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Dear Parents,

VIKINGS ATTACK NAIS!

Another action-packed week, which ended today with a school full of rather scary Vikings. All of the Year 3 children – and their teachers (!) – showed an amazing level of creativity in their costumes. It was a marvellous celebration of their Viking theme which has seen them linking and studying history and geography through Vikings over the past weeks. We've put a great selection of photos on our [Facebook site](#), and we'll be uploading them to the website early next week.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

A huge thanks to all the pupils that bravely put themselves forward for House Captain roles. Each child had to prepare a short speech and deliver it in front of their whole House. An amazing achievement by all the candidates and a great way to practise public speaking skills. This week, the House Captains and Vice Captains were announced after a House-wide vote. [Meet our House Captains.](#)

Windsor

- House Captains: Samantha Chau and Ryan Chu (Year 7)
- Vice Captains: Kayci Qi (Year 7) and Amber Khaira (Year 6).

Sandringham

- House Captains: Valeria Kulik and Michael Oak (Year 7)
- Vice Captains: Satva Upadhyay (Year 5), Dina Evdokimova and Janice Ooi (Year 6)

Balmoral

- House Captains: Riccardo Forzani and Simone Skovgaard (Year 6)
- Vice Captains: Marcus Wong (Year 7) and Georgia Berry (Year 6)

Caernarfon

- House Captains: Rebecca Chen (Year 7) and Bobby Li (Year 5)
- Vice Captains: Nina Finch (Year 6) and Vic Jiwattanakul (Year 6).

STARS OF THE WEEK

This week was the opportunity to applaud [achievement in maths](#) in our regular Friday morning Whole School Assembly. It was a slightly surreal experience as we had 80 little Vikings (and four big Vikings) among us! As Mr Cooklin pointed out, it was the first time he'd awarded a Star of the Week to a Viking! [Click here for more photos.](#)

Year 1: Daisy Deacon-Potter, Ivy Li, Malcolm Thompson, Hannah Chan, Lawrence Lee

Year 2: Hans Chiu, Monty Sanderson, Noah Michalski, Theo Lam, Gary Law

Year 3: Grace Engleman, Ananya Gracias, Connor Foster, Joseph Ooi

Year 4: Nichola McLennan, Kingsley Lui, Eason Ying

Year 5: Nicole Chan, Quintin Chiu, Jaden Shim

Year 6: Justin Suo, Winnie Xiao

Year 7: Tony Chiong, Lucia Bowers-Martinez

66TH HONG KONG SCHOOL'S SPEECH FESTIVAL – NAIS pupils take first place!

16 of our pupils have entered one of Hong Kong's longest standing and most prestigious competitions, the Hong Kong School's Speech Festival. Guided by our drama specialist teacher, the irrepressible Miss Bovingdon, our pupils have really put NAIS on the map, with both Archy Cheung (7B) and Rylan Holt (3A) winning their categories. Adding to that Ebee Lee (5B), Nicole Chan (5A) and Anakin Lee (6B) all earned Merits in their categories. The competition is on-going, so I look forward to sharing more good news with you all.

GLOBAL CLASSROOM

Last week your children (Y4 to 7) came home with their Global Classroom passports and today Mr Robinson, our GC Lead Teacher, mentioned some of the online activities in which our pupils are already getting involved. Sunny Li and Sophia Forzani have been sharing some excellent posts with Nord Anglia students around the world; Zoe Yu has already submitted a beautiful image of a temple in China for the GC Photography Competition and the Year 7s, Michael Oak, Daniel Cheng, Valeria Kulik and Aidan Chiu have got involved in the most recent Great Debate. If you'd like to learn more about what your child can do on the GC, please take a look at the attached Parent Guide to GC.

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Our Additional Support Needs (ASN) Team, headed by Jane Henderson, held a coffee morning this week. We are so fortunate to have this team of dedicated professionals guiding and encouraging all our pupils, whether they need a long-term programme of support or just a little boost when a child is having a bad week. If you have any concerns, at any time, during the school year, please feel free to contact Ms Henderson.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

All of our House Assemblies this week have focused on bullying and how we, as individuals and a community, create a zero-tolerance culture in our school. The pupils looked, in particular, at cyber-bullying and how we can use technology responsibly and stay safe online.

REMINDER – CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

We sent this through last week, but Christmas hits NAIS with a vengeance next week, so please keep these important dates close to hand. During the last week, there will be lots of parents in and out of the school. Can I please ask you to remember to let our Bus Team and your Class Teacher know if you're going to take your child home with you after one of the events.

CLASS REPS

Please support your Class Reps who have been reaching out to you all to help coordinate Christmas activities in your child's class. All the Class Reps have kindly volunteered to take on these essential roles and they deserve all our thanks and support!

LUNCHES & SNACKS

From next week, our cafeteria will be offering pastries, sandwiches, panninis and other bakery foods. While we're talking about food, could I please ask you to remind your children not to eat sweets and candies while they are in school. Our teachers will remind them as well, and they can put them back in their bag until after school has finished. We do aim to promote healthy eating in school. Thank you all for your support.

REMINDER – ECAs FINISHING 4 DECEMBER

The ECAs will finish for this term on Thursday 4 December and there will be not Late Buses until they start on Monday 12 January. The children will stick with their current ECAs until just before the Easter Break.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2014/15

Finally, our School Calendar for 2014/15 has been finalised. Please see the attached pdf – and you can also check our School Calendar online as it's a great way to check what is happening day-by-day and week-by-week. Go to our [homepage](#) and scroll down.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday when our school will definitely be taking on its Festive colours!

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

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