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Dates to Remember

- June 30: Last Day of School
- July 1 – August 27: Summer Holiday (No School)
- August 28: Back to School

NBIS concluded its academic year with a series of enriching and celebratory events.



The Board Meeting took place on June 20th. The board members from WEG, comprising NBIS school leaders, gathered to discuss and evaluate various aspects of the school's operations and long-term vision. Chairman of NBIS Board, Mr Ying Xiong inspected the work of the second semester and highly appreciated the hard work of the teachers and staff of NBIS. The meeting facilitated open dialogue to actively participate in shaping the school's future direction.



Another significant event was the highly anticipated Open Evening with new International Principal Ms Nancy Eldars on June 21st.

The school welcomed Ms Eldars as the new International Principal, who brings a wealth of experience and innovative ideas to further elevate the educational standards at NBIS.

Students, parents and staff had the opportunity to meet and interact with the new International Principal, fostering a sense of excitement and anticipation for the future of the school.



Furthermore, NBIS and PTA hosted the Annual Appreciation Gala, a night dedicated to expressing gratitude and appreciation to all the parents for their unwavering support and involvement throughout the academic year. The gala featured heartfelt speeches, cultural performances, and a sumptuous dinner, providing a delightful evening of celebration and recognition.





These end-of-term events highlighted the strong sense of community and collaboration that defines NBIS. It is through such events that the school strives to create an environment where students can thrive academically and personally. NBIS's commitment to providing a holistic educational experience to its students was clearly reflected in the success of these events. The school looks forward to building upon these accomplishments in the upcoming academic year.



NBIS Reception Graduation 2022/2023

On Wednesday 21st June, NBIS Reception Graduation was hosted by the Early Years Section to celebrate the graduation of all Reception students.





Primary Graduation Ceremony

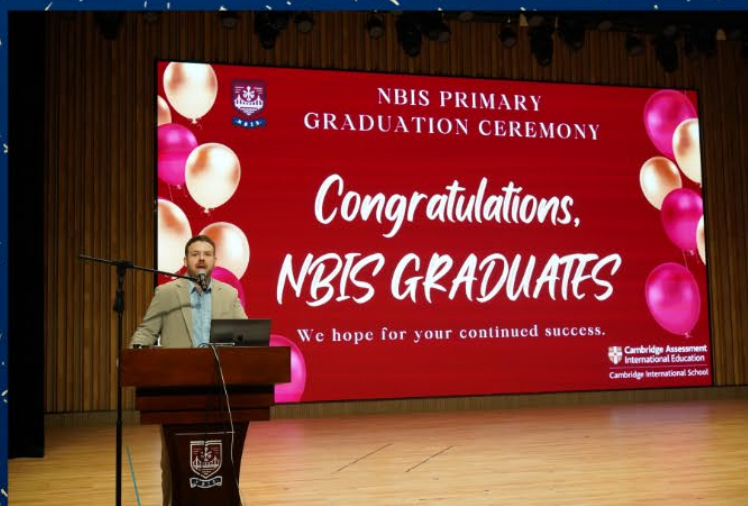
On the 28th of June, NBIS held the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in our Auditorium. It means the end of the school year and the students will move on to the next step of their school journey. Year 6, we wish you all the best for your future.

Piano Performance



Performance by Year 6A

Welcome and Introduction



Speech by Mr Mathew Thompson



Reflections from Graduate Students



Reflections from Parents



Performance by Year 6B





Biology Challenge 2023

In May, 48 NBIS students from Years 8, 9 & 10 entered the 2023 Biology Challenge to compete alongside over 43000 students from 621 schools worldwide. The Biology Challenge aims to stimulate a curiosity about the natural world and encourages students to take an interest in biology outside of school. Questions are set on the school curriculum, but the competition will also reward those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of natural flora and fauna. The competition consists of two multiple-choice papers which are sat online under exam conditions.

