

NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER #5

28TH SEPTEMBER 2023



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Cambridge Assessment
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Dates to Remember

- September 29 - October 8: Mid-Autumn Festival & Chinese National Day Holiday (No School)
- October 9: Back to School
- October 27: United Nations Day



UN DAY AUDITIONS

We are looking for performers for
NBIS UN Day!

FINAL AUDITIONS: 11TH OCTOBER

- ✓ Sing a song in your native language
- ✓ Play a musical instrument related to your heritage
- ✓ Do a traditional dance or performance
- ✓ Represent your country by doing something amazing

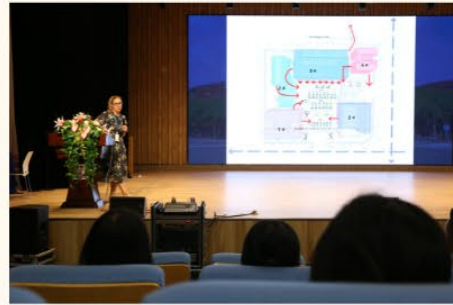
Please submit a video of your audition to Ms Katerina
katerina.brozovska@nbis.net.cn
or your Homeroom Teacher



NBIS FIRE DRILL



NBIS takes great care to ensure that students, staff and visitors on campus are safe. One way we do this is to practice fire drills in the unlikely event of an emergency. On September 5th and 26th, information on the fire drill was shared in two sessions led by Ms Nancy Eldars, International Principal of NBIS, where firefighting knowledge and escape routes, and how to deal with unforeseen situations were presented.



After the alarm was sounded at 0945, staff led students safely to the assembly point on the grass in the centre of the school. Students walked calmly in orderly lines, remembering not to rush or go back for personal belongings.



Soon the whole school appeared on the central landscape of NBIS's campus, each Section remained orderly and calm. We were delighted at the conduct of our students as they responded and made their way by the most efficient route to the assigned assembly points. Well done all.



