

NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #3

15TH SEPTEMBER 2023



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 Cambridge Assessment
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Cambridge International School

Dates to Remember

- September 16: NBIS PTA Picnic
- September 26: Lower Secondary Curriculum Evening
- September 27: Upper Secondary Curriculum Evening



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International School
浙江宁波英伦
外籍人员子女学校



PTA

NBIS WELCOME

PICNIC



POTLUCK!
BRING SNACKS
TO SHARE

HANDCRAFTS, GAMES, SNACKS, PLAY WITH
YOUR FRIENDS, MEET THE NEW FAMILIES....

SATURDAY
16 SEPT

FOOD, DRINKS
AND GAMES

11AM
ONWARDS





CONGRATULATIONS

Jooyoung Jang
Class of 2023

For receiving the offer to study Finance at Hanyang University, Food and Resource Economics at Korea University and receiving the offer to study Nursing Science at Ewha Woman's University.



CONGRATULATIONS

Suyun Kim (Vicky)
Class of 2023

for receiving the offer to study Nursing at Gachon University.



CONGRATULATIONS

Natania Solomon Belete
Class of 2023

for receiving the offer to study Advanced Biomedical Sciences at Curtin University.





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CHINESE TESTS CALENDAR FOR SEMESTER 1

REGISTER NOW

Website:
www.chinesetest.cn

Test Centre:
Ningbo British International School (IBT)

Test Type:
Internet-based Test (at test centre)

CONTACT US

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 189-6786-1713

 No. 365 Guanghua Rd., Hi-Tech Zone, Ningbo, China

HSK
Chinese Proficiency Test
汉语水平考试

HSKK
HSK Speaking Test
汉语水平口语考试

OCT

Registration Due: October 5

Exam Date: October 15

Open Levels:

HSK 1/2/5/6

HSKK (Advanced Level)

DEC

Registration Due: November 23

Exam Date: December 3

Open Levels:

HSK 1/2/3/4

HSKK (Primary/Intermediate Level)



NBIS Early Years Curriculum Evening

To begin the NBIS Early Years Curriculum Evening, parents watched an entertaining and enlightening video detailing daily school life. Representing the Administration Department, Ms Sharon Wang began the Curriculum Evening with a warm welcome to the attending parents. Our International Principal Ms Nancy Eldars then addressed the parents and introduced me, the Early Years Head of Section, and Ms Chelsea Liao, the Leader of Early Years Chinese.



As Head of Early Years Section, I was honoured to facilitate the Early Years Curriculum Evening. The turnout was excellent, and it certainly is a blessing to start the year with clarity, excitement, and optimism.

Thank you to everyone involved.

Mr Brian Thomas
Head of Early Years







Pre-school



All the Pre-school children have settled in very well. During these first three weeks, we have been engaged in a variety of activities such as outdoor playing, water toys play, shaving cream painting and much more. All these were key to helping our children get familiar with their new school, classmates and teachers. Not only are these preschoolers bursting of energy but they are full of potential as well.



Ms Lulu Lin, Ms Betty Xu and Mr Jessen Nallan



PRIMARY SECTION

CURRICULUM EVENING

On Tuesday, 12th September, the Primary Section at NBIS hosted their annual Curriculum Evening. For us, this a time to invite our community onto the school site to provide all parents with the information they need for the year so they are fully informed of our curriculum, what is being taught and how they can support their children from home. The evening provided a chance for parents to meet homeroom teachers and also Chinese language teachers!

It was lovely to see such a great turnout at the event, not only to engage with the teachers, but to also ask any pertinent questions about pupil learning. The atmosphere was warm, friendly and engaging. As we continue into the rest of the academic year, the Primary Section at NBIS will continue to offer more opportunities for parents to come onto site to discuss pupil development and academics, as connecting with our community is something we are truly passionate about.

