



# Year 8 Newsletter - 16 October 2015



## A word from the Year Leader

Everyday brings something new and exciting to the C-Block Foyer at NAIS Pudong. It's a pleasure to see how enthused and passionate the students are about service and raising money for their Project Week trip to Xiamen. 8C has been one of the first form groups to get their fundraising idea from the planning table to the action table. As you can see from the picture above, Shreyas, Robin, Arya, Jason, Mayeul and Alex have even got teachers to have a go at their 'Knock the Cup' game at lunchtime on Tuesday! Unfortunately Miss Ford didn't manage to win a prize this time. The boys raised over 200RMB and have already asked if they can put on another lunchtime to raise even more. Such dedication and commitment to a cause always reminds me of just how amazing the students are here and I can't wait to see 8C and 8B's fundraising events next week!



## Everyone loves a good debate!

In History pupils have been finishing their presentations about an inventor of choice during the Industrial Revolution in Britain to ultimately decide who was the best inventor in the period. As you can see from the pictures here, 8B are demonstrating some excellent debating skills in their lesson with Mr Dawson. The Debate was on the reforms to the Victorian education system and whether to make schooling compulsory for all.



Mr Craig Northedge, Year 8 Leader



## Be Ambitious and the Global Campus

Be Ambitious is the new philosophy being introduced across the Nord Anglia Education family of schools. We want students to aim high and create the futures that they want to live. The global campus connects our 42 schools and 32,000 students giving our students daily access to global opportunities. Allowing our students to develop a truly international perspective through outstanding online, in school and worldwide experiences. There is no limit to what our students can achieve, we encourage every student to reach for their dreams, try something new, and above all, to be ambitious. The Be Ambitious Challenge has been launched as we encourage all our students to access the Global Campus via Moodle, explore the opportunities and get involved in the Be Ambitious Challenge. So please encourage your child to get online and take up the challenge!



## Upcoming Events & Dates

**Dads and Kids Camp out:** Saturday 17th Oct

**Project Week:** Monday 2 – Friday 6 November

**School closed to students (staff training day):** Friday 13 November

**Years 7 – 10 Academic Review Evening – surnames A :** Thursday 19 November

**Years 7 – 10 Academic Review Evening – surnames N – Z:** Tuesday 24 November

**Sunday 29 November** – Christmas Bazaar

**Friday 4 December** – CCAs finish for Term 1

**Friday 11 December** – Term 1 ends

## Reminders and General

### Lesson Updates

#### Mandarin

Year 8 are learning to talk about school uniforms and working uniform. Students are getting to grips with describing what people are wearing.

#### Maths

Year 8 Students have busy been revising for their first end of unit test. Mr Parrish's class have been consolidating their learning of ratio, proportion as well as basic number and algebra. The students are working hard, growing in confidence and will be very prepared for their test on Friday October 16th.

#### German

Some excellent independent paired learning in order to learn a range of phrases to describe what they did on a recent holiday. Students are beginning to spot patterns and will no doubt master the rules next week!

#### Spanish

Year 8 students have been revising basic verb endings and will soon embark on the use of reflexive verbs in order to talk about their daily routines.

#### ICT

Year 8 have been finishing off their planning sheets for the E-safety presentation and moving onto creating the presentation.

### This will be interesting!

Pictured below are the 10 students who have taken on the challenge of not speaking for an entire day of school! From left to right, Chiara, Natasha Saransh, Bianca, Frederick, Yukiko, Noah, Kevin, Eli and Elodie, believe they have what it takes to not utter a single word for the entire day. I, along with all of their teachers and others who know them in the school are looking forward to a peaceful day at the office. The only exception to the rule is if they are asked a question by a teacher during a lesson then, of course, a reply can be given. Good luck guys! Thursday 29th October will be the day so please help and sponsor the students if you can –all proceeds will be going towards the Project Week Fundraising.

