



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,

As Learning Block 1 comes to a close and we reflect on the start of the school year we recognise how lucky we are to be part of a learning environment such as iCAN. As a parent I feel incredibly grateful that my children have had the opportunity to learn at iCAN. The experience they have had here has shaped them as human beings and will no doubt shape their lives. The reason that we do what we do at iCAN every single day is that we truly believe in our vision. We know that our children can and will make a difference in the future. They will question respectfully decisions that they think are not fair for all. They will communicate their view and opinions clearly and articulately with passion and commitment. They will be empathetic and caring towards others and they will know that working cooperatively is beneficial for all. The reason I know this is that the young people who have already left iCAN continue to make an impression on others. We get feedback from principals, teachers, parents and other students that there is something special about iCAN learners. They are successful academically and they are socially and emotionally intelligent. I have talked about this before in the iCAN Times but I am happy to repeat this message as we are so proud of them. (continued on page 2)

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DIARY DATE REMINDERS

September

- 30th** Start of LB2
- Start of After School Activities

October

- 3rd** Y9 families visit NISC
- 4th** 8-11am inter-school swim meet hosted by NISC (at NISC)
- 13th** Family drop-in session after school
- 15th** Commemoration Day (no school)
- 17th** 7:30-8:30am Family coffee morning with Leaders for Learning
- 21st** MP 2&3 family event 5-6pm
- 22nd** 4MA class assembly 7:45-8:15am
- 23rd** Family Learning Day
- 28th** MP1 Family event 3-4pm
- 29th** 5J Class assembly 7:45-8:15am
- Middle Years Halloween Party 6-9pm
- 30th** Early Years family event 3-4
- Y4 Sleepover at school
- 31st** LB2 ends
- iCAN Times issue 74 published

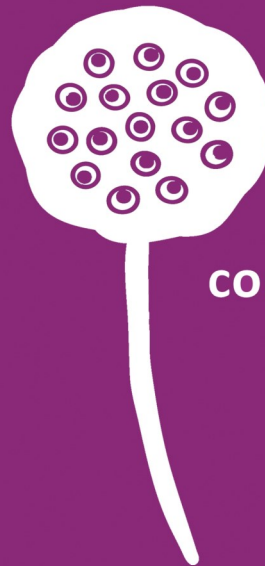
One of our strengths as a school is to recognise and celebrate differences in all forms. We celebrate what is special about each child and give them opportunities to shine. The following quotation really explains this much better than I ever could.



This learning block has been packed with opportunities for families to get to know each other better and to get a clearer understanding of learning at iCAN. It has been great that so many of you have participated in these activities including the very successful coffee morning and the curriculum evenings. Thank you for getting involved and for working with us to support your children's learning.

I would also like to thank all the iCAN team for working so hard to ensure that we continue to offer incredible learning opportunities every day.

Ms. Lori



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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Check out the October issue of South East Asia Globe magazine for their education special and a feature all about iCAN – Leading a change in learning!

Early Years Learning Journey



In Reception during our phonic sessions we are learning to tune into the sounds around us. We drew the different sounds we heard when we went for our sound walk around the school.



These are some of the activities we chose to do during our child initiated and adult led activity sessions.



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MP1 Seeing the light!

Milepost 1 have had a fantastic beginning to the year and we have really loved our 'Seeing the Light' IPC unit! We had an amazing Entry Point when we had to create costumes for exploring in the dark and then we went on a treasure hunt hoping to find hidden treasure and gems. We even got to hear a ghost story in the dark which was incredible!



We have also loved being geographers in this unit and have learned lots of new geographical terms to talk about our world. We then made mini-globes out of papier-mâché to demonstrate all that we have learned. Following on from that, we have been learning about life in Tromso, Norway. It is the most northerly city in the world and during winter has 60 days of darkness when the sun doesn't rise at all. Isn't that amazing!



We are really looking forward to the rest of the unit when we will be learning about nocturnal animals, sources of light and investigating how shadows are made.