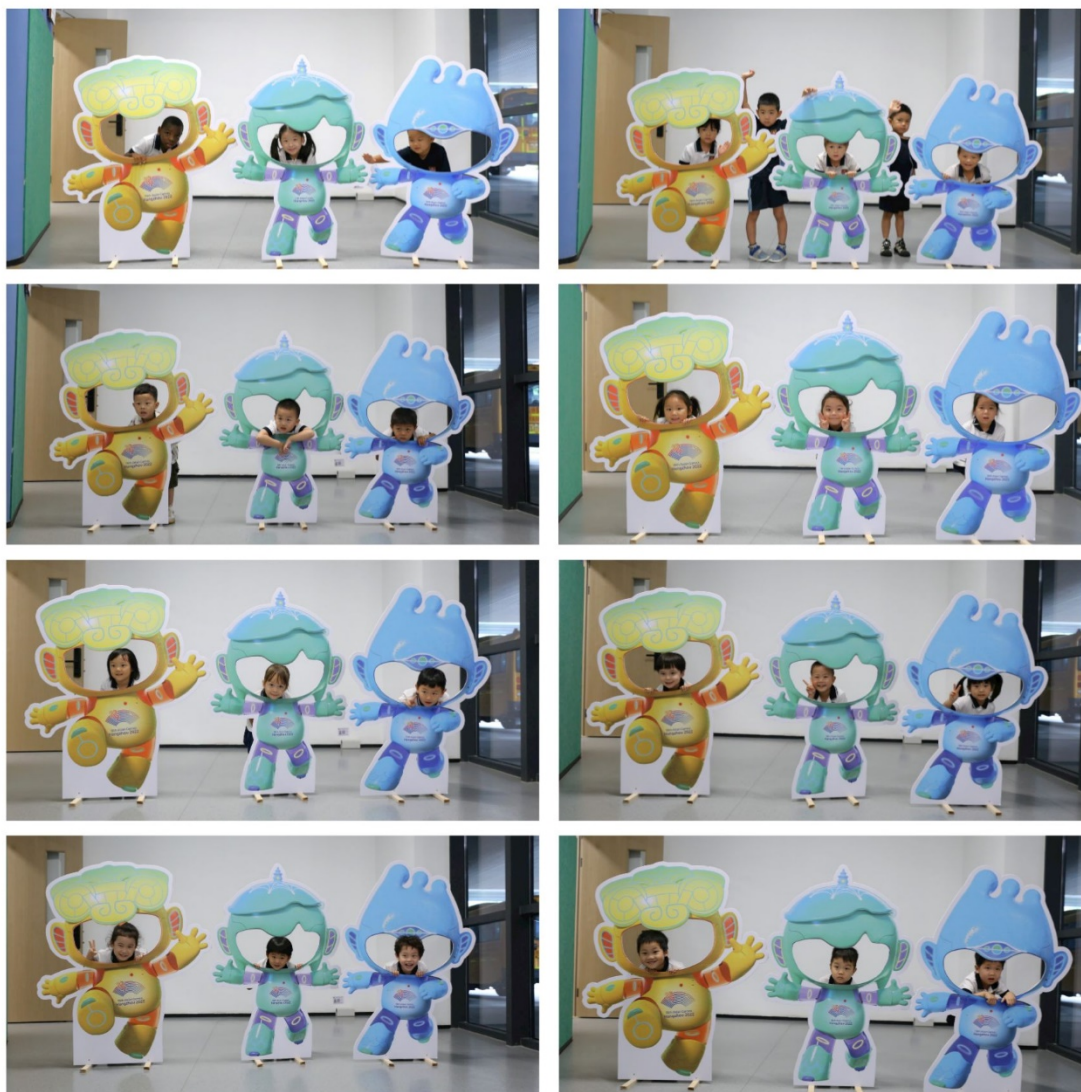
Celebration of the Asian Games in NBIS



Ningbo British International School (NBIS) held a celebration of the Asian Games by hosting special activities for the Early Years and Primary Sections.

Early Years

The NBIS Reception class organized a memorable group photo session with the Asian Games mascots - "Congcong," "Lianlian," and "Chenchen". These adorable mascots embody the characteristics of self-confidence, optimism and courage in the face of challenges. They provide children with a warm welcome to the Asian Games. The children radiated with bright and joyful smiles as they eagerly welcomed the arrival of this spectacular sporting event!





Primary Mandarin as a Foreign Language:

Mandarin as a Foreign Language classes in NBIS organised different sports activities in the campus. First is the Ping-Pong section, where students show of their hand-eye coordination and speed. Moving to gymnastics, students practiced their balance skills. The archery station saw students and teachers cheering in heated, but friendly, competition. At the chess station, students showed their intellect and inner peace. Each section was fun and enjoyable for different reasons, but more importantly, the learning and sharing, the competition and experience have inspired them to work harder and challenge themselves more.



NBIS Family Meets Olympic Volleyball Team

The Road to Paris Olympic Games 2024 Women's Volleyball qualifier was held in Beilun, Ningbo at the weekend. Our Secondary Section PE teacher, Ms Katerina, and her family went to show their support for friendly international competition and see their national team. Samuel from Year 2A and Viktorie from Year 3B cheered loudly and supportively from the audience. They wore clothes which matched the Czech flag and caught the attention of the team. After the game finished, they were invited to go onto the volleyball court to meet the team! Receiving such warm support, especially when you are far from home, is truly in the spirit of international sporting competition.

Such stories highlight Ningbo as a truly international city on the world stage. At Ningbo British International School we are proud to serve Ningbo's ever growing international community.

