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AllKids Annual Report 2023

We are pleased to share AllKids program highlights for 2023 in our annual report. There are now over 550 disadvantaged children on the Kids to School program with the objective of having as many of these kids as possible attain their high school Grade 12 Leavers Certificate. The AllKids Learning Centres offer additional tuition for all children in the community to provide programs not available in the public schools, including English and IT, and the Day Care Houses offer nutrition and early learning. There are currently 1350 children enrolled in AllKids programs. Beginning with a team of 5, AllKids now have 42 young, enthusiastic local staff who manage the majority of the operation in Cambodia.

[Read the full report here:](#)



Staff Training

Sarun recently held a three day training programme on social work where he covered the following subjects:

1. Knowing yourself
2. The basics of communication skills
3. The basics of counselling
4. Child protection
5. The dangers of taking drugs
6. Domestic violence

The aim was to increase the whole team's knowledge and awareness on these key issues. 28 AllKids staff members (teachers, maintenance, and the community team) all took part in the training and will receive certificates of completion. Well done to everybody involved!



Support from PVI

Since 2012, AllKids have worked closely with the Australian volunteer organization Project Vietnam Incorporated (PVI) to make vital school improvements. Dave and Sam from PVI recently visited for three days to install a new solar pump for the water supply at our Prek Trabaek Centre. With the help of AllKids maintenance staff Somron and Thea, they also removed, cleaned and serviced solar water pumps at Ream Navy Base School and Smach Deng Primary School. PVI have partnered with AllKids for over eight years carrying out infrastructure projects in the local public schools, in particular, the supply of water for hygiene and drinking. PVI's commitment to providing and maintaining these essential services is commendable and very much appreciated by the local communities here in Ream.

[Click here to read the history of school improvements:](#)



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Prek Trabaek Video

We are delighted to share our latest video showcasing the fantastic work we are able to do at Prek Trabaek Learning Centre - a remote, rural village with no formal education until AllKids opened in January 2023. There are currently 103 children enrolled in this centre. Please enjoy watching the video to learn about all the fantastic day-to-day activities provided at the centre.

Thank you to the Rotary Australia World Community Service and Rotary District 9510 for making this happen!

[Click here to watch the video](#)



Improving Schools

AllKids work with 4 local public schools with a total of 2,800 students to improve the standard of education and facilities. In 2012, of the 4 schools in the Ream Commune, none were connected to mains power and not even the principals had access to a computer or internet. School infrastructure remains basic and there is limited money for maintenance so AllKids work closely with the principle rules, teachers, and school administration staff to improve learning outcomes for students.

Recently, AllKids fixed 37 broken tables at Ream Primary School. Somron, Thea and Theng led the team to get the job done and three fathers from the community joined too!



Induction Day!

AllKids held its most recent induction day with 545 students from the Kids to School Program receiving uniforms, bags, stationary and everything they need to study. Although public school is free in Cambodia, many vulnerable families cannot afford the necessities and therefore children simply do not attend. We were also pleased to have 3 representatives from Six Senses Krabey Island attend the event, who made the fantastic donation of 1372 books; 288 pencils; 488 pens!



Life After Graduation

Ly Ing and his family were living in a wooden house out of town without proper electricity and proper bathroom. AllKids community support staff had assessed the family and Ly Ing joined the Kids To School Program in 2014.

Ly Ing graduated from Grade 12 Khmer Public School in 2023 and his attendance at AllKids was good. He completed "Discovering English" Level 7 of 8 and "English Literacy" Level 1 of 8 in our Future School Program.

In October 2023, AllKids sent Year 12 students to participate in a two-day Career Training Program at local luxury eco-resort. After the training, he was chosen as a sustainability intern, which he is still completing at present. Ly Ing is also currently attending his first year at the University of Management and Economics, majoring in Law!



End of Financial Year

In the face of growing numbers of children in need and rising operational costs, maintaining educational services for our 1350+ child beneficiaries has become increasingly challenging. Despite this, we're committed to ensuring that financial constraints don't hinder access to education for these vulnerable children.

Recognising the strain of the escalating cost of living in Australia, Europe, and the United States, we've made the decision not to increase child sponsorship fees this year. Instead, we're reaching out to our compassionate supporters to join us in securing the future of these children by making a one-time contribution.

Your generosity in donating \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, or \$500 will play a vital role in sustaining the crucial services that empower these children to break free from the cycle of poverty.

