

# Green Umbrella



KKS students enjoying greater access to books in the newly painted, welcoming library.



Students proudly wearing their new costumes and performing the Coconut dance.

## Volunteers, Field Trips, Khmer New Year

Green Umbrella has welcomed many GU friends and volunteers to Karuna Kumar School. We have had visitors from Australia, Singapore, Mexico, India, Holland, England, South Korea & Taiwan.

Working with our KKS teachers, volunteers have provided exciting Science experiments, Lego Math, PE games and fun, created Musical

instruments and provided lots of making and creating Art activities for KKS students.

Many people participated in projects to improve the environment at KKS including planting a new garden outside and building a small fence at the front of the school, creating a pipe flower garden, building tree surrounds to help fertilise and

improve the watering system to our trees (they already have lots of new growth!) and new grass areas for our grounds. HS students helped with sorting and cataloguing the library books, while with the expert help of UWC parents the library was given a new look. Our students also enjoy the dulcet tones of creating music with their sound garden.



NEW BIKES FOR KKS STUDENTS



SCIENCE IS FASCINATING



PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

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## KARUNA KUMAR SCHOOL

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Many of our volunteers also supported our English teachers and their students at the Good Kid's School, Putsor. Volunteers supported the teachers with games, songs, English pronunciation, and speaking and listening activities.

KKS received a huge shipment from Singapore donors. KKS staff and students will be forever grateful for all the new resources and furniture.

KKS looks fantastic! Students love learning and playing while teachers have a great space to teach in. Thank you everyone for your support!

KKS headed to **Phnom Ta Mao, Zoo** for their first field trip ever. 60 excited students and 8 adults packed into buses and headed to the zoo. It was a 'first' for most of the students. There were cries of delight when the students saw their first lion and tiger. The rescued Sun, Moon and Brown bears were a huge hit too, and of course the crocodiles were fascinating to watch. A picnic lunch followed with lots of games before returning to KKS

Grade 2 & 3 students were lucky to enjoy a trip to the Palace with the Grade 3 students from UWCSEA East. They learnt lots of history about Cambodia and enjoyed sharing information about the Palace with their friends.

KKS celebrated **Khmer New Year** with lots of fun and traditional Khmer Games including Leak Kanseng. They also managed to enjoy sack races and other games. There was lots of fun and laughter and everyone enjoyed a very noisy Khmer New Year welcoming in the Year of the Monkey.



## AON REYA

English Teacher - GKS Krang Thnung

I am 17 years and am a student of Sok An Tanle Bati High School. I started working at GKS when I was 14 years old. At first I did not know how to teach the students and I knew just a little English. I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience and I am very happy to work with the students. I can practice my knowledge or give everything to other people. I am happy that I can help and share my knowledge with students who live in my community. I hope this organisation keeps going forever because GKS is a good school.



## UNG CHAN

Uni Chan is KKS' favourite cook! Everyday she prepares two meals, breakfast and lunch for 70 people. She has 6 children and 4 grandchildren. One of her grandson's, Bunlearnng, is in Grade 1 at KKS and Chan's youngest son, Pha Makara is a monk in the pagoda and shares a house with Sokrath. Before working at KKS Ung Chan worked in the fields planting rice or tending to vegetables for other families, as she does not own any land. Now she has a steady job and her family is safe knowing that there is a regular income.



## RAKSMEY

Raksmeay has been at Karuna Kumar School since it opened in 2014. He is in Grade 3. Raksmeay is a very bright student and loves learning. Due to domestic violence Raksmeay decided to become a monk and is now living in the pagoda. He attends school everyday and then joins the other little monks (there are 20) back at the pagoda. Raksmeay is now the littlest monk in the pagoda and a much loved student at KKS.



# WHAT'S BEING HAPPENING AT KKS?



KKS students' first field trip to the Zoo. You can practice your reading too!



Cleaning the environment



Asanga health checks at KKS



Our first taste of a sub sandwich!



Makeup and beautiful costumes. What more could a KKS student want? Eight very happy and proud Grade 2 students in their new Coconut Dance costumes ready to perform to an audience.



# Green Umbrella Social Enterprise

## Our Social Enterprise project is SUSTAINABLE!

We employ three people in our sewing centre and also support women in the Chum Reak Phen Commune who make our bamboo products.

Our latest product, Bamboo Straws are packaged in fabric bags of 10 and 100 straws and are 20cms long. They are made from real whole bamboo stalks. They are reusable and great for the environment. They also feel good and are fantastic to use.

If you wish to buy our products, hold a fundraiser or sell any of our products to your friends, please email [info@greenumbrella-khmer.org](mailto:info@greenumbrella-khmer.org)

**We can also make products for your company or friends. Lunch boxes, fabric backpacks, gift bags etc. or your own design ideas.**

All prices are in USD

**BAMBOO STRAWS -ECO FRIENDLY - REUSABLE**

BAGS OF 10 STRAWS \$5  
BAGS OF 100 STRAWS \$40



## OUR PRODUCTS



TEA TOWEL \$12



MaKe your own  
DRAGONFLY \$12



SHARK PENCIL CASE \$8



HEADBAND \$8



BANDANA \$8