A special congratulations to the following NBIS students for performing highly in the competition:

- Arturo Martinez Negro - Gold
- Ka Hei Chu - Gold
- Zhiyuan Ren - Gold
- Margherita Nian Ge Liao - Gold
- Adeday Solomon Belete - Silver
- Chayse Maksim Shirley - Silver
- Ricky Ruiqi Jin - Silver
- Anna Nian-An Liao - Silver
- Zachary Chieng Heng - Bronze
- Yi Dong Lu - Bronze
- Nandini Kumar - Bronze
- Mulan Summer Rose - Bronze
- Noah Louis Horst Mols - Bronze
- Keane Wong Bin Rui - Highly Commended
- Tithi Muljani - Highly Commended
- Takuma Yokoi - Highly Commended
- Tianqi Lin - Highly Commended
- Hridita Nawrin - Commended
- En Jie Gu - Commended
- Hao Ning Shi - Commended
- Kaylyn Sun - Commended
- Vincent Zheng - Commended
- Hoe Yin Khong - Commended
- Kaishu Amano - Commended
- Alyssa Ruo Cun Bellotti - Commended
- Francisca Millaray Pena Galdames - Commended
- Ivor Roy Qie - Commended



This is to certify that
Ka Hei Chu
from
Ningbo British International School
has been awarded

Gold

in the Biology Challenge 2023



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Arturo Martinez Negro
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Zhiyuan Ren
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has been awarded

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Margherita Nian Ge Liao
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has been awarded

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Adeday Solomon Belete
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has been awarded

Silver

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Chayse Maksim Shirley
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has been awarded

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Ricky Ruiqi Jin
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has been awarded
Bronze
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has been awarded
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has been awarded
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has been awarded
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NBIS Students Win Awards at The Sixth International Chinese Language Competition

The Sixth International Chinese Language Competition For Expats was held at Tianyi Pavilion on Thursday afternoon, and three of our NBIS students made it to the offline final after fierce competition with competitors across China. Genivra (Year 6A), Chayse (Year 10B) and Tithi (Year 10A) all did a wonderful job and won prizes which also were a good recognition of their achievements in Chinese learning.

Tithi - 2nd Prize

Chayse - 3rd Prize

Ginevra - Prize of Excellence

Thanks to the Chinese Department for always supporting and providing opportunities for our students to aim high and strive for excellence.





CONGRATULATIONS



Ginevra Gilardi

Year 6A Student

Congratulations to Ginevra Gilardi, who took the Third Prize for her Artwork "There is still hope: it's not too late." in the Kyoto International Children's Art Competition.



NBIS International Music Day

On June 21th, we celebrated NBIS International Music Day. Choir, piano, violin, melodica, singing, ballet and even the school rock band, amused and impressed the audience.

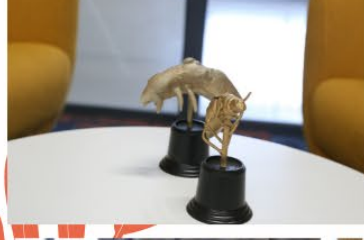
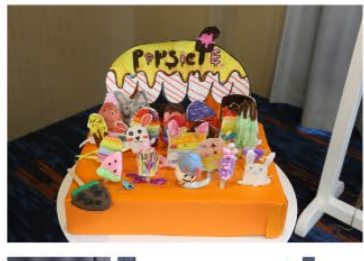
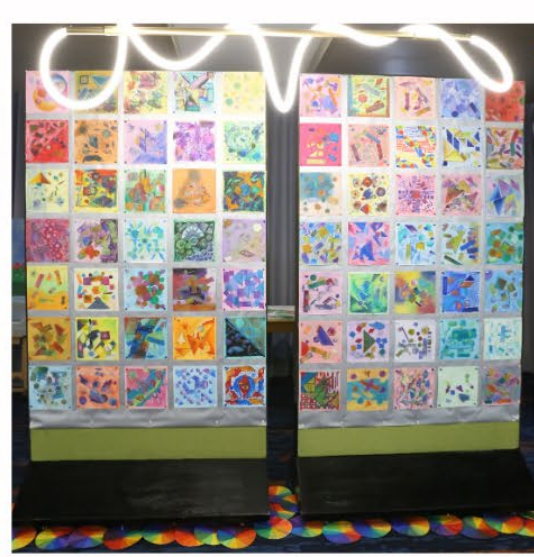