Your donation, made before June 30th 2024, will not only make an immediate impact on the lives of these children but will also be tax deductible within the 2023/2024 financial year. Together, let's ensure that every child has the opportunity to build a brighter future. Join us in making a difference today.

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A photograph of two children standing in a rural, outdoor setting. The child on the left is a young boy wearing a dark blue t-shirt with a Mickey Mouse graphic and the word 'WINNER' above it, and brown shorts. The child on the right is a young girl wearing a yellow long-sleeved shirt with a cartoon animal graphic and a dark blue skirt. They are standing in front of a rustic wooden structure, possibly a fence or part of a building, with lush green vegetation in the background.

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Happy New Year!

In Cambodia, Khmer New Year (the lunar new year) is the biggest national holiday. Lasting three days, the first day of the New Year is called Moha Sangkran, and it can be described simply as the inauguration of the New Angels who come to take care of the world for a one-year period. People decorate their houses and prepare fruits and drinks to welcome the new angels into their homes. We follow the same tradition at AllKids!

Over Khmer New Year, AllKids centres were closed to allow students and staff to enjoy the celebrations with their families. Every year AllKids staff deliver food packages to ensure our most vulnerable kids received adequate nutrition over the break. Thank you to the wonderful team who went above and beyond to provide help during the holiday period!

In Cambodia we say "Sustei Chnam Thmey" meaning "Happy New Year"!



AllKids Students Perform at a Luxury Resort!



Teacher Phary, Sarun and General Manager, Sophal, led 15 students in performing a traditional Khmer Scarf Dance at Six Senses Krabey Island. Also known as Robam Krama, the Scarf Dance demonstrates the everyday life of the old Cambodians and the importance of the scarf in Khmer culture. In the dance, the students wear a Krama (scarf) to cover their heads from sunlight while doing housework or farming.

At AllKids, we ensure that students have creative opportunities through dance, performance and art, as well as the traditional academic subjects.



Alcohol Education for the Dump Communities

Many of AllKids students live on a local dump site where their parents scavenge for recyclable materials to sell and earn money. AllKids provide daily round-trip busses to public schools and our learning & day care centres, and for younger children we provide essential nutrition, hygiene, and medical care to help these vulnerable kids live a better life.

Together with our partner Mlop Tapang – an organisation specialized in vulnerable youth and their families – AllKids visited the dump communities to talk about the effects of alcohol. A total of 46 members of the community joined the workshop!



April - June 2024

You Are What You Eat!

As highly processed food is on the rise, Junior Teaching Supervisor, Sdoeung, held a workshop at AllKids Learning Centre with students on foods and beverages that affect children's health. The aim was to encourage less snack food and sugary drinks, and more fruit and veg!



World Environment Day



Plogging is a combination of jogging with picking up litter. For World Environment Day, 10 students volunteered to give out drinking water and four AllKids' staff joined the run! In total, more than 100 ploggers took part in the first plogging event in Cambodia. Held by Six Senses resort, **5 km** was jogged by participants and **310 kg** of trash was collected! We hope to join more initiatives like this in the future to inspire our students to care for nature and motivate more people to say NO to plastic.



The Dangers of Dehydration

AllKids recently conducted another educational session on dehydration, where we showed students pictures illustrating the symptoms of dehydration for better understanding. Several workshops were held to ensure that all students from the four centres could join - that's 1350 children!

We've had several kids diagnosed with proteinuria over the last 3 to 4 months. This is likely related to the hot weather over March, April and May. Things appear to be settling down now but it's important that we continue to emphasize the importance of good hydration to avoid these situations.



Spreading Kindness!

AllKids have been collaborating with The B Kinder Foundation for 6 years now! This B Kinder Day we celebrated kindness and compassion by holding an event at AllKids Learning Centre, students sang the Kindness Song, performed a traditional Khmer blessing dance, and there was also a presentation on the meaning of B Kinder Day. What will your act of kindness be?

[Learn more about B Kinder Day here: www.bkinderfoundation.org/get-involved/b-kinder-day](http://www.bkinderfoundation.org/get-involved/b-kinder-day)



Thank You to the Lang Family Foundation!

AllKids sends a very sincere thanks for the \$50,000 donation from the Lang Family Foundation. This very generous donation will make a big difference to the kids' education in Cambodia!



Lang Family Foundation

Thanks to Kompong Dewa Resort!