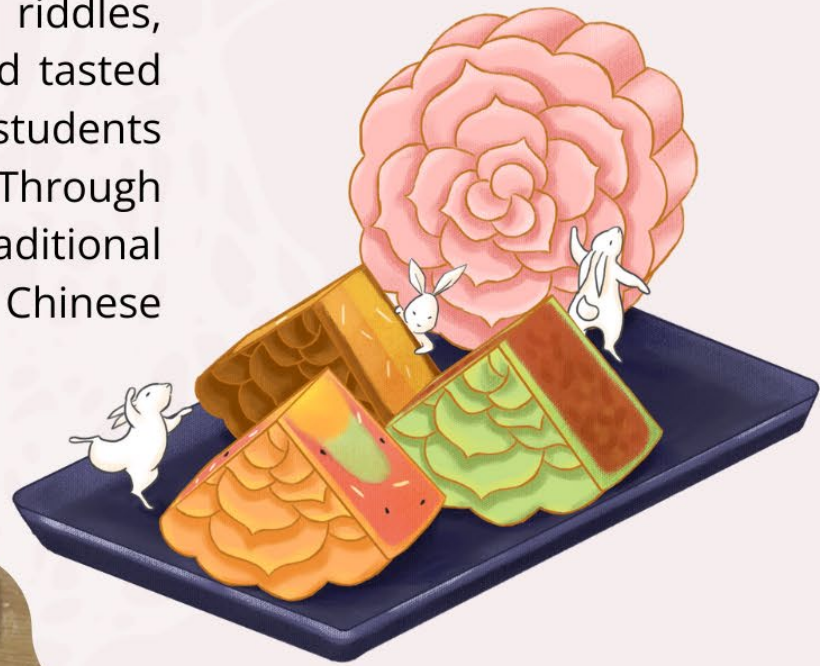




NBIS Students Celebrated Mid-Autumn Festival

Mid-Autumn Festival, is named as it is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th month of the lunar calendar. The day is also known as the Moon Festival, as at that time of the year the moon is believed to be at its fullest and brightest. It is a time for family members and loved ones to congregate and enjoy the full moon - an auspicious symbol of abundance, happiness, and family reunion.

Teachers and students celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival together during the Chinese class where they handwrote lantern riddles, painted lanterns as well as made and tasted handmade mooncakes. It made the students feel the joy of this traditional festival. Through this activity, students learned traditional Chinese culture and experienced Chinese characteristics.







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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)



 chinesetest@nbis.net.cn

 189-6786-1713

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

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)





In order to maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone, we kindly request that you refrain from bringing any toy knives to school.

Toy knives, even though they may seem harmless, can still pose a risk and potentially cause harm or distress to others. It is essential that we prioritise the safety and well-being of our school community.

"Toy Knives Are Not Allowed"

Nursery B

The first month we focused on settling our children into their new environment and routines. Our daily class timetable allows for a block of outdoor play in the morning followed by, snack, a block of indoor play, group time, lunch, nap time, afternoon snack, Chinese and a smaller more informal group time at the end of the day.



Within the room there are opportunities for each child to be engaged in play by him/herself (solitary play), in parallel play (alongside a friend), in associative play (playing together in a loosely organized fashion) or in cooperative play (where some exchange of ideas about the game is occurring) depending on the activity provided and/or the child's stage of development.



PRIMARY SECTION



Courage!

In this week's assembly, upper primary learned all about courage. Mr Bane introduced the historical figure, Florence Nightingale and her courageous journey to defend her decisions to become a nurse and change the future of medicine and nursing for the better.

We discussed why it is important to be courageous and stand up for our beliefs in a respectful manner and how hard it can be sometimes to do what is right, even when many people disagree with you.



...ory of Florence Nightingale

...help me with a little g

Wrestling!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

- 4A - Eddie & Eason
- 4B - Sara & Kiros
- 5A - Ayush & Abe
- 5B - Yuki & Manos
- 5C - Lukas & Sayaka
- 6A - Max F & Kaylee



2B Rocks!



In science this week, 2B visited the science lab to explore rocks and their different properties. Using vocabulary such as rough, smooth, hard and soft, students could categorize the rocks under the correct vocabulary cards. Using magnifying glasses, 2B took a close look at the rocks, and finally drew and labeled their favourite rock with a list of properties.



by Mrs Candice - Year 2B





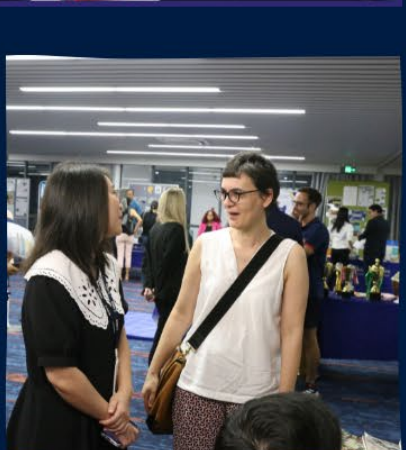
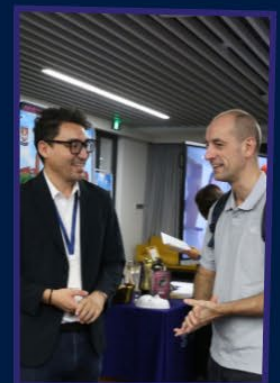
NBIS Secondary Curriculum Evening 2023

NBIS Secondary Section held Curriculum Evening on September 26th - 27th.

