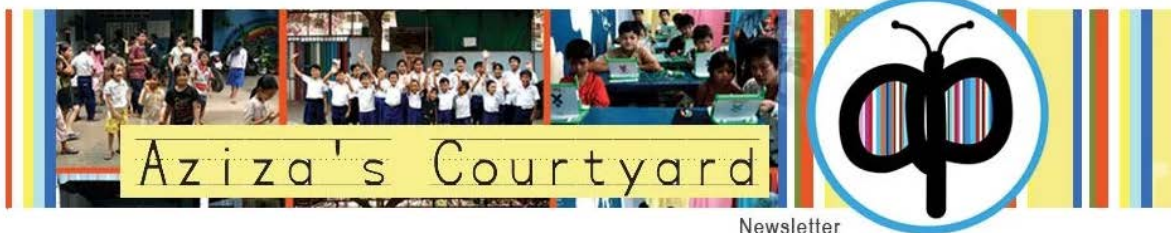


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Dear Friends, Partners and Supporters of the Aziza's Place family,

Welcome to the July 2019 Newsletter.

If you visit our premises, follow us on Facebook or receive our quarterly newsletters, you'll know that there is always something happening at Aziza's Place.

This month we are delighted to share photos of the joyous celebration with our most recent partners and friends FRANKE and Econflo. FRANKE is a world renowned Swiss manufacturer and supplier of smart kitchen systems and appliances, while Econflo, its partner in Cambodia, is a distributor and retailer of major brands of taps, mixers, fittings and accessories.

FRANKE and Econflo could have chosen amongst many worthy organisations around the world as recipients of their generous donation, which is why we are honoured and proud that FRANKE and Econflo selected Aziza's Place as their 2019 Charity of the Year.

Thanks to their big hearts, we now have a brand-new food preparation area, various appliances, a double-door fridge, a new English language learning curriculum, new medical equipment, traditional musical instruments, shoes, Yoga mats and more.

Also in this Newsletter, we're seeking your assistance to help us purchase a bigger, replacement bus to ensure the safe transport we provide to the increasing number of Aziza's Place children each day. We introduce our new Head teacher and English teacher, Julia Cady, and welcome a brand new member of the Aziza's Place family, little baby Nora.

Whether it's new food preparation areas, new learning opportunities, welcoming new friends or celebrating birthdays and special national days it's always busy, always interesting and always fun at Aziza's Place. Please read on.

The Aziza's Place team

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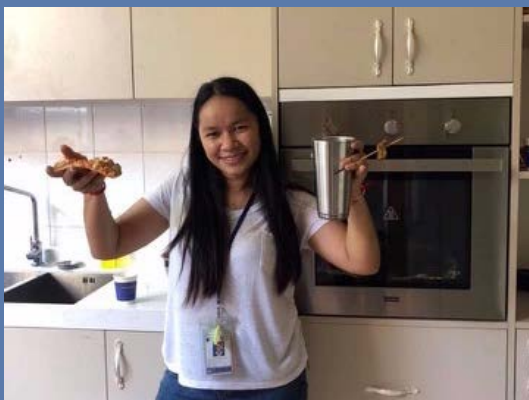
- ☞ A big 'thank you' to FRANKE and Econflo for benefitting Aziza's Place in 2019
- ☞ Introducing Head Teacher Julia Cady
- ☞ The Children's Voice Group helps with key decisions
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- ☞ We're going green and plastic free in July
- ☞ Yoga classes and other collaborations with local NGO's
- ☞ We have a brand new baby

Out with the old...



...and in with a new food preparation area, musical instruments, shoes and more





A new food preparation and service area really is a wonderful thing. It's a place to plan and safely prepare food, a place to talk amongst friends and a place to share three nutritious meals each day with our Aziza's Place family.

But that's not all that FRANKE and Econflo have provided to Aziza's Place.

Thanks to their generosity, the AP children will also learn from new English language educational material and benefit from new medical equipment. They will use a new refrigerator, a new cold water dispenser along with new traditional musical instruments, yoga mats, shoes and personalised re-useable drinking cups to help us move toward a more sustainable and plastic-free environment.

Thank you FRANKE and Econflo. You really are *making it wonderful* at Aziza's Place in 2019 - and beyond!

Introducing Julia



Please welcome Julia Cady, our new Head Teacher and Teacher of English. Originally from Pennsylvania in the US, Julia came to Cambodia in 1997 and as a result speaks fluent Khmer. She has 10 years experience as an English teacher in Cambodia and has bonded with the children as though she has been here forever. Welcome Julia!

The Children's Voice



The Children's Voice Group is a new initiative providing a wonderful leadership opportunity to six of the oldest Aziza's Place children. Representing their peers, the Children's Voice Groups meets with the management team each fortnight to share their views on any matter concerning Aziza's Place. This ensures our beneficiaries of every age have a say in key decisions - especially those that impact them! - which can include everything from new appointments to a vote taking place in this photo, with the help of General Manager Anwaar and AP's dog Somang, on the design of their new shoes.

Can you help us buy a bigger bus?



