

# THE HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## The New Year 2021

The new year, 2021 started with the school on a timetable designed for the Sports and Games, ECA, Assembly and group events being applied. The safe social distancing measures are still enforced as usual everywhere. The school's community complied dutifully and we still continue with the daily temperature taking.

The revised daily timetable will have assemblies on Mondays and the ECA programs on Fridays. There will be presentations and events allotted for the assembly and new activities introduced for the ECAs.

Along with the good news we also have sad news about our teachers who had to depart due to health and personal issues. Mr. Michael Tait, a member of the Management Team was diagnosed with cancer and had to return to Australia for treatment. He was a solid and hardworking member of ISSR and we were saddened to hear the news about his health. His contributions to ISSR have been commendably appreciated by the community. We hope and pray for his well-being and recovery. Mr. Greg Ladner, our Mathematics teacher had to return to Hong Kong to assist his wife who was similarly diagnosed with a serious condition.

But with departures we have also welcomed new teachers: Mr. Christopher Littlejohn, Mr. Will Barnard and Ms. Alicia Faul. Welcome to Mr. Christopher, (Science) Mr. Will, (English and Business), Ms. Alicia, (KS 3 Art).



**Mr. Christopher Littlejohn**



**Mr. Will Barnard**



**Ms. Alicia Faul**



All ISSR students participated in the very first Dragonmath House competition on January 27th.

What is Dragon-math? It is a fun filled fast paced competition which involves students completing short math problems and runners who deliver and receive questions to an assigned markers' table. They have 40 minutes to answer up to 20 questions. The nice thing is that if an answer is initially incorrect the team can have more attempts.



#### Senior House Results:

**First :** Haneul and Thearith (Angkor House)

**Second:** You Jin, Ryda, Chhing Ann,(Angkor)

**Third:** Sharlyn, Namyoung, Junwon (Ta Prohm) .

#### Senior House Results

**First:** Angkor ; **Second** Bayon

#### Junior House Results

**First:** Seoyoung, Yulha (Banteay Srei)

**Second:** Vuthikun, Nataly, Vionna (Ta Prohm)

**Third:** Lilly, Aing, Holly (Bayon)

**First House:** Banteay Srei; **Second** (equal) Bayon,Angkor)

The overall Winning House was Angkor House. Congratulations!

Mr.Greg Ladner





Mr. Borey Chin and Mr. Martin of the ICF Wake Park presented an activity that will be in the ECA. They brought wake-boarding equipment and showed a very exciting video of the activity. Wake-boarding is introduced into the ECA as a part of enriching our students in the current trend. It will be conducted once a week for 10 weeks. The Wake Park presenters also engaged the students in some fun activities where they won items and passes from the Wake Park. Following the presentation we were invited to the Wake Park for 2 hours of free wakeboarding sessions on the Saturday.

### BIG DAY OUT MORNING AT THE WAKE PARK







The ISSR students displaying their skills at the Wake Park. From beginners to the age group high level of wakeboarding. Jumping on ramps and showing tricks with both the boards and skis. A thrilling outing for our students and families.





## PE & Sports



Sports and PE are back for the very pleased students. Playing their favourite sports in preparation for the annual sports day.



## Mr. Greg Parting Gesture

*"My parting gift to my Year 9s is to take them on a field trip on Friday to a village Primary School near Beng Mealea where my NGO assists with various projects." Mr. Greg. February 10 2021 Siem Reap*

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February at around 8am, the Yr 9 class went on a field trip to a remote part of Siem Reap. Along with them are the 2 drivers, Ms. Chettra the TA and Mr. Sinath, the Operations Manager. It is situated about 40 kilometres away from the ISSR. Their first stop was in a village where Mr. Greg spent some time with working in helping the village. They experienced the village school life with reading to the school children and later donated books and gifts to them.

The next stop was a cultural visit to an archeological site around Phnom Kulen. At the Peung Kom Nuo, near the village of Svay Leu, the monumental 11<sup>th</sup> century rock carvings are found. Depictions of Ganesha and other deities were displayed on the face of the hill side. After a full day trip they arrived back at school before 5pm. It was an adventurous, cultural and civic mindedness experience for Year 9 and Mr. Greg's last trip with his class. All the best Mr. Greg. We hope to see you again.



- The NGO supported village school area
- The village school at Beng Mealea near Svay Leu
- Introduction to the school children
- The village classroom
- Reading and learning session by the Yr 9
- Time to head for some cultural architecture
- Somewhere near around Phnom Kulen
- The 11<sup>th</sup> century rock carvings at Peung Kom Nuo



## VALENTINES DAY 2021



ISSR's first-ever Valentine's Day Event was held on February 15th 2021. The event was to spread joy and positivity to students, teachers, staff and everyone in school. It was a totally student-run event. From planning to conducting it. Members of the Student Representative Council made sure it ran smoothly and successfully.

Events of the day include a "No-uniform" fundraiser (also known as "Mufti-Day"), Gifting Roses -- students were invited to book roses for the person they want to give it to weeks before the event and the SRC Members had the responsibility of delivering these roses to its designated person; students also got the chance to write down what love means to them on a pink post-it note and stick it up on a board, in other words, "Heart-Sticking" and background music was played during break and lunchtime.

During assembly time, the event started with a short speech by one of the School Captains, Chhing Ann, followed by a student-led music performance by Maiya and Sharlyn. During the performance students were engaged in a game of Word Search (the group that finishes fastest, wins). The next event was Word Acting/Relay (students whisper love quotes to each other to pass the quote on to the last person who will run up to the front and say the quote; if the quote is grammatically correct, the team wins a point).

The final event was a game of "Blind-date" where 5 students from each category of male and female junior students and male and female senior students participate in the game. The aim of this game is to discover potential couples, for entertainment purposes of course. SRC Member, Joomee, read out specific statements and if a student disagrees with it, they stand up and exit the stage. This event was most likely the event that students anticipated and enjoyed most as it was greeted with welcoming cheers and applause from the audience.

The Valentine's Day event, wrapping everything up with a fundraiser selling desserts that consisted of brownies and chocolate chip cookies was held during lunchtime. Desserts were quickly sold out within minutes as students rushed to get in line. Overall, this was a successful event.



# SPORTS DAY 2021





## THE HOUSES OF ISSR







Sports Day 2021 was a great success. Bayon won the Grand Championship by one point with less than ten points parting all four houses. Because the event was so competitive and the students worked so hard in preparing, I am awarding Achievement in Athletics to the houses. I want to thank all members of staff, the SRC, the athletes, house leaders, student helpers, and anyone involved. We had a great day by showing ISSR's improving athletics, fitness, and skill. Thank you all. Mr. A.J.

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