NBIS Art Exhibition 2023

On June 27th, NBIS held the Art Exhibition in the staff lounge at NBIS campus. Teachers and students had the opportunity to visit the exhibition and enjoy the creativity of our students.







3D Printing in Primary

Under the guidance of NBIS's 3D printing expert Mr Sean from the Secondary Section and 3A homeroom teacher Mr Armstrong from the Primary Section, students successfully completed a 3D printing design project while learning valuable, curriculum relevant and extra-curricular skills.

During their Cambridge International Curriculum Science class, students learned about different states of matter and how materials change between them. In class discussion time, 3A students talked about how 3D printing is an example of changing states of matter: the solid plastic is heated and melts to become a liquid as it is printed. Then, as it cools, it solidifies in its new shape. Students were fascinated by the process and wanted to find out more.

At NBIS, teachers always encourage student inquisitiveness, especially when it is beneficial for their education. Mr Armstrong and Mr Sean met to discuss how they could work together on a 3D printing project. Although the two teachers are from different sections in the school, they were keen to collaborate to foster STEM knowledge in young minds while guiding extant student enthusiasm towards real-world, relevant learning.





Mr Armstrong sourced some 3D printing models to show students and guided them in writing their own questionnaires for Mr Sean. They also worked together to predict Mr Sean's answers, sharing class knowledge and ideas. Then, they went to visit Mr Sean and the NBIS 3D printing lab in groups. Students were given a tour of the 3D printing facilities and were wowed by Mr Sean's 3D printed models. They asked their questions, which were mostly answered fluently and expertly by Mr Sean, though Yulia's question, "Can a 3D printer print a 3D printer? And if so, could we make infinite 3D printers?" remained both a technical and philosophical quandary.

Inspired, students discussed their ideas about what they wanted to create and design together for their own 3D printing project. After a lot of brainstorming, students settled on the idea of a multi-purpose name-tag-luggage-tag-keyring which they could customise with their own signature and unique drawing.



Mr Armstrong guided the students through how to use some simple 3D modelling software called "Tinkercad" to select, place and move 3D objects. As a class, students decided to use the "thinking bubble" design, as it represented their ideas and thinking together as a class. Mr Armstrong printed several prototypes for students, which they used to work out how thick the writing and customised parts should be. Once students were happy with the prototype, they customised their own versions with writing and self-portraits to make a digital object which was personal to them.

Then, 3A students waited patiently as Mr Sean took their digital models and printed them out, melting and solidifying plastic, into their own, personalised designs. The students were so thrilled to be able to hold a physical version of something previously intangible and were excited to discuss and reflect on the 3D printing process.

It is evident that the project had a strong impact on the students learning and awareness not only of 3D printing technology, but, to name but a few, the inherently linked skills of IT, science, conceptual design, group collaboration and creativity.

Mr Sean and Mr Armstrong both hope to collaborate more in the future on 3D printing projects with the Primary Section.



BATTLE OF THE DANCE



Lower Primary





Early Years Reception



Upper Primary





Now it's the teachers' turn!





