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### CHAIRWOMAN'S MESSAGE:

Dear Paragon Community,

Welcome to another exciting edition of Explore magazine! In this issue, we'll take you on a journey through the highlights of the past academic year.

Within these pages, you'll discover the significance of student-led initiatives spearheaded by our very own Paragon Student Union (PSU) members, and you'll also dive into the global adventures of our students. Relive the magic of our graduation ceremonies as we bid farewell and wish the best of luck to our grade 12 students embarking on their new academic adventure.

Join us as we explore the fun and engagement of our school's events, and activities, and the abundant journey of our learning process.

We are excited to continue our pursuit of academic excellence and we look forward to another fantastic year filled with discovery, growth, and accomplishments.

To our students, teachers, staff, and parents, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. It is your dedication and enthusiasm that truly make Paragon a remarkable place of learning and personal development.

Best wishes to all, and here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards, Lok Chumteav CHEA Sophakanny

Chairwoman PARAGON Education Co., LTD



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### Hats off to the Class of 2023!

See more pictures from our graduate classes.



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# CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT THE WORLD SCHOLAR'S CUP GLOBAL ROUND 2023



We're thrilled to bring you fantastic news from our talented students who recently showcased their brilliance at the World Scholar's Cup Global Round 2023, hosted in the vibrant city of Seoul, South Korea.

During this year's final round, over 2000 contestants from 30 countries and regions came together, resulting in an exhilarating atmosphere. Fueled by teamwork and determination, our students achieved outstanding results, securing an impressive haul of 40 gold medals, 47 silver medals, and 2 trophies.









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# SUMMERTIME FUN AT BRIGHT EDUCATION'S SUMMER SCHOOL

This summer, Bright Education Company hosted a vibrant and enriching summer school at our Primary Campus. Packed with exciting activities and engaging learning experiences, it was a season of fun for the young minds who attended.

The atmosphere was alive with the joy of learning as kids participated in a variety of activities that blended education and enjoyment. From interactive lessons to creative projects, the summer school provided a holistic approach to learning, ensuring that every child had a great time while acquiring new skills. Thank you to everyone who made this summer memorable, and we can't wait to see you again next year for another season of learning and laughter!









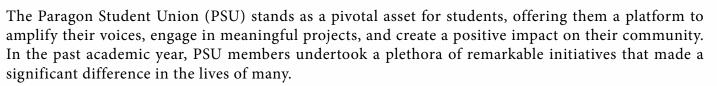








## EMPOWERING STUDENT VOICES AND IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY - PARAGON STUDENT UNION'S ONE-YEAR HIGHLIGHT



**1. World Food Day Donation Event:** One of the standout initiatives by PSU of Primary Campus last year was their collaboration with the Local4Local organization to commemorate World Food Day. The union's members organized a donation event to provide non-perishable food items to those in need. This effort showcased the PSU's commitment to addressing food insecurity issues within their community, demonstrating that students can play a vital role in helping others during challenging times.



2. Compassionate Visit to the Local Orphanage: PSU members of Secondary also demonstrated their dedication to giving back to the community through a heartwarming visit to a local orphanage. This compassionate gesture not only brought smiles to the faces of the children but also reinforced the importance of empathy and social responsibility among the union members. Such visits not only impact the lives of the beneficiaries but also leave a lasting impression on the students involved.



**3. Halloween and New Year Celebrations:** In addition to their charitable efforts, PSU knows how to have fun while fostering a sense of community. The student union organized lively Halloween and New Year celebrations that brought students together to enjoy the festivities. These events not only provided a break from academic routine but also created opportunities for students to bond and forge lasting friendships.

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#### 4. Unforgettable No Backpack Day:

One of the most memorable and innovative initiatives spearheaded by PSU was the "No Backpack Day." On this unique day, students were encouraged to leave their backpacks behind and rely on their creativity and imagination. This initiative aimed to promote sustainability and reduce the weight burden on students. It also sparked conversations about the future of education and how technology can transform learning experiences.







At the 17th Annual Cambodia STEM Festival, Paragon ISC showcased a remarkable display of innovation and amazing stage performances. Students enthusiastically addressed global challenges, ranging from renewable energy exploration to recycling technology.

Their projects demonstrated scientific prowess and creative problem-solving, leaving a lasting impact.















Guided by dedicated teachers, Paragon ISC students harnessed renewable resources and designed inventive recycling solutions. Their efforts illustrated the crucial role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in shaping a sustainable future. In a world seeking fresh solutions to global complexities, the festival underscored the importance of fostering innovation among the youth. Paragon ISC's participation echoed the potential of the next generation to drive transformative ideas and change.