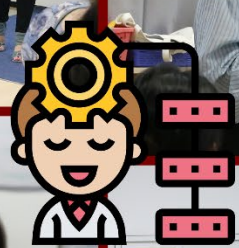
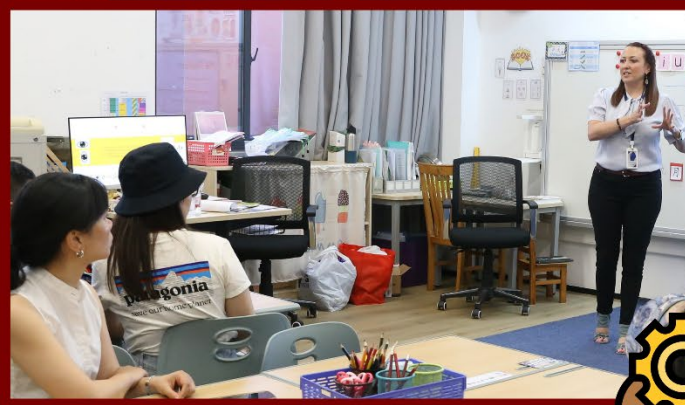
If you were unable to make the Curriculum Evening this year, please contact your homeroom teacher(s) who will be able to share their materials with you so you do not miss out on any important information.

Mr Bane,
Head of Primary Section



Kash-Lee Bane





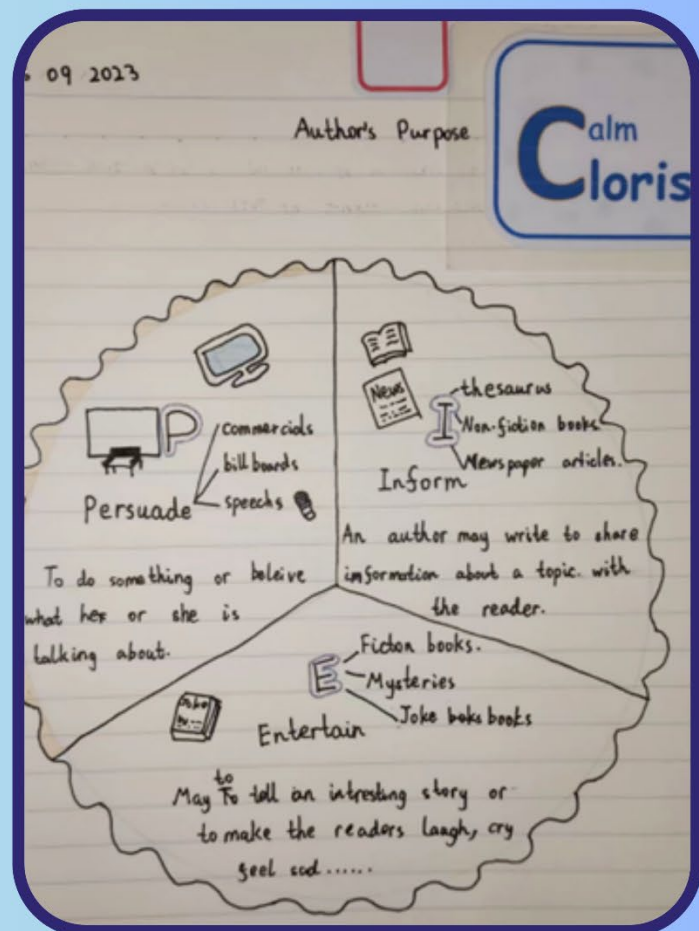
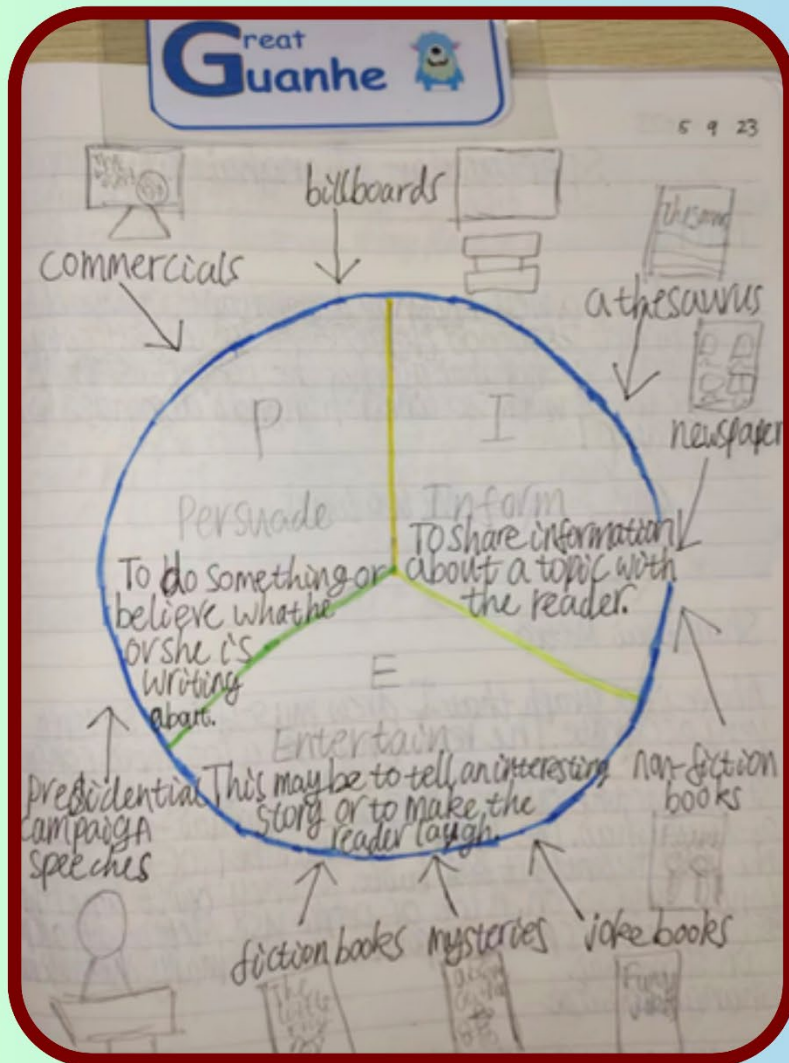
YEAR 6A

