

Dear Parents,

Welcome to issue 9 of the NAS Jakarta Newsletter 2020-21.

We are publishing this before the Chinese New Year holiday, with a reminder that there will be a break in our Virtual School Experience on Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Monday 15th February.

In addition, to mark Chinese New Year, you will see from the 'Dates for your diary' section below that our Student Voice group has chosen to hold a dress-up day. Please do support your children to participate by wearing red and gold on Wednesday 10th February.

As the Virtual School Experience continues up to and beyond one year, we are prioritising your children's wellbeing. Having the chance to play together outdoors and to get creative are two great ways to promote wellbeing. So, last weekend saw the start of our outdoor play and football coaching sessions using our extensive grounds. We also plan to provide some extra-curricular options for your children in the arts beginning with the new "Virtual Live Art Sessions" on Thursday afternoons.

If you missed our parent workshop today, please find an overview below with links to the curriculum and parent guidance for Digital Literacy and Citizenship, as well as to a recording of the workshop itself.

Happy reading!

Rosy Clark *Principal*

A Look at Learning

Digital Literacy and Citizenship



In a <u>virtual workshop</u> for parents this week, Mr Alf Collett (STEAM and Learning Technologies Leader) introduced our new digital citizenship curriculum from Common Sense Media.

Through specific lessons, our children will be learning how to **be, think** and **act** when engaging with and using digital media. We want our children to be safe, respectful, critical and creative online during virtual school as well as in their free time at home.

This curriculum links closely to children's personal, social and emotional development. For example, children are taught to think

beyond themselves to recognise the ripple effects of their actions. They will also learn the importance of balancing screen time with other activities for their physical and mental health. Learning strategies to use when they themselves or their peers are confronted with cyber-bullying are part of the empowering approach of the curriculum.

In the parent area of the **Common Sense Media Website**, you will find useful reviews of apps, movies and games as well as tips and guidance so do please explore for yourselves.



Virtual School Experience Focus

Visual Arts Competition on Global Campus

NAS children, along with students from other Nord Anglia schools across the world, have been invited to take part in this year's visual arts competition by creating a compelling work of art, in a medium of their choice, to illustrate their thoughts on climate change. They can paint, draw, sculpt, photograph, collage, stamp using digital art or anything else.

To support our children with this exciting opportunity, Ms Sophie and Ms Esther are providing 10 collaborative live art sessions on Thursday afternoons to teach core skills and techniques for the children to apply to their own unique artwork.



The first live session took place this week. Next the children will receive their sketchbooks to record their creative process throughout the competition. The sketchbooks are a combination of various types of paper, recycled to create a space for creativity. Ms Sophie explains more:

"Sketchbooks provide the space for children to play, explore, try, and wonder. They also provide a safe space in which to fail, struggle and get lost, all of which bring growth in vital skills. When used well, sketchbooks allow children to go on their own journeys, and make their own choices about what and how they explore, and so build confidence."

What's New!





Last weekend, it was a delight to hear the sound of children playing outdoors on the school campus once again. Thank you to the Parent Weekend Team for supporting this development. They are gathering feedback during the first couple of weekends for us to review the arrangements as we move into the second half of this term.

The aim of these sessions is for the children to socialise and enjoy the campus outdoor areas so please remember to limit the number of adults to one adult per family group if possible. Also, please do not expect teachers to attend as this must be kept as a separate arrangement to our educational provision.

Football coaching on Sunday mornings got off to a very positive start too, although it would be lovely to see some girls participating! Please talk to and encourage your daughters to think about joining the group.



Diary Dates

Chinese New Year dress-up day!

This theme has been chosen by our Student Voice group, so please encourage your children to wear red and gold.

10th February 2021

Upcoming Virtual Parent Workshops are:

Maths: Teaching investigations and fractions for the EY - Y2 age group

19th February 2021 (8:00 - 9:00 am)

Maths: Teaching investigations and fractions for the Y3 - Y6/7 age group 26th February 2021 (8:00 - 9:00 am)

Virtual Open Day 5th March 2021 (10:00 - 11:00 am)











