



NIS

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

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Our NIS Community: Working Together to Help Our Children Flourish

Dear Parents,

As we enter the last few weeks of the school term, it is wonderful to see such positive engagement and feel such positive energy throughout the school from children, staff and parents. We are a small but busy school with so much learning taking place every day. But this collegiality and engagement does not simply happen. It evolves out of a school environment and ethos that actively encourages all members of the community to work together in a positive and supportive way.

Our teachers, supported by our wider staff team, push each and every student to achieve their best in everything that they do but also teach young people how to help and support each other, and to take joy in both their own and others' achievements. And our curriculum and ECA programme offer a breadth of exciting experiences enabling each child to learn, explore interests and to find others who share their passions.



We are also very lucky to have such a supportive and engaged parent body. We have been delighted with the high levels of attendance at all our Term 1 events; workshops, learning showcases, parent-teacher conferences and our Family Fun Day. We are also very appreciative of the many parents who are actively involved in supporting the school to grow and develop. We are

amazed by the work being done by our Parent Event Team (P.E.T.) who have been tirelessly preparing for our NIS Bazaar next week. They have amassed great sponsorship support and raffle donations which are helping to make this a great day for all the family. We are also grateful to our parents who are coordinating the ordering of House T-shirts, which will make future House Team Days

especially colourful and special for the children, and thankful to the parent-learning volunteers who give up their time each week to support in the library or with student reading.

Together we are strengthening our NIS community and supporting its growth. Our student numbers are steadily growing and with our new starters in January, we will be educating more than 200 children.

Thanks to you all for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at the final events of the Term; the NIS Bazaar, our Early Years and Primary Performances and the class parties that teachers will be organising for the end of term.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Niki Meehan
Principal

Critical Thinking Here at NIS

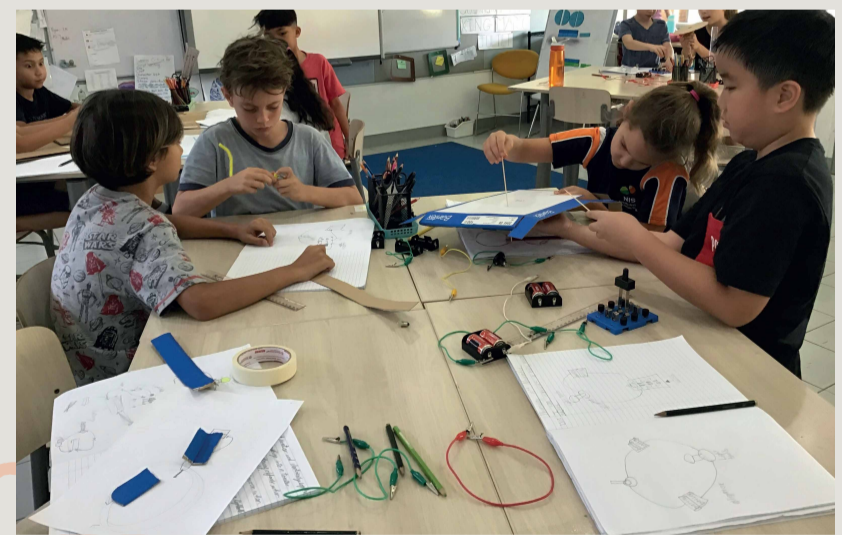
Here at NIS we want all our students to be able to inquire, think, investigate, and innovate so that they have the chance to become the educators, researchers, and leaders who can solve the most pressing challenges facing our world, both today and tomorrow.

