



NORD ANGLIA
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Warm Welcome



Welcome to a new school year here at Nord Anglia School Jakarta. We extend a warm welcome to all our students, parents and staff, both returning and new members of our school community. We are growing and it is lovely to welcome so many new faces to our dynamic school community. We have also welcomed excellent new teachers to our team, and you can read more about them on their website profiles.

It has been a busy and very positive start to the new school year and it has been great to see everyone in our school community working together to welcome both returning and new students and families. The children are being well supported by their teachers and student buddies to ensure that they all feel happy and secure and get off to a great start in their new school or new classes. Meanwhile, our new parents are also being looked after by our supportive parent body, making sure they too get off to a good start in their new lives here in Jakarta.

The children have settled into the routines of the school day, familiar with their schedules, and finding their way around. It is now that the serious business of learning can really get going. Our teachers are challenged with the important task of creating a dynamic learning environment, that is stimulating, engaging and fuels a thirst for learning in each of our students. We want every child to be excited to come to school each day. We want to feed their curiosity and ignite passions. We aim to inspire ambition in every child. This means that teachers really need to know the children in their care so that the learning journey for each student can be personalised. From the very start of the year, and on-going throughout the year, teachers will be forging strong relationships with the students and continually assessing their progress. They will be working closely with each child to ensure that they are tailoring the teaching and learning to ensure great learning outcomes for all, while also nurturing students to become confident self-motivated learners.

There will be lots of scheduled opportunities throughout the term to see what and how your child is learning, but please do help us to get to know your child by sharing with us any concerns or worries that you or they may have – this will allow us to work in partnership to best support your child.

It has been a positive start to the school year, and we are excited for the year ahead. We look forward to nurturing and guiding every child on their learning journey and seeing their personal growth across the year.

Kind regards,

Niki Meehan
Principal

New Name



As outlined in my letter last week, we are now officially known as the **Nord Anglia School Jakarta (NAS Jakarta)**. As the **Nord Anglia School Jakarta**, we can effectively and proudly promote ourselves as a truly international school, delivering a high-quality curriculum to students from more than 30 nationalities. We can also celebrate the benefits of being part of the Nord Anglia Education family of schools. Much of our rebranding is complete and over the coming week our email addresses will fully migrate to our new domain i.e. info@nasjakarta.sch.id There will be a redirect so please be assured that all your emails will get to us until you get used to using our new email addresses. Our website and social media accounts will switch to our new name from 30 August. This name change signals a new era in our school's development and our commitment to providing our students with a quality international education.

Campus Development



The campus was a hive of activity throughout the summer break with further upgrades and improvements across the school. The school has been purposefully set up to enable great learning in a safe and stimulating environment and we are excited about the new changes. The Admin Team spend their summer relocated to the gym as the admin block roof was replaced. This was the final phase of our roof replacement programme and means that we have a new roof across all school buildings. We now have a wonderful new Nursery base with new classrooms, new furnishings and new resources for the children allowing more children to start their early learning journey at NAS Jakarta. The sports changing rooms have been refurbished so they are clean, bright and modern. Our Year 2 classrooms have new furniture and also direct access to a new paved outdoor learning area so they can more easily extend their learning outdoors. We also have a wide range of new resources imported from the UK to support learning across all areas of the curriculum.

Meet the Teacher

We welcome parents to attend the Meet the Teacher sessions which will take place on Wednesday 21 August. This is a chance to meet the teacher and find out more about routines, expectations and learning, as well as a chance to meet the other parents in your child's class. We have a number of parents with multiple children and so have tried to accommodate this within the schedule. We encourage parents to leave children at home for this meeting but of course understand that for some families, especially those new to Jakarta, that you don't have childcare. In such cases, children can be left in the library where they will be supervised by school staff.

Wednesday 21 August

Nursery	17:00- 17:30
F1 /F2 /Primary	18:00-18:30 session 1
	18:40-19:10 session 2

Parent Partnership



Here at NAS Jakarta we value the strong partnerships we have with our parents and the support that parents provide to enhance learning experiences and events for our students and wider community. We will let everyone get settled back into school routines and then in the coming weeks will contact you to set up our various parents' partnership teams; class parent network, parent consultation group, parent event team, library volunteers and reading volunteers. We look forward to working with you and using all the skills, talents and energy that we have within our parent community!

