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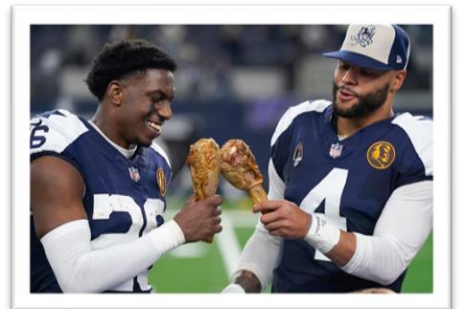
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Thanksgiving Around the World

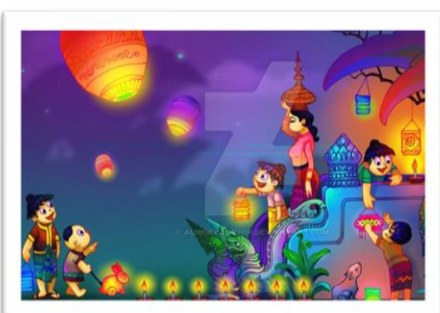
The tradition of **American Thanksgiving** (last Thursday in November) started in the autumn of 1621 where Native American Wampanoag tribes joined English ‘Pilgrim’ settlers in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts to celebrate a successful harvest and new friendships. Without the natives’ help, the settlers may not have survived their harsh winters in America.

During Thanksgiving, families & friends across the US gather together to share a special meal and reflect on all the things they are grateful for. From lavish parades to Black Friday shopping for deep discounted items, from visiting museums and watching plays on the Pilgrim times to playing American football, from donating meals to volunteering for community service, American Thanksgiving is celebrated in many ways.



During the **Thadingyut Festival** in **Myanmar** which takes place for 3 days around the full moon in October, we give thanks to our family elders, teachers and people we feel gratitude for. The first person to thank is the Buddha for showing us the enlightened path.

In **Korea**, **Chuseok** (also known as Hangawi) is a 3-day holiday when families gather together to give thanks to their ancestors, eat a special meal together and share stories. It takes place on the 15th day of the 8th month according to the lunar calendar and typically falls in September (September 16-18 in 2024).





During the mid-autumn festival or **moon cake festival** in **China**, also celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month, families and friends gather to express feelings about one another and offer a traditional dessert to the moon. The moon cake is a delicacy, a doughy crust with fillings of sweet lotus paste and salted dice eggs.

Brazil has its own Thanksgiving known as **Dia de Acao de Gracias (the day of thanks)** which falls on the fourth Thursday of November. On this day, Brazilians express gratitude and appreciation for all blessings and the plentiful harvest throughout the year. They enjoy a big turkey dinner and have colorful carnivals.



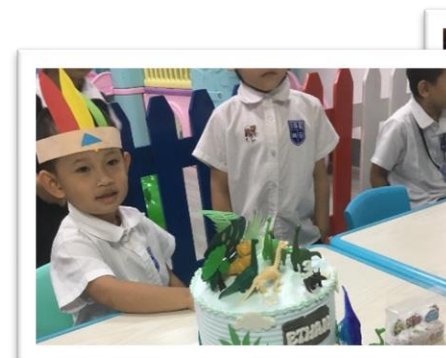
Thanksgiving in **Canada** is celebrated on the second Monday in October to give thanks for a good harvest and express gratitude for the blessings of the past year. Families come together and feast on a turkey like in the US.

The **German** harvest festival of **Erntedankfest** (usually celebrated in October) is filled with lots of music, dancing, parades and sometimes even fireworks. Instead of a turkey, Germans feast on chicken with plenty of fruits and vegetables from the harvest.

Sukkot is an important holiday in **Israel** when farmers give thanks for their God for a good harvest. During this festival which lasts for seven days, devout observers build and live in a hut like structure topped with branches and leaves (sukkah). It's a time of prayer and study where no work, commerce or travel is allowed.

ISE Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day this year was also the 3rd birthday for Ethan Kyaw, the grandson of ISE Founder U Kyaw. Ethan's mom Khant Khant Kyaw generously offered grilled chicken to all ISE students to celebrate the doubly joyous occasion. Ethan happily helped distribute the delicious chicken as hungry students waited in line. Everyone sang **happy birthday** to Ethan and thanked him for the pretend turkey meal.