EASY AS PIE?

In answer to your question — No! Year 6 is not as Easy as PIE!

In fact, we have jumped right into the business of learning and have already covered quite a bit in our Year Six Cambridge Curriculum Science, Maths and English classes. Year 6A students started their Year 6 English Language journey by exploring an author's purpose in writing which is "Easy as PIE".

In our first few weeks, we explored the fact that, in general, texts (pieces of writing) are written to either to **Persuade**, **Inform** or **Entertain** the reader. Get it? — **P.I.E.**! Here are a few samples from some students' Learning Journals explaining this idea:



YEAR 6A



EASY AS PIE?



Year 6 students wasted no time. They jumped right in by planning, researching, drafting and editing informational reports on their home countries and on their favourite animals. These texts are mostly to inform, but of course, since we don't want our writing to be boring, we are practicing to deliberately choose words to entertain our readers.

Characteristics

Title: Cute guinea pig	
Introduction: No tailless, 20-30 cm in length weight: 1kg, resembling a mouse or rabbit in appearance. Food: Cabbage and broccoli.	
Sub-heading: They make sounds and communicate with each other. nocturnal, teeth continue to grow	
Sub-heading: squeal in a cute, quick voice when one wants food or excited	Fun Fact! There are four front legs, four a guinea pig has four front legs and only three hind legs
Summary: I really love guinea pigs, so I'm glad that I was able to explain them to everyone.	





Incredible Canada

Today we will be talking about my home country, Canada. Canada is located in the Northern part of North America. It only shares borders with the U.S.A. We will talk about weather, famous people and places. Please enjoy.

Famous people

Lots of famous people are from Canada like Justin Bieber, Ryan Gosling (actor of Ken in Barbie), Jim Carrey, Ryan Reynolds and Michael J. Fox. They all come from different parts of Canada, like Ontario, Toronto or Vancouver.

Famous food

One of the most famous foods from Canada is poutine. Poutine is French Fries with cheese and gravy. It is extremely popular. Tim Hortons is a

very famous coffee shop famous for its Doughnuts and Tim Bits - a bite-size ball of dough with multiple toppings.

Famous places

Canada is lucky to have one of the most famous waterfalls ever: the Niagra Falls. Located in Ontario, the Niagra Falls is a breath taking waterfall. That is also known as the three sisters island. People in Canada are also lucky to be able to experience the awe-inspiring Northern Lights.

Weather

The weather in Canada in summer is normally above 26°C . The weather in winter is normally below 0°C at times sometimes colder causing snow! In fact, the lowest temperature recorded in Canada was actually -63°C .

I would definitely recommend going to Canada for the holidays, but, I would recommend going in summertime!

Thanks to Kaylee Kirkpatrick for working feverishly to complete her article on her home country - Incredible Canada.

Well done Kaylee and well done to all of our hardworking 6A students!