## **VISIT TO PAGODA DURING PCHUM BEN**

Paragon ISC Primary and Kindergarten staff went for a Pagoda Visit to North Phnom Prasit Pagoda to commemorate Pchum Ben Day. This is one of the annual activities we continue to observe to better understand, respect, and appreciate Khmer culture and traditions, as well as to bond and enjoy the outdoors.

# PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

Here are some snapshots from the Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC) held at our campuses.

The Parent-Teacher Conference was a valuable opportunity, fostering open communication and collaboration for our students' success. The agenda included an evaluation of the children's academic performance. By bringing home and school closer together the parents had the opportunity to calibrate and understand their child's progress and well-being at school.











**SPELLING BEE** 

Primary campus students participated in a Spelling Bee competition - Final Rounds.

The competition was divided into two stages - Elimination rounds and Final Rounds. Elimination rounds were conducted in class during English sessions, and the top 15 spellers in each grade level were qualified for the Final rounds. In the Final rounds, the finalists' parents, students, and teachers were present to show their support. It was a very tense, but ultimately significant event to test the students' spelling skills.

### GRADE 9 NATIONAL CURRICULUM DIPLOMAS

Commending the accomplishments of our Grade 10 students, who were awarded their Grade 9 National Curriculum Diplomas for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. We take pride in witnessing the acknowledgment of their diligent efforts and unwavering commitment.







Our Primary Campus students embarked on a captivating journey to the National Museum of Cambodia as part of their enriching study field trips.

The museum visit offered an invaluable opportunity for our students to delve into Cambodia's cultural and historical legacy. Through unique artifacts on display, they got a firsthand experience of Khmer traditions and their significance. As our students return, they bring with them a deeper appreciation for their heritage and a broader perspective on the world around them. This excursion has undoubtedly left a lasting impression on their educational journey.

### **EXPLORING CAMBODIA'S RICH HERITAGE**



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# **FOSTERING DIPLOMATIC CONNECTIONS**

We were honored to host H.E. Mr. Ermenegildo Kupa Lopes, the Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the Kingdom of Cambodia. Engaging in discussions regarding prospective educational partnerships and exploring various opportunities between the two nations was a truly enriching experience.

A sense of pride fills us as we reflect on our school president's role in providing the Ambassador with a comprehensive tour of our campus. Furthermore, our music department orchestrated a captivating performance that added an extra layer of charm to his visit.



### International Women's Day

From our mothers to grandmothers, aunties and sisters, we recognize the powerful impact women have on our lives. See the highlights from the celebration.















# A REMARKABLE CELEBRATION OF GLOBAL UNITY AT PARAGON ISC KINDERGARTEN!

We had a fantastic celebration of International Mother Language Day at Paragon ISC Kindergarten, where our little ones had a blast exploring booths from different countries. They had the chance to learn about diverse cultures and languages while trying out some delicious traditional snacks.

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With heartfelt appreciation, we extend our gratitude to the esteemed teachers and devoted parents who graced this occasion with their presence. Their unwavering support enriched the event and added authenticity to the day.









# INSPIRING CREATIVITY AND EXPLORATION: GRADE 5 STUDENTS' ART EXHIBITION ADVENTURE

Our Grade 5 students visited the Art Exhibition at Preah Sisowath High School. They were joined by 8 Primary students whose remarkable artworks were proudly showcased within the gallery's walls.

This exhibition showcased the final artworks chosen by the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports (MoEYS) along the topics of Digital, Science, and Technology Education and ASE-AN Cooperation.

Students were encouraged to be creative and think critically by having the opportunity to explore and learn from all of the displayed artworks. Our appreciation to H.E. Dr. Vathana Sann, Undersecretary of State, MoEYS for personally welcoming our students and teachers at the Art Exhibition.







### **SPOOOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION**

Our high school students celebrated Halloween by dressing up as various characters in scary and cute costumes. The members of PSU (Paragon Student Union) hosted a Haunted House, Halloween Movie event and Free Uniform Day for all!

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# PARAGON ISC KINDERGARTEN'S AWESOME CAREER DAY ADVENTURE!

Imagine a day filled with superheroes, artists, pilots, teachers, scientists, and police officers all in one place! That's exactly what happened at Paragon ISC Kindergarten's super exciting Career Day!