Earlier in the week, students made Native American headbands and wrote thankful notes on the leaves of the ISE Tree of Thanks & flower petals in the ISE Garden of Thanks.



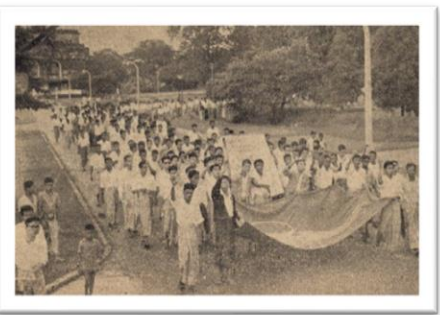
Myanmar National Day

Myanmar's National Day commemorates the first university student strike at Rangoon University in 1920. The students protested against the Rangoon University Act, which would have limited higher education to only the wealthiest families and the British. The student protests grew and eventually led to the creation of "National Schools" and a "National College".

This 1920 student strike is considered by many to be the first step towards Myanmar's independence.

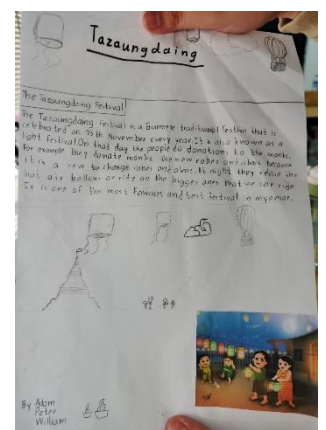
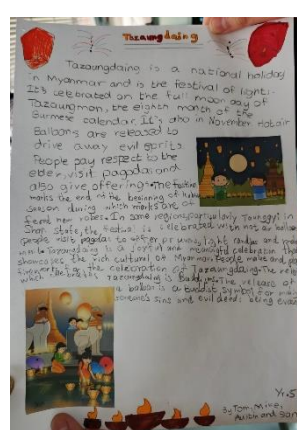
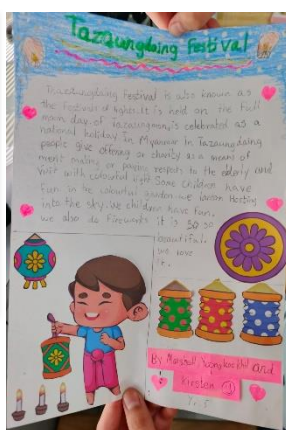
Myanmar's Independence Day is celebrated on January 4, and marks the day in 1948 when Myanmar gained independence from Britain.

ISE students learned about Myanmar National Day in their history classes. They also formed teams and created informative posters in English.



Tazaungdaing

Tazaungdaing Buddhist festival is a national holiday in Myanmar that is observed on the full moon day of Myanmar Tazaungmone month. In 2024, the Tazaungdaing day fell on Friday, November 15 and ISE was closed that day. To commemorate the occasion, ISE students were asked to create posters in their writing classes.



Kahtein

Tazaungdaing also marks the end of the 3 month Buddhist Lent during the rainy season and the beginning of the Kathina (Kahtein) season, during which monks are offered new robes and alms.

ISE family of students, parents, teachers and operation staff put up robes, cash donations and dried foods on the ISE Kahtein tree. On November 14, ISE Operations Director Daw Thin Nu Yi and her team brought the ISE Kahtein tree to the Maha Kuthodaw monastery in Hlaingthaya township and donated all offerings to the head monk Sayadaw ဘဒ္ဒန္တဦးကောသလ္လ who wholeheartedly blessed the ISE family.



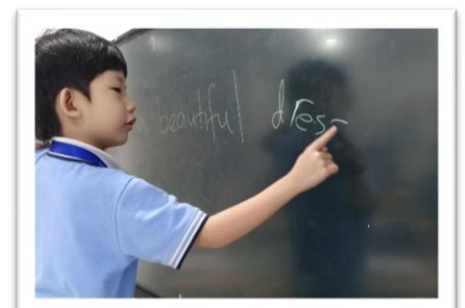
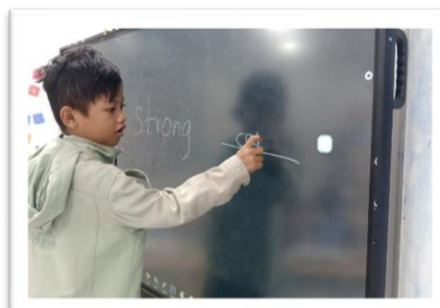
Reception Highlights

Reception 1 & 2 : hands on learning in English, Math, World around Us, Myanmar and even at playtime.