- Mrs Aileen Shirley
Year 6A Homeroom Teacher

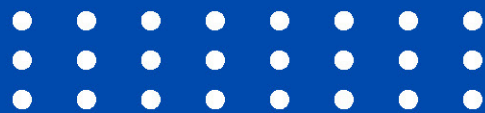


Secondary Section



NBIS 'ED' TALK

'Ideas worth spreading'



OCTOBER 25, 2023



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'Ideas worth spreading'

OCTOBER 25TH, 2023

NBIS Ed Talk Competition

Do you have an idea that is worth spreading?

TED, founded in 1984, stands for 'Technology, Entertainment, and Design'. Your mission is to create your own Ted-style Talk to educate and entertain your peers.

- The speech must be 3-8 minutes long (time expectations may be flexible for younger students and ESL students)
- The topic must be in the spirit of the TED Talk genre and is based on an idea worth spreading.
- Topics must be school-appropriate and respectful of cultures within the school. All topics need to be approved by your English teacher.

The winning Ted Talk in each class will perform in the NBIS Ed Talk Competition in the auditorium on Wednesday, 25th October. The best overall speaker will receive a trophy and prize.

How to prepare your Talk:

Step 1: Get familiar with example Ted Talks

Step 2: Develop an idea

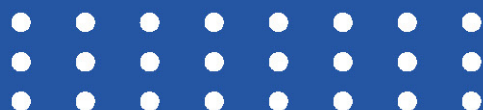
Step 3: Make an outline and script

Step 4: Create slides on a PPT

Step 5: Rehearse

Further Guidance:

- You can brainstorm ideas with your classmates.
- You can practice in front of your classmates.
- Ms Nausicaa will give you tips on public speaking.
- Your English teacher will check your writing and PPT slides before you present.



If fate is a insensate stone, I will turn into
a big hammer and hit it into pieces.
——Leonhard Euler



United Kingdom
Mathematics Trust

If any parent or student is
interested in this competition and
would like further information,
then please email Mr. Jeffries:
Jason.Jeffries@nbis.net.cn

Senior Mathematical Challenge (UKMT-SMC) & British Mathematical Olympiad (UKMT-BMO)

SMC

BMO Round 1

BMO Round 2

BMO Camp

- ★ Founded by the largest UK Math Organization——UKMT
- ★ Over 700,000 participants all over the world annually
- ★ Suitable for students in grade 12 and below
- ★ SMC, up to 50%-66% award ratio
- ★ BMO, a difficult test for high school students to select UK Olympiad team
- ★ The global competitors are ranked uniformly, competing for global awards

Language: SMC-English/Chinese, BMO-English

Date: SMC - 4 Oct. 2023

BMO Round 1 - 16 Nov. 2023

BMO Round 2 - 25 Jan. 2024

Location: Online

Deadline: SMC - 22 September 2023

BMO Round 1 - 5 November 2023

BMO Round 2 - 15 January 2024



Scan the QR code to
register for SMC



Scan the QR code to
register for BMO

Website: www.seedasdan.asia/en/smc-en/ | www.seedasdan.asia/en/bmo-en/

Telephone: 400-9999-615, Email: science@seedasdan.asia



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Number rules the universe. —Pythagoras



If any parent or student is interested in this competition and would like further information, then please email Mr. Jeffries: Jason.Jeffries@nbis.net.cn

American Mathematics Competition (AMC 10/12)

Language
English/Chinese

Version A
9 Nov. 2023

Version B
15 Nov. 2023

- ★ Global authoritative youth math competition
- ★ Over 300,000 students participating annually in over 6000 schools from 30 countries and regions
- ★ Set up Global awards and School awards
- ★ Top achievers can advance to AIME
- ★ Examination commences at the same time throughout mainland China

Location: Online

Deadline: Version A-30 Oct. 2023 / Version B-5 Nov. 2023



Scan QR Code to register

Website: www.seedasdan.asia/en/amc12-en/ | www.seedasdan.asia/en/amc10-en/

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The Urban Jungle Photography Competition 2023

****Open to Years 4 – 13 AND Teachers****

The science department's nature photography competition is live and ready to receive entries from students **and teachers**. The deadline is the **22nd of October**, so there is plenty of time to get out, explore Ningbo, and take some fantastic snaps of the nature that shares our city with us.

