



NIS

A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL

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Busy End of Term



Happy Lunar New Year 2019! In class and assemblies, the children have been learning about how Lunar New Year is celebrated in different countries such as China, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia. We are also very grateful to our parents who have beautifully set up our Culture Corner so the children can learn more about this important festival and see some of the colourful artefacts from the different cultures who celebrate Lunar New Year. "May the new year bring in your life joys that never fade, hopes that never die, and strength that never weakens. Wishing you a very happy Lunar New Year".

We love the rich cultural diversity of our school community and are looking forward to our International Day on Tuesday 19 March 2019. This is a special day where the children will be engaged in fun workshop activities to learn more about different traditions and cultures from around the globe. The day begins with a parade around the tree with children dressed in their national costume (or clothes to represent their home country or a country that they have close connections with). Please think ahead to what your child might wear, and we would also be delighted if parents dressed up too! We will be looking for parent support for our Food Tasting Festival, to decorate the country tables and prepare and server tasty treats for the children, and will be coordinating this support in the coming weeks. Thanks in advance for your support to make this a wonderful day for the children.

Best wishes,
Niki Meehan
Principal

Embedding our Learner Profile Buddy Reading



Over the last few weeks our Primary students have been investigating the NIS Learner Profile. Our Learner Profile encourages and directs students towards learning skills and attitudes that they will carry with them into adulthood to be purposeful and mindful community members; caring, knowledgeable, inquirers, communicators, creative, risk-takers, thinkers, open-minded, reflective, principled, balanced.

The students are now beginning to use this language in their school life and we suggest that you ask your children about our Learner Profile and how they apply these attitudes and behaviours in life outside of school.

To help the children develop as Caring and effective Communicators, the children engaged in a 'Buddy Reading' house team event last Friday. Our older students selected picture books to read and share with the younger students. They found cosy places around the school and then spend time together reading and talking about the stories. The older children did a great job of being the teacher, bringing the stories to life through actions, use of their voices, and asking and answering questions about the text. They demonstrated great patience and certainly inspired the younger children to read and explore books.

Campfire Toasting Marshmallows!



Year One had an amazing experience today bringing their senses alive through the toasting of marshmallows at our very own campfire. They were extremely excited to sit by a real fire in school. Year 6/7 students were brilliant ambassadors for them, helping them to toast their marshmallows and fully enjoy the campfire experience. They watched fascinated as their marshmallows changed from white to brown or even black in some cases! Many of them could not believe the way the marshmallow changed over the heat of the fire. They thoroughly enjoyed their melted, gooey treat many eager for a second helping

House Team STEAM Challenges

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths)

Each Friday afternoon over the coming weeks the Primary children are working in their mixed age House Teams to undertake 4 STEAM challenges. Adopting the approach from MIT, the challenges encourage interdisciplinary learning, a growth mindset (learning from failure), minds & hands engagement, and a collaborative approach to problem solving. The groups will rotate around 4 simple (but actually complex) challenges involving building Toothpick Towers, Straw Bridges, Robotic Hands, and Catapults. Lots of talking, lots of trial and error, lots of questions, lots of frustration, lots of excitement and lots of great learning. They may not get the outcomes that they want but they will certainly learn throughout the design process.



Year 6-7 Epic Identity MIT Challenge



The students in Year 6/7 have begun to take on the MIT challenge of 'Epic Identity' to design and create a wearable device to improve human performance. They have decided to design a helmet to improve human performance in different air quality zones. The process they are following

is to empathise with a real-life situation, define the problem they are trying to solve, create a prototype device with measurable testing procedures and present their ideas. This challenge will test their skills across many learning areas; scientific knowledge and skills, research skills, and team dynamic and collaboration so that they use the strengths of each team member to achieve the best outcome. We are curious to see where this challenge leads the students and will share their inventions at a later stage of the project!



Diary Dates

018-2019 Term Dates Calendar

Please our website for our school's calendar

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Learning Overview

Weekly for each class

Class News & School Newsletter

Every two weeks (alternating)

Parent-Teacher Conferences/Target Setting

Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 February (14:30 - 19:00 pm)

Parent Workshops

Moving Up Year 2-6: 9 May (07:45-08:30)

Transition F2-Year 1: 10 May (07:45-08:30)

Student Reports Issued

Thursday 20 June

International Day

Tuesday 19 March

Swimming Gala

Early Years: 27 March (08:00 - 11:00 am)

Primary: 28 March (08:00 - 10:00 am)

Family Fun Day

Saturday 6 April (10:00 am - 13:00 pm)

Book Week

Monday 8 - Friday 12 April

Book Character Parade

Friday 12 April (07:45 - 08:30 am)

Sports Day

Primary: 15 April (08:00 - 10:30 am)

Early Years: 16 April (08:00 - 09:30 am)

Indonesia Day

Wednesday 29 May

Talent Show & Garden Party

Friday 21 June