



“Better Education For Brighter Future”

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April is a significant month in Myanmar due to Thingyan celebrations, the traditional Burmese New Year festival that spans five days from April 12-16. Thingyan marks the transition from the old year to the new one, and involves water throwing, religious observances, merit making, various community celebrations and charity events. The symbolic throwing of water represents the washing away of sins and bad luck from the previous year. Thingyan is also a favorite time for ShinPyu novitiation ceremony for boys to spend time in a monastery and learn the basics of Buddha's teachings. Many men and women enter meditation retreats for spiritual cleansing and self-renewal to welcome the new year. Washing hair for the elderly, releasing fish and making food donations to the public are also cherished Thingyan traditions. ISE summer school was closed from April 12-21 for Thin Gyan holidays.



Boys Entering monkhood



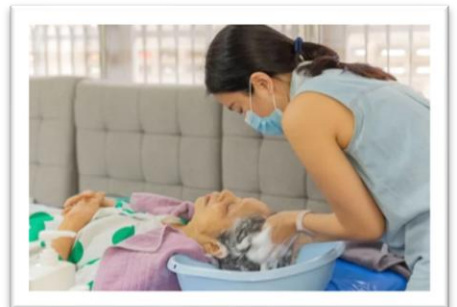
Thingyan water throwing



Releasing Fish



Men & Women meditating



Washing hair for the elderly

Earthquake Support

ISE started April with learning to sing a song of encouragement titled 'Oh Myanmar, Hold on Tight', that sympathizes and encourages the victims of the March 28 mega earthquake in the Sagaing/ Mandalay area.



*“Oh Myanmar, Hold on tight,
Through the darkest storm, we'll find the light.*

*Hand in hand, we'll mend what's torn,
From the ruins, new hope is born.”*

The ISE earthquake donation drive that started in late March produced a total of 38.5 L kyats in early April.

- 10 laks kyats were donated to Pyin Nya Maung humanitarian association in Sagaing,
- 6.5 laks worth of medical supplies were provided to Sagaing general hospital,
- 10 laks were donated to the 9th Mile Hotel Group (family of Y4 student Hazel) that went to Sagaing
- 12 laks were distributed among ThanLyin Funeral & Humanitarian Relief Association (2L), Mandalay Pyi Gyi Takun Kyae Sae Kan Humanitarian Assistance Group, Sagaing Myan Aung Nunnery (3 L) and Ah-Pu-Tu Humanitarian Relief Organization (5 L).

Earthquake Week 1



Donation to Pyin Nya Maung humanitarian association



ISE Banner and Truck in Sagaing



Providing emergency medical supplies to Sagaing hospital

Earthquake Week 2



Supporting 9 Mile Hotel Group's donation trip



Than Lyin humanitarian relief organization at work



Nuns in Sagaing blessing

Year 6 Exam Prep Class News

ISE Year 6 students from last academic year are studying hard and preparing for the Pearson iprimary check point exams conducted worldwide in late May among thousands of international school students on their way to secondary school. While training for the Computing exam, they designed a maze game featuring various characters, each incorporating his/her unique creative ideas through the use of sensing and touching blocks.

After intensive exam preparation classes, they enjoyed being trained to play soccer.

They also joined the summer drama class and learned to train their voices doing mock interviews with each other.

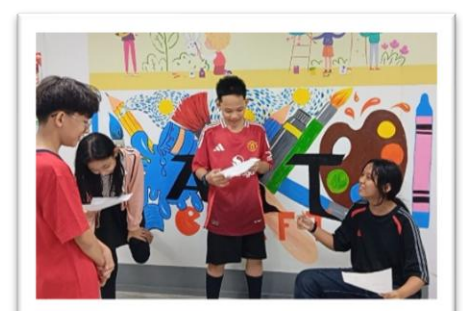
Amidst their busy schedule, they made time to visit their classmate Nathan at Parami Hospital to show care & support and wish him a smooth and speedy recovery from an appendix operation.



Visiting Nathan



Drama Class





Designing a maze game



Playing soccer

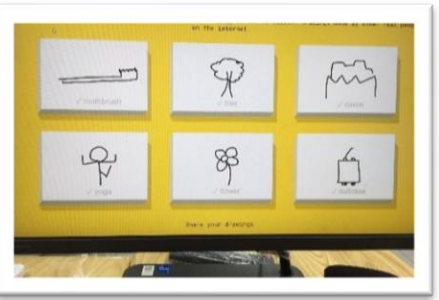
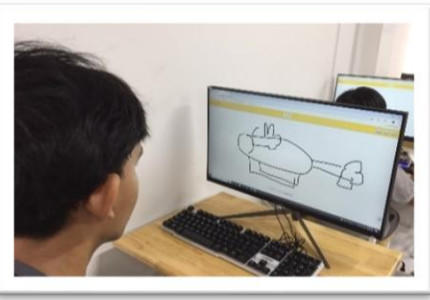
Year 6 test prep class is taking a sample test within a one hour time limitation. This training will improve their ability to answer the actual exam within the specified time.



Coding & AI

Our group 1 and 2 students have also been exploring the exciting world of coding! Using age-appropriate platforms like ScratchJr, they've been learning how to give instructions, solve problems, and create simple animations. These activities help build early logic, sequencing, creativity and all are having fun! We're so proud of how quickly they're picking up these important digital skills!

