



My name is Cadija from Guinea Bissau. I started working in EY3 at KIS on Monday and it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know the children and the wider KIS community. They are an amazing bunch of inquisitive and principled young children.

Before coming to Thailand, I lived in China for nine years, where I obtained my bachelor's degree and teaching qualifications. It is also the country where I met my kiwi husband who is also a teacher at KIS! We have traveled to lots of interesting countries together and are delighted to be settled in this amazing country. Our days here are always full of color and surprises and we are grateful for every day we wake up in sunny Thailand!

My passions include reading, languages, sports, traveling and of course teaching. I love discovering new cultures and learning their languages. I speak English, Portuguese, Chinese, Spanish and French. I have a strong passion for working with our youngest learners. I am a dedicated early years teacher who believes that the early developmental stages in a child's life are some of the most important. I always aim to help each child flourish in all areas of their development; be it cognitive, social and emotional, speech and language, and both fine and gross motor skills. This is the challenge that I am passionate about pursuing every day and one in which I try to achieve through a holistic teaching style that integrates hands-on, play-based learning to promote children's natural curiosity and inquisitiveness for the world. It is my belief that education should be fun so I always do my best to create a safe and creative learning environment in the hopes of helping young learners develop into students who exemplify all aspects of the IB learner profile.

I have been teaching for almost ten years. My previous experience includes teaching all ages of students from K-12 but my natural affinity is to early learners. I have taught in various English training centers in China and decided to move to international schools for my career growth and professional development in 2018. Since then I have worked in both IB and Montessori schools. These experiences have provided me with the opportunity to work at KIS. My future goal is to begin my Masters in Education this summer in order to continue to develop as an educator and lifelong learner.