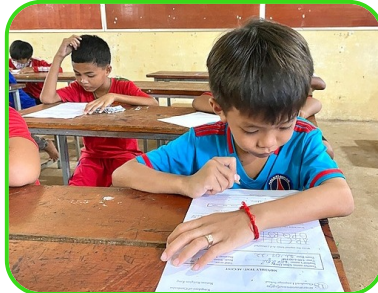


CHUMKRIEL LANGUAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

Evening School



The Evening School, running from 5 to 7pm Monday to Friday, is a key part of Chumkriel Language School, providing high quality and affordable English tuition for children of Chumkriel and the surrounding area. Supported by our donors and by contributions from students' parents, it employs seven teachers who take eleven classes serving 500 students.

Evening School also offers meditation sessions, develops good reading habits, and teaches the basics of Buddhism to educate students to be good citizens. It helps prepare students for studies at high school and university, and for later careers. Some features of Evening School are outlined below, and a [short video](#) illustrates these.



Assemblies



Meditation



Our monthly Assembly is a day when students gather to show what they have been learning through the month. The Assemblies improve speaking skills and confidence, and allow students to share with others what they have learnt. Every third month we invite parents to attend the Assembly so they become interested and involved in what their children are learning and can then support their children and the school.



Each Friday the Evening School runs a meditation program guided by venerable monk Nub Then. They enjoy the meditation which relaxes and calms them.

They also learn about the five precepts of the Buddha: do not harm any life, do not steal, respect each other, speak kindly of others, and avoid actions that are harmful to body and mind.



Reading

Our students read books before starting classes. This builds good reading habits and contributes to a positive learning environment. The books they read are provided by our donors.



Student Committee

The Evening School Manager chooses class presidents, vice-presidents and student committees to help with running of the Evening School. Each has a role, assisting teachers, checking attendance, and organising cleaning by the students. The Manager meets at least once each month with these students to discuss problems and solutions. They make a huge contribution to smooth running of the school.



Teacher Meetings

Evening School staff hold a monthly meeting where sharing occurs and problems and solutions are discussed. These meetings are critical to the smooth running of the school, allowing us to address issues as they arise and to share ideas amongst the teachers.

Access Program

We have introduced the Access Program, sponsored by the U.S. Embassy, to Evening School. As well as teaching English, the program develops leadership and professional skills and cultural knowledge that can further improve job and educational prospects. It also offers the possibility of future exchanges and study in the United States.

There are two Access Classes and the participants are progressing well. Monthly testing ensures we keep a close eye on their progress.

Volunteers Karen Brown and Marcel van Ommen have assisted in the Access Classes and at Evening School generally.



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