Many thanks to KOMPONG Dewa Resort who donated 300 kg of rice for AllKids centres, plus many more cooking ingredients for Smach Daeng Daycare House including:

1. 1 x big box of noodles
2. 6 x boxes of cooking oil
3. 10 kg sugar
4. 20 x packs of salt
5. 3 x packs of tea
6. 12 x bottles of fish & soy sauce
7. 5 x boxes of canned fish



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

MORE STUDENTS, MORE TEACHERS



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Opportunities for Kids from the Dumpsite

Vulnerable students from AllKids Daycare House had the opportunity to visit the luxury resort Six Senses Krabey Island, a local business who provide opportunities for AllKids graduates. The theme of the day was **'Beyond the Dump Site and the Importance of Education'** as many children who live on the dumpsite don't go to school and follow in their parents footsteps to scavenge for recyclables, perpetuating the cycle of poverty. AllKids already work very closely with these communities to provide the best opportunities for kids that live on the dump; the objectives of the recent trip were:

- ★ *Encourage children to envision a future beyond the dumpsite by showing them different departments they could be a part of. From chefs, to waiters, cocktail makers, activity guides, spa and wellness, and more!*
- ★ *Inspire them to discuss with their parents the importance of continuing their education, especially if they are discouraged from attending school at 15 or 16 years old when they are physically strong enough to scavenge on the dump and earn money to support their family.*
- ★ *Highlight that a good education, learning English, and working hard is essential for securing a good job and improving their future prospects.*

Thank you Six Senses for your support on this important day!



Supporting Parents

AllKids General Manager – Sophal – and Smach Daeng Daycare Centre Manager – Kunthea – held a meeting with the local commune chiefs and the parents of one of the daycare students, whose attendance had recently been poor. In addition to education and early development, AllKids provide essential nutrition and healthcare support, which disadvantaged families struggle to afford. Therefore, when vulnerable children do not attend the Daycare Centre regularly, their health suffers. The purpose of the meeting was to explain to the child's parents the services and support which AllKids provide for them, and seek assistance from the commune to encourage the family to ensure their child attends AllKids centre regularly. Since this meeting, the young girl's attendance has improved!



Introducing Lita!

Lita enrolled at AllKids in 2013 as a young student. More than 10 years later we are so pleased to have her join the staff team assisting our Finance Director.

Lita was a great student completing Future School Program: Discovering English, Level 8 of 8, and graduating from Year 12 in 2020 before beginning her university degree in accounting. While she was studying, she began working for AllKids as a Junior Teacher, and now she is with us full time.

Congratulations Lita!



Let's Go English Graduates



At AllKids, our English Program follows the Let's Go textbooks developed by Oxford University Press. There are 6 levels, plus an introductory module for young learners, which students make their way through while attending AllKids. The English Program is in addition to Khmer class and mathematics.

We are pleased to share photos of some of the students who have successfully completed the Junior English Program, from "First for Kids" to "Let's Go 4." Congratulations to all of the 20 students. Keep up the hard work in the next level!

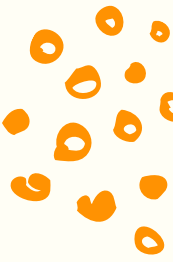
World Wellness Day

At AllKids we like to ensure students enjoy a range of learning activities, not only academic, but creative crafts, sports, traditional dance, and this month we celebrated World Wellness Day by teaching AllKids students about yoga! Stretching not only increases the range of motion, strength, posture, but it also teaches about stress management through breathing, presence, and mindfulness. A big thank you to Six Senses Krabey Island for showing students this practice and for the generous donation of books!





Clean-Up Day!