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MP2 Explorers & Adventurers



We began by gathering our milepost (Year 3 and 4) into the hall. We then went on a voyage across the seas to discover new land. Aboard ship we had to obey our captains and some of them got a little wet! Land Ahoy! We shipmates then embarked on a hunt for treasures to bring back. We had to solve clues to find the precious items hidden around the discovered land (school!!) Some of the items were precious gems, timber, silk and spices.

MP2 Our 'dodecahedron' Earth



As part of 'Adventurers and Explorers' unit MP2 have been making globes – but not just ordinary globes! Year 3 and 4 have been successfully creating dodecahedron (12 sided) planet Earths. They achieved their goals by working in pairs or individually and then helping a partner. Well done!



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MP3 Brainwave assembly



6S were given the first class assembly of the school year and worked really hard to share their learning with the rest of the school and their families. They focused on the brain, how it works and how we learn, which are really important to think about at the start of the school year. They had learnt songs and written their own class song to the tune of, 'Eye of the Tiger.' They certainly enjoyed sharing their learning and hoped that others enjoyed learning from them too.

MP3 Entry point



MP3 had a blast in their 'Weather and Climate' Entry Point. Each of the four MP3 classrooms was set up as a different climatic region. The children were in mixed groups across the milepost and experienced each of the four regions. In each one they took part in activities such as; hands in an ice bucket, making rainforest music, a season's tree and experiencing the sounds of a sandstorm whilst blindfolded.

In each region the children had to consider the adaptations that would be needed by both humans and animals to adapt to the climate as well as trying to locate where the climate might be located on a world map.

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Middle Years **Basketball**

Basketball – iCAN’s first girls basketball team competed against Hope International School. The boys team also competed earlier in the week against East West international School.



They were very excited for their first game and although didn't win, felt they learnt a lot and are looking forward to training and playing again as a team.

Middle Years **Get Curious!**



Year 8 are learning about 'Curiosity'. They visited the 3-D printing lab for their entry point and learnt about the interesting new technologies that have arrived in Cambodia. This learning block they have had a particular focus on their independent inquiry skills which they have enjoyed experiencing through co-operative learning.

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Middle Years **Learning journey**



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Middle Years **Discover!**



Year 7 are learning through the 'Discovery' unit from the IMYC. Their entry point took them on a treasure hunt around the school ending with an ice excavation and the discovery that aliens helped to build the pyramids of Egypt!! In art they have been learning how to draw and are progressing really well. In English they have been reading 'Treasure Island' and practising their visualisation skills to develop their overall reading skills.



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Middle Years **Interpretation**



Year 9 are studying 'Interpretation', which is a brilliant unit that allows our learners to explore why they all have different interpretations of things from tastes to situations around the world, art, poetry and scientific research. Year 9 have enjoyed painting with oil paints in art and exploring our interpretations of colour.

They have also written and performed some beautiful poetry in English.

Nick Rendall



A lake, so vast, so blue, so deep.
with roots beyond the mountain's reach
so full of life and half complete,
A lake, so vast, so blue, so deep.

A tree, with trunk, with bark, with shoot.
autumn colds, and spring come fruit
call of the forest, ears of the root
A tree, with trunk, with bark, with shoot.

In den, lies fox, so red, secure.
with latest kill and winter store
the lake of life, so green and pure
In den, lies fox, so red, secure.

Come man, with shovel, axe, and meat.
with goal to cut, and will compete
ravaged land, with prints of feet
Come man, with shovel, axe, and meat.

Swing and cut, kill and eat.
man moves through, paving street
Forest falls, bruised and beat
Swing and cut, kill and eat.

A lake, so dead, so dry, so gone.
no longer, birds will sing their song
tracks in mud, saddened dawn
A lake, so dead, so dry, so gone.