Suggested shooting locations include the many parks, canals, and rivers around Ningbo. The community gardens often contain an abundance of creepy crawlies and other animals, such as hedgehogs! Ningbo Botanical Garden, Dongqian Lake, and the Ningbo Eco-Corridor in the East New Town (near the Japanese mall) are also great locations to explore.

Please scan the QR code on the poster to see the competition rules and submit your entry.
Only one entry per student/teacher - so choose carefully.



Suyun Kim – Year 13
(2022 Top 3)



Ike Ying – Year 6
(2022 Top 3)



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NBIS Science Department Presents

THE URBAN JUNGLE

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Deadline: October 22nd, 2023

Submit one photo that showcases the nature in Ningbo this autumn! Get out, explore, and let's see those photography skills!

Scan the QR code to submit your photo and see the competition rules.





NBIS Secondary Student Council

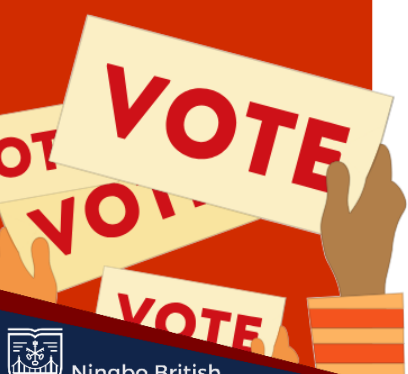


Roles

- To promote friendship and respect among pupils
- To support management and staff in the development of the school
- To represent the views of the students on matters of concern to them

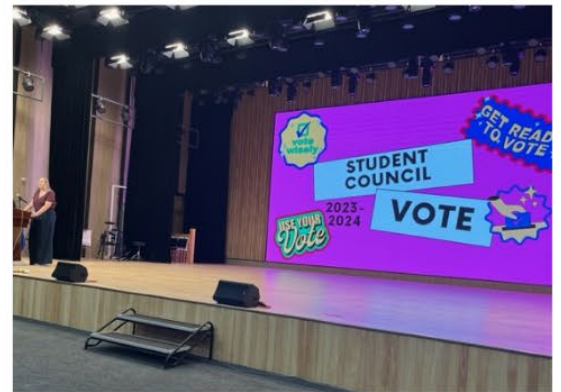
ELECTED OFFICE POSITIONS:

- President & Vice President
- Secretary
- Public Relations Officer (P. R.O.)
- Treasurer
- Snack Shack Manager
- (New) Charity Coordinator
- Homeroom representatives





During Monday's assembly, students voted for their student council representatives.





School Advisory Committee (SAC) Holds First Meeting of Semester 1 2023-24

The NBIS School Advisory Committee (SAC) convened its first meeting of the semester to discuss and plan initiatives aimed at enhancing the school experience. The meeting, which took place on September 11th, brought together committed parents and the international principal Ms Eldars in a collaborative effort to foster a positive educational environment.

During the meeting, the SAC members exchanged ideas on various topics, the principal Ms. Nancy updated the school information including CIS accreditation, student enrollment and staffing updates. The attendees actively participated in a lively discussion, contributing their insights and expertise to ensure the success of NBIS.

Ms Eldars expressed her gratitude to all SAC members for their active participation in shaping the future of the school. She emphasised the importance of building a strong partnership between parents, educators, and administrators to create an enriching educational environment for the students.

SAC is excited about the positive outcomes of the first meeting. Moving forward, the committee with its dedicated members will strive to implement the proposed initiatives effectively, ensuring the continuous improvement and success of the school.





NBIS 2023-24 Semester 1 SCA meeting minutes

Date & Time	September 11th 2023 - 18:30 pm
Location	NBIS Staff's Lounge
Attendees	Nancy Eldars; Francesco Aguiari; Adrien Chicouard; Rosaria Franco; Julia Hoferichter; Kai (Kaiyu) Zhang; Marisol Negro; Roziel Dorin Rhee; Neta Ronen; Sharon Wang
Excused	N/A