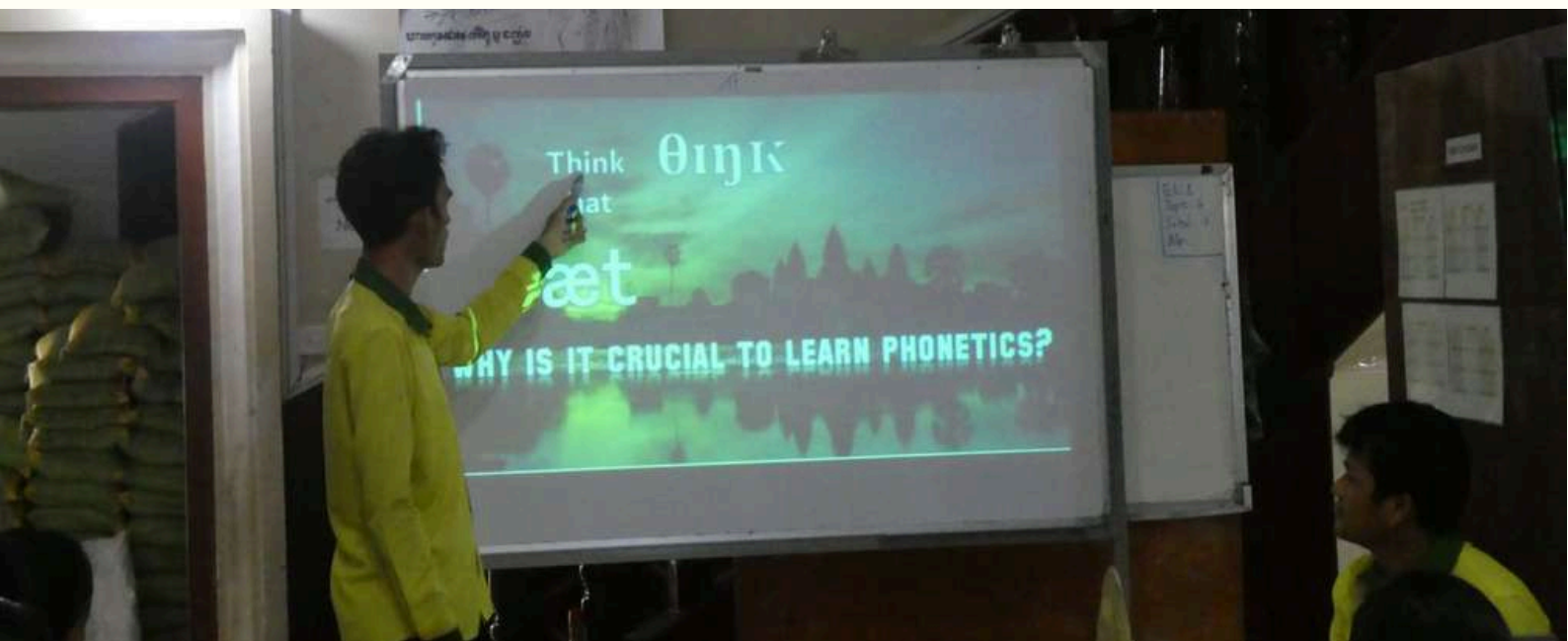
World Cleanup Day was in September and Daycare Manager – Kunthea – led 15 children with the local community to clean the trash from our village 'Smach Daeng'! Police, commune officials, and many others from the area helped collect the plastic from the streets. We are always trying to set a positive example for the next generation!

See more information about how you can be involved in the next Clean-Up by following the link below:

www.worldcleanupday.org/

Teacher Training

AllKids teacher training for September focussed on phonetics! Every month we hold workshops with specific focusses to make sure our teachers are continuously learning and growing. The teachers often take turns to host a class on something which they are confident in and want to share with the team, or a partner organisation sometimes visits to share their knowledge and expertise too! The recent objective was to work on speech sounds to improve the accents of the teacher's English so that AllKids students are having the best quality teaching.





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AllKids Christmas Concert!

Happy 2025 to all of our followers! We hope you had a wonderful festive break. We're delighted to share with you the AllKids student's Christmas Concert film:

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE CONCERT VIDEO](#)

Starting with a parade through the village, 250 children attended the concert and there were 8 different performances from students at AllKids Learning Centre in Smach Deng, Kbal Hong, Prek Trabaek, and even the Daycare House danced to Jingle Bells to close the show. Please enjoy reading more information about some of the performances below!





The Chhay Yam Parade

AllKids students, teachers, community, and local government paraded through Smach Deng village performing the Chhay Yam, also known as the Drum Dance. It's a traditional Cambodian folk dance that's performed to bring happiness and success. It's often performed during Khmer festivals and Cambodians believe that beating drums together drives evil away from the village.



Robam Choun Por

AllKids' beautiful dancers performed the Blessing Dance, or Robam Choun Por in Khmer. It's a traditional Cambodian dance that was originally performed for the king to bless the royal palace. Each dancer holds a golden goblet filled with flower blossoms, such as jasmine or lotus. The dancers perform elegant movements, plucking the blossoms from the goblets and gently tossing them toward the audience. The golden goblets and petals symbolize blessings from the gods and the dancers traditionally represent angels.



Australian Volunteers

Through November and December, AllKids were happy to host 2 Australian volunteers, Lily and Anna, here in Cambodia. Assisting with English lesson ideas, they supported the classes with children's comprehension and understanding of English, which helps grow their confidence, team work skills, and their fine and gross motor skills. The kids had a great time playing the following games:

ZOO GAME (Level 1)

Teaching the children about different animals and the noises they all make. After practicing together, the teachers walk around the classroom and say an animal name to each student, letting them reply with the noise!