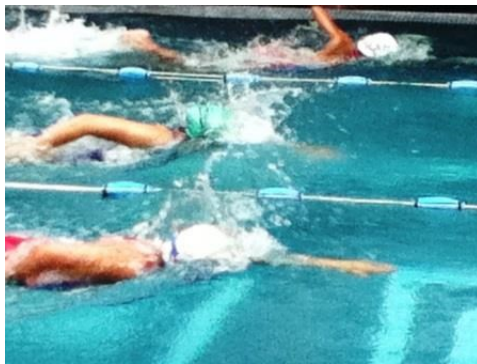
A tree, so charred, so burnt, so black.
with fallen leaves, and branches cracked
life departs, when man comes back
A tree, so charred, so burnt, so black.

In den, lies death, so grey, so bleak.
the stench of rot, the stench it reeks
forest turns, so frail and weak
In den lies death, so grey, so bleak.

The dawn of man, the forest dies.
time must pass, smoke will rise
man will fight, from frequent lies
The fall of man, the forest dies.

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Swim Meet v. HOPE



Our iCAN Swim Team were involved in the first swim friendly of the new season against HOPE International School. This was a great opportunity for the newest members of our squad to compete for the first time. Our first inter-school meet against ISPP, NISC, LOGOS and HOPE will take place on Saturday 4th October at Northbridge. Come along and cheer for our iCAN swimmers!

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Family event Coffee morning



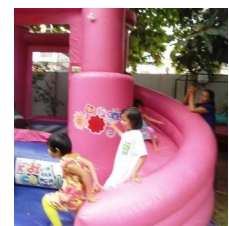
More than 70 families attended our first ever coffee morning at iCAN. It was wonderful to have so many people sharing and talking about their children's learning and meeting our Leaders for Learning. They were introduced to cooperative learning through a fun structure where they found out new things about each other! Our next coffee morning is on **Friday 17th October** and we hope to see many more families there!

EYFS & MP1 family events at Gasolina



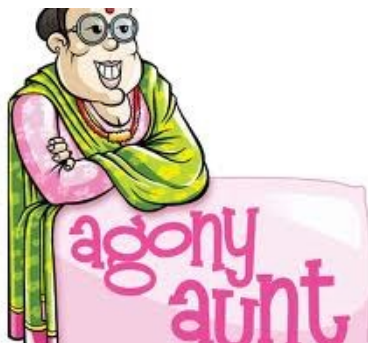
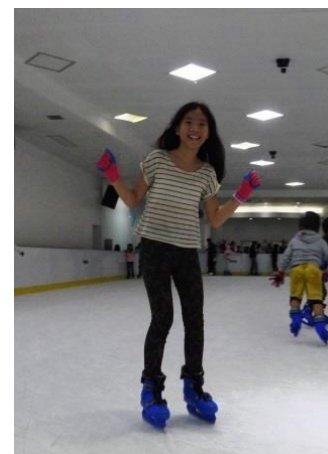
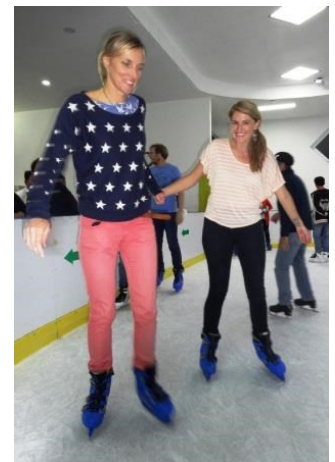
Early Years and Milepost 1 held their amazing family events at Gasolina during Learning Block 1. Thank you to all of the families who came to share an ice cream or a bounce on the inflatable castle.

It really was a fantastic event!



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MP2 & MP3 Family ice skating



"Our iCAN Agony Aunt is attending professional development on 'Zen and the Art of Giving Advice'. She will be back, in full (calm) force for the next iCAN Times. In the meantime, take care of yourselves, and each other."

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IPC units coming up during Learning Block 2 ...
'We are what we eat' in MP1, **'Inventions that changed the world'** unit in MP2 and **'Going Global'** 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

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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 ...

- **Cooperative learning update**
- **Looking for learning at iCAN**
- **Swim meet**
- **Upcoming residential visits ... and so much more great learning!**

Check out our next issue of the iCAN TIMES to find out all about our plans for 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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