

Newsletter: Vol. 02 - No. 06 | 9 November 2018

# **Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity**

Happy Diwali to those in our school community for whom this is a special time of the year. The festival gets its name from the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa) that are lit outside homes to symbolize the inner light that protects from spiritual darkness. This important festival is celebrated by many people around the world and this week some of our classes also enjoyed celebrating Diwali with their own deepa.

As an international school we are privileged to have a school community with more than 35 nationalities. This is a rich environment where, through our taught curriculum and also the 'hidden curriculum' that occurs naturally when children are surrounded by people from different countries and diverse



cultures, our children are learning and growing up together in our inclusive school society. The children develop an understanding of different nationalities, cultures and faiths. They develop a sensitivity towards other members of the international community and hopefully a sense of concern for and awareness of the world.

To help our students to know more about the main festivals and celebrations around the world, we are creating a Culture Corner where each month we will feature a different celebration. November will feature Diwali and in December we will focus on both Hanukkah and Christmas. We welcome parental involvement in helping us to celebrate the key festivals from our school community and sharing with us any artefacts or books that can be displayed in our culture corner.

We will be hosting our 'International Day' later in the school year so do think ahead and if you are traveling home in the holidays, plan to bring back a costume or some cultural artefacts that the children can share with their class and school community.

Thank you to you all for being part of this wonderful international community.

Regards,

Niki Meehan Principal

### **Congratulations Miss Rianna!** Winner of NOB reading contest

Well done to Ms. Rianna who took the winners title in a global competition run by Stichting NOB (Dutch schools abroad) to promote reading in Dutch Schools and NTC programmes abroad. Ms. Rianna had the idea for a year-long challenge where the students earned 'reading miles' for their class plane to travel to The Netherlands. The students got so engaged in the challenge that parents were having to tell the children to put away their reading books at the dinner table! The project has been a great success and was recognised as a great way to encourage reading by the judges. As the winner of this competition, Ms. Rianna will receive some great new books for the school library. Well done Ms. Rianna and all her students for your enthusiasm for reading.





#### NIS Bazaar 2018 Saturday 1 December

Save the date for this year's NIS Bazaar as it is going to be a great day for the whole family. We have a wide range of vendors selling some really special items which would make fabulous gifts for family and friends (or to treat yourself). There will be lots of different activities for the children with a range of traditional carnival games to keep them busy and challenged. Tasty food and drinks will also be on sale to fuel everyone through the day. Then of course there is the raffle with some great prizes where you could be lucky enough to take home some special treats! A day not to be missed!



### **Be Ambitious Our Swimmers Certainly Are!** Ms Afifah Rachmadani (Swimming Coach)

Congratulations to all our simmers who take part in the Aquadragons swim meet on 28 November 2018 at JIS. While a little nervous to compete in such a big event, the children had trained hard and put on a fabulous performance against very tough competition. They demonstrated excellent dives, flip turns and stroke technique alongside incredible determination and energy. Every child improved on their personal best time – we can't ask for more – and in doing so also took away a number of ribbons and medals including 1st place, 3rd place. Our swimmers are a great example of how determination and hard work can bring a real sense of achievement and pride. Well done to you all.

## Yummy Bake Sale (Parent Event Team)

Huge thanks to our wonderful P.E.T for hosting this morning's Bake Sale. This was a delicious way to start a Friday morning and a great success. The baked treats were amazing and were in hot demand, selling out quickly and raising an impressive IDR 5.3 million towards the P.E.T funds. Special thanks go to all the mums who shared their wonderful baking skills with us all – we are impressed and greatly appreciative.



#### Year 1 Were Inspired by Kana's Rocket Ms Julia Lannary

Year 1 were inspired by Kana's rocket that she made at home. After collecting lots of tubes and newspaper, the children became young engineers. They rolled newspaper into tubes to make the rocket launcher, attached an elastic band to a small stick then attached this to the launcher. Children were creative in decorating their rockets using different materials such as coloured paper and sequins. We all had so much fun launching our rockets outside and seeing whose could go the furthest; trying different techniques like the angle of the launcher or the pull on the band.



## **NIS Open Day** Wednesday 21 November -9:00-11:00 AM

We are hosting an Open Day for prospective families. Please share this information within your community.



Discover the New Takarta!

Come and see what the new NIS can offer your child by joining our Open Day. EARLY YEARS AND PRIMARY OPEN DAY Wednesday, 21 November 2018 9:00 - 11:00am

For more information, please contact us at admissions@nis.or.id or +62 21 782 393



## **Diary Dates**

**2018-2019 Term Dates Calendar** Please see here for our 2018-2019 school's calendar

#### 2019-2020 Term Dates Calendar

Please see here for our 2019-2020 school's calendar

**Learning Overview** Weekly for each class

#### **Class News & School Newsletter**

Every two weeks (alternating)

#### Parent Workshops

Supporting Your Child with Phonics Friday 16 November (7:45-8:30) Students Reports Issued Monday 10 December

**NIS Open Day** Wednesday 21 November

NIS Bazaar 2018 Saturday 1 December (9:30-13:30)

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)