The Big Sing

Call out for all our budding singers in Year 2 and above

On Saturday 14 September (8:30-15:00) NAS Jakarta will participate in the inaugural JASIS Big Sing which will take place at the Primary Campus of the Australian Independent School. This will be a great event for our students to sing alongside children from different schools and then perform to a parent audience at the end of the day. The theme for this year's event is Around the World and each school will come prepared to perform one vocal piece then join together with the other schools to learn and sing a song together. Children will learn how to prepare for singing in a group, the importance of clear pronunciation and vocal technique as part of communicating a performance to an audience. All children will also receive a certificate of participation at the end of the day. Information has gone out to interested children from Year 2 and above and we need to have consent forms returned as soon as possible. If you would like any additional information about this event, please contact me. Mr Brentan, Music Teacher brentan.schilling@nasjakarta.sch.id

Traffic Management

We are currently exploring ways to improve our traffic management and thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to establish some new approaches. We have only just secured the use of the adjacent field for parking and are working with the land owners and community to make plans for how we can best use and manage this space. Our optimum goal is to create a park and walking route from this parking area, with entry and exit gates, a secure walkway (not on the road) and clear traffic flow protocols. We will keep you updated with our progress on this matter but in the meantime, we ask for your cooperation and patience to adhere to the interim guidelines below;

- Parking within the school carpark is prioritised for parents without a driver.
- Cars with a driver, should drop their passengers at school and then park in the parking field while they wait to be called for pick up.
- Alternatively, cars can park directly in the parking field and parents can walk from school back to their cars to avoid waiting time or traffic queues as cars re-enter the school.
- To ease congestion on the Jalan NIS, cars coming from the south area (Pondok Indah, Simatupang, Fatmawati) are encouraged to enter from El Nusa Building and drop off at Gate 2.

Air Quality

For all of us living in Jakarta, the issue of air quality is increasingly becoming an area for concern. This is an issue that the international schools in Jakarta are working together to discuss and consider the best approaches for air quality management. Higher pollution levels are sadly now part of living in Jakarta, but as a school we do want to make every effort to provide a safe environment for our children to learn in. While there is no simple solution, we are working on this matter and developing an air quality management policy for our school to take some actions towards minimising the effects of poor air quality. While I am no expert on this matter, having lived and worked in Shanghai for 5 years, I am very familiar with this issue and hope to draw on some of the best practice adopted there, in the creation of our air quality management policies. I will be sharing information with you in the coming weeks but if there are any members of our school community with expertise in this matter, I would be happy to meet with you. Thanks for your patience and understanding as we try to establish impactful and sustainable approaches to air quality management at NAS Jakarta.

Diary Dates

2019-2020 Term Dates Calendar

Please see our website for our school's calendar

Learning Overview

Weekly for each class

Class News & School Newsletter

Every two weeks (alternating)

Student Report Issued

Monday 16 December

Parent Workshops

READING (FS1-Y1): 28 Aug (7:45-8:30)

READING (Y2-6): 30 Aug (7:45-8:30)

MUSIC: 4 Sept (7:45-8:30)

MATHS (FS1-Y1): 11 Sept (7:45-8:30)

MATHS (Y2-6): 13 Sept (7:45-8:30)

PHONICS (FS2-Y2): 20 Sept (7:45-8:30)

Catch Up & Coffee (Nursery & Foundation 1)

Thursday 29 August (7:45-8:30)

Thursday 26 September (7:45-8:30)

Thursday 21 November (7:45-8:30)

Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 21 August

Nursery (17:00-17:30)

FS1-Y6 - Session 1 (18:00-18:30)

FS1-Y6 - Session 2 (18:40-19:10)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday 2 & Thursday 3 October
(14:45-19:00)

Learning Showcase Week

Wednesday 9 - Friday 11 October
(8:00-9:00)

Family Fun Day

Saturday 7 September
(10:00-13:00)

JASIS Big Sing Event

Saturday 14 September
(at AIS)

JASIS ATHLETICS

Saturday 16 November
(hosted at NAS Jakarta)

EYFS Concert

Wednesday 27 November
(8:00-9:00)

Primary Concert

Friday 29 November
(13:00-14:00)

NAS Jakarta Bazaar

Saturday 7 December

