.C.C. basketball. We wanted to ensure that all the children at C.D.C.C. had their own pair of trainers to wear when they are playing sports. Thanks to your kindness we now have **88 pairs of trainers to donate to C.D.C.C.** — that's enough so that every child will have their own pair.
You're fantastic!

Ms. Adele

We are pleased to inform you that Ms. Adele, who has been working with us as a regular supply teacher for 2 days each week, will be joining us as our full-time cover teacher in January.

In the last edition of the iCAN Times we announced the return of **Ms. Kathryn**. However, due to ill health, Ms. Kathryn will not be able to return to iCAN in January 2010 as planned. We all hope she feels better soon and look forward to her joining the iCAN family again in the not too distant future.

Have you visited **iSPACE** on our website yet?