No.	Agenda
1	Approval of minutes from last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last meeting minutes were approved by all SAC members.• The Constitution has been reviewed and updated by the SAC subcommittee.• The proposed version needs to be proofread by Ms Eldars.
2	Feedback from Ms Eldars at the start of the new academic year: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Eldars expressed it was a fantastic start to 2023/2024. The start of the year was possible through great collaboration and support by all, both teaching and administrative staff. The 'family feel' of the school was truly felt by all.• NBIS is a very well-run school with great potential and she is confident that together with SAC and all members of the community, will make this school year a memorable and successful one for our students.
3	Staffing and hiring update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New international teachers are mainly from the United Kingdom, the United States, South Africa and other English-speaking countries.• All staff were provided training during Teachers Induction Week, with the new members starting three days earlier, ensuring that new staff experience a smooth transition and are well prepared for their roles at NBIS.
4	Annual General Meeting (AGM) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGM Date – Oct.12th. At the meeting, SAC will elect 4 new Members to replace those who have stepped down. At the meeting, ongoing Members will have the opportunity to present themselves briefly, and new Nominees will be invited to introduce themselves.
5	Update on CIS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms Eldars prepared a PPT presentation to SAC about the CIS information.• NBIS became a CIS Member school in 2022/2023 and the CIS Accreditation process will continue in the second half of 2024 through the submission of a self-evaluation report.
6	Invitation/Addition of Mr Robert as Chinese Principal to the SAC Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was identified that SAC will need to identify the roles of the International Principal and Chinese Principal, as well as the professional working relationship between the two principals first, and then discuss the addition to the SAC Meeting. All SAC members agreed.



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AOB (Any other business)

- Ms. Eldars presented Logistics school maintenance and summer construction Work PPT slides - pictures included:
 - Addition of golf practice area
 - Addition of a waste sorting house
 - Addition of a bicycle and e-bike parking area with shading and electrical outlet
 - Addition of playground flooring
 - New EY shading above the sandpit
 - New flooring for the gymnasium
 - Addition of an AC system for indoor GYM
 - Addition of an AC system for the reception hall
 - New flooring for cycle lane on NBIS road
 - New multimedia teaching equipment for the Art room, Inclusion room, and library, etc.

- Julie added schools may consider parents' parking to facilitate safe drop-off/pick-up of students. Sharon responded it was not a feasible option:
 - The capacity of the school's underground parking lot is limited and can accommodate only a small number of vehicles. It may not be able to cater to the parking needs of all NBIS parents.
 - The traffic routes for vehicles and students will be intersected during the pick-up peak times. When students are leaving the classrooms, the traffic routes must be closed off to ensure the safety of our students.

- Adrien expressed his concern regarding school orientation week.
 - Orientation provides an opportunity to become familiar with the school environment, regardless of whether they are new or returning students.
 - For early years students, building a rapport with teachers is particularly important as it can help them feel secure and comfortable in the classroom, making the transition to a new grade or school much smoother.

- Kai proposed that the school use nutritionist guidance to plan children's lunches, or a food safety committee to properly monitor the canteen food.
 - They can ensure that the lunches provided in school canteens are well-balanced and meet the specific dietary requirements of growing children.
 - They can help to address any specific dietary restrictions or allergies that students may have.
 - Sharon added PTA also proposed that the canteen chief be invited to the PTA café communicate with parents for healthier, high-quality ingredients, and sustainable food options. It may help foster a healthier and more sustainable food culture among students and have a positive impact on students' long-term health and well-being.



SAC is the **S**chool **A**dvisory **C**ommittee – a team of dedicated parents who take an active interest in the affairs of the school and meet regularly with the principal to support and guide the school's development. They act as an advisory committee not as a decision-making council.

Who can be a member of the School Advisory Committee?

Well ... anyone really! As long as ...

- You are a parent and have children attending NBIS
- You have time ... You are ready to meet roughly every 6 weeks on Monday evenings at 6:30pm... (And to make this work, that is a commitment to be kept)
- AND ... you are elected by the wider parent community at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for a term of 2 years

Special skills required?

No. Of course, most of our parents have skills or experience or expertise of one kind or another. Being a parent is one of them! But we guess the magic ingredients are ... a passionate commitment to support the school and its values, a listening ear ... to understand wider community issues, an international mind ... willing to appreciate the diverse cultures represented in our community.

How many Members are there?

Depends on student enrolment. With the current number of students, we will have 11 SAC Members in 2023-24. This year there are 4 vacant seats, as 7 of the current members will continue their second term.

Does SAC truly represent the different nationalities in the wider community?

