

## CHUMKRIEL LANGUAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

### TEACHING WITHOUT A CLASSROOM

As COVID-19 continues to spread, we have started teaching those students whose parents have smart phones how to do worksheets on Google forms. The students learn through daily contact with their teachers using zoom. Support from donors allows us to provide phone cards for these students who could not otherwise afford the cost of connecting to on-line learning.



Most students don't have access to smart phones and continue coming to school to get work booklets which they then complete at home. 13-year-old Phanna is one such student. She lives with her parents in Svay Village and started at Chumkriel Language School in 2018. She has always attended regularly, has good pronunciation and neat writing, listens carefully in class, and tries hard. Phanna also enjoys creative activities and takes care with her drawing and craft work.

Since Covid-19 started, Phanna has studied at home and always completes her booklets of work on time. When she finishes her lessons, Phanna sends the completed lessons to her teacher for marking. She also likes to read and keeps a record of the books she has read. In her free time Phanna helps her mother with housework such as cooking rice and washing dishes. Phanna says "When I learn at this school I can speak, listen, write and read English better than before".

Our staff are working hard to try and ensure all our students, like Phanna, are able to continue their lessons. They have also developed skills and understanding during this difficult period in how to effectively teach children by extension techniques.

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## READING



Students continue visiting the CLS library to borrow books to read at home, changing the books every week. During Covid many parents have lost work and stay home, so they have time to listen to their children's reading which the children love. Thanks to our donors, 365 new books have been added to the library, and the students have been excited to have access to these new titles.

The students reading skills are also being improved through Reading Eggs, an interesting and engaging on-line reading program. CLS has 45 students with on-line access at home who have continued to use this program during Covid – and it really works! Children love the games, songs, golden eggs and other rewards which, along with pride in their achievement, motivates them to keep reading, exploring and learning.

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## COMPUTER FOR A SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT LEADER



In August CLS gave Srey Pich, one of our outstanding high school scholarship students, a computer to use for on-line studies during the Covid pandemic and also to assist her in social work she undertakes. For in addition to her studies, Srey Pich works as a volunteer, helping to strengthen women's rights and assisting CLS in its community outreach programs.

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## ASSISTING A FAMILY IN DISTRESS

Sreynang, the mother of one of our students who lives in the salt fields, has tested positive for Covid-19 and is in hospital. Her husband must care for her while she is in hospital, so 11 year old Sreynut and her three siblings aged 10, 3 and 1 are fending for themselves. This is one of many families CLS is assisting during the pandemic by providing food to support them whilst parents are sick and/or have lost work.



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