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Dates to Remember

- December 16 - January 1: Winter Holiday & New Year's Day (No School)
- January 2: School Starts



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As this session draws to a close and we begin our Winter Break, I want to thank you for your understanding and support over the last few months. Our community has once again been on the Covid Rollercoaster, with many affected in one way or another, if not by actual lock-down, then by the restrictions and required routines which interrupt the flow and pleasure of daily life. We are truly sorry that we have been unable to host UN/International Day (postponed twice), or to invite parents on campus for Drama Night (postponed) and the Winter Concerts for Early Years and Lower Primary (held, but without parents).

With the dismantling of the pandemic regulations step by step, we hope that Semester 2 will allow us to return to a semblance of normality, and we look forward to welcoming parents onto campus once more!





A few items of information:

At the request of parents, we are making available the videos of the Cambridge Journey Information Evening. See today's Newsletter for the link. Please note that this is an in-house video for parents, and we would prefer if you do not share it publicly.

The school calendar for 2023-24 will be made available on the school's website shortly. We hope this will help parents plan their summer travel.

Teacher turnover next summer will be relatively small, and we are already well on the way in recruiting and appointing teachers for the few vacant positions available. The search for a new principal is also active, with interviews occurring as we find suitable candidates. Interview panels for this position include members of the School Advisory Committee.

Plans are in the making for improvements to the PE Department and Early Years Playground next summer. AC will be installed in the gymnasium, making it much more comfortable for year-round use. It is also planned to construct a cover for the roof-top basketball court – which opens the area for all-weather use. And we will put a large permanent shade over the sandpit in the EY Playground to provide shelter from the rain and shade from the sun.





NBIS students continue to flourish, surprising us all at times with their intuition, creativity, hard work, perseverance, progress and achievements. This is exemplified in some marvellous results from Cambridge Examinations, and some wonderful university offers already for students of our graduating class. We can see it too in the growing confidence of our students to present themselves and their school to the public. Recently, Sikata Y12, Tithi and Chayse Y10 took charge of producing a student video of life at NBIS as part of our application for membership of the Council of International Schools (CIS). Fantastic work! And we are still growing as a school - anticipating that we' ll reach 460 students after Chinese New Year.

On behalf of all teachers and staff at NBIS, I wish you a safe and happy holiday!

Philip R Billing
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS



Year 13
Yiwei Wang

Congratulations to Yiwei Wang (Cici) for reaching the interview stage for Engineering at the University of Cambridge.

Good luck!



CONGRATULATIONS



Class of 2022
Congwen Deng



Congwen Deng from Class of 2022 got an offer to study Statistics from Australian National University.

Well Done!

CONGRATULATIONS



Year 13
Yue Qu



Congratulations to Yue Qu (Jacqueline) for receiving the offer to study Fashion Studies at Columbia College Chicago.

Good luck!



NBIS Cambridge Journey

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NBIS Cambridge Journey 2022

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You can get the helpful material for the Cambridge curriculum by clicking on the following links, which lead to videos of the Cambridge Journey.

NBIS Cambridge Journey - By Mr. Philip Billing

<http://gofile.me/53pBH/vzyGV6Eny>

NBIS Cambridge Journey - By Mrs. Sonya Potts

<http://gofile.me/53pBH/YfYxTdk8e>

NBIS Cambridge Journey - By Mr. Aaron Lowe

<http://gofile.me/53pBH/bcpRWDOmF>

NBIS Cambridge Journey - By Mr. Jason Jeffries

<http://gofile.me/53pBH/5MNQO5Bmh>

Note that these videos are solely intended for internal use; thank you for not sharing them with the general public or using them in any other way.



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EARLY YEARS SECTION

Early Years Winter Concert



This week the Early Years children performed in the 'Early Years Winter Concert 2022'. We were delighted to have the NBIS Cheerleaders open our Winter Concert with a cheer performance for the Early Years children.

