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DIRECTOR'S SPEECH

Good morning, everyone.
Thank you once again for coming to our end-of-school-year activities.
Whilst the end of a school year is a happy time as we look forward to taking a break, it also comes with some sadness as it is always a time to say goodbye to some teachers, staff and students.
To those teachers leaving us this year, Phallin and I thank you for your service to our school and to your students. We wish you well as you move either back to your home or on to your next teaching adventure in some far-flung part of the world. The first person I was planning to thank this morning was Ms. Sue – our High School Principal.

Unfortunately, a couple of weeks ago a family emergency occurred which meant she had to return to the USA as soon as possible. To her credit, she refused to leave until she was able to share her students' graduation celebrations, but she is now with her mother in her moment of need.
This year is also the last year at ISSR for Mr. Phillip our longest serving full-time teacher and present Year 3 teacher. Mr. Philip first joined us in 2014 and has taught in all 3 of our school campuses over the years. That's almost 9 years – a record that will be hard to beat. Mr. Philip – we thank you for your dedication to your students and your work on the management team and wish you the very best in whatever you have planned for the future.
We've made some changes to the ISSR's management structure next year. In an effort to have ISSR's Primary School and Secondary Schools work more closely together, we have decided to appoint a single, "whole-school" Principal. Mr. David Key, who many of you have known as Principal of the Primary School, will assume the position of Principal of both campuses. Mr. David has extensive experience, not only teaching Primary and Secondary, but also as Principal of both Primary and Secondary schools. Mr. David will be assisted and supported at the high school by our management team of senior teachers, and in the Primary School by Ms Sally-Anne who will assume the position of Primary School Deputy Principal.

For the past year we have been testing a new School Information System called "EDUPAGE". Mr. David has extensive experience with this system and has been working with teachers and staff to enter and test data so that parents and students will be able to access and follow their student's progress, access their timetable, receive messages, check grades, check homework etc, using a computer or the Edupage phone app. Edupage will be available for use from August this year.

A critically important part of ISSR is our ability to teach the Khmer Curriculum in parallel with the Cambridge curriculum. We would like to thank our Khmer Principal, Mr. Pheap, and Mr. Kimsoeurng, our Projects Manager, who work to improve and expand our Khmer school. Thank you also to our Khmer teachers, without whom the Khmer school would not have been the success it is today. When we think of school, we think teachers. But of course, a school is supported by scores of others, who work equally hard but are often unrecognised. We have a wonderful team of Accounts, Reception, Administration, Operations, Cleaners, Cooks, Maintenance, Drivers and Guards. To all of you, we thank you for your important services to our school and its students. Before I move on, there is one more person Phallin & I would like to thank - Mr. Ray – our High School Music teacher. By my calculation, Mr. Ray has been with us for 11 years. As is often the case there are a few people who do a great amount of work behind the scenes and often go unrecognised. Thank you, Mr. Ray, for all you do, especially in setting up the sound and music for these Assembly-hall functions. Whilst the end of each school year has traditionally been about reflecting on the past year, for Phallin and me, it has also always been a time for us to look forward. Since we first joined the school in 2011, we've built 3 campuses. Each time, we thought it would be our last building project. Each time we were also wrong about that. A few months ago we finalised our acquisition of the 5,000 square metre block of land next-door to the high School.

With the new high-school land, we will more than double the size of the High School campus and that will allow us to make major improvements to the School. We will build a new building that will house new Science labs, a staff & student canteen, an air-conditioned assembly hall, new administration offices and underground parking for staff and students. We will also be able to increase the size of the pick-up/drop-off area. These changes will also allow us to make major changes to the existing building, including making an enclosed multi-purpose sports area and freeing up some spaces to create more classrooms. We will also more than double the size of the grassed sports field. At the High School, we also plan to build a boarding house, to house boarding students from neighbouring provinces who otherwise would be unable to gain an International School education. The boarding house will be on the school property but will have a separate entrance from the main school. And finally, Phallin and I would like to thank you – the parents who have entrusted ISSR with the education of your children. It is your continued support that allows us to continue to invest in the education of the next generation.

Thank you all, again, for coming – we hope you enjoy the program our students and teachers have prepared and practised for you.

