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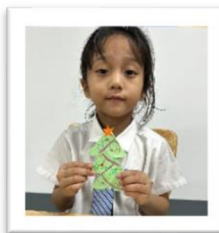
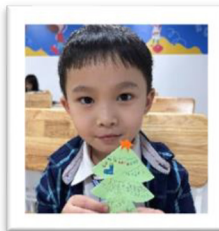
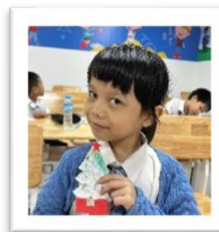
December has been a very busy and cheerful month for ISE.

December is a month full of joy and celebrations for families around the world. ISE students worked hard and played hard in this last month of 2023.

Student assessment tests were held on December 4 & 5 in all the major subjects: English, Math, Science, Myanmar Studies and Information & Computer Technology.



On December 6, a day after the tests, ISE welcomed the end of year holiday season with a **Christmas tree lighting ceremony**. Many tree decorations were handmade by students as guided by their art teacher. The younger students made small Christmas trees and the older ones made angels, snowmen and snowflakes.



Similar to the **Thadingyut** festival where Buddhists around the world light candles to celebrate the Lord Buddha's return to earth after preaching to his mother in the heavenly worlds, Christians around the world light **Christmas** trees to celebrate the birth of Lord Jesus Christ.

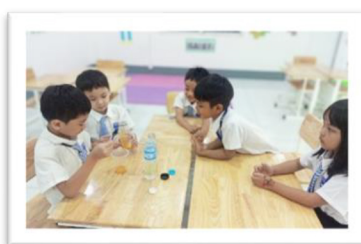


Students and teachers listened to Christmas carols and enjoyed dancing to 'Jingle Bells' after the tree lighting.

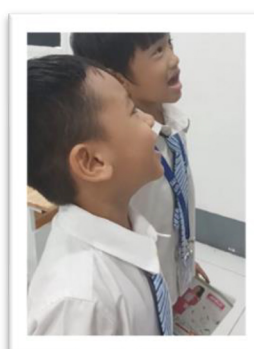
ISE treated delicious snacks to everyone.



Year 1 students enjoyed their science lesson on different liquids. They experimented with oil, water and honey solutions.



Year 2 students having fun with Phonics & Reading Time in the library.



Year 4- Debate on the topic “It would be good If dinosaurs and woolly mammoth still existed “



Debate (စကားရည်လှပွဲ) sharpens a student's ability to research & analyze issues, think & listen critically, and express thoughts clearly & fluently. It also increases confidence and provides intellectual stimulation. At ISE, we are training our youth to learn to debate respectfully to convince others (not argue to win) and to gain a deeper understanding of different view points.

In computer class. our students learned how to summarize key points and retell stories as a presenter on camera.



On November 20, students from Y1 to Y6 had formed 4 groups (yellow, green, blue and gray) to compete in a three weeks school-wide planting contest. The criteria for judging were sprouting time, crop height, group team work and their presentation.

After three weeks of observation, we decided to declare **all groups as winners**. All 4 teams cooperated and worked hard to nurture their seeds and crops. The seeds by Star's and Avery's groups were the first to sprout and the group led by Lucas achieved the tallest crop height. Although the seeds planted by Adam's group took some time to sprout, they made up in effort and against the odds, his crops grew almost as tall as the other groups' plants.



Avery	Star	Lucas	Adam
Kyaw Thukha Shan Su Myat Pyae Sone Pyae Sone Kaung Myat May Phoo Kin	Lin Myat Thar Kwal Wathan Lin Min Hein Htet Khin Phoo Thit Thet Thurein	Khant Lin Thant Pyone Lae Thakhin Myo Gone Htal War Sett Paing Sone	Toe Htet Shan Van Sui Chin Par Lin Myat Thaw Han Win Thant
San Bhone Myint Mo Alinkar May Kaung Thant Hein	Akari Kyaw Yin Myat Thu Thet Koko Win (Winston)	Htet OO Wai Yan May Phoo Mon	Kevin Yoon Thiri Myat
Nadi	Eaindray	Myat	Khit
Marshall Phone	Luna Peter	Honey Susan	Rebecca Anjoli

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING	
25%	SPOUTING TIME (Check at 9:00 AM everyday) 5 Seeds each for 3 Kinds of seeds. Marking will be given by ordinal numbers (4 to 1)
25%	CROP Height (At 9:00 AM December 4) (Same as the above)
25%	GROUP WORK (Judging will be on how cooperative each group member will work together and markings will be in ordinal numbers) (Given by the Evaluation Team)
25%	PRESENTATION (Judges will give mark on ordinal number (4 to 1)
100%	TOTAL

The highlight of the month was the **ISE Christmas talent show** held on Friday, December 15, the last day of school. Students excitedly came to school dressed up in their red Christmas outfits that day and practiced one more time for the show. After some light class work and writing their letters to Santa, everyone was treated to a lunch buffet with a special order of macaroni and cheese.



letters to Santa



And now...IT'S SHOW TIME!