The Early Years children did a fantastic job and looked very cute and happy as they performed their songs with their class. It was a very exciting and happy occasion for the children to share with their class and the Early Years section as a whole. We must give a very big thank you to the teachers who have been teaching the items to their classes over the last few weeks. We must also thank the children who worked hard and did a great job learning the actions that went with their songs.





Year 3 – 6 - NBIS Cheerleaders



Preschool - Hello, Reindeer



Nursery A - The Dancing Christmas Tree



Nursery B - Ring Those Christmas Bells



Reception A - Santa Shark



Reception B - Frosty the Snowman



**Early Years Section -
We Wish You a Merry Christmas**





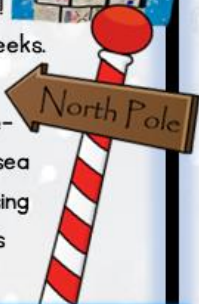
RECEPTION A

is ready for the Winter Holiday!




Reception A's excitement for all of the festivities shows on their happy faces! We've have enjoyed learning many seasonal vocabulary words these past 2 weeks.

Clockwise from top-left: Suri sprinkling glitter on her ornament; Henry adding sequins to his Christmas tree; Tony drawing a winter scene on a brick for our whole-class art with "Santa George" stuck in the chimney; Zoe & Ian playing with Ms. Chelsea on the see-saw after our Winter Concert; Juliette & Taisei painting a winter tree using their hand and arm and their fingers for the snow.





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is ready for the Winter Holiday!



Clockwise from top-left: Caspian as a "Santa Shark," Archimede as an "Elf Shark," and Cecilia as a "Reindeer Shark" in the Reception A's Santa Shark performance for the Early Years Winter Concert; Oscar politely asking for more yummy snacks during our class Christmas party; George picking out a reindeer slap bracelet for his gift; Ms. Chelsea & Ms. Alex with the class after the Winter Concert; J.S. making a "melted snowman" with puffy paint.



PRIMARY SECTION

Lower Primary Winter Concert

The Lower Primary “Winter Concert” was a roaring success this year. Mr. Armstrong welcomed Upper Primary to the auditorium to enjoy this very special performance from Year 1, 2 and 3.



Students worked together to perform “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” with a script adapted by Ms. Yu and Mr. Armstrong from the original Dr. Seuss story. Year 3 students acted the roles of the kindly “Whos”, the evil “Grinch”, her companion “Max” the dog and the charming “Cindy Lou Who” to raucous applause from the enthusiastic audience.





Important Roles:

Year 3A - Anna – The Grinch

Year 3A – Victor – Max the Dog

Year 3B – Ava – Cindy Lou Who

The scenes were enhanced by beautiful singing and thoughtful choreography from Year 1 and Year 2.



Led by Ms Jenny, Ms Emily and Mrs McAleer, Year 1 performed charming renditions of “Santa Claus is Coming to Town” and “Up On The Roof”.



Year 2 sent waves of smiles through upper primary with the crowd pleasers “Jingle Bells” and “You’re a Mean One Mr Grinch” under the guidance of Mrs Amy and Mrs Candice. “You’re a Mean One Mr Grinch” was especially popular - many of Upper Primary were heard humming it on their way out of the auditorium.



Our headmaster, Mr Phil gave a final speech and wished students and teachers a safe and happy Winter Holiday. Thank you, Mr Phil, for your kind words.



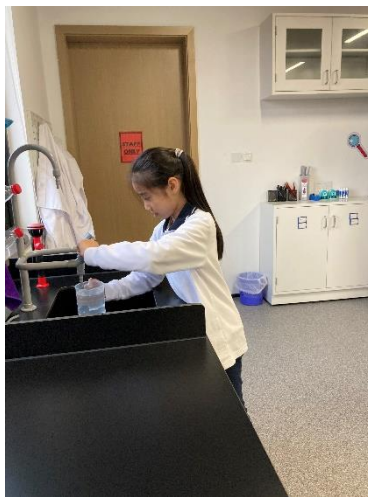
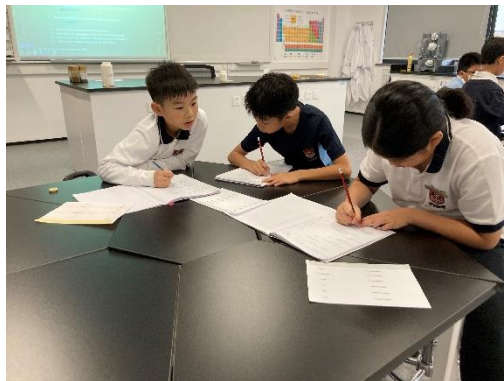
Year 5A Newsletter W/C 5/12