Thank you.

CONCLUSION TO 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

For the 2023-24 school year we will have 1 principal for both schools. Mr David Key the present Primary Principal will be taking on this role.

Ms. Sallyanne Lee our present Reception 2 teacher and Early Years Coordinator, will be in charge of the primary campus, educationally. Sallyanne is an excellent classroom practitioner, as well as a collaborative Team Leader who always has the wellbeing of our students in mind when making decisions. Congratulations Sallyanne.

The 2022-23 school year has been another busy year with many changes. This is an exciting, unpredictable time, as it seems these days that change is the new norm.

We have a great leadership team which thrives on change, diversity and progress. The team are focussed on accelerating learning, using current theory and evidence to improve professional practise. The Teaching and Learning which we saw at ISSR during this school year on many occasions was brilliant. The opportunities being afforded to our learners are excellent and beginning to meet the diverse range of all learning needs.

However, we can still improve. With this in mind, we have, set standards for employment of teachers which are far beyond those of other schools in Siem Reap. Our new teachers are experienced in their own countries, have full teaching qualifications and international teaching experience. We have teachers coming from 5 different countries. We trust that these teachers will help us to set high standards in class work and a greater understanding of global differences.

Thank you to our great admin and operations team, who have contributed so much to our students learning journey. You are all part of a hardworking group that makes ISSR Special. We appreciate your care and encouragement of the students.

The core areas of focus, which have been the catalyst to our success to date and into the future are:

1. The development of collaborative teaching and learning practices;
2. The increase in Assessment for learning;
3. Staff really knowing their learners and their needs;
4 Developing student ownership of learning;

Next year, we will see further development and improvement especially in

1.Curriculum Development with the addition of our new textbooks for English, Mathematics Science and Global Perspectives; Global Perspectives will be part of the curriculum for Year 1 through to year 6, culminating with a 1 term team project set by Cambridge Assessment and International Education, as a external assessment.

The subject encompasses the following skills:

Research

Reflection

Evaluation

Communication

Collaboration

Analysis

2.We intend to put in place new assessment and reporting systems:
Y6 will be assessed in April using the Cambridge Checkpoint assessment, like that done in Y9 in the High School.
Class assessment and reports will be completed via EduPage our new online school management system.
All parents may download this app and have access to a range of pages including your child's homework, assessments through the term, and each terms final report. Communication with the teacher and notification of absences are also included on the app.

To ensure maximum parental usage of Edupage we will conduct workshops for parents and for the students on return to classes.

3. The School will be extended by 1 hour for fulltime English stream students. So that students will have clubs Monday to Thursday for all classes from 2.45 to 3.45. Pick up time 4:00pm.

4. In class, our aim is to have more focus on our learners with some students being extended and others doing catch up work. This is something which I am excited and passionate about. Our team at ISSR primary will continue to strive to provide modern teaching and learning practise, to the highest standards.

5. We are introducing a new, online teacher professional development system, where our teachers can improve themselves by completing up to date courses on methodology and classroom management for example on a regular basis. Our learners are what makes our school special. They are excellent ambassadors in the community, whether on trips, community events or learning excursions. They can all be relied upon to represent the school with pride and dignity. As I reflect on what the children have achieved and how far they have all come. I want to congratulate all our wonderful Year 6 and Reception 2 students in achieving a great milestone in your life.

MS. SALLY-ANNE'S SPEECH

For Year 6 We know that you have been working diligently on your learning journey also over the last couple of years and we feel that you are well prepared for what lies ahead in your next stage of Education through the Intermediate years of lower secondary.

For reception 2 We know that you have come to the end of your Early Year's education and now begin your learning journey in primary years.

It is important to remember, that no matter what.....at ISSR we always celebrate the achievements of our children and support them to be the best that they can be. It is important to keep on learning and continue to develop individual talents while learning to get on with others, problem solve, be self-motivated and inquisitive.

Thank you to all the teachers leaving all for you great input into ISSR.

To all students, please remember that, as you face big changes, you are not alone. We are with you on your learning journey Every student has good things waiting just around the corner. So, step out with confidence, grasp new opportunities with both hands, and take them on.

Keep up the brilliant work. Keep striving to always do your best.

