



Primary Principal's Newsletter

Meet and Greet Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Meet & Greet Evening on 7th September. We were so happy to see many of you taking the time to come in and meet your child's new teacher and take the opportunity to have a look around our new school. The teachers were extremely happy to be able to talk with so many of you about the class and expectations for the year ahead. There were many discussions after the event about how positive all their conversations were. It was also a good opportunity to have an informal chat with members of our ISSR team at our drinks and snacks later. We hope to see you all at our next ISSR event soon.



International Schools Library Week 1st –5th October



Once again we will be celebrating this event with a range of activities around our library and reading. This year, the theme is "Why I Love My School Library". During the week, there will be lots of different activities evolving around reading and books. We will have one day during the week where students can dress up as their favourite book character, there will be a library treasure hunt and a reading aloud competition. Furthermore, we will have opportunities for parents to come into school and read a chosen book, or section of a book, to a group of children. As usual, this can be in English, Khmer or your home language. Look

out for the letter being sent home soon all about this popular week at our school.

Maternity Leave

As you are all probably aware by now, I will need to take some time off soon as our daughter is due to be born at the end of October. My last day at ISSR will be on Friday 5th October, just before the Pchum Benh Festival holiday begins. While I am away, the school will be run by a very capable team of teachers led by Ms Chris (EYFS), Mr Philip (Key Stage 1) and Mr Glen (Key Stage 2). If you have any questions or concerns while I am away, any of these 3 teachers will be able to help you. They have been a great support over the past few months and I know they will ensure the school continues to run smoothly. Our administrative team is also available to answer any queries you may have. They will be able to help in any way they can. Finally, I would like to thank all the parents who have offered us such great advice and support during this time. Both Greg and I appreciate all your help and encouragement. We would also like to thank the Directors and all at ISSR for the support they have given us during these recent months. I will be back as soon as our little girl is settled into life in Siem Reap.

ISSR promotes healthy snacking. Make sure your child has a healthy snack for snack time.



*We are one,
But we are many.*

Homework

Students are asked to complete homework 3 times a week for, on average, the following amount of time:

- Years 1 & 2 = 20-30 minutes
- Years 3—6 = 30—40 minutes

Research has shown that while homework instills routine and discipline in children and helps them to practice and retain information they have been learning at school, completing **hours** of homework each night has little to no impact on children of primary school age. If you find that it is taking much longer than the required time or there is a battle every night over homework, please let the class teacher know so we can help improve the situation.

If you would like to read ways you can support your child with their homework, please see the link below:
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/10-top-tips-helping-your-child-homework>

School Council & Green Team

Once again, we will be running a School Council and Green Team for students from Year 3-6. The elections for School Council are being held this week and we will announce the winners of the election at our assembly next week and our next newsletter. Good luck to all the students running in the election.

Kantha Bopha

It was with great sadness that we heard about the death of Dr Beat Richner, the founder of the Kantha Bopha Children's Hospitals, at the age of 71 on Sunday 9th September. ISSR has had a long standing relationship with Kantha Bopha hospitals in Siem Reap and support them through our various fundraising events throughout the year. We visited Kantha Bopha during the week to pay our respects and pass on our sympathies on behalf of our team. We know how many lives he affected and helped and he will be sadly missed by many.

Swimming

Our swimming pool is just about ready for use and our new swimming instructor Mr Didy is very excited to start teaching the students their swimming lessons. We are planning to start lessons again from Monday 15th October. Class teachers will send out more details about class lessons before the Pchum Benh holiday.



Want to support your child's reading at home?

**Join Ms. Chris' Parent Workshop:
Reading with Your Child**

When: Wednesday, 3rd October, after Star of the Month assembly (8:30am).

Where: ICT room, Second Floor, Building A



R2A have been learning how to order numbers from 0 to 20! Well done everyone!



Year 4A carried out an investigation and comparison of 3D Shapes last week

Star of the Month

We would like to welcome parents to our next Star of the Month assemblies at 8am on:

Tuesday 2nd October - Nursery-Year 1 (1A performing)

Wednesday 3rd October - Year 2-Year 6 (2B performing)

Good News!
After School Clubs will return in January
We'll send out a letter about them soon.