REVERSE SIMON SAYS (Level 2)

First play simon says as normal, so that the children are able to recognize and learn their body parts. Then the children do as the teacher says, instead of what they do. This ensures they are understanding the words and doing the opposite.

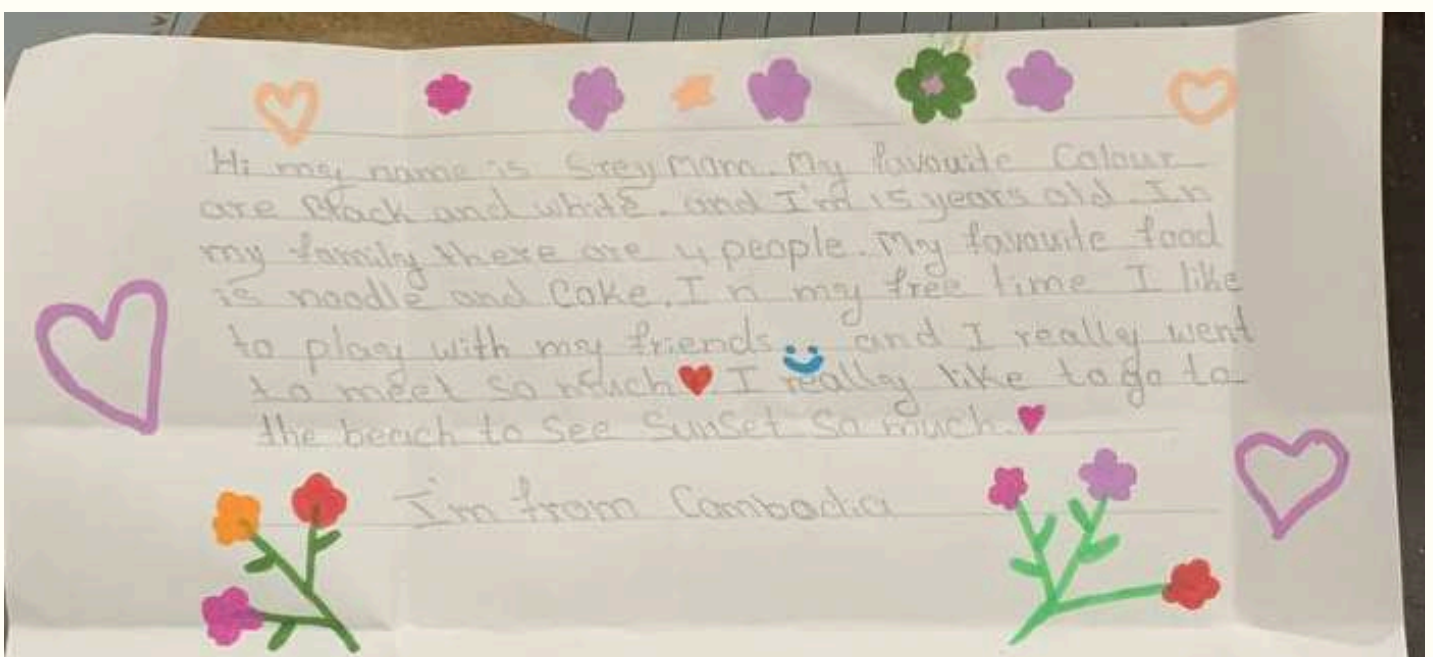
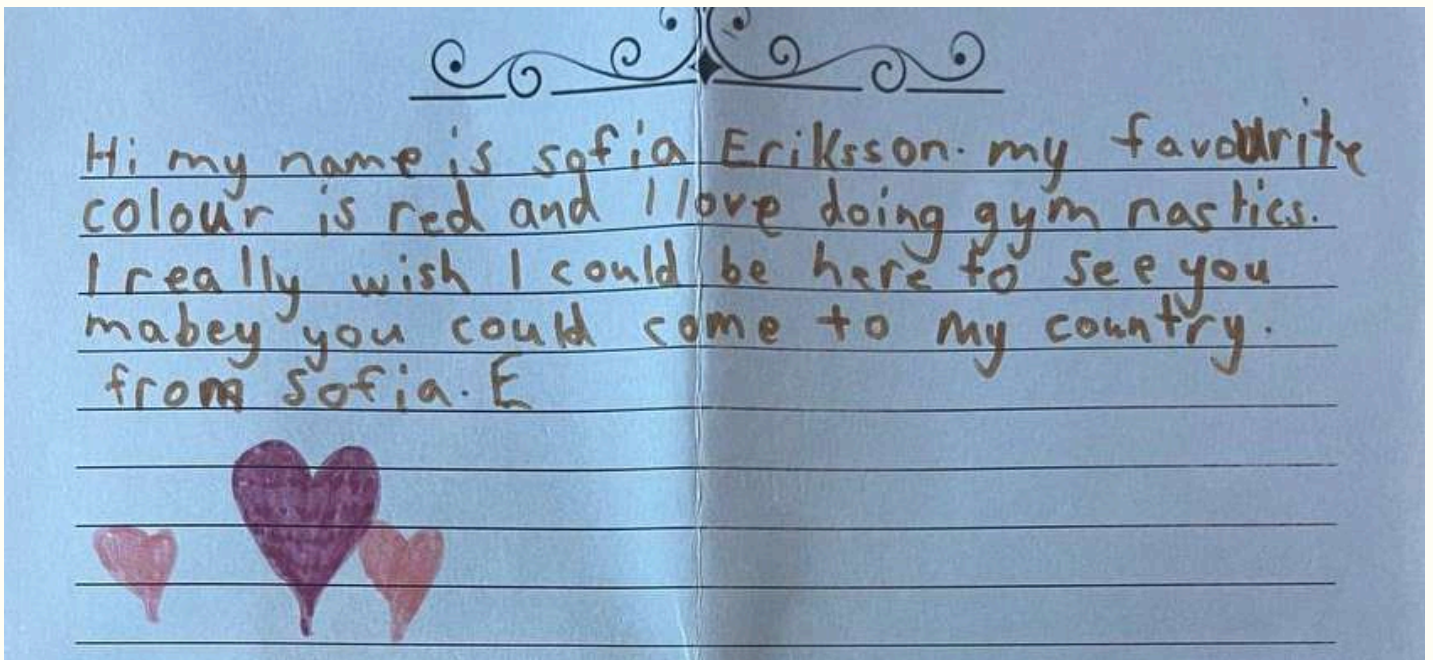
NAME GAME (Level 3)