While at NIS we do not yet offer a fully integrated STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) programme, we are already preparing young people for STEAM orientated futures. Scientists and engineers get to do some pretty cool things. They challenge their brains to examine, explore, and solve real life problems. They develop hands-on projects to make new discoveries and use technology effectively. They work collaboratively in teams, sharing expertise, and knowledge, generating multiple ideas to complete projects. The principles of STEAM—critical thinking, asking good questions, observation and exploration—are truly at the heart of every discipline so we try to make core subjects like Maths, Science and Technology relevant for students. At the same time, we foster creativity, curiosity and a passion for problem solving, and create learning environments full of active classrooms where multiple right answers abound and failure is regarded as a positive

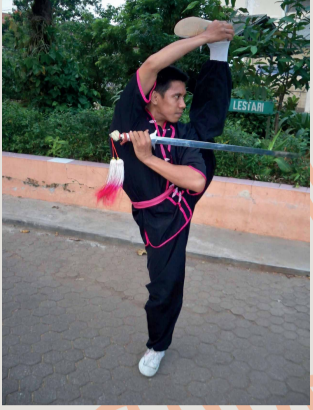
step toward discovery and a successful solution.

We also adopt a project-based way of teaching and learning, allowing students to exploit cross-curricular skills, and to understand and appreciate the relevancy of their work to the world around them. In the last few weeks it has been fascinating to see how the students across different classes have been involved in the design cycle; Year 1 children planning, making and evaluating their own toys; Year 4 & 5 students trying to solve the problems of how to make working, noisy moving objects; and Year 6 students creating their business plan for their social enterprise company 'Green Leaf'.

As we move forward, we will continue to keep a sharp focus on STEAM; building on our curriculum offer, expanding STEAM orientated resources and providing wider educational experiences enhanced with Nord Anglia Education's partnership with MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). It is an exciting future for our young people and we want to excite them to be ambitious for their own futures and the world they can help shape.



Our Very Own Wushu Master Mr. Septiana



Well done to our very own PE teacher and Wushu Master, Mr. Septiana who won a coveted first place at a national Wushu competition last week. Despite being almost 10 years older than the other competitors, the 23 years of Wushu practice, dedication and training mean that he is still at the top of his game. Mr Septiana has practised, taught and competed in international level competitions for this martial art over many years and strongly believes that practising Wushu develops not just physical health but also instils important values such as discipline, respect and resilience. He brings this philosophy into his teaching, by educating the children about the importance of a healthy body and a positive mindset. He nurtures and challenges them to overcome their fears and to practise their skills, and models that with hard work and determination we can all make good progress. Our students are also lucky to have the great opportunity to join Mr. Septiana's Wushu ECA class and learn from this Wushu Master here at NIS.

NIS Bazaar Saturday 1 December



Save the date for this year's NIS Bazaar as it is going to be a great day for the whole family. We have a wide range of vendors selling some really special items which would make fabulous gifts for family and friends (or to treat yourself). There will be lots of different activities for the children with a range of traditional carnival games to keep them busy and challenged. Tasty food and drinks will also be on sale to fuel everyone through the day. Then of course there is the raffle with some great prizes where you could be lucky enough to take home some special treats! A day not to be missed!

Bagpipe Welcome at NIS Jakarta!



Here at NIS, the children and adults got a fabulous start to Monday morning as they were piped into school today by Ross OC Jennings the record breaking, globe-trotting bagpiper. Ross ran a series of assemblies and workshops with the children, playing his bagpipes and also

talking about his amazing adventures on his epic journey to create a world record for playing his bagpipes in as many countries as possible. The children were fascinated to hear that he has already visited 85 countries and to see photos of him playing his bagpipes in some very remote and exotic places. The highlight, however, was when some of the students shared their hand-made instruments with Ross

and had a jamming session. Who would have thought that 'Scotland The Brave' could sound so good being played on DIY guitars, drums, pipes and percussion instruments. We look forward to following Ross's travels around the world and are delighted to be part of his world record attempt.

Diary Dates

2018-2019 Term Dates Calendar

Please see [here](#) for our 2018-2019 school's calendar

2019-2020 Term Dates Calendar

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Learning Overview

Weekly for each class

Class News & School Newsletter

Every two weeks (alternating)

Student Report Issued

Monday 10 December

Term 2 ECA Schedule Published

Monday 26 November

NIS Bazaar 2018

Saturday 1 December 2018
(9:30-13:30)

Early Years Cubs School Performance

Monday 10 December
(7:45-8:45)

Primary School Performance (Year 1-6)

Tuesday 11 December
(13:00-14:00)