



## Happy Half-Term Break!



Wow – how time has flown this term! It has been a busy, purposeful, and action packed 9 weeks of learning. We hope that the Parent-Teacher consultation meetings, Learning Showcases and Parent Workshops have given parents a good insight into what and how the children have been learning and made clear each child's targets and next steps. It is great to see the children so happy and positive at school, and to see them embracing the learning behaviours that we know will help them to become confident and independent learners.

But, after all this hard work, the children (and probably parents too) are clearly ready for a break from the routines and challenges of school. The holiday is an opportunity for a change of pace and to allow everyone to recharge their energy. A little more sleep, time for unstructured play, time to chat with parents and family, to read, to travel, or to enjoy home in Jakarta. Whatever your plans, we hope that everyone has an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing you all fresh and relaxed on 22 October.

Thanks for all your support and partnership.

**Niki Meehan**  
*Principal*

## Animal Faces in Nursery

Inspired by the wonderful book Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell, the Nursery children have had a lot of fun with face paints and transformed themselves into some of their favourite animals. They love this story about a child who writes to the zoo for a pet only to be sent a series of unsuitable animals that have to be returned; the giraffe that is too tall, the lion that is too fierce, the frog that is too jumpy.....until finally the puppy that is just right! We love books and we love animals!



## Learning Showcases



What a wonderful few mornings we have had at our Learning Showcases where the children have proudly been showing and explaining to their parents what they have been learning in class. There were lots of engaging activities and the children certainly impressed with the depth of their knowledge and scope of their children's learning! These events are very impactful as learning is most powerful when shared with others. When children talk about their learning they are challenged to reflect on and really understand all steps of the learning process; explaining the objectives, the learning process undertaken, the challenges met and how they were overcome, the outcomes, what they learned, and how they worked individually or with others. Being able to share this learning with parents is also a great chance for children to be proud of their accomplishment and share with parents just how busy and smart they are each day at school. Well done children and thanks to the parents for your engagement.



## Music Round Up

Mr Brentan Schilling

Music is such an important part of our lives and we only need look at how the children grow and learn as they enjoy musical experiences to see the evidence. When singing or playing music there is a lot of work occurring across the neural pathways within the brain translating thoughts into action. Music participation is mental gymnastics for the mind and helps to increase cognitive function which positively impacts other areas of learning such as language learning and memory capabilities.



And our students across the school are really enjoying music with our new music teacher Mr. Brent. The diversity of experiences they have had during this first half term, include: Voice training and healthy singing practice; exploration of a wide range of instruments; recognising and writing music rhythmically and melodically; using expression, movement and drama with music; learning about and listening to classical composers; cooperating with others and building up a repertoire of songs from around the world, especially those participating in Choir. A highlight was the Big Sing event at AIS where approximately thirty students from NAS represented the school in a celebration of singing and took part in choral workshops.

As the students continue music classes after the break, they will listen to new music and learn more about musical history, the ways we make music and practice many new songs to sing for their families at home. We are also looking forward to our concert performances in late November.

## Diary Dates

### 2019-2020 Term Dates Calendar

Please see our website for our school's calendar

**Learning Overview**  
Weekly for each class

**Class News & School Newsletter**  
Every two weeks (alternating)

**Student Report Issued**  
Monday 16 December

**Parent Workshop**  
TAPESTRY (EYFS): Thursday 31 Oct (7:45-8:30)

**Catch Up & Coffee**  
Year 2: Friday 1 Nov (7:45-8:30)  
Nursery & FS1: Thurs 21 Nov (7:45-8:30)

### JASIS ATHLETICS

Saturday 16 November  
(hosted at NAS Jakarta)

### EYFS Concert

Wednesday 27 November  
(8:00-9:00)

### Primary Concert

Friday 29 November  
(13:00-14:00)

**NAS Jakarta Bazaar**  
Saturday 7 December