



NIS

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy and productive first half-term of the new school year here at NIS. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes and school routines and to see how much has been achieved in their learning over the last 2 months. The teachers are looking forward to meeting you at the Parent-Teacher Conferences next week where they will share your child's learning journey so far and discuss next steps in learning. We know that children learn best when the school and parents work together and so welcome the chance to strengthen our parent partnerships at these meetings and through the series of parent workshops that we have scheduled throughout the term.

I am sure we are all deeply saddened by the terrible events that have devastated our neighbouring island of Sulawesi. It is heart-wrenching to see the scale of devastation affecting the people of Palu and as a school community we of course want to extend our support. Next week the teachers and students will start discussing and planning the launch of a support project for Palu which will involve awareness raising, development education, fund raising and goods collection. We want to make a long-term commitment to supporting Palu as we know that recovering and rebuilding communities following such a devastating event takes time. We would also like to involve our parents in this project and would be particularly interested to know about parents who have expertise in fund raising or development work who could work closely with us as we build our action plan.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school on Monday for our "Art in the Park" event. Parents will have the chance to walk around the school and discover the collaborative art pieces that each class have produced from the stimulus of the 4 elements of Earth, Water, Light and Air. Our Year 6/7 students will act as Gallery Guides to explain the creative process each class went through and to help you interpret each art work. Coffee will also be provided around the tree in the playground. We hope you enjoy the creativity on show.

Thanks for your continued support.

Niki Meehan
Principal



House Teams Launch



We are excited to launch our 4 House Teams this week. Our Art Exhibition introduces our teams which are named after the elements of Earth, Water, Light and Air. Every child in the school will be allocated to a team and will remain part of this team throughout their stay at NIS. On Tuesday we will have our "Sorting Hat" event where children and staff will find out what team they are in and then we will inform all parents by email.

Why have House Teams?

We feel that children benefit from being members of mixed age school teams. It helps develop opportunities for different year groups to work together, encourages children to support each other, gives them a strong sense of responsibility and belonging, and provides them with a wider range of activities to take part in. It also enables our older students to develop leadership and organization skills as they will take a lead role in planning and running House Team events and projects.

What will they do in the house team?

Throughout each term, we will have events and activities where the children will come together in their House Teams to collaborate on projects or compete as a team. These will cover a wide range of curricular activities that help to develop our learner profile characteristics and provide opportunities for children to work with others in mixed aged teams. These activities could relate to sport, STEAM, citizenship and service, the Arts and Global Campus projects

connecting NIS students with students from the Nord Anglia Education schools across the globe. Children will also be able to earn House Points for their team in recognition of their efforts and achievements in relation to our Learner Profile characteristics (Inquirers, Thinkers, Knowledgeable, Communicators, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, Reflective, Creative).

What are the House Team Colours?

Each team has a colour and we want the children to identify and be proud of their team by wearing their team colour when we have House Team events. We would like to ask parents to ensure that their child has a T-shirt in their House Team colours that they can wear on our special days. Teachers will keep you informed of when the children need to wear their special T-shirts.

Family Fun Day



We look forward to seeing our NIS families and friends at our Family Fun Day on Saturday 27 October. This is a great chance for children to have fun with their friends. In addition to free play in playgrounds, there will be active games, arts & crafts and messy activities for the children to enjoy. Parents can catch up over a coffee while the children play and there will be food and drink vendors to keep everyone refreshed and energised throughout the morning.



Diary Dates

2018-2019 Term Dates Calendar

You can find 2018-2019 Term Dates Calendar in our website

Learning Overview

Weekly for each class

Class News & School Newsletter

Every two weeks (alternating)

Parent-Teacher Conferences / Target Setting

Wednesday 10 - Thursday 11 October
(14:30-19:30)

Learning Showcase Week

Wednesday 31 Oct - Friday 2 November
(7:45-8:45)

Students Reports Issued

Monday 10 December

Parent Workshops

MATHS: Friday 26 October (7:45-8:30)

READING: Friday 16 November (7:45-8:30)

Art in the Park Exhibition Opening

Monday 8 October
(7:45-8:45)

Family Fun Day

Saturday 27 October 2018
(10.00-13.00)

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)

