



Primary Newsletter

August 2009

Welcome to the 2009 / 2010 school year!

A warm welcome to children, families and the whole school community to our new academic year. Our staff team are happy to be here at the beautiful Utahloy Zeng Cheng campus and looking ahead to what should prove to be a year of growth, progress, achievement and most importantly happiness for our school. We're pleased to see the children that are returning to Utahloy but also the many new faces, all of whom I hope are now settled into school life and ready to achieve their potential as learners and global citizens. We the staff, look forward to working in partnership with our children and their families to achieve this goal.

New Staff

Rebecca Garland- Head of Primary/ Grade 6 teacher.

Rebecca is British but has spent 13 of her 18 year teaching career as an international teacher. She comes to Utahloy ZC from Moscow where she taught at a British International school and was the Key Stage 2 Leader. Prior to that she taught for 3 years in Ecuador and was the curriculum coordinator for the primary school.

Karen Warner and her husband ***Peter Hamilton*** join us from Beijing and prior to that the Shetland Islands, Scotland as the **Grade 5** and **Grade 2** teachers. As well as being experienced class teachers Peter is a specialist in special education and Karen has a background in journalism. ***Kath Hives*** has come from Melbourne Australia to join us as the **Grade 3** teacher at Utahloy. Before entering the teaching profession, Kath was a Crime Scene Investigator. ***Mhairi Wallace*** is from Scotland and will be teaching **Grade 1**. As well as Scotland she has taught in Russia and worked as a Key Stage 1 / Foundation Stage Leader. ***Barbara Morrisroe*** joins us from Wales where she worked for several years as an Early Years Lecturer. She will be teaching in and leading our **Kindergarten**. Also working as part of our **KG** team is ***Lotty Hayes*** from England. ***Becky Yang*** joins the Primary Putonghua teaching team. ***David Williams***, an experienced PE teacher from the UK joins us to teach **Primary PE**. He is also the coordinator of **Extra Curricular Activities** and the **Primary House** system. ***Anne MacDonald***, an Australian with considerable international and IB experience, joins us from Singapore as our **Primary Art Specialist**. She will also work with Grade 6 and coordinate our primary displays. We shall soon also welcome ***Gary Boyd*** a Scot who will be coming from Australia to teach **Grade 4**. Gary is a teacher of considerable experience with expertise in special education.

Team Building

The Utahloy ZC House System is an important part of school life in both the Primary and Secondary departments of Utahloy ZC. All students and academic staff are a member of one of our four Houses which are **Earth, Wind, Water and Fire**. In the primary school Mr. Williams has led some fantastic team building activities that encourage all the primary children to work together, gain points for their house and of course, have a lot of fun while they're doing it! It's not just when doing special activities that children can support their house. House points can be earned through everyday school life by trying and working hard, being polite and kind, cooperating with others and being a good school and global citizen.



Star of the Week

All students at Utahloy ZC Primary are **stars!** But there are some weeks when some shine particularly brightly. We celebrate this each Friday when we meet together to share our achievements, be they academic or otherwise.



Kindergarten

The youngest members of our learning community are now happily settled into the new and greatly improved **Kindergarten**. There's always plenty going on in there!