And now sit back and enjoy the concert performances.

We have come to the end of our programme, and in closing this wonderful morning, let's give all of the ISSR students a big round of applause for the wonderful performances we have seen. Today is a special day, we celebrate our Year 6 students moving from Primary school to Secondary school and our Reception 2 students moving from Early Years to Primary school. These are important milestones in their education. At the same time, we celebrate the successful completion of another school year at ISSR. This year at ISSR has seen many events taking place on campus, and after the pandemic it was heart-warming to welcome you back to these events in person.

Our monthly Star of the Month assemblies, the school Fair, the swimming gala, splash day and the many field trips your children undertook. Importantly though, I want to congratulate each student here today on their achievements during this year. All of these achievements demonstrate their growth in learning and personal maturity. At ISSR we strive to give your children a fully inclusive, differentiated and values-based education. Your children are a testament to the above in their attitude and behaviour.We are proud of each and every one of our students from, Nursery through to Year 6.

We thank the directors and leadership team for their support and guidance. To the teachers, thank you for your dedication, passion and love shown to your students throughout the year.
To our TA's, an invaluable asset we as teachers have in our classes, thank you for your support and help in the classroom.
To all of our support staff, who work tirelessly behind the scenes, keeping our school grounds so well maintained and to our guards who keep us all safe on a daily basis.
We thank you!

I am left at this stage to thank you for choosing ISSR for your child's education and we will continue these successes next academic year.

We wish you a restful summer holiday, if you are travelling, be safe. We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on August 14th 2023.

Thank you.

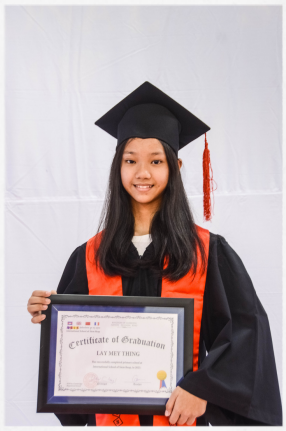
YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2023

Ms. Gloria
Teacher in year 6

Congratulations Year 6 and well done for all your hard work throughout primary school. Graduation is not the end; it is the beginning. As you start a new journey, begin to draw your own map. Go to high school confidently. Remember: you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.

Be bright. Be brave
Be bold. Be beautiful
Be brilliant. Be you

Spread joy and confidently go in the direction of your dreams. Good luck!



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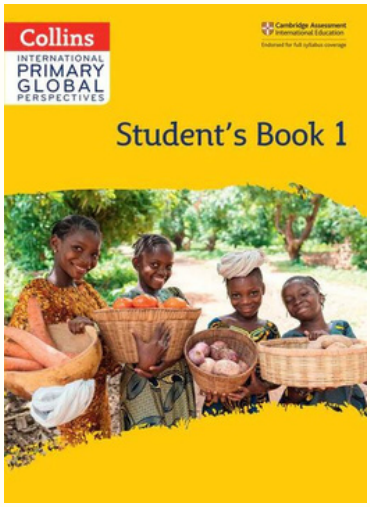
RECEPTION2 GRADUATION 2023

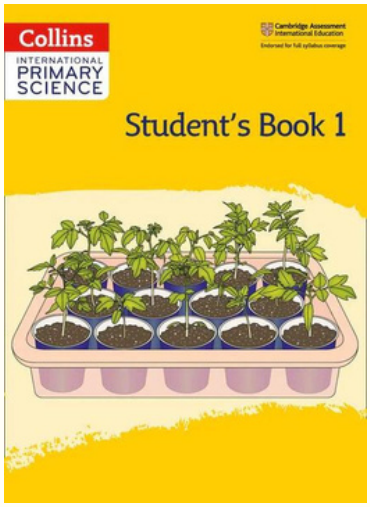
END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR CONCERT

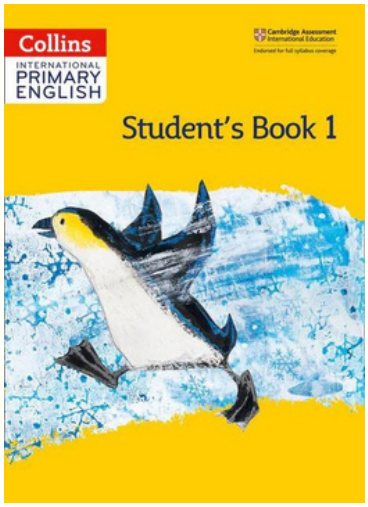
ISSR held a fantastic concert to celebrate the conclusion of their academic year. Parents, teachers, and staff enjoyed getting together to celebrate the many accomplishments of our great students, who were extremely happy to present their well-rehearsed performances.