NBIS Students come from so many countries and territories! We like to keep SAC as diverse as possible and feel that it's especially important that parents from countries which have a larger number of children in the school should offer themselves for election. Having said that ... it's an open election, and it is the parent community who will decide who sits on the Committee! The SAC Constitution says however that the max number of representatives of one country elected at the AGM should not exceed 2, to guarantee a healthy balance.

What's the procedure for nomination and election?

If you'd like to stand for election, you fill in the [SAC NOMINATION FORM](#) and submit it before September 27th. Information about the nominees is circulated to the parent community. And then the Annual General Meeting is held, attended by all parents ... who will vote for the Members for the next year.

And when will this happen for 2023-24!

VERY SOON!! Please submit your nomination by 27 September latest. On Thursday 12 October, at 6:30 pm we will hold the SAC Annual General Meeting. We hope that MANY parents will offer themselves for election and even more will attend to vote for their desired candidates!



NBIS External Extra-Curricular Activities

We are excited to announce that the NBIS External-ECAs semester 1 programmes will commence on October 9th.

To provide you with detailed information, we have prepared an e-version brochure. Please scan the [QR code below](#).



Please note that the registration process for the ECAs has been announced via school email.

Participation in the ECA programme not only promotes your child's personal growth but also helps them develop new skills and explore their interests outside the regular academic curriculum. Therefore, we highly encourage each student to actively participate in these engaging and enriching activities.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at:
nbis.admin@nbis.net.cn
We are more than happy to provide any necessary support.



Primary registration
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Secondary registration
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NBIS Weekly Menu



Sample Dishes



September 18 – September 22



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Menu	鸡肉肠	烤香肠	粉丝扇贝	玉米仔排	红烧牛肉
	Chicken sausage	Roast sausage	Garlic vermicelli scallops	Rib with Corn	Beef
	烤鸭	盐焗鸡腿	咖喱鸡	酱蒸面结	盐酥鸡
	Roast duck	Salt baked chicken	Curry chicken	Carp in brown knots	Salty fried chicken
	土豆烧肉	红烧狮子头	糟卤肉	上校鸡块	手撕鸡
	Meat with potato	Braised meatball	Stewed pork with sauce	Chicken	Shredded chicken
	炒青菜	烤地瓜	花菜	西米露	青瓜凉皮
	Vegetable	Roast sweet potato	Cauliflower	Tapioca pudding	Cold noodle with cucumber
	花菜	炒包菜	寿司	西红柿炒蛋	肉沫焗土豆
	Cauliflower	Cabbage	Sushi	Scrabble egg with tomato	Baked potatoes with minced pork
	葱油豆腐	青豆玉米	烤土豆	土豆丝	西兰花
	Tofu	Corn with green bean	Roast potato	Potato Wire	Broccoli
	法国面包	牛角包	五号菜	披萨	蛋挞
	French bread	Croissant	Vegetable	Pizza	Egg tart
	小炒肉	水煮肉片	酸菜肉片	毛血旺	麻辣肉片
	Fried meat	Poached pork slices	Pork slice	Gross blood Mong	Pork slice
	红烧虾	盐水虾	油爆河虾	葱烤河鲫鱼	红烧虾
	Shrimp	Shrimp	Shrimp	Braised Crucian Carp with Scallion	Shrimp
	椒盐玉兔鱼	孜然橡皮鱼	葱油小黄鱼	红烧虾	椒盐带鱼
	Fish	Jerk filefish	Little yellow croaker	Shrimp	Ribbonfish
	水果	水果	水果	水果	水果
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
	万年青汤	大白菜豆腐汤	番茄蛋汤	紫菜虾皮汤	海带汤
Vegetable soup	Vegetable soup with tofu	Tomato soup with egg	Seaweed soup	Kelp soup	
米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭	
Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	
蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	
Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	
Snack Menu	牛奶	牛奶	牛奶	牛奶	牛奶
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
	葡萄	香蕉	小番茄	香蕉	沃柑
	Grapes	Banana	Cherry tomato	Banana	Orange
	鸡蛋饼	蒸饺	水煮蛋	奶黄包	土豆丝饼
	Egg cake	Dumpling	Egg	Stemed creamy custard bun	Potato strips cake
	香梨	橙子	苹果	桂圆	香梨
	Pear	Orange	Apple	Longan	Pear
吐司面包+果酱	鸡蛋干	肉松蛋糕	巧克力饼干	抹茶曲奇	
Bread with jam	Dried egg	Cake	Biscuit	Green tea cookies	





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