Science-Soluble/Insoluble

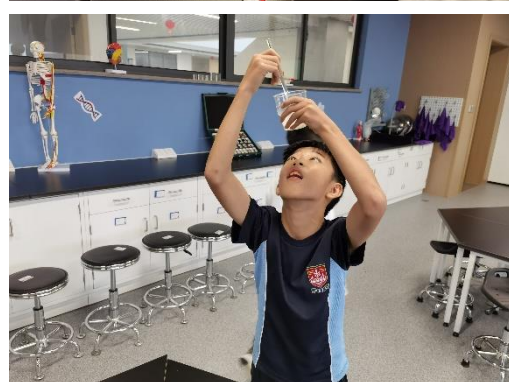


In our second science unit of this semester, we are looking at 'Materials', where we have been learning about solids, liquids and gasses and the 'particle model'.

Last week we learnt about Solutes, Solvents and Solutions. Working in groups, class 5A had to work together to figure out how they could conduct an experiment to find out whether a specific material was soluble or insoluble. First, they needed to think about what equipment they needed, devise a method for carrying out the experiment, draw a diagram to show how the experiment would look, consider the risks associated with their experiment (and ways to minimize those risks) and then think about and identify the variables within their experiment, to ensure they were conducting a fair test.

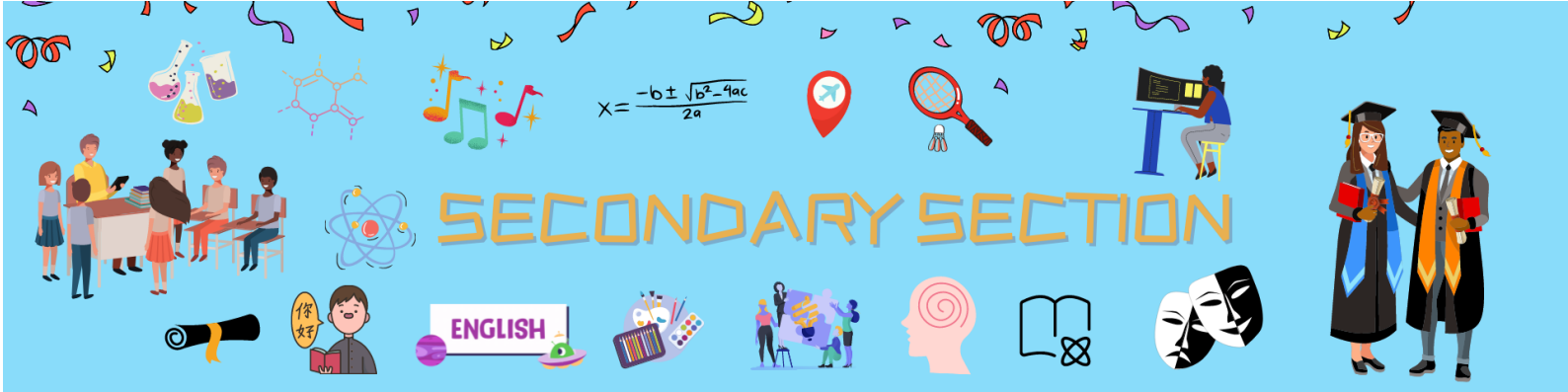


Once the kids had formulated their plans, and recorded their scientific predictions, they went on to conduct their experiments on sugar, pasta, salt, wood shavings, flour and rice to find out if these materials were soluble or insoluble. They recorded their results, compared them with their predictions and finished by listing the properties of the different materials.