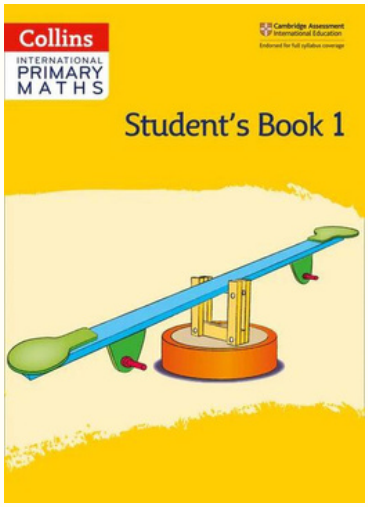
We would like to take this occasion to express our gratitude to all parents for your ongoing dedication, support, and collaboration to our school community.

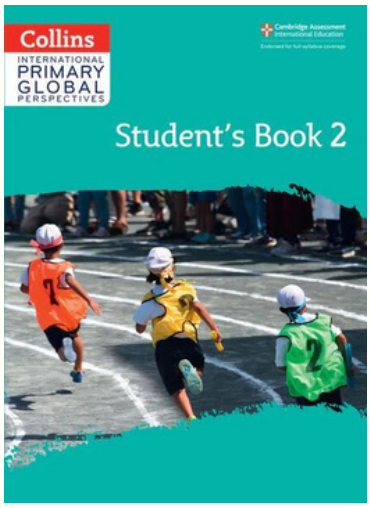
THE TEXT BOOKS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