1. Students are learning about neural networks that recognize doodles.
2. Students are adding their drawings to the world's largest doodling data set.
3. Students are learning new vocabulary and enhancing their drawings in fun ways.



Summer School Highlights

In Group 4 Science Club, students learnt about the human organ systems that work together to maintain life and got a brief overview of each system (the circulatory system of the heart & blood vessels and the respiratory system from the nose to the lungs). They actively applied their learnings by coloring a detailed diagram of the heart and built a model of the Respiratory System to demonstrate breathing lungs.



Our young scientists in Group 2 have been exploring the life cycle of a plant, from tiny seeds to small plants. Through hands-on activities like seed planting and observations, students are learning how plants grow step by step. They now understand the stages: seed, sprout, seedling, and adult plant, and are excited to watch their own plants grow in class. This lesson is helping students connect with nature and understand how living things grow, respond and change.

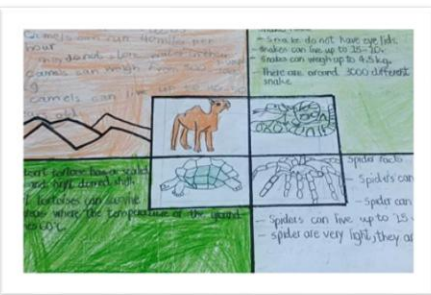


English 4-Skills Fun

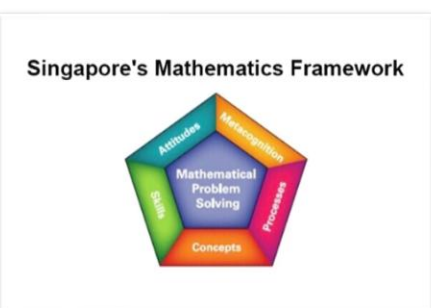
Group 4 students had some English 4-Skills Fun when they were asked to rearrange a series of pictures and created their own stories. This exercise helped them practice the language of sequencing and storytelling, and allowed them to showcase their creativity and writing skills.



After completing a reading task on an e-zine about different sea animals, our Group 3 students were assigned to create their own magazines in groups, each with its own unique style. This activity aimed to strengthen their teamwork, communication, and research skills while encouraging them to read more, express their creativity, and use the correct tenses when writing factual content. They definitely had a great experience as their creativity came to life through a fun language-learning journey.



Singapore Math



ISE summer school introduced Singapore Math which focuses on teaching students to understand the why behind mathematical concepts, rather than just memorizing rules or procedures. Students are taught to use visual problem-solving techniques where they use diagrams to represent problems and solve them visually.

Singapore Math heavily emphasizes mental math strategies to help students develop number sense and fluency. It also encourages students to apply their knowledge to solve a variety of real-world problems, promoting critical thinking and analytical skills.

Mind Education

All groups participated in a special Mind Education training program by consultants from the Mind Education Institute originally from Korea. Students shared their dreams and feelings, and learned to consciously think about what they value the most. They also played challenging games that required teamwork and learned to cooperate with each other and appreciate each other.



Dramatic Arts

Dramatic Arts education is an important means of stimulating CREATIVITY IN PROBLEM SOLVING. Dramatic exploration can provide students with an outlet for emotions, thoughts, and dreams that they might not otherwise have means to express.

ISE summer Group 4 students expressed their inner selves through role play performances on a selected skit called “The Mismatched Pizza Order” and developed their ability to know parts of the plot in a dramatic skit.

In addition to building confidence, these activities enhance their English speaking skills, performance skills and life skills. They also learned to use their bodies and worked as a team to form various shapes. Group 3 & 4 students even did some of their own skit writing. These activities enhance their English speaking skills, performance skills and life skills.



Earth Day

Science Club 3 & 4 are learning about Earth Day (April 22) and doing activities that highlight the importance of keeping our earth healthy. They did Earth Day related word searches and discussed about the 3R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - in science class and learned to create a paper basket from recycled newspapers in art class.

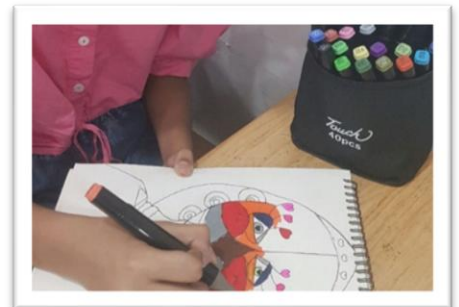
They also studied the causes and effects of pollution (air/ water/ soil) and how to make eco bricks (packing plastic waste into empty plastic bottles) that can be used as building materials.



Picasso Art at ISE

Pablo Picasso was a Spanish artist born 140 years ago. He is one of the most famous artists in the world today and had a profound impact on the development of modern art. Picasso created a new style of art called 'cubism' that broke down objects into geometric shapes and presented multiple viewpoints simultaneously. It rejected traditional realism perspective and created a new, fragmented reality.

ISE students from all groups learned about Picasso's famous techniques and created their own Picasso style drawings & paintings. Group 3 students learned to create and paint a Picasso style face with warm and cool colors. Early years (Reception & Group 1) students learned to make creative art by printing with paper straws and striking with two brushes to create colorful flower gardens.



Making cups and cookies with clay



Drawing geometric shape flowers



Drawing picture with dotted art

Music

Summer students are interested in different kinds of musical instruments. Some brought their own guitars



Library

Summer students are interested in reading in the Library.



Summer Swimming

Summer students are gaining an important life skill in the ISE swim program at Club 15-51.



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