Our incredible parents turned into real-life superheroes by sharing their cool jobs and experiences. They showed us what it's like to be an artist, a taekwondo fighter, a teacher, and even a police officer! The best part was that our little learners had so many questions to ask. We wanted to know everything about these amazing jobs. And guess what? The parents were super patient and answered all our curious questions. It was like a big adventure of learning and fun!

A huge thank you to all the parents who made Career Day a blast, and a special thanks to IMI Dental for joining in on the fun. You've helped us dream big and showed us that the world is full of exciting possibilities.























Amidst joyous cheers and blooming smiles, Paragon Kindergarten showered love on all the wonderful mothers out there! Our little shining stars took the stage in a heartwarming Talent Show that left everyone amazed by their talents and overflowing affection for their moms.













# A Heartwarming Mother's Pay Celebration











Paragon ISC Primary Campus continues to embrace holistic education by offering a diverse range of after-school clubs that enrich students' learning experiences. One such club, in collaboration with Authentic Advanced Academy (AAA), achieved a significant milestone through its Taekwondo Grading Day event. This event not only demonstrated the dedication and hard work of the students but also highlighted the advantages of Taekwondo for kids.

The event witnessed the remarkable promotion of students to the yellow tip level, showcasing their acquired skills and knowledge in the field of martial arts. The journey to this accomplishment was marked by perseverance, discipline, and commitment on the part of both the students and their coaches.





#### Advantages of Taekwondo for Kids:

- Physical Fitness: Taekwondo is an excellent way for kids to stay physically active. The practice involves various movements, stretches, and exercises that contribute to improved flexibility, strength, and overall fitness.
- 2. Self-Discipline: Taekwondo emphasizes self-discipline and self-control. Kids learn to follow instructions, practice routines, and adhere to a structured training regimen, which can translate into better focus and behavior in other aspects of life.
- 3. Confidence Boost: As students progress in Taekwondo, they gain a sense of accomplishment and self-confidence
- 4. Respect and Etiquette: Taekwondo teachings emphasize respect for instructors, peers, and opponents. Kids learn the value of treating others with respect and practicing good sportsmanship.
- Conflict Resolution: Taekwondo promotes non-violent conflict resolution. Children learn to control their impulses and emotions, fostering a peaceful approach to dealing with challenges.
- 6. Goal Setting: Through the belt system, Taekwondo provides a clear structure for goal setting. Kids learn to set achievable goals, work towards them, and celebrate their successes.
- Social Interaction: After-school Taekwondo club offers a platform for kids to interact with peers who share similar interests. This
  fosters social bonds and friendships outside of the traditional classroom setting.



# **KHMER QUIZ SHOW**

The Khmer Quiz Show was an exciting event that challenged Primary Campus students' expertise in four Khmer subjects Science, Maths, Social Studies, and Literature. Three finalists were selected from each grade level by their teachers to represent their class in the thrilling final rounds held in the Conference hall. Teams collaborated to find answers as questions flashed on the screen. The atmosphere was full of excitement as students and parents cheered on their representatives.



# **CELEBRATION OF LEARNING**

The Primary Campus hosted its annual Celebration of Learning. This event is more than just a showcase of student work and a fun end-of-term party. It's an opportunity for students to reflect on their progress, discuss the questions they've explored, and present the research they've conducted throughout the term. From lively songs and dances to engaging presentations and fascinating science experiments, students from grades 1 to 6 put smiles on their parent's faces as they displayed their talents.













# Grade I Reading Ceremony

Our Grade 1 students at Paragon ISC Primary Campus wowed the audience with their outstanding performance and showed their impressive reading abilities of Ronnie Randall's "The Jack and Beanstalk."

This ceremony is an annual tradition at Paragon Primary, marking the completion of Grade 1. It's a momentous occasion where our young learners demonstrate their love for reading and their dedication to this essential skill. Under the spotlight, our Grade 1 students brought the story to life with their expressive voices and confident reading. This event not only celebrates their achievements but also inspires a lifelong passion for reading.



























# Khmer New Year

Take a look at some amazing moments from the Paragon ISC Khmer New Year Celebration! Our students were fully immersed in the beauty and richness of the Kingdom of Cambodia's culture and history. They played traditional games, enjoyed delicious food, and learned traditional customs. It was a joyous occasion, filled with laughter and happiness!



























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### **EXPLORING THE WORLD OF FIREFIGHTING!**







Our little adventurers from Paragon ISC Kindergarten had an extraordinary and enriching experience during their field trip to Koh Pich Fire Station. This trip not only provided them with a delightful day of exploration but also offered numerous educational benefits. Field trips play a crucial role in enhancing the overall learning experience by providing real-world context to theoretical knowledge.