Whilst the class initially started out with a little apprehension, at having no prescribed experiment instructions to follow from the teacher, ultimately the kids really enjoyed having the opportunity to design and carry out their own experiments, using their own developing scientific knowledge, and demonstrating great team working skills along the way.





Secondary Students Participated in NBIS Marketing Project: CIS Video

I am Sikata Gehani, a student at Ningbo British International School in year 12. I am doing an internship with the marketing department at NBIS. The school asked me to take on the task of creating the application video for the CIS (Council of International Schools) because of my interest in film and marketing. I was given creative rein over the process, and so I decided to produce a video that portrays student life in a candid and realistic way. This video gives insight into what student life looks like within the NBIS community, including the lesson structures of a variety of subject classes, the voices of students around campus, and the facilities and equipment NBIS has to offer.



My overall experience collaborating with the students and the marketing department was remarkable. I gained a lot of knowledge on how to direct, instruct, plan out and organize the video format and how it should be filmed and edited. I was also given the opportunity to go outside of campus to a professional media department, where they worked solely on the footage and the editing. Going to an actual video editing suite gave me a real-life experience for my future. There were many obstacles in the process of making the video, such as spending a lot of time during and after school, changes in the plan, and catching up on work.



However, after looking at the final edit of the video, I immediately realized it was all worth it. Not only did I learn to work as a team and learn leadership skills, but I also learned how to use the camera.



I would like to thank NBIS for allowing me to become a director and film editor. Furthermore, I would like to thank Year 10 students Tithi and Chayse for being the actors in the video, Kim Jiwon for filming the extra classes, Ms. Froome and Mr. Aaron for guiding us, and to all NBIS teachers for allowing us to film their classes. Lastly, I would like to thank the marketing department, Ms. Yuky, and Miss. Shushu for their constant support and help.



Year 12 Travel & Tourism



The year 12 Travel & Tourism class created their own tourism company and carried out their own event.

To prove they are a successful company, they had to make a small profit.

The students made a profit from the event they organized and from selling their merchandise.

Dandelion Tours decided to donate their profits and give back to their community. The students donated 500RMB to Ningbo Stray Coalition.



NBIS Secondary Outdoor Education

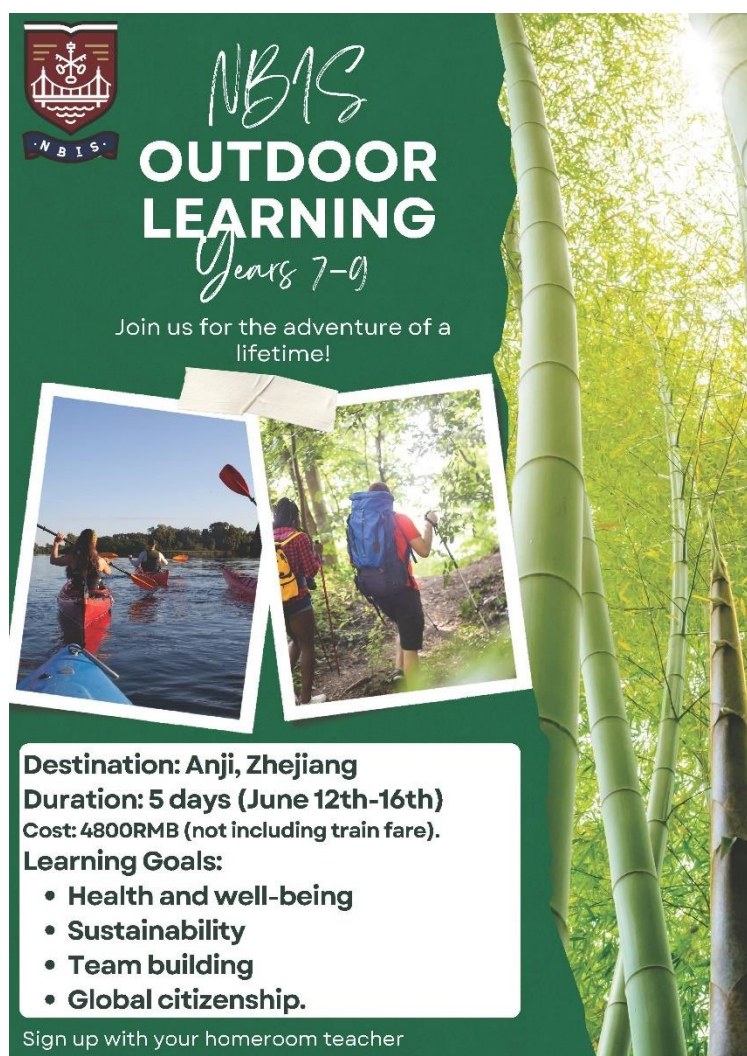
The Secondary Section is delighted to announce that NBIS will offer students outdoor education at the end of the school year. We have explored many avenues and have decided to go with 'Wild China'.

