



## Life Long Learning

We know that it is the commitment and skill of individual teachers which makes the biggest difference to children's progress and achievement. We strongly believe that teachers have a responsibility to continue with professional learning throughout their career and continually develop their knowledge and practice. To this end, we invest time and resources to ensuring that all teachers are able to continue their professional development in ways which have real impact on children's learning and contribute their skills and expertise individually and collectively. We work hard to foster a culture in which our teachers and staff are part of a professional, collegiate learning community here at NAS Jakarta but also working in collaboration to share expertise across our family of 66 Nord Anglia Education schools. If we want our students to be deep thinkers and life-long learners, our teachers need to embody these qualities and lead the way.

Although it might not always be apparent to students or parents, our teachers are learning all the time and in lots of different ways. Throughout the school year we have a number of teachers who attend external training to further their knowledge and skills. Last week Ms. Rianna attended a conference in Bangkok for international Dutch teachers to learn about and share best practice for the delivery of Dutch education overseas. And this week Ms. Melissa and Ms. Hayley are attending a 3-day conference in Bangkok with a renowned specialist from the UK on Early Years Education. All our staff have access to a wide range of high-quality professional learning opportunities via Nord Anglia Education including; taught leadership courses, educational seminars and webinars from internal and external experts, online and self-study courses, professional



forums and shared case studies. Several staff are also involved in studying for additional educational qualifications such as master's degrees via high quality universities, bringing this learning into their classroom practice and sharing with colleagues.

Professional learning however isn't simply something that is "done to" teachers but is an integral part of professional school life. Staff meetings, coaching and mentoring conversations, action research, case studies, lesson observations and teacher reflections are all happening throughout the term to ensure teachers are challenged and supported to think and reflect. Just like the students, the teachers are challenged to ask and seek answers to some big questions. How are knowledge and understanding developed? What does success look like? How do we enable children to develop higher order thinking skills, and skills for

learning, life and work? How can we optimise the relationship between learning and teaching to achieve the best outcomes for students? We don't have all the answers, but we will continue to grow and learn in pursuit of them.

So please be assured that your children are in the very skilled and capable hands of high-quality teachers who are committed to professional learning and building on the expertise and success already about us. We are continually learning to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

Thanks for your partnership.

**Niki Meehan**  
*Principal*

## Creative Thinking in Chameleon Class



The children in Year 1 Chameleon class have been enjoying their themed learning topic 'The Magic Toy Maker'. One activity has really challenged their thinking, concentration and fine motor skills; making their very own spiralling cube toys. The children had to follow a tricky process, following step by step instructions to carefully fold pieces of square paper into collapsible cubes (harder than it sounds). They then glued several cubes together to make a string of cubes which like magic collapse down into one flat cube. The process was quite challenging and the children were lucky to have some supportive parents who helped out. There was lots of great learning and the children had real sense of pride when they ended up with such smart puzzles that they had made themselves.

## Delicious Bake Sale



Huge thanks to our PET and all our parents for a most fabulous bake sale this morning. The tables were quite literally overflowing with a huge range of delicious sweet and savoury treats. Sales were fast and furious with containers being loaded up and children delighting in special cup cake breakfasts (just a few sugar-hyped kids for the teachers to contend with!) Thanks to the generosity of our parents, over 11 million IDR was raised for the PET funds. Well done and thanks to everyone involved.

## Lucky Container Tombola - Donations Wanted



At our annual Bazaar on Saturday 7 December, the PET will be running a lucky tombola. The idea being that you buy a ticket and have the chance to win a prize. It is the luck of the draw if your prize is big or small, gruesome or great, serious or silly!

This year the theme of the prizes is CONTAINERS where all the prizes are some kind of container.

- Food & drinks – soft drinks / alcohol / jars of sweets / honey / jam / vegetables/sauce etc
- Toiletries – shampoo /bath products / lotions/nail polish / perfume etc
- Toys – jar of stationery / tub of Lego / tub of playdough / paint tube etc

The PET are hoping to raise funds from this activity so hope to encourage sales by having as many prizes as possible. To optimise their profits, the PET are asking for donations for the tombola stall. Maybe you have unwanted items at home or are happy to buy a few items for the tombola table. All donations are gratefully received and can be left in the boxes at Reception from next week. Please note that all containers must be unopened, and any perishable goods must be within 'use by' dates.

All proceeds will go to PET funds to support student activities later in the year such as a disco or movie night for our own NAS Jakarta students as well as contributing to our support of the local kampung school and clinic.

## Green Fingers



This week our foundation 2 children were very excited to launch their new gardening project. Tasked with planting aubergine, tomato and chilli pepper plants, before the planting could begin, they first had some important planning to do and questions to answer. What tools to select for digging the soil and watering the plants? How much space would each plant need and how many plants would fit in each planter box? How big did they need to dig the holes? Which plants would produce which vegetable? Having found the answers to their questions, they got stuck into the dirty work of digging and planting. Now they have to carefully tend and nurture their plants and are eagerly anticipating them producing tasty aubergines, tomatoes and chilli peppers.

## Go Blue

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## Diary Dates

### 2019-2020 Term Dates Calendar

Please see our website for our school's calendar

### 2020-2020 Term Dates Calendar

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### Learning Overview

Weekly for each class

### Class News & School Newsletter

Every two weeks (alternating)

### Catch Up & Coffee

Nursery & FS1: Thurs 21 Nov (7:45-8:30)

### EYFS Concert

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

### Primary Concert

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

### NAS Jakarta Bazaar

Saturday 7 December

### Student Reports Issued

Monday 16 December