The visit to the fire station enabled our students to witness firsthand the daily responsibilities of firefighters, fostering a deeper understanding of their crucial role in community safety. Moreover, the trip served as an invaluable opportunity to educate our kids about fire prevention steps and impart essential knowledge on how to protect oneself from potential dangers. By engaging in interactive activities such as climbing aboard a fire truck, our children not only enjoyed a hands-on experience but also gained practical insights into the tools and techniques employed by firefighters.



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# **VISIT TO SOSORO MUSEUM**

Paragon ISC students had the opportunity to explore the fascinating history of Cambodia's economy and monetary system at the SOSORO Museum. From ancient coins to modern banknotes, they delved into different stages of Cambodia's economic development over the past 2000 years.

# World Book Day fun at our Kindergarten!













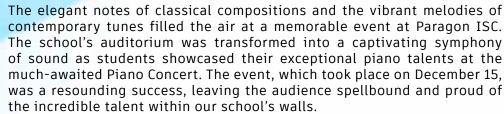
From fairy tale characters to superheroes and beloved storybook heroes, our kids and teachers rocked the parade with their colorful costumes and favorite book character inspirations.

























# FOSTERING GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP Through International Days At School

At our school, each year is marked by a series of vibrant celebrations of International Days. Beyond just having fun, these events play a crucial role in cultivating global citizenship among our young students. The continuous exploration of diverse themes, such as World Water Day, Pet Day, Senses Day, and World Food Day, extends well beyond the classroom, providing a holistic understanding of various aspects of the world.

These celebrations not only impart knowledge but also instill essential values like empathy, understanding, and appreciation for the interconnectedness of our global community. Additionally, by actively participating in activities related to each International Day, children develop essential life skills such as teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking. The hands-on learning gained through these celebrations enhances their cultural competence and broadens their horizons, laying a strong foundation for a future generation that is socially aware and globally engaged.

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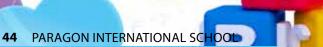
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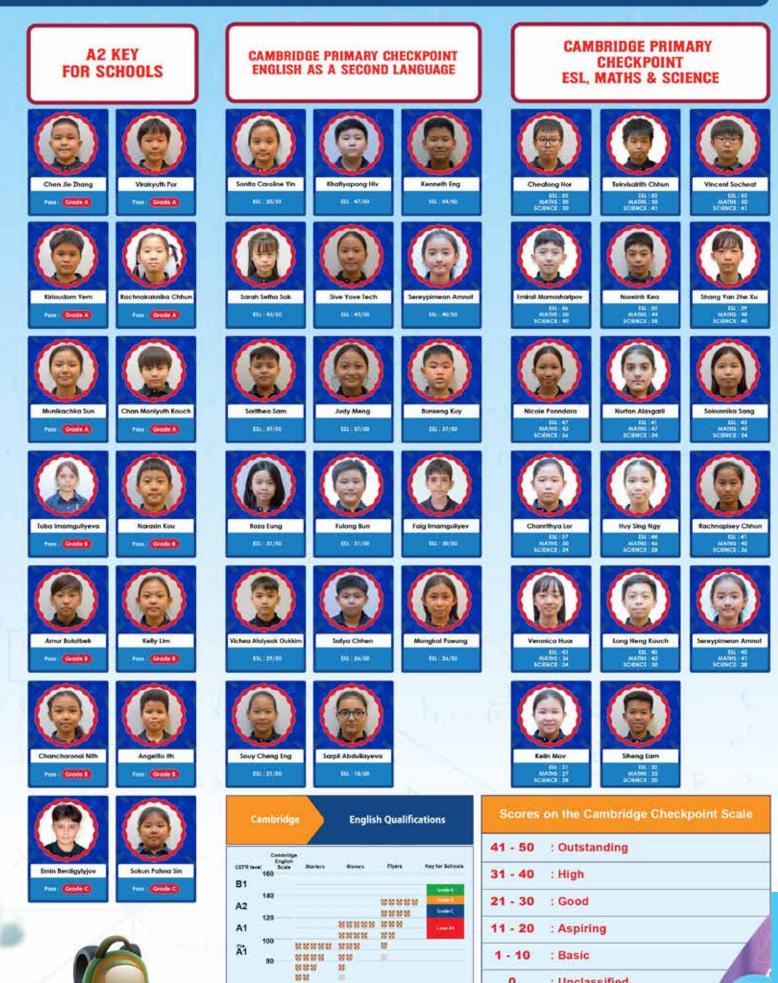








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