

Dear Parents,

Welcome to issue 11 of the NAS Jakarta Newsletter 2020-21.

Do you talk about the number of “sleeps” or “get-ups” in your family I wonder when counting down towards a holiday? There are just five more before the end of Term 2 – where has the time gone? It has been another term full of resilience during Virtual School Experience, but I am delighted to report that **94% of our parents either agreed or strongly agreed that NAS Jakarta provides a good virtual experience in our annual Parent Satisfaction Survey**, so thank you very much for your support.

As you will read below, our VSE continues to develop. You can read about our recent IPC Exit Points (or Learning

Showcases) in Primary classes and our virtual visits by author Sarah Roberts. We are also delighted with a successful first week of our ECA swimming programme which took place this week.

On behalf of us all at NAS Jakarta, I wish you a positive final week of term and a restful spring break. We hope you have a safe journey if you and your family are travelling during the school holidays and we look forward to welcoming your child back to Term 3’s learning on Monday 5th April.

Happy reading!

Rosy Clark
Principal

What's New!

Swimming Programme



This week, eight swimming lessons took place in the NAS pool for children from Early Years through to Y6/7 Eagles. Although it was rather chilly on the first couple of days due to the rain, the children persevered to do their best with Coach Felipe and Pak Ary, our lifeguard.

Emotions ranged from excitement to nervousness, but the children were well supported by parents and staff as they adjusted to swimming in the school’s pool, in some cases for the very first time and in other cases for the first time in a year. Thank you to parents and carers for respecting the swimming protocols and remaining outside the pool area.

Coach Felipe and Pak Ary are an experienced team. Lessons are a good balance of fun, encouragement and challenge so we hope your child enjoyed and benefited from their session this week. Please note that there are still several swimming places remaining. If you would like your child to join, please reach out to the ECA team at info@nasjakarta.sch.id. You are also welcome to sign your child up for a second session in the week if they are keen!

A Look at Learning

The International Primary Curriculum

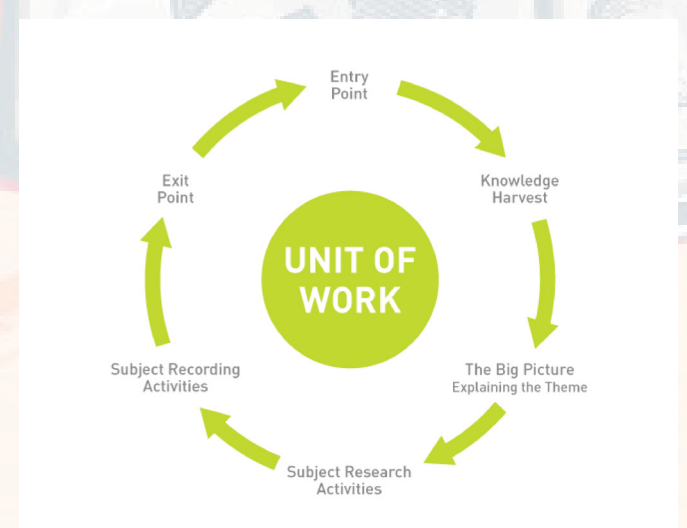
One key part of the curriculum for Years 1 – 6/7 at NAS Jakarta is the IPC, the International Primary Curriculum. Over the past couple of weeks, “Exit Points” (or Learning Showcases) have taken place in each class, whilst the Exit Point for Year 3 Macaws and Parakeets will take place on the last day of term.

What is an “Exit Point”?

The learning process involved in each IPC unit of work is described in the curriculum as follows:

The Learning Process

There is a distinct learning process with every IPC unit, providing a structured approach to make sure that children’s learning experiences are as stimulating and rigorous as possible.



"No one can properly predict the nature of work that will be available for today's primary age children by the time they are adults. Many of the jobs they will have simply don't yet exist, especially in the fields of ICT, technology and science. So the principle of the IPC is to focus on personal, academic and international learning that will prepare children, wherever they may live, for the world of tomorrow."

The **Exit Point** could be an event, experience or activity that is designed to bring the unit of work to a close. It celebrates or reinforces the learning that has taken place. An excellent way to do this is to provide an opportunity for the children to share their learning with their parents.

Thank you for attending these events and supporting the children as they love to share their learning with their

families. Below are some photos from Year 2's Pirate Exit Point.



Virtual School Experience Focus

World Book Day celebrations



On Thursday 4th March, schools across the world celebrated World Book Day. Here at NAS, we held various virtual events which both children and staff enjoyed. There were a wide variety of costumes for dress-up day, so thank you for supporting your child with this.



There was a good level of engagement with the bedtime stories read by Ms Dom on Monday evening, Ms Melissa Martin on Tuesday and Ms Emma on Wednesday. They enjoyed these sessions too!

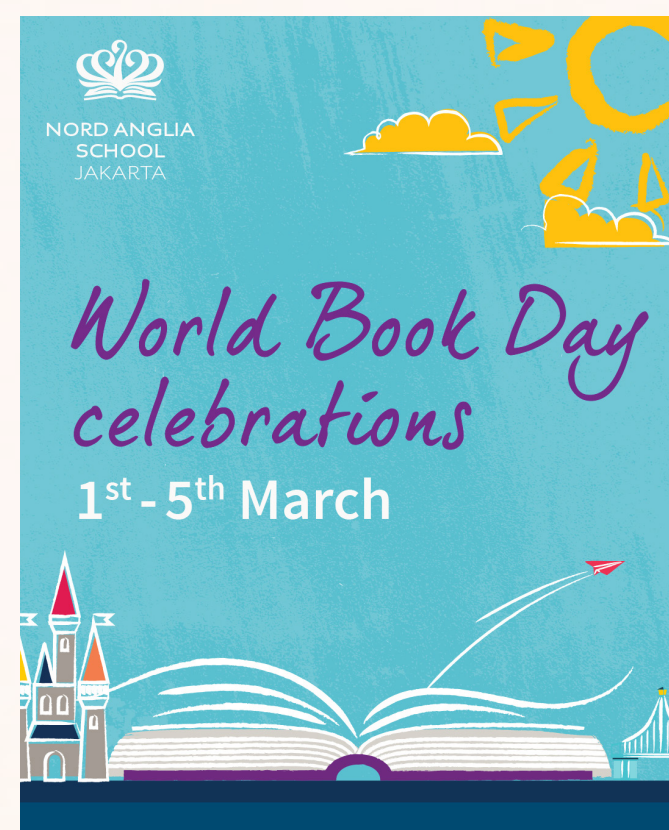


We were all very impressed with Sarah Roberts who got up at 1 a.m. not once but twice in the dark and cold of the English wintertime to read and talk to the children as our guest author.

She began her sessions by reading her book "Somebody Swallowed Stanley". During the story, she told the children more about the creatures who feature in her book: whales, seagulls, turtles and jellyfish. For instance, the children learned about the spikes in a turtle's throat to help them swallow their food and about the "eject button" on a herring gull's beak.

Staff were also impressed with the children's responses and questions in the chat box during Sarah's presentations. As the children correctly identified, the key message of Sarah's story was about the danger of plastic in our seas and oceans.

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Diary Dates

End of Term 2
Friday 19th March

Start of Term 3
Monday 5th April