The children sit in a circle with one child introducing themselves to the group and sharing a fun fact about themselves, for example, I'm Lily and I like reading. The next child then has to say, "this is Lily, and she likes reading and I am... etc.) this helped the children become more confident with their English.



Pen Pals

Lily and Anna worked at a school in Australia where some of the students wrote letters for children in Cambodia. The goal was for AllKids children to grow their English skills through reading, comprehending, and responding. Furthermore, it allowed all the children to connect with others from another country which is new and exciting. 50 letters were brought from Australia and AllKids students between 7 and 17 years old replied to these for Lily and Anna to take back!



Holiday Program

During the holidays, AllKids still holds classes for students. Recently, Senior Teaching Supervisor - Sophat - guided the children through a sculpture making workshop. There was also apsara dancing, cooking, and arts and crafts



After a kind donation of needles and wool, students learnt to crochet! The kids had a great time making bracelets or keyrings as gifts for each. Plus, crochet teaches the following:

- 1. It requires a good amount of hand control - learning this skill develops and strengthens children's fine motor skills as well as their hand-eye coordination
- 2. Promotes Self Discipline: learning a craft takes patience, practice, endurance, and focus, they start to learn self-discipline
- 3. Creativity & Self Expression: After learning to crochet for some time, students will start to understand how it works and be able to create their own designs



Youth Debate

One of AllKids students participated in Cambodia's Provincial Youth Debate, focussing on social development for young people, and he received national silver medal! Congratulations for this fantastic achievement.



Thank you Rotary Club of St Peters!



A special thanks to the members of the St Peter's Rotary Club who provided AU\$10,000 to fund our dental program. They also formed the base working group to arrange the garden Party fundraiser in November 2024! We appreciate all of your valuable support.

Rotary
Club of St Peters



End of Year Celebrations

Microsoft Word
Program
established

23
students completed the Junior
English Program Level 6

1 student
completed
Future School
Discovering
English

9 students
completed
Senior Level
English

Happy New Year from
Everyone at AllKids!

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As AllKids loyal supporters, you already know that just \$1/day provides a child with the most important gift of all – an education.

Sponsoring a disadvantaged, vulnerable child in Ream Commune, Cambodia will provide the opportunity for them to receive education and realise their dreams.

If you would like more information or to explore this idea, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss this further.

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