



NIS

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

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Busy End of Term

What a busy last few weeks of term we have had. We are always looking for opportunities to enhance the children's learning and to provide them with new stimulus and experiences linked to their topics. With the challenges of Jakarta traffic, rather than seeking these experiences outside of school, we are also trying to bring them to us here at NIS. This morning we had a wonderful shadow puppet performance by the Nirmala Sari troupe telling the story of Gatot Kaca. The children were fascinated to see the story being told using shadow puppets and hear the traditional musicians creating atmosphere on the drums, xylophones and vocals – it was quite loud, but this just added to the dramatic effect of the story telling! It was also inspirational to learn that the puppeteer was a 12 year old boy who has been learning and practising since he was 4 years old. This was a very special way to learn about Indonesia culture especially for Year 4-5 who have been learning all about this traditional art form and making their own shadow puppet performances.

We also had creative toy making workshops with local artists helping the children to make their own toys



and a tasty chocolate workshop with chocolatiers from Monggo Chocolate. Each of these experiences provide great new learning for the children and open their minds to the life and work of different people within our wider community here in Jakarta.

As the term comes to a close, we will be issuing student reports on Monday updating you about your child's learning progress so far and highlighting some next steps as they move forward into Term 2. These reports will also comment on children's attitudes towards their

learning which are vitally important too. If you have any questions about these reports or your child's progress, please do speak with your child's teacher. All of the children have worked hard and in their individual ways made progress in different areas of learning. Please do talk with your child about their report and together take pride in what has been achieved. Well done to everyone.

It has been a hardworking term and so it is wonderful to end the session with some fun and holiday cheer; the Bazaar, assemblies, workshops and parties. The children have also been

busy preparing their end of term performances. These are a simple, but lovely, way to bring the children, parents and staff together to celebrate the end of term and share some enjoyable stage moments. We look forward to welcoming you all next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout this term. Together we are nurturing these amazing young people and hopefully instilling a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge. We know that children and teachers (and probably parents too) are now ready for a little rest away from the routines of school and we hope you all have a wonderful holiday break, whatever your family has planned.

Children never stop learning so do use your holiday settings to encourage valuable talking, thinking and social skills with family and friends. But most importantly have a wonderful holiday season and best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2019!

Best wishes,

Niki Meehan
Principal

Bazaar Fun at NIS



What a great day was had by everyone at our Bazaar on Saturday. Attended by more than 800 people, this was a great day out for the whole family. The children had a fabulous time taking part in all the traditional fayre games; the giant catapult and the toilet target were clear favourites and the poor rat got very splatted with all the attempts to 'splat the rat'. The vendors were a shoppers' delight with a lovely range of goods and the ethical credentials of the vendors meant we could even



have guilt free shopping! The children were queuing up for the Tombola and delighted by the amazing prizes they won, while the Santa photo booth was a great success and made some magic moments for our children and families. The day was rounded off with the eagerly awaited raffle draw. There were gasps of delight for our prize winners who were lucky enough to win free holidays, spas, dining vouchers and lots. Lots more. Thanks must go to all staff for their hard work in making this such a special



day. But HUGE thanks must go to our amazing Parent Event Team who worked tirelessly to prepare for the Bazaar. Their commitment ensured we had the best Tombola ever, amazing raffle prizes, and a special Santa photo booth. All the event proceeds will go to charity to support Palu and to the PET funds for future NIS community events. Thanks again to everyone for making this a special day.

Toy Making Workshop

Ms Tara & Ms Julia

Last week the Year 1 children took part in a creative toymaking workshop. Pak Sugeng, who ran the workshop, makes traditional toys using wire, jute and bamboo and he shared this craft with the children, helping them to make their own toys. The children could choose from a range of different figures either carrying buckets, holding a basket or with additional animals. It was a tricky process and the children were lucky to be guided by a group of parent volunteers as they concentrated hard to roll the jute thread carefully around the skeleton of the doll before dressing it with hessian clothes. They got their hands messy as they glued on the hat or the pen holder. The room was filled with sounds of helicopters whirling or motorbikes zooming, as the children engaged in innovative role play with their dolls and animals!

This was a fantastic morning. It was wonderful to see how engaged the children were, their resilience that led to an amazing sense of achievement and their joy with what they had made. The children had a great time not just making their toy but also playing with it.



Chocolate Making Workshop

Mr Shaun Rhodes

The children of Year 3 had a special visit from some experts in chocolate. As part of their themed learning topic 'Chocolate' they had a visit from chocolatiers Mathieu and Intan of Monggo Chocolate. The children were given a presentation about the manufacturing process of chocolate, tried several flavours of different cocoa percentages and got to make their own chocolate button treats with toppings dressed in a chocolatier's uniform. It was a wonderful learning experience enjoyed by all the children – especially the yummy tasting session.



Reminders

- There are NO ECAs during the last week of school. All children need to be collected at the end of the normal school day at 12:00 or 14:00.
- Please can we ask that all library and reading books are returned to school next week to avoid losses over the holiday. Children will still have access to the library next week but won't be able to sign out any books.

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)

Students Reports Issued

Monday 10 December

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)