Wild China has been running innovative, custom-crafted educational tours for over 20 years with responsible professionalism while maintaining an exemplary safety record. They curate experiential learning experiences for the world's leading institutions, including Harvard, Stanford, Dulwich, Nord Anglia, Wellington, Harrow, and many more. Their commitment to safety, sustainability, and creative, high-quality itineraries have made Wild China Asia's oldest and most established company in educational travel.

The outdoor experience available for lower secondary is 'Bamboo Sea,' and upper secondary will have 'Global Citizenship Retreat.'


For more information, students can ask their homeroom teachers for a full leaflet.

<https://wildchina.com>



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OUTDOOR LEARNING
Years 7-9

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime!



Destination: Anji, Zhejiang
Duration: 5 days (June 12th-16th)
Cost: 4800RMB (not including train fare).
Learning Goals:

- Health and well-being
- Sustainability
- Team building
- Global citizenship.

Sign up with your homeroom teacher



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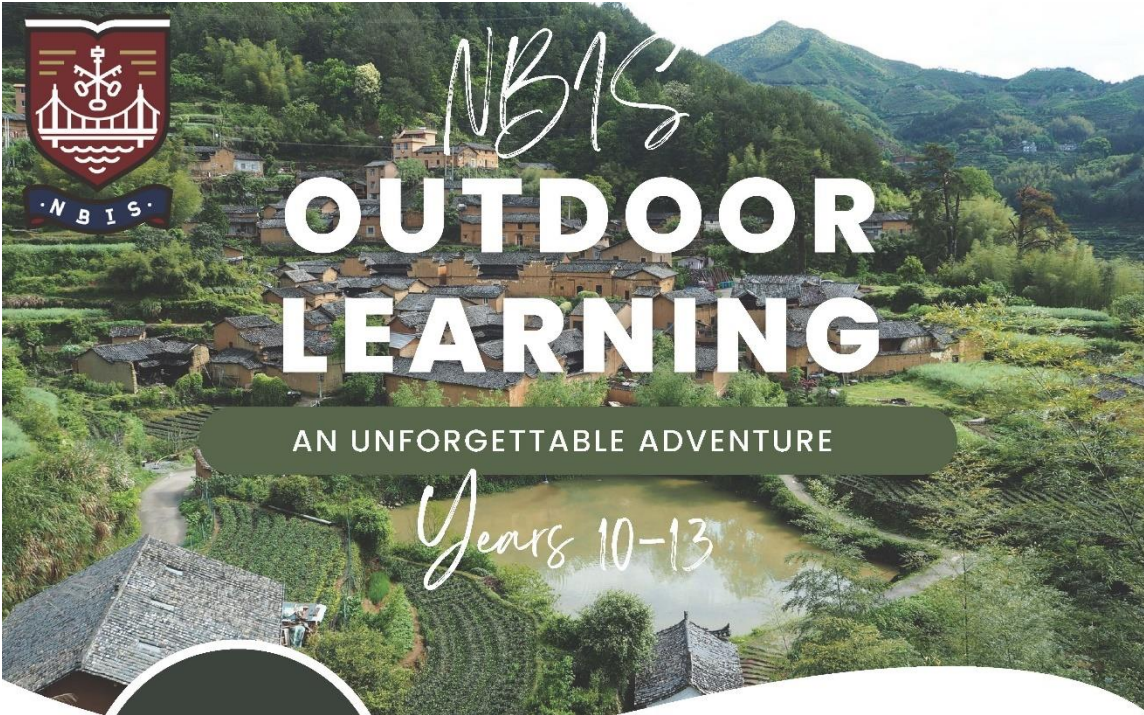


