



“Better Education For Brighter Future”

December is a magical month!

December is a magical month of joy and celebration, giving and sharing, sparkles and bright lights. Many important holidays take place all over the world in December- Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve/New Year's Day - bringing people together and creating a sense of community and warmth. It is also a time to reflect on the past year and to embrace the opportunities of a new one.

Christmas

Christmas is a holiday originally celebrated by Christians to honor the birth of Baby Jesus over 2,000 years ago. Nowadays, the week between Christmas and New Year has become a major holiday season for people of all religions around the world. Families and friends exchange gifts and enjoy a special dinner together. It's a wonderful time of the year to reconnect with loved ones, to be kind and loving, to share and spread the joy.

Sweet December and Carol Singing

“Sweet December” is a celebration in Myanmar that marks the beginning of the Christmas month (December 1) and is celebrated by both Christians and non-Christians giving sweets to loved ones and younger ones. Christians gather at the church to pray, sing carols, cook and share food. Myanmar Youth Forum (MYF) singers visited ISE on December 3 to sing Christmas Carols while some danced, spreading the message of joy and loving kindness. They set a good example for our students who were preparing for their own Christmas talent show scheduled to take place a few days later.



ISE Christmas Talent Show

ISE celebrated Christmas early on December 7 at the Royal Garden Restaurant in Kandawgyi Park. Although our Founder, U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing couldn't be present physically at the show, he was beaming in from Singapore giving his welcome speech. He was followed by ISE principal Mimi Wong (a) Mimi Myint Hpu who warmly welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about the ISE mission. The show began with our two lively MCs Tr Zin Mar and Tr Okkar who carried on the show with much fun and style.



The annual ISE Christmas Talent Show is the time to let the inner lights of our students shine and to celebrate them. Our students really put their hearts into the performances and they were wonderful on the stage.



The show opened with Avery & Tony from Year 8 telling the story of Christmas with Marshall & Elizabeth from Year 5.



Reception "Merry Twistmas" dance



Y1 "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" Dance



Y2 "Jingle Bells"



Y2 "This Little Light of Mine"



Y3 "Santa Claus is Coming"



Y3 "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" Dance



Y4 "Last Christmas" Dance



Y5 "Shake It Off" Cheerleading Dance



Y6-7-8 "Santa Tell Me" Dance



Y5 – Karate

Instrumental



Y3 "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven



Y4 "Boil Them Cabbage Down" by Hank Williams



Y5 "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"



Y6 "Mistletoe"



Y7 / Y8 "Sailing"

The teachers, especially the music, dance and art teachers, and the operations staff worked tirelessly behind the scenes for over a month to make sure everything turned out beautiful and smooth on the big day. The teachers even got into the holiday spirit and beautifully sang "Silent Night" as conducted by the talented Tr Chew. We were also fortunate to find out that one of our parents is a professional costume designer. It was indeed a grand party full of joy and laughter, and delicious food.



At the end of the show, Santa Claus made a surprise appearance which caused all the students to shout out with excitement and joy. He handed out cookies and candies for everyone. The Christmas show came to a close with everyone joyfully singing "Feliz Navidad" with the audience happily joining in.



Assessment 3 tests

Following the wonderful Christmas event, which was met with many heartfelt thank you notes from parents, ISE students wasted no time getting back to their academic pursuits. With the holiday celebrations behind them, they focused their energy on preparing for their third round of assessment tests across all subjects.



Pearson Academic Excellence Awards

Our star student Aung Khant Min (Avery) was officially awarded the 1) Outstanding Pearson Learner Award for the highest mark in Myanmar for computing and for 2) high achiever Certificate of Excellence for scoring the highest P3 level in all 4 main subjects.

His former Y6 ICT teacher Wine Pyae Pyae Hpu and our current school counselor Tr Zin Mar Htun attended the Pearson event at the Park Royal Hotel to jointly accept the certificate of excellence as ISE representatives.



New Year Resolutions & Letters to Santa

After the week-long assessment tests, the English classes shifted to a more festive and creative mode, giving students a much-needed break from the rigorous academic schedule. They had fun crafting heartfelt letters to Santa, where they shared their Christmas wishes and expressed their hopes for the holiday season. This activity not only allowed them to practice their writing skills but also sparked their imagination and brought a sense of joy and anticipation.



Y5 New Year Resolution Posters



Y4 New Year Resolution Hearts



Y3 Letters to Santa

Ready for the Digital Age

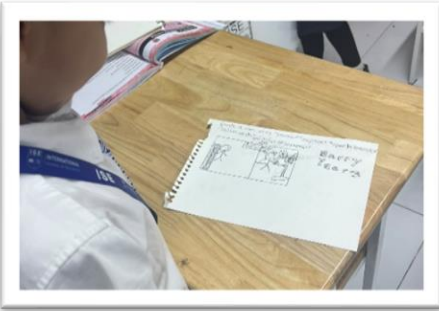
Students continued to enhance their IT skills during computer classes. These sessions focused on building their proficiency in essential software, understanding digital communication tools, and exploring basic programming concepts. As they navigated through various projects and exercises, the students gained confidence in their ability to adapt to the rapidly evolving digital landscape.