Primary Assembly

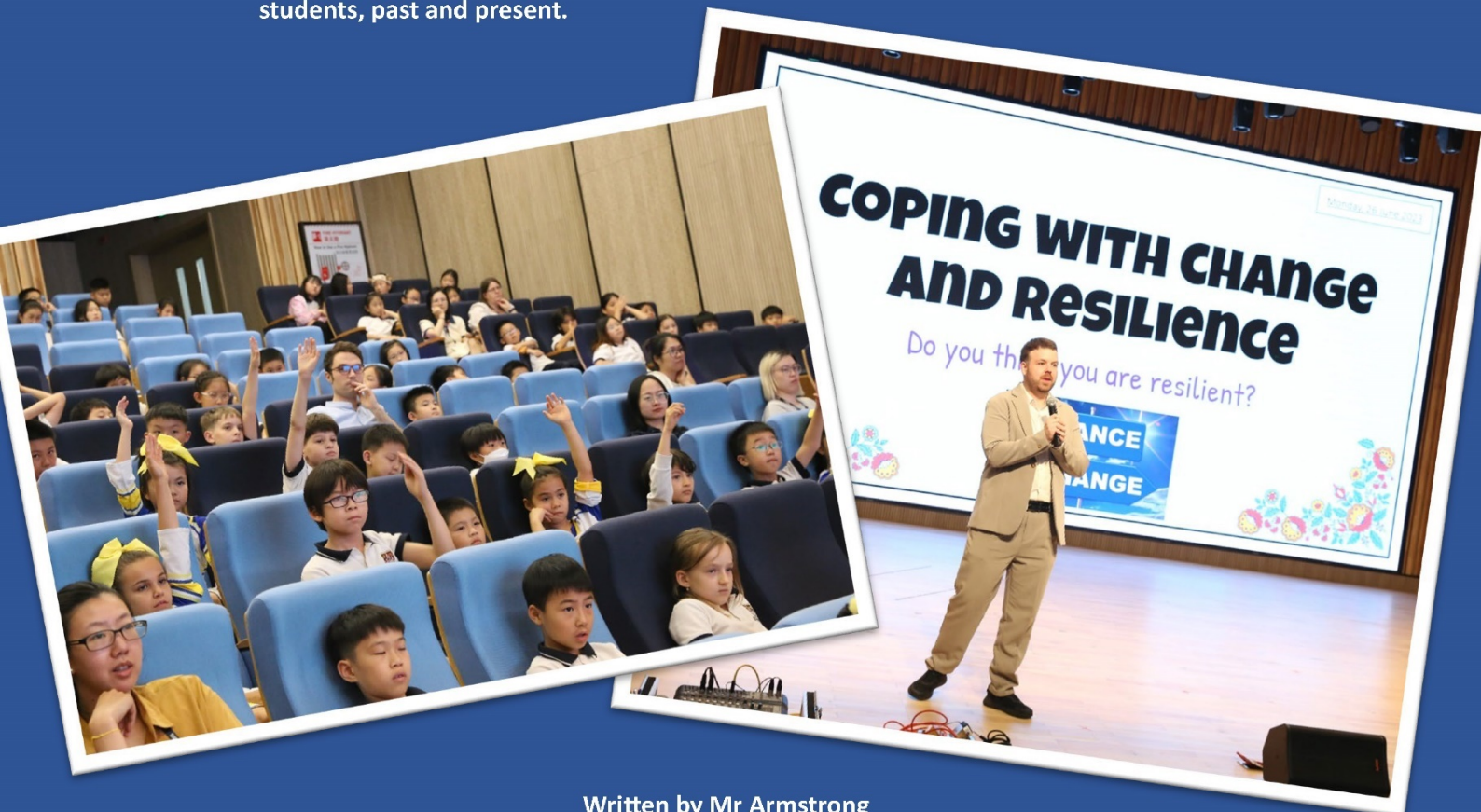


This year's final Primary Section assembly started with a fantastic send off from the NBIS cheerleading squad. A huge thank you to Ms Alex who has spent so much time and effort coaching the NBIS cheerleaders!

Mr Bane, Head of Primary, took to the stage to talk eloquently and insightfully about change and resilience. This is an especially pertinent topic as students prepare to move upwards to their next year of education where they will meet new teachers and maybe new friends. Mr Bane highlighted the importance of accepting change, notably that change does not have to be a bad thing. He also mentored students about how to be resilient and how to cope with change. He shared tips and strategies, while welcoming students to share their own ideas.

