



## Year 8 Newsletter - 27 November



### Wet, Cold and Miserable weather won't stop these girls!

Last Saturday saw eight CISSA Football teams playing in various locations around the city in the annual Cross River Tournaments. Year 8 boys and girls combined with Year 9s and 7s to make the C1 and C2 squads. A massive congratulations go out to all those students who braved the weather to represent their teams on Saturday. Thank you to Mrs Howell for this write up about the C2 Girls:

The C2 Girls travelled to Wellington for a wet and soggy tournament. The girls entered the tournament with true tiger spirit winning the first two games with goals from Tina Otula, Chiara Taylor, Amelia Haynes, Bianca Verni and Alessandra Perone. Isabella Van der Putten was extremely brave playing in goal allowing us to be even more dynamic and influential out on the field. Katy Sapsford controlled the defense with great determination preventing goals being scored, while Aoki worked tirelessly moving the ball from defense into attack. Overall a solid all round team performance to finish off the season. Team was :

Katy Sapsford, Alessandra Perone, Amelia Haynes, Bianca Verni, Tina Otula, Isabella Van der Putten, Aoki Yamada, Yikiko Jauffret.

### Courtney is Spanish Student of the Month.

Pictured to the right is the lovely Courtney Gill and her Spanish teacher Ms Rodriguez in front of the Student of the Month board. Courtney received the award this month for her overall performance and high standards of work in Spanish lessons. Ms Rodriguez commented; "Courtney is always completing class and homework to excellent standards. She is very respectful, listens to the teacher and is very disciplined". Courtney's smile in the photograph speaks for itself and she was one happy student when she received the award. This is just one example of how students are continually trying to achieve in lessons and a demonstration of how excellent work and attitude is rewarded here at NAIS Pudong. Ms Rodriguez would also like to mention an additional congratulations to Yukiko and Ehsaan who performed well in a recent Speaking test, and put a great effort into their preparation.





## Upcoming Events & Dates

**Sunday 29 November** – Christmas Bazaar

**Friday 4 December** – CCAs finish for Term 1

**Friday 11 December** – Term 1 ends

**Wednesday 6th January** – Term 2 starts

## General

### Lesson Updates

#### English

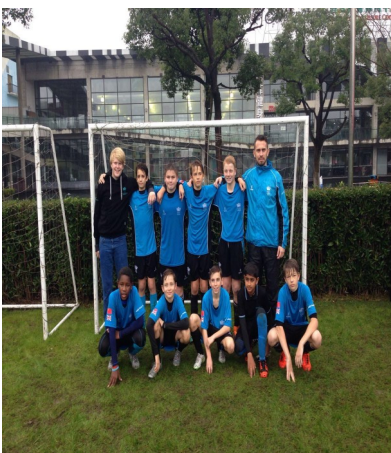
In addition to their ongoing curriculum, some of Year 8 have begun tackling the Waterloo Problem of the Week, run by the Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing. Pupils collaborate to solve problems requiring logical thought and mathematical application, with many students accessing problems aimed beyond their age group. The students have engaged with these problems greatly, showcasing their problem solving ability and their teamwork skills.

#### Humanities

In Geography, Year 8 students have been finishing off their unit on coasts. 8B have been experimenting with using their iPads for a piece of work on the Holderness Coasts with some students creating educational videos and others using book creator in order to make books which can be read on ibooks.

#### C1 Football - A word from Coach Dawson

I took the C1 Boys Team to Dulwich on Saturday to play in the CRE tournament. Weather was cold and miserable but the boys went into it with confidence, having been undefeated all season. The tournament proved to be a lot tougher than anticipated and the boys came up against some stern teams and big players—eventually taking two draws, one loss and a win. Overall I am really proud of the boys this season. They



were a pleasure to coach and showed dedication, spirit and teamwork all season. At times their football was scintillating and tore teams apart. The boys all have a bright future in the game, at our school or elsewhere. On that note, a special mention and thank you to Jake, Jason and Noah who will all be leaving us this year for other cities/countries. All players be-

ing in year 8, showed skill and determination against boys often older and bigger than themselves.



#### A Focus on Global Campus

Students have been working on the Global Campus 'Be Ambitious Challenge' during Guidance. 'Be Ambitious' is an Ethos here at NAIS Pudong which highlights the belief that there is no limit to what students can achieve and that they should all try to reach for their dreams and try something new. Being ambitious is inspirational and motivational and we want students to stretch themselves that little bit further to be the best that they can be. Ambition can take you anywhere. But it's only the spark. It takes passion, determination and commitment to make it a reality. Teachers here at school aim to personalise learning in order to harness and build upon on students individual strengths and passions; empowering them to achieve beyond what they imagine, academically, socially and personally.

#### The Global Campus Task:

To work collaboratively and design a poster, video, brochure or slideshow that explores the idea of 'what makes someone ambitious?'

Let's see what they come up with!