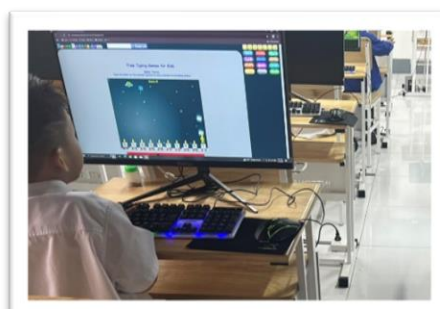


Y1 Highlights

To ensure engagement and communication in the classroom, we not only activate our kids' prior knowledge but also encourage them to present their ideas. This picture depicts how our Y1 students participated in gap-filling games, group by group. They are creative and happy to represent their groups. This, in turn, boosts their leadership skills and sense of responsibility as members of their groups.



Students are learning to remember the position of alphabets on keyboard at ICT time

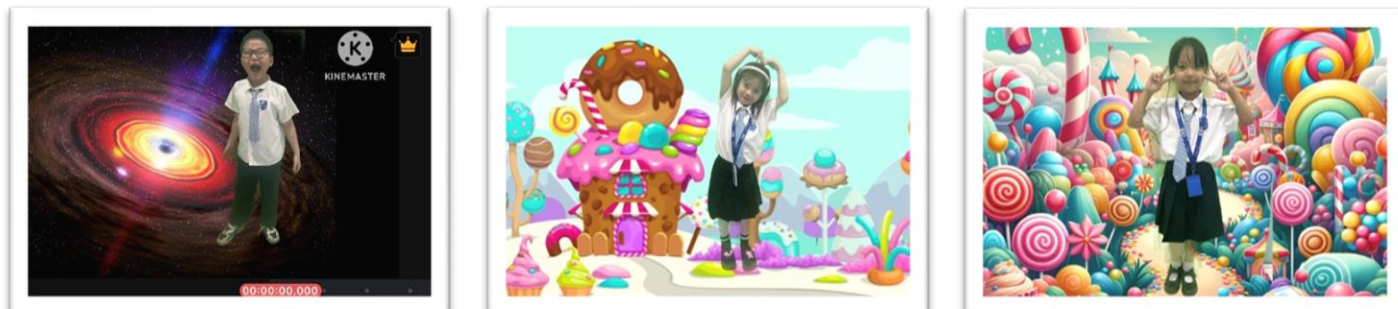


Y2 Highlights

Students are rocking science by testing the properties of materials like true scientists! Through this, they have gained skills in investigating materials, such as testing their absorbency and strength.



Students learnt how to make green screen pictures and stretched their imaginations for the background.



Y3 Highlights

Pictogram is mainly used to represent data in the form of pictures or objects. Pictograms helps in visually formatting statistical data and easy to understand. It can be useful for representing a large amount of data.



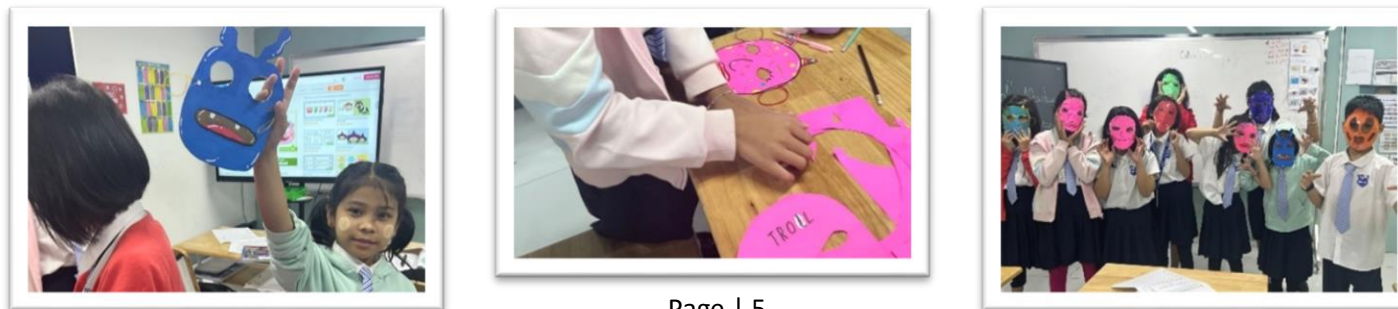
Watching English movie at listening time

Creating Own Comic



Y4 Highlights

Students making Troll masks in English time



Science- "Investigation the sound travelling through the water" from Unit 5: Making and Changing Sounds. They understand that the sound can travel through solids, liquids and gases by doing investigation.