In our last week of school, it is certainly a time to celebrate our successes, achievements and journey together so far. It is also time to bid farewell to the teachers who have diligently guided students in their classes for these past two semesters, but it is not necessarily time to say goodbye. As Mr Bane addressed year six students, who will be moving up to the Secondary Section, he reminded them that "we will still be here. You can always come back and talk to us if you need to."

This resonates deeply with NBIS's ideology that although we are in different classes, different year groups and different sections, we are still unified as one school. We work resiliently *together* through change and staff remain there to help and guide all students, past and present.





Congratulations to our Primary Stars of the Week!

1A – Joey Ying

1B - Brian

1C – Celine

2A - Evan

2B – Evie Shen

3A – Yulia

3B – Chanel

4A – Abe

4A – Beatrice

5B – Sean

6A – Jay

6B – Jackson Chen



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Engaging Students in STEM: Virtual Racing at the University of Nottingham Ningbo

We are delighted to share with you the thrilling experience Year 9, 10, 11, and 12 students had during their recent visit to the University of Nottingham Ningbo (UNNC). Under the expert guidance of Dr Dunant Halim, our students delved into the fascinating world of automotive engineering and had the opportunity to apply their newfound knowledge in a virtual racing simulator.



The day began with an engaging session on the inner workings of cars, including engine types, drivetrains, and suspension setups. Dr Halim skilfully explained these concepts, ensuring students gained a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter. Equipped with this knowledge, the students eagerly approached the racing simulator, aiming to fine-tune their virtual cars for a lap around the track.

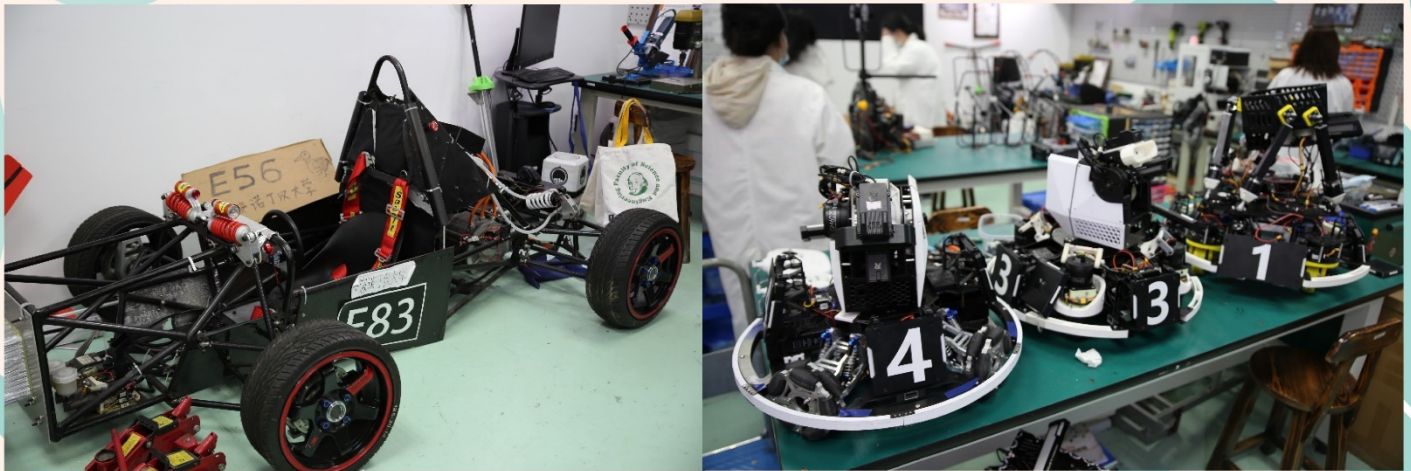
Applying their knowledge, the students eagerly took on the challenge of fine-tuning virtual race cars on a racing simulator. Some courageous attempts resulted in spectacular flips, while others showcased the students' exceptional skills as they effortlessly maneuvered their cars around the virtual race track.