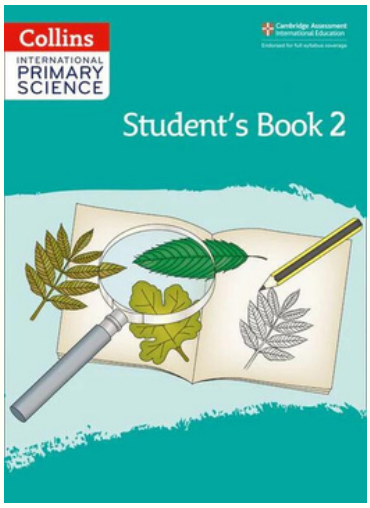


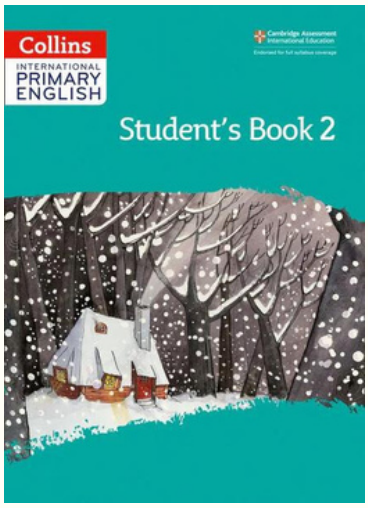


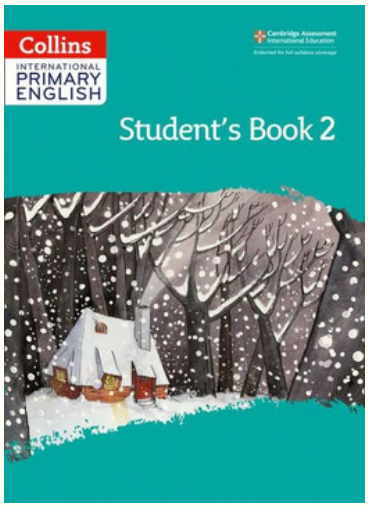


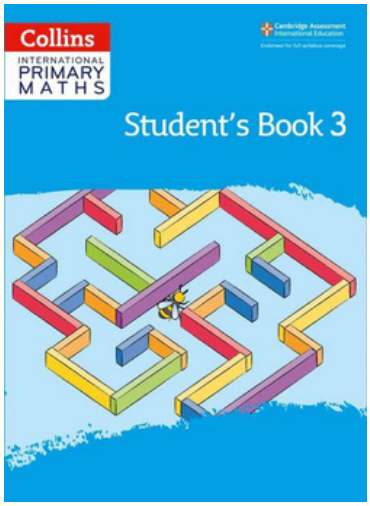


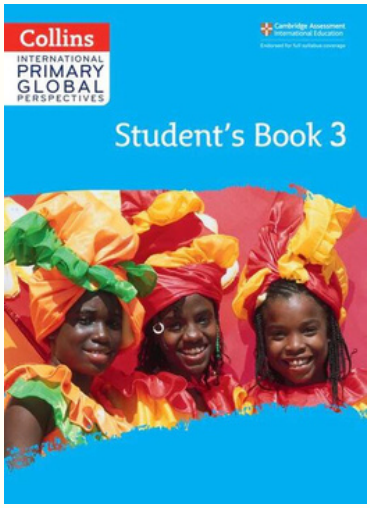


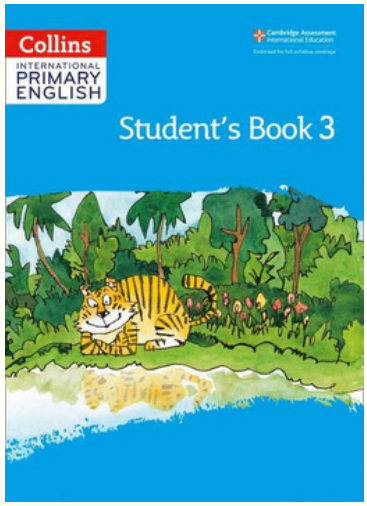


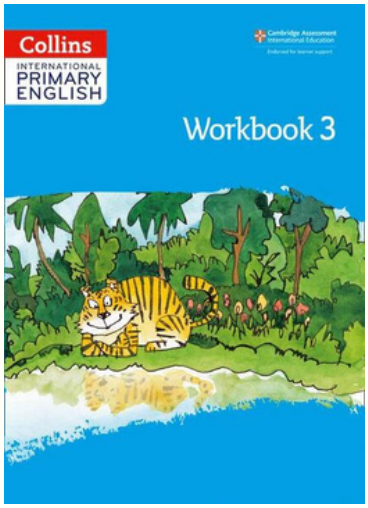


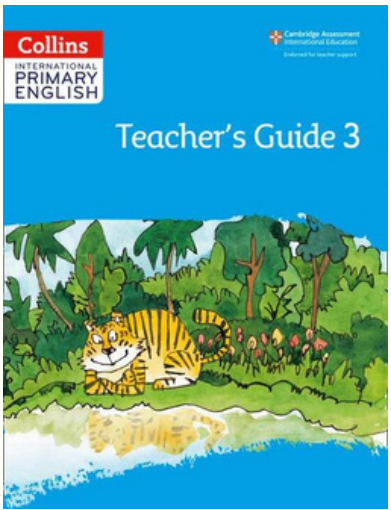


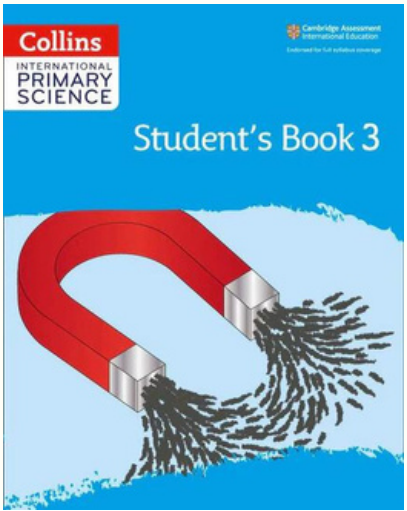


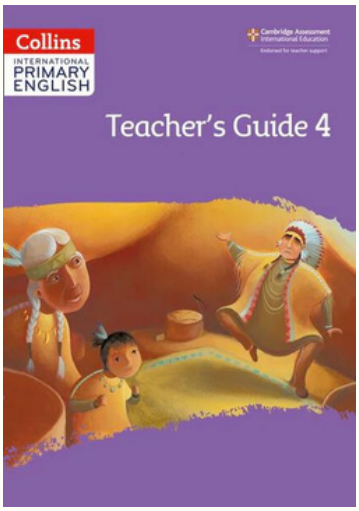








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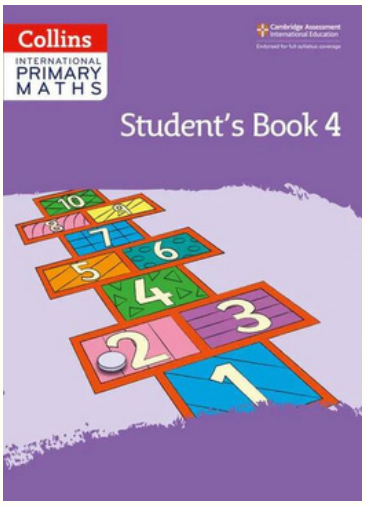
