

Dear Parents,

Welcome to issue 6 of the NAS Jakarta Newsletter 2020-21.

Our campus may be closed to the children, but I can assure you that significant developments are still taking place. Read Mr Gerald's introduction to our new student leaders in the "What's new" section of this newsletter. The group is currently small and meets online, but they have started well and we plan to increase the number of representatives across a wider age group in the future once the children have returned to campus.



In this newsletter, we also focus upon our art curriculum. As mentioned in previous editions of this newsletter, the challenges of learning online are most pronounced in the practical subjects. Despite this, some excellent learning in art is taking place via virtual school as you will see in Ms Sophie's article below.

If you missed our virtual parent workshop on STEAM this week, an overview is provided in this newsletter. Thanks to Mr Alf for preparing and delivering the workshop.

Finally, don't forget that next week is our #ILOVENASJAKARTA week. Please encourage your children to take part in the competition to produce something creative that demonstrates how much they love their school. Parents can show their appreciation of their children's teachers and school too by writing a review on **Google**.

Rosy Clark Principal

What's New!

Introducing our Student Voice Representatives Mr Gerald

It is important that the students in a school have an organisation which allows them to have a way of voicing ideas and concerns, providing them agency to make real changes at the place which is so important to their lives. This is especially true during the online learning period; students need to be able to have ways of making sure they are heard at a time when the ability to have instant communication with teachers is limited.

With this in mind, our Student Voice committee was established, consisting of two elected students from both Year 5 and 6/7 classes for a total of 4 representatives. Candidates were asked to record a video explaining why they wanted to take up the role and what they would like to do. Once all the students from Years 5 and 6/7 had seen the videos, they voted anonymously to decide upon their

candidates. The four students elected by their peers are Vera Van-Hekken and Isabelle Widjaja from Year 5 and Svea Beuthe and Ava Grant from Year 6/7. We would like to thank them as well as the other candidates who put themselves up for election for their dedication to the process!

Looking ahead, there are a number of ideas the representatives would like to turn their attention to. Firstly they have the special Teachers' Day assembly on Tuesday 24th November to plan and present and then after that they will be focusing on the wider school community and broader initiatives such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the UN Convention of Child's Rights. They are very excited to turn their attention to such broader topics of school life and to make an impact upon all students' learning experience at NAS Jakarta!

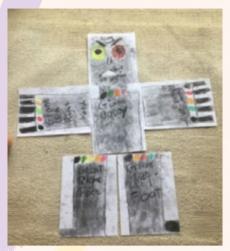
A Look at Learning

Teaching Art through our Virtual School Experience in Year 4 **Ms Sophie**

In Year 4 this term, Hummingbird students have been given the opportunity to discover how art is subjective through a variety of illustration and painting projects. The children have used the materials available to them at home and experimented with techniques to develop drawing skills and explore visual literacy.

Year 4 students examined illustrations by "How to Train Your Dragon" author and illustrator Cressida Lewis, her use of black on white, mark making and her use of composition, adding text to drawings. The children then applied these skills to their own "Iron Man" Illustrations and explored scale through close ups drawings and extra-large illustrations with minimal use of colour.

In Hummingbirds class, we are now exploring food and learning how to record texture through illustration incorporating other mediums available at home such as paints, collage, ink, crayons.







Virtual School Experience Focus

STEAM Workshop for Parents

Today we provided another in our series of virtual parent workshops with a session on STEAM delivered by Alf Collett, our STEAM & Learning Technologies Leader.

Mr Alf explained a little about the term STEAM and how the problem solving, inquiring, collaborative nature of STEAM makes it such an important aspect of learning and teaching today.

The goal of STEAM-based learning is to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in the future. Regardless of the specific role or industry, it is now critical that students go off to college and/or enter the workforce with a set of well-rounded skills that allow them to adapt to an evolving and fast-paced environment.

STEAM-based learning here at NAS Jakarta is often facilitated through the children's IPC units in the form of a project or challenge. When our campus opens, the children will have access to our beautiful MakerSpace, however, even during Virtual School Experience our children are presented with opportunities to develop their skills.

During the workshop, Mr Alf explained how children learn via the 'Design Cycle' and he gave specific examples of some of the STEAM learning currently taking place using Nord Anglia Education's Global Campus and our collaboration with MIT.

If you missed the workshop, a recording will be uploaded to our website where recordings of all our other workshops are saved for you to access or you can click on the image.





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