Y5 Highlights

English- Making "Myanmar National Day" Poster Group Project.



Students are learning to tell the time of day by using a sun dial that they created.



Y6 Highlights

English- students have been learning about literary devices and how they are used in writing. These devices are important because they help make writing more creative, engaging, and meaningful. Students are excited to apply what they've learned in their own writing.

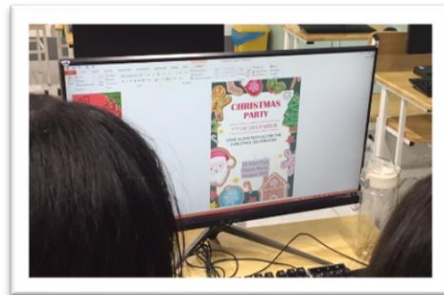
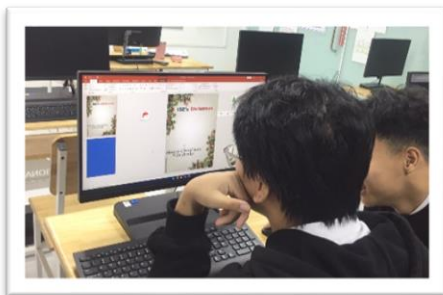


Science- students conducted a fun science experiment using vinegar and baking soda to inflate a balloon with carbon dioxide. This hands-on activity demonstrated how a chemical reaction produces gas. The students were excited to see science in action and understand how reactions create real-world effects.



Y7 Highlights

ICT- Creating a christmas poster



English- Students were doing group presentation on science about drugs, muscle and breathing.

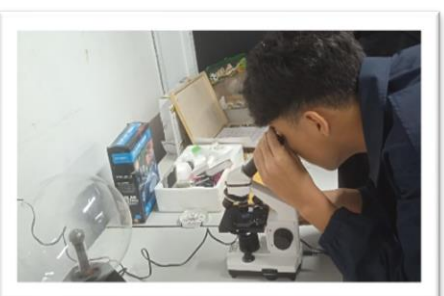
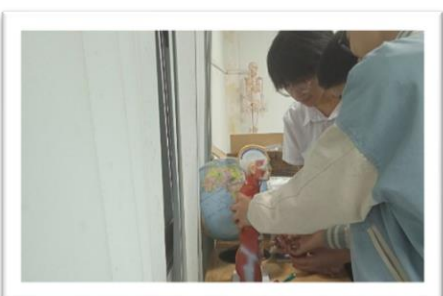


Y8 Highlights

Students were doing group presentation on science about breathing and respiration.

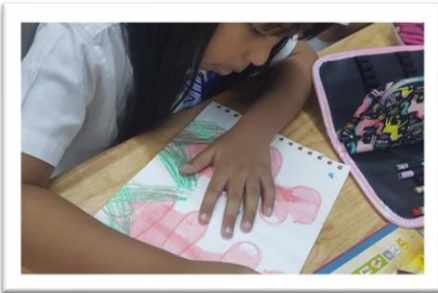


Year 7&8 studying the microscope and parts of organ systems in the human body. They now understand how to use the microscope and how the parts of human organ systems work.



Art Highlights





Music



Library



Physical Education (PE)



November Birthdays



Ei Ei Phyto Lwin Maung	(Reception)	24.11.2019
Ethan Kyaw	(Reception)	28.11.2021
Bhone Myat Hein	(Reception)	4.11.2018
Han Win Thant	(Year 2)	3.11.2017
Khant Lin Thant	(Year 2)	20.11.2017
Khith Sandy Htut	(Year 4)	18.11.2014
Pyay Thuta	(Year 5)	6.11.2014
Athin Khaya May	(Year 5)	6.11.2015
Khith Nandar htet	(Year 5)	18.11.2013
Marry Lin	(Year 6)	12.11.2012
Htut Bhone Naing	(Year 6)	12.11.2012



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