Can you help us upgrade our bus? From this van....to this bigger bus?

Six days per week, our 20 year-old bus transports the Aziza's Place children from home,

to our centre, to school, to sporting activities and home again. It's getting old. It's too small. With the number of children increasing, it's time for a replacement bus that will safely accommodate them all.

Every little donation makes a difference and is received with our gratitude and, in this case, with a little more leg room in the back seat of the bus.

Please visit our website to support this essential purchase at

<https://www.azizasplace.org/donate>

Aziza's Place Child Protection update: ChildSafe Agent certification



As we work toward our goal of becoming a ChildSafe Alliance partner, the Aziza's Place Child Protection Officers, Ms. Chanphoumy Choeun and Dr. Theara Ngnet benefited from training with 3PC's Child Protection Officer, Mr. Seny Sen (right).

3PC Cambodia is a child protection program powered by Friends-International in collaboration with UNICEF and the Cambodian Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation (MoSVY).

This is the first time Aziza's Place has had a bi-lingual Child Protection Policy of this

calibre and we are grateful for the support and assistance from the experts at Friends International and 3PC as we strive toward becoming a ChildSafe Alliance partner.

Family collaboration is key to our success



Our Social Work & Community Engagement program is something we're very proud of at Aziza's Place. It provides a bridge between parents, the school and our centre in order to share progress, concerns, and to collaborate on valuable initiatives and solutions.

Key to this success is our regular monthly family assemblies. They provide an opportunity to connect in a relaxed and transparent environment. And the chance to provide a monthly supply of rice and a mix of basic household necessities.

We value the time to discuss new initiatives and ways we can continue to support our families and communities. We also raise awareness of the importance of education, particularly for girls, and the creation of a safe and nurturing home environment.

We're going GREEN



It's Plastic Free July around the world and also in Cambodia, and we are raising awareness about the importance of contributing to a sustainable environment by going GREEN at Aziza's Place.

We are changing some of our small, daily habits like using re-useable drink bottles and a water dispenser using filters instead of plastic. And we're going to use our lovely garden to understand more about composting and recycling.



Helping us learn more about our contribution to a sustainable environment were our friends Pamela Buck and her daughters, Isabella and Scarlett. Pam is a clinical psychologist who conducted mindfulness training with AP staff and, with her daughters, helped guide us on how to sort all our recyclable material. We will give the plastic and cardboard to those AP families who depend on selling it for their livelihood.

We focus on our students as the school year ends



Please meet Yoeun Srey Sros. She came to Aziza's Place in 2007. Last year Srey Sros graduated from High School and is now in Year 1 at the National Institute of Social Affairs studying Sociology. She also works at Digital Divided Data.



This is Von Naweem. At Aziza's Place since 2011 he has graduated from secondary to high school and is about to start Grade 11 in the new school year.



Introducing Chhorn Srey Phea, who joined Aziza's Place in 2008 and graduated from high school in 2018. However, she deferred her entrance to university for one year to train with the Cambodian National Karate team and compete successfully in regional tournaments.



New partnerships and collaborations

Krama Yoga is Cambodia's longest running public yoga studio, run by young men and women who have changed their

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lives with yoga. We've partnered with them to provide monthly yoga classes to Aziza's Place children to encourage the development of emotional and mental health.



International Medical Relief provides mobile medical clinics and sustainable health education to underserved communities in 57 countries around the world.



Shanty Town Spirit extends education, hygiene and healthcare support to impoverished children and their families in the Boeung Trabek slum area in Phnom Penh.



The purpose of the guild is to assist children in vulnerable situations an/or mother care programs around the world and to serve as a mutual bond and centre of interest for women connected with the United Nations organisations.

PNN TV is a local TV channel broadcasting locally produced content that reflects the lifestyles of Cambodians today. Programs include game shows, variety shows, talk shows and news.



Brien Holden Vision Institute is a social enterprise that develops new solutions for vision care, especially refractive error, and works to eliminate vision impairment, thereby improving quality of life for people in need and helping to reduce disability and poverty.

A spotlight on recent volunteers



Pastry Chef instructor, Carmen Daddeo, was kind enough to dedicate time to our own in-house cook, Mom Sarik.

Carmen was in Phnom Penh working previously with the renowned Academy of Culinary Arts Cambodia (ACAC) and shared her expertise on nutrition to help us continue to develop healthy and tasty menus for the Aziza's Place children and staff.

Tommaso Bottinelli is a specialist in Steiner pedagogy, also called Waldorf or anthroposophical pedagogy. This is based on an anthropology that places



human development at the centre. With physical senses and intellectual abilities, humans also have an awareness that is nourished through art, nature and movement. Tom spent his time at Aziza's Place creating new children's games and activities, and educating and motivating our team.

Tommaso commented "In Aziza's place I found a place of peace and collective growth."

Introducing Nora



Hello and welcome to this little boy, Nora. He is the second son for our own Mom Pop and her husband Sovan. We wish their handsome baby boy a long, happy and healthy life!

Celebrations, smiles, games and fun...





That's all from Somnang and the AP team!

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