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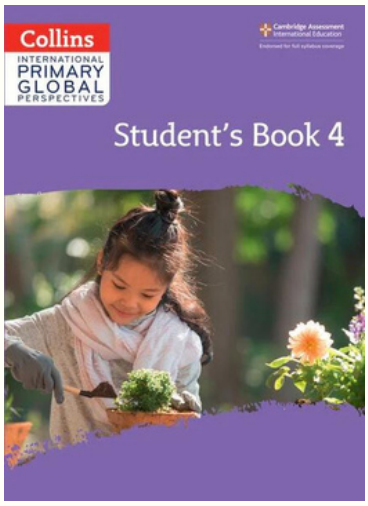
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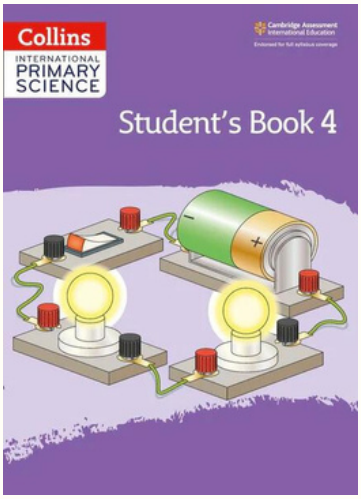
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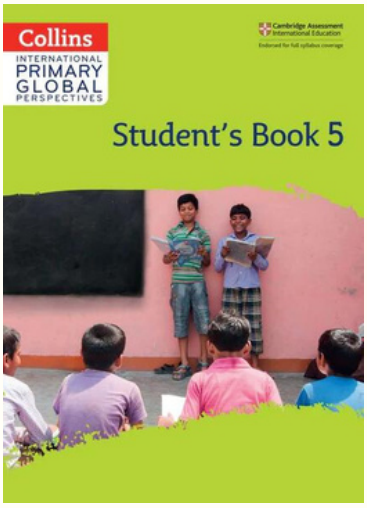
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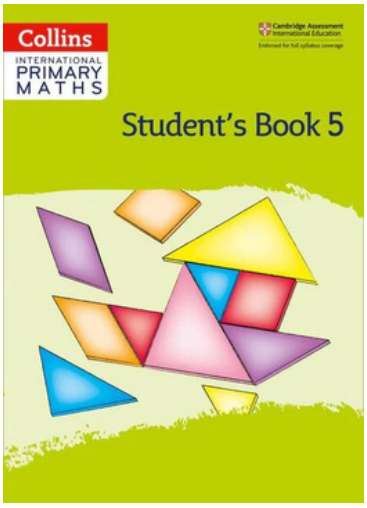
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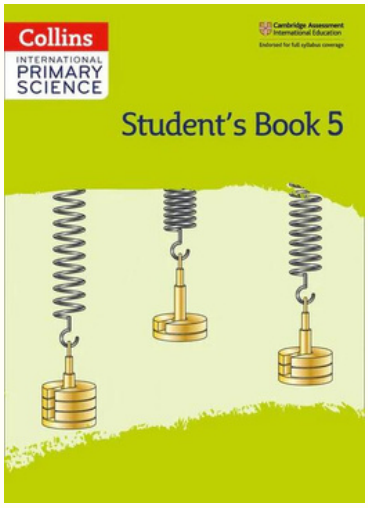