Activities:

- Team building games
- Scavenger hunt
- Rock climbing
- Abseiling
- Nighttime exploration/ flashlight games
- Building a waste incinerator
- Kung Fu master class
- Bamboo weaving workshop
- Orienteering
- Caving
- Tie-dye workshop
- Bonfire and BBQ

For an information leaflet, ask your homeroom teacher





NBIS OUTDOOR LEARNING

AN UNFORGETTABLE ADVENTURE

Years 10-13

A 5-DAY EXCURSION

Location: Songyang, Zhejiang

Cost: 4900RMB (not including train fare)

Duration: 5 days (June 12th-16th)

Learning goals:

Understand how poverty and wealth can affect human needs

Learn about strategies to overcome inequalities

Compare living in a megacity to the countryside.

ACTIVITIES:

- Teambuilding exercises
- Discussions on global citizenship
- Stargazing and talks on light pollution
- Learn survival skills
- Outdoor movie
- Mountain trail trek
- Making paper and bamboo weaving
- Opera workshop
- Scavenger hunt
- BBQ and bonfire
- Students will present their ideas on revitalizing Songyang to the local government.



Sign up with your homeroom teacher

www.wildchinaeducation.com



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Student vs. Teacher Volleyball Tournament



On the occasion of 5 December Volleyball tournament among teachers and students was held in NBIS sports gym. The tournament's success was achieved with the help from students and staff. A huge thank you to all of the staff that stayed after school to participate. It was amazing to see everyone have so much fun playing and have time to just hang out at the end of the school day. It was lovely to see students and teachers coming together to create new and lasting memories. Even though both sides put up a good fight, the teachers won all three games.

Volleyball tournament gives students opportunity to compete and practice their collaboration skills. It comes with competition, education, and fun play. It brings students together and helps them form inseparable bonds. From staying physically healthy to building notable character skills. The volleyball community is a welcoming place. We are looking forward to organizing more volleyball games in the future.



NBIS SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM – GO SHARKS!

The NBIS football team has been training twice per week for the last two months. The students participating come from Years 7 to 12 and they are all very enthusiastic about being a part of an excellent football team.

Each week, the boys participate in very rigorous fitness drills followed by activities that improve their technical competence in playing football.



The training is preparing them to participate in a high school competition in Ningbo that will hopefully be kicked off in the spring of next year.

We have already played two practice matches with teams from AHS where we have beaten them twice, first, 1 – nil, and then 2 – nil.

We also intend to play a match against the NBIS Teachers in the spring, and this promises to be a very competitive and entertaining match.

The boys have worked very hard, and you can see the incremental improvements over the weeks. The intention is that we will develop a football program here at NBIS where our team will be competitive in all competitions we enter, and, win trophies. We are confident that we have talent here at NBIS that in the next five to ten years, we may see some of them playing in the world cup!

Go NBIS Sharks!