Year 11 student Ethan emerged as the champion, completing the lap in an impressive 44 seconds. Following closely behind were Harry from Year 10B and Kaishu from Year 9B, demonstrating remarkable talent and determination.



In addition to the virtual automotive engineering adventure, our students had the privilege of visiting the UNNC Innovation Lab. This remarkable space showcased various UNNC student creations, including robots and even a Formula Student race car. The visit allowed our students to witness first-hand the innovative projects and cutting-edge technologies developed by the university students'.



The primary objective of this visit was to foster student interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). We are thrilled to announce that we will be expanding our focus on engineering in the upcoming academic year. Students can engage in hands-on activities involving 3D design, 3D printing, and racing miniature Formula 1 cars, in the STEM project led by Mr. Sean. While speed will be a significant factor, we also aim to encourage students to explore other curricula skills, such as marketing, designing merchandise, and pitching business plans for their teams.



By integrating subjects like Business Studies and Travel and Tourism into this engineering project, our students can showcase their interdisciplinary skills and apply their knowledge in a practical and exciting context.

We believe that such experiences ignite a passion for STEM and nurture our students' entrepreneurial spirit. These endeavours will equip them with the skills needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world, where creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving are highly valued.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr Dunant Halim, his students, and the University of Nottingham Ningbo for hosting our students and providing them with an invaluable learning experience. We are confident that this exposure to real-world applications of STEM subjects will inspire our students to explore new horizons and pursue their interests with enthusiasm and dedication.



NBIS Awards Assembly 2022-2023

Fitness Challenges Awards

Awards Ceremony

This year we have three award categories:

- Academic Honours
- NBIS Excellence Awards
- NBIS Principals' Award



Academic Honours

Academic Honours - Mathematics

Year 7A – Shi Yang Xia
Year 7B – Minseo Kim
Year 8A – Zhiyuan Ren
Year 8B – Yi-Han Liu
Year 9A – Takahiro Yokoi
Year 9B – Keane Wong



Academic Honours - Science

Year 7A – Dylan Towey
Year 7B – Daniel Seiji Lantoni II
Year 8A – Zhiyuan Ren
Year 8B – Vanessa Bell
Year 9A – Tianqi Lin
Year 9B – Keane Wong



Academic Honours - English

Year 7A – Dylan Towey
Year 7B – Minseo Kim
Year 8A – Elena Cheng
Year 8B – Carol Tang
Year 9A – David Lin
Year 9B – Elenor Smith



Academic Honours - Global Perspectives

Year 7A – Dylan Towey
Year 7B – Minseo Kim
Year 8A – Elena Cheng
Year 8B – Vanessa Bell
Year 9A – Vivian Wang



You are doing
GREAT!



NBIS Excellence Awards

NBIS Excellence Awards – Year 7

Alan Towie

Responsible, hard-working and talented

Outstanding work throughout the year and always willing to help other students if they are struggling.

NBIS Excellence Awards – Year 8

Elena Chng

Great improvement in music, perfect behavior, teamwork.

Elena is a very helpful student. During the Y8 assembly, she volunteered to take care of a lot of work for the whole class without complaining and she did it to a high quality.

NBIS Excellence Awards – Year 9

Takuma Yokoi

Always ready, good behavior and willing to keep learning and improving

Highest overall performance, highest grade from theory assessment across the whole year group, positive, polite and active student who is always ready for the lesson

Responsible, hard working and talented

NBIS Excellence Awards – Year 10

Yuen Hei Lee

Excellent academic performance; Excellent behavior

Highest overall performance, highest score from the theoretical knowledge across the whole year group, always positive active and friendly

Hei is a top performing student extremely humble and honest on. He is always willing to help others.