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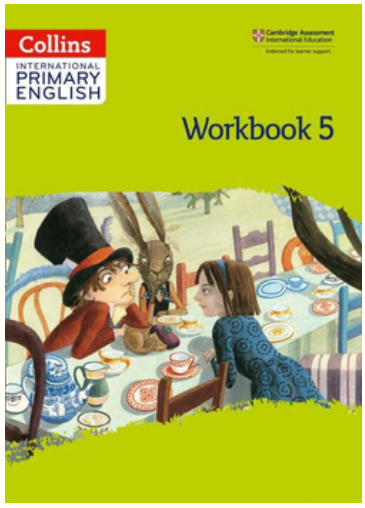
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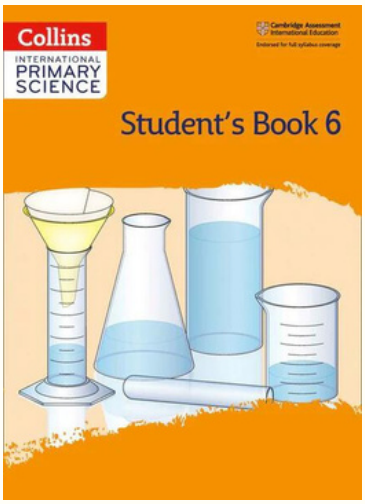
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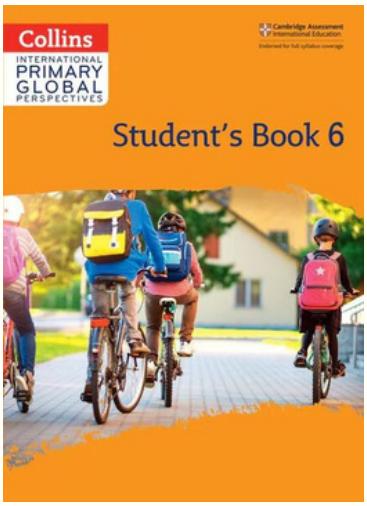
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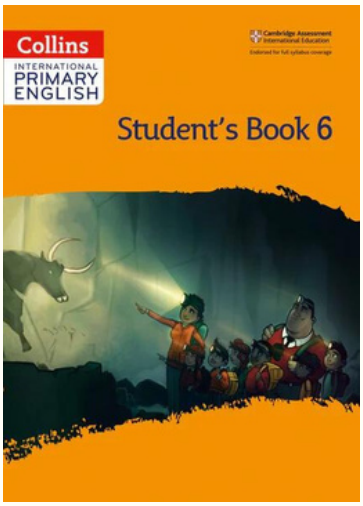
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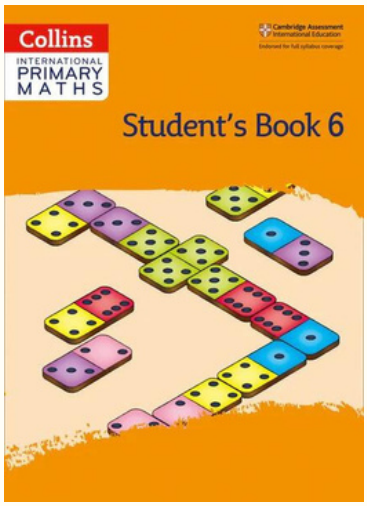
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WATER PLAY DAY