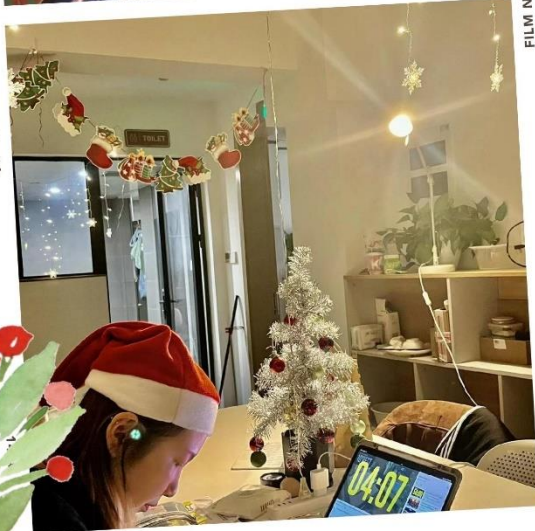
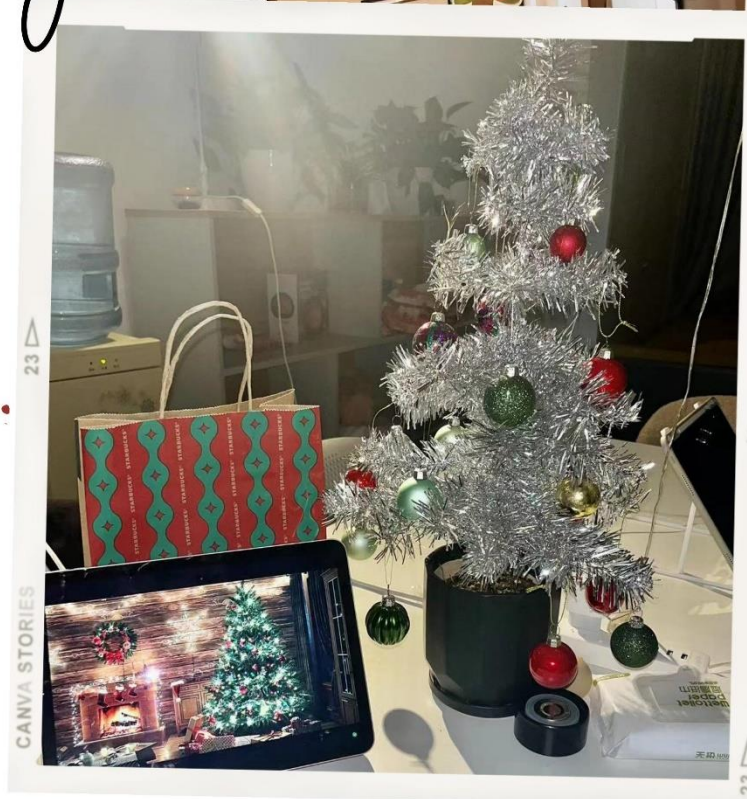


On December 14th, a friendly football match in NBIS Secondary: Santa vs. Elves.

NBIS Secondary students and teachers participated in this event. They changed into costumes and played on the football field. NBIS principal Mr. Phil was in charge of refereeing the game, and others watched the game around. Everyone had fun and precious memories. Finally, congrats to the Elves on their second-half fightback for the win.



Seasons Greetings



The boarding students have gotten into the Christmas spirit and put up a small Christmas tree given by the school. The students enjoyed decorating a festive and magical living space.



NBIS PTA Wishes you a Lovely Holiday

NBIS PTA prepared 93 Christmas gifts packs for each NBIS teachers and staff.



This morning, PTA reps came to school bearing gifts for all the teachers.



The gifts were nicely presented in the Staff Lounge. Teachers and Admins all received the handmade packs from our wonderful parents. Thanks to our PTA!



Staff Christmas Gathering



The NBIS staff Christmas gathering is a yearly tradition. The staff gathered in the staffroom last Friday afternoon to celebrate together before the Winter Holiday.

There was a potluck where staff shared some homecooked food. Isidro, Kaia and Min played music and sang for the staff.



Many teachers took part in an ugly Christmas sweater competition; Mr. Yassine Kaya emerged victorious in this competition, winning a trophy.



Lastly, there was a white elephant gift exchange.



NBIS staff would like to wish parents a happy holiday!





NBIS Winter Holiday

DECEMBER 16 - JANUARY 1:
WINTER HOLIDAY & NEW YEAR'S DAY
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