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Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce the launch of The <u>Global Classroom</u> to students in Years 4 to 7. Nord Anglia Education's Global Classroom is a space to learn, explore and interact with students from our family of schools around the globe. Nord Anglia Education has 31 schools that educate over 20,000 students representing 115 different nationalities. The Global Classroom gives your child the opportunity to become a truly global citizen.

Taking part in activities and discussions will help your child develop some invaluable attitudes and skills to help them achieve highly in school and beyond, at university and work. The Global Classroom encourages our pupils to:

- be open minded and embracing new ideas and perspectives;
- build convincing arguments and defending them to others;
- understand global affairs and relations;
- think creatively and problem solve;
- communicate effectively in an online environment; and
- collaborate to build knowledge and understanding.

Your child has been given a <u>login name and password</u> so they can access the Global Classroom at home. Today they also received a Welcome Pack with further details and information as well as a **Global Classroom Passport**, which is central to their online interactions.

We would like pupils from Years 4-7 to be accessing The Global Classroom at home for around an hour a week to make full use of the site. Below you will find a list of 10 suggested activities they can be working on.

In addition, there is a <u>Parent's Space</u> on the website that can be accessed without a Password which gives you more information and regular updates about Global Classroom activities. You can access the Parent's Space here: http://naeglobalclassroom.nordanglia.com/course/view.php?id=181

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at David.Robinson@nais.hk as I am the Lead Teacher for Global Classroom in the NAIS or Ela McSorley Ela.McSorley@nordanglia.com who works for Nord Anglia Education in the UK and runs the parents' blog on the Global Classroom website.

Kind Regards,

Mr David Robinson Lead Teacher, Global Classroom

10 Things You Can Do Today in the Global Classroom!

- 1. Complete the **Building an Online Community Course** to get your first stamp! **How to find it: Click Welcome and scroll to the bottom of the page**
- 2. Say 'Hello' to the world in the primary **Welcome Forum How to find it: Click Welcome and scroll down**
- 3. Take a photo on the topic of Peace and post it on the **Focus on Photography** forum **How to find it: Primary > Culture Zone- > Focus on Photography**
- 4. Research and post your thoughts on **Remembrance Day** and the **First World War How to find it: Primary > WW1 centenary**
- 5. Discuss your favourite books on the **book club** or review a film, show or attraction on "Your Review"

How to find it: Primary > Culture Zone > Book club and You Review

6. Show off amazing photos and videos of your art work, singing, dancing or other creations in **the Show Space**

How to find it: Primary > Culture Zone > The Show Space

- 7. Discuss and debate the current news and events on **The Newsroom How to find it: Primary > Global Matters**
- 8. Investigate your favourite mini-beasts and creepy crawlies on **The Bug Challenge How to find it: Primary homepage > Think Tank**
- 9. Stimulate your brain with Mind Games and Maths Challenge.

How to find it: Primary homepage > Mind Games

10. Go "into the future" and find out what gadgets will transform our live How to find it: Primary homepage > Think Tank