U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing

Daw Moe Moe Htwe

Dr. Thein Tun

Tr Mi Mi Wong

ISE founder **U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing** welcomed and thanked the parents for trusting him with their children and being solidly with ISE since it opened. He promised that ISE will do its best to educate the children to be on the same level with international students.

He was followed by wife **Daw Moe Moe Htwe** who talked about the importance of respecting each child's thoughts & guiding them to find their passion instead of forcing them to do something, and the importance of providing emotional safety for the children & not arguing in front of them.

Principal Dr. Thein Tun spoke about the importance of a strong educational foundation during the primary years and the need for continuing teacher training to keep them up to date because the most important part of a school is **teacher quality**.

Vice Principal **Teacher Mimi Wong (a) Mimi Myint Hpu** then explained that all the songs & dances were chosen by the students themselves because at ISE, we teach the students how to think, not what to think. She reminded everyone that our lessons are planned to help students come up with their own ideas, to develop critical thinking skills & original thoughts.

Presentation



Y6 students Avery, Star and Lucas designed and made a professional power point presentation telling the audience about Christmas and Santa Claus. Y4 student Susan helped with flipping the pages.



Singing

The teachers opened the performances by singing "Silent Night" praising the birth of Baby Jesus.



Y1 cheerfully sang 'Merry Christmas to All' while some danced on their own to entertain the audience.



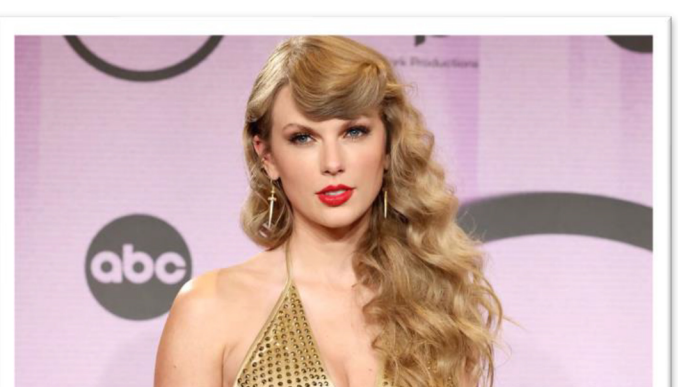
Y2 sang "Jingle Bells" with the talented Akari Kyaw playing the violin alongside music teacher U Ba Oo.



Y3 sang "I Have a Dream". They chose this song because they all have big dreams to become stars one day.



Y4 sang "Last Christmas" because they all love Taylor Swift. Who doesn't?



Dancing

The Y3 girls danced to “All I Want for Christmas is You”.
We wonder who they were thinking of 😊



Because ISE is an international school, the teachers chose to sing the world-famous Spanish song ‘**Feliz Navidad**’ meaning Merry Christmas and the words ‘prospero ano y felicidad’ meaning prosperous new year & happiness. The audience was asked to sing along and they happily complied, some even waving their hands in the air.



Y4 boys & girls wore hoodies and did some hip street dancing to the tune of “Lil Boo Thang” by hip hop’s new multi-talented artist Paul Russell.



The teachers then called out to Santa Claus by singing a short verse of “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” and a Lady Santa came out with a bag of numbers for students to pick from the Secret Santa gift exchange program where each student brought in an anonymous gift.



After the show, parents were invited up to the rooftop dining hall to share some of the complimentary Christmas buffet that the children had enjoyed earlier in the day. Everyone had a great time.

January Events

January 4 - Myanmar Independence Day

January 5 - First day of school for the new term
- New Year Resolution balloons for students
- Learn to play Myanmar traditional games

January - Karen New Year

January - Kachin Manaw festival



January - Ananda Pagoda Festival

Held for 15 days every January, the Ananda Pagoda Festival is a tradition that dates back to the days of the Myanmar Kings in Bagan. Thousands of monks, villagers and Buddhist devotees gather in the sacred Ananda Temple of Bagan to pay their respects to the Lord Buddha and his Dhamma teachings. The locals have maintained the customs of arriving in big bullock carts and camping together with other vendors who sell items from all over Myanmar.



January Birthdays

1. Kyaw Thukha Shan (Y-1) 8.1.2018
2. Aung Khant Min (Y-6) 3.1.2010
3. Aung Thuta (Y-6) 27.1.2013



Happy New Year, everyone !

We have Great News for the Happy New Year

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ISE is very happy and excited to announce that we will be offering Pre-KG (3-5 yrs) and KG (5-6 yrs) classes starting March 18, 2024.



Kindergarten
Play & Learn



Summer School (March 18-May 24)

- Robotics & Coding
- Summer Sports Camp
- English and more



Please don't forget to like & share your favorite school 😊