Water play was a fun activity for Nursery and Reception 1 students. They had a great time splashing and playing with water.We appreciate the parents' involvement and support.

FIRE EVACUATION DRILL AT ISSR PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Thursday, June 8th at 10:00 am, we held a fire evacuation drill for our students, staff, and teachers. The purpose of this drill was to practice our emergency response protocols and to make everyone aware of the evacuation routes and assembly points. We are proud of how well our students and staff performed!

PARENTS MEETING

This month, we held a parent meeting where teachers and parents discussed the children's academic and personal growth. The meeting lasted for three days and was a valuable opportunity to exchange feedback and suggestions. We thank you for your participation and support.

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END OF SCHOOL YEAR
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END OF SCHOOL YEAR

Cambridge Assessment International Education
Shakespeare theme
Left: Romeo character analysis
Down: Romeo and Juliet agamograph
Art: Influential Painters from the 20th Century
Right: De Seyl
Down: use of oil pastels

A SPECIAL REMINDER

SUMMER PROGRAMME

EDUPAGE OUTLINE PLUS PARENT DOWNLOAD

PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

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PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 - 2024
Academic Year Calendar

July 23

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Number of teaching days 0

August 23

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Number of teaching days 14

September 23

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Number of teaching days 21

October 23

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Number of teaching days 16

November 23

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Number of teaching days 20

December 23

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Number of teaching days 11

January 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Number of teaching days 18

February 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Number of teaching days 21

March 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26	27	28	29	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Number of teaching days 16

April 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Number of teaching days 17

May 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Number of teaching days 22

June 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Number of teaching days 15

July 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Summer Break

August 24

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Summer Break

Term Dates

Start	End	Event
14 Aug 23	12 Oct 23	Term 1
23 Oct 23	15 Dec 23	Term 2
08 Jan 24	12 Apr 24	Term 3
22 Apr 24	21 Jun 24	Term 4

Important Dates

Start	End	Event
18 Aug 23	18 Aug 23	Meet and greet parents
12 Oct 23	12 Oct 23	Edupage Report 1
28 Oct 23	28 Oct 23	School Fair
14 Dec 23	14 Dec 23	Edupage Report 2
15 Dec 23	15 Dec 23	Christmas Concert
30 Jan 24	31 Jan 24	School photo
23 Feb 24	23 Feb 24	Primary School Sports Days
22 Mar 24	22 Mar 24	Swimming gala
05 Apr 24	05 Apr 24	Edupage Report 3
16 Apr 24	24 Apr 24	Year 6 Check Point
20 May 24	23 May 24	Progress Test
14 Jun 24	14 Jun 24	Edupage Report 4
21 Jun 24	21 Jun 24	End of school year concert

Start of the Month

28 Sep 23	29 Sep 23	Star of the Month
09 Nov 23	10 Nov 23	Star of the Month
18 Jan 24	19 Jan 24	Star of the Month
29 Feb 24	01 Mar 24	Star of the Month
04 Apr 24	05 Apr 24	Star of the Month
16 May 24	17 May 24	Star of the Month

English Parent Meetings

09 Oct 23	11 Oct 23	Parents Meeting
22 Jan 24	24 Jan 24	Parents Meeting
08 Apr 24	10 Apr 24	Parents Meeting
17 Jun 24	19 Jun 24	Parents Meeting

Payment in Semester

07 Aug 23	12 Aug 23	1st semester payment
15 Jan 24	19 Jan 24	2nd semester payment

Khmer Programmes

13 Sep 23	15 Sep 23	PS Khmer Monthly Exam
27 Oct 23	31 Oct 23	PS Khmer Monthly Exam
20 Nov 23	23 Nov 23	PS Khmer Monthly Exam
17 Jan 24	19 Jan 24	1st Semester Exam
19 Feb 24	21 Feb 24	Khmer Monthly Exam
25 Mar 24	27 Mar 24	Khmer Monthly Exam
26 Apr 24	30 Apr 24	Khmer Monthly Exam
27 May 24	29 May 24	2nd Semester Exam

Khmer Parent Meetings

29 Jan 24	31 Jan 24	Parent Meeting (Kh)
10 Jun 24	12 Jun 24	Parent Meeting (Kh)

Staff in-service

07 Aug 23	11 Aug 23	Staff in-service
24 May 24	24 May 24	Staff in-service

Official Holidays

13 Oct 23	20 Oct 23	P'chum Ben
26 Nov 23	28 Nov 23	Water Festival
15 Dec 23	05 Jan 24	Christmas Break
04 Mar 24	08 Mar 24	Term Break
08 Mar 24	08 Mar 24	Womens Rights Day
13 Apr 24	19 Apr 24	Khmer New Year

Important Note: The academic calendar for this year is tentative and may change. We will notify you of any apdate as soon as possible.

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