Y1 - Drawing offline activities



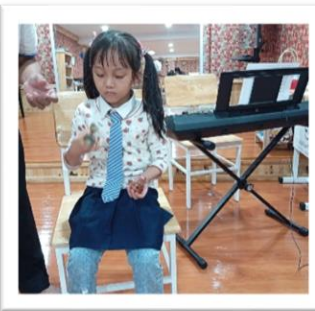
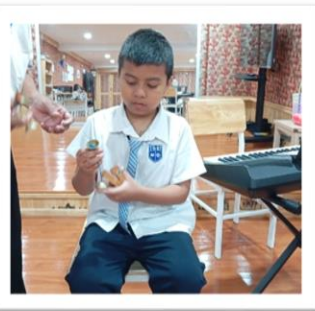
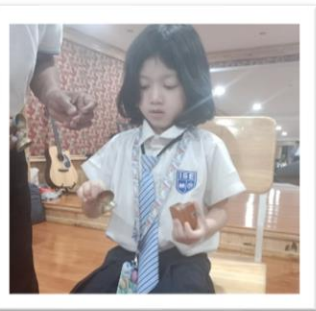
Y2 - Learning to describe foreground and background of computer images.



Y3 - Creating digital comics.

Music & Movement

Y1-Y2 students learning to play the traditional Myanmar Si (small cymbals) and Wa (wood blocks), percussive idiophones that create sounds by vibrations.



Physical Development

Engaging in regular physical activity not only promotes the development of strong muscles and bones and improves respiratory and cardiovascular health, but it also plays a crucial role in other aspects of children's growth. Physical activity supports communication and language skills, as children interact with their peers during team sports and group exercises.



Y6 PE exercises



Y5 tug of war

In-House Friendship games

Before the school holidays began, on 19th December, ISE held various in-house games among 4 color teams with each team consisting of students from all year levels. Group games encourage social skills and collaboration, building team spirit and good sportsmanship. The matches were: Potato picking, Relay, Tic Tac Toe, and Tug of war. The students from Y1 to Y4 were divided into teams of Blue, Green, Yellow and Orange. The scores from the competition were Blue team - 1, Green team - 1, Yellow team - 2, so the Yellow team became the season's champion.



Outdoor Games

The boys from Years 6, 7, and 8 played an exciting football tournament with four teams: White, Black, Blue, and Red. In the first round, the White team defeated the Blue team 10-4, showing great teamwork and skill. The Black team had a close match against the Red team, winning 1-0 in a tense and heart pounding game. The final match was between the White and Black teams, where the White team dominated and won 3-0, claiming the championship.

Meanwhile, the girls from Years 6, 7, and 8 enjoyed a fun-filled day at the swimming pool, participating in various swimming activities and friendly races, making the day both competitive and enjoyable for everyone.



Tug of War Competition

Our ISE Students from Years 5, 6, 7, and 8 took part in an exciting tug of war competition against students from KBTC School at Wow Sports. Both teams displayed great strength and determination, pulling with all their might to secure victory. The event was filled with cheers and encouragement from their peers, making it a thrilling and spirited competition for everyone involved.



Dynamic Art at ISE

Art education can help students in many ways, from developing motor skills and critical thinking skills to fostering creativity and teamwork. It also builds self-confidence, improves social skills and boosts cultural awareness.



Reception 1 & 2
Making Slipper with Paper Art



Y-1 Making Santa Claus
with Paper Art



Year 2A Drawing Flower
by using String art or thread Painting



Y-3 Making Christmas tree
With color paper



Y-4 Drawing Happy New Year
2025 picture



Y-5 Making model of Snowfield with
their own idea by using waste cork board



Y-6 Making snow flakes



Y-7&8 Making Christmas tree with paper art

Library



ISE students love to read !

Reception Highlights

Our Reception years students love to actively learn, color, read and do many activities throughout the week.



December Birthdays

Aye Myat Moe Oo	(Year 1)	2.12.2018
Min Depar Thant	(Year 1)	21.12.2017
Hpone Pyae Say Lin	(Year 2)	15.12.2016
Myat Hay Man Kyaw	(Year 2)	7.12.2017
May Phyu Sin	(Year 2)	22.12.2016
San Htar Wai Zin	(Year 2)	27.12.2016
Nadi Lin Latt	(Year 4)	29.12.2012
Thant Htoo Thiha	(Year 6)	10.12.2012
Htarwara Tun	(Year 6)	15.12.2013
Nay Shwe Thway	(Year 6)	21.12.2012
Yu Thanthar Khin	(Year 7)	29.12.2010
Amayar Cho	(Year 8)	7.12.2008
Hein Thant Zin	(Year 8)	16.12.2011
Lin Mya Wun Yan	(Year 8)	29.12.2010



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