NBIS Excellence Awards – Year 11

Zhui Ree

Always gives 100% effort, and is a very active and engaged student in the classroom

She has worked hard to lead student council this year. She is good with organisation and leadership skills

Student council president. Top in Year 11 T&T

NBIS Excellence Awards – Year 12

Jianuo Zhu

Excellent student

David is academically talented and is incredibly polite to all the teachers and students. Although, he has achieved the top award in Cambridge, he has been very humble and continues to work hard throughout the school year.

Outstanding performance in Mathematics throughout the year. Self-motivated and hardworking

NBIS Principals' Award

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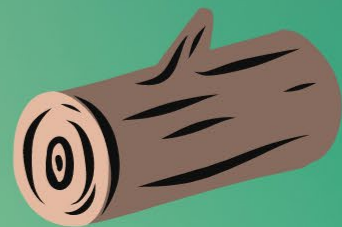
Chayse Shirley



secondary Activities week





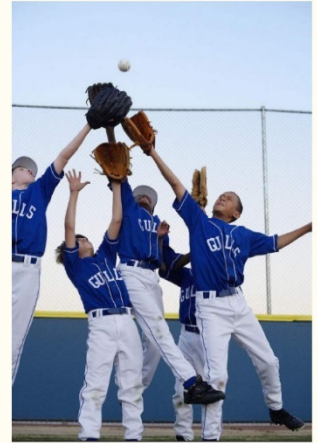




Upcoming External-ECAs 2023-24

We are excited to announce that our school's External ECAs program will be adding new courses. Starting next semester, students can participate in the new courses - **Baseball** and **Ballroom Dance**. We invite all students who are interested to sign up for these courses and enjoy the unique experiences offered by these exciting activities.

Baseball is a classic American sport that has gained popularity worldwide. Students will be trained by experienced coaches with a focus on developing their skills and teamwork. Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player, you will have the opportunity to improve your physical abilities and learn new techniques. Joining our new baseball ECA is not only a fantastic way to stay active and healthy, but also a great way to make new friends and build a sense of community.



If you prefer something more rhythmical, our new Ballroom Dance ECA would be perfect for you. Ballroom dance also known as sports dance or Latin dance. Dancing to Latin music is a fun and enjoyable experience that improves coordination, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness. Not only will it be a great way to stay in shape, but also to express yourself creatively and explore different cultures. Our experienced instructors will guide you through the steps and help you develop your own unique style.

Registration channels will be open at the beginning of next semester. We encourage all students that are interested to sign up for these two new ECAs. More information and payment details will be released from school email nbis.admin@nbis.net.cn in due course. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating your accomplishments in the new semester.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



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Learning About Dragon Boat Festival with Haishu District Foreign Affair Office

Last week Miss Katerina Brozovska and I were invited to discover some of the traditional activities of the Dragon Boat Festival with our children by the Haishu District Foreign Affairs Office.

We were warmly welcomed on the rooftop of a building where people had large pots to grow vegetables. It was great to watch people taking care of the community garden, and we were positively impressed by the cozy atmosphere and the wonderful tomatoes, eggplants and cucumbers surrounding us.

Together with the adults and children of the community, we had the opportunity to make traditional small spice bags to bring with us. It is believed that these drive away evil spirits and that they bring fortune and happiness to those who wear them.

We also played fun games, like Touhu, and made traditional bouquets with moxa leaves to hang on the doors to ward off evil.



Before leaving, we were gifted delicious Zong Zi to share with our families and the NBIS community.

Overall, it was a very educational and pleasant experience, and we are grateful to have been given the opportunity to contribute to this festive event.



By Ms Nausicaa Giavarra





NBIS HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

The summer holiday is to begin from

July 1, 2023

till

August 27, 2023

(No School)



August 28

(Back to School)

NBIS wishes you and your family a lovely holiday.



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