Secondary Curriculum Evening offers parents insight into the learning objectives, teaching methodology, and educational pathways open to NBIS students. The event is divided into two parts; the start gives parents an overview of the curriculum, syllabus, and student expectations. The second part of the evening is far more dynamic, where parents are invited to explore a 'subject fair' with teachers operating stations packed full of information, examples of student work, and demonstrations of the teaching methodology employed in their classrooms.

Instead of being passive, we want parents to be active and free to ask the questions important to them. In championing open and transparent communication, parents can find actionable information about the Cambridge curriculum that holds a tangible value that helps grow our community by bringing everyone together towards the shared target of continued educational excellence.

Parent turnout was great with lots of lovely smiles all around, and feedback about the level of organisation and quality of information was really positive. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.



NBIS 'ED' TALK

'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 you wish to succeed, you should use persistence as your good friend, experience as your reference, prudence as your brother and hope as your sentry.
—Thomas Alva Edison



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

Junior Science Olympiad Exam (JSOE)

Language: English/Chinese
Date: 22 Oct. 2023

- * Hosted by Australian Science Innovations (ASI)
- * A comprehensive Olympiad Exam covering a variety of science subjects
- * Improving students' ability to utilize overall knowledge
- * Open to students from Grade 7-10

Location: Paper-based in partnering school (online service application accepted)
Deadline: 10 Oct. 2023



Scan QR Code to register

Website: www.seedasdan.asia/en/jsoe-en/
Telephone: 400-9999-615, Email: science@seedasdan.asia



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



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



Number rules the universe. —Pythagoras



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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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.



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SPIRIT WEEK

A SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL EVENT 2023-2024

SPIRIT WEEK THEMES

OCT 30

PINK DAY



OCT 31

SPOOKY TUESDAY

NOV 1

DRESS AS YOUR
FAVOURITE TEACHER

NOV 2

PAJAMA DAY

NOV 3

CASUAL FRIDAY

45 RMB FOR THE WEEK

OR 10RMB FOR EACH DAY YOU DRESS UP

ALL PROCEEDS FROM PINK DAY GO TOWARDS ONE WORLD ONE
DREAM




NBIS STAFF AND STUDENTS JOIN IN 5K PINK RUN

On Saturday, September 23rd, Ningbo saw a day of solidarity towards a common goal; the 5K run event at the University of Nottingham, Ningbo China to raise awareness about breast cancer in the community. It was a massive success, organized by "One World One Dream" and a true joy to see NBIS staff, families and students striving to support such a worth cause.






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SCHOOL YEAR 2023-24

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM	
NAME David Foster	PHOTO 
NATIONALITY Irish	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN NBIS AND THEIR CLASS One child in 1C	
HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN IN CHINA I have been in Ningbo for 13 years, and in China in total for around 16 years.	
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF <p>I am passionate about education and particularly and diversity and inclusion in education in China. I have been a vocal champion of NBIS both at UNNC and in the wider Ningbo community. I believe in NBIS's identity and role in the international community in Ningbo.</p> <p>I am a senior manager at UNNC, and my role here involves liaison with the leading International schools and educational groups in China. As a result of this I am well placed to bring industry insights to NBIS, to share my industry contacts with NBIS leadership, and to suggest platforms and forums where NBIS might engage with the international school community.</p> <p>I would be honored to be accepted as a member of the SAC, and would look forward to any contributions that I could make to NBIS's development in the coming years.</p>	



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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM	
NAME Brian Thomas	PHOTO 
NATIONALITY USA My children are Filipino.	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN NBIS AND THEIR CLASS 2. Year 8 and 9.	
HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN IN CHINA 9 years	
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF I have a Master's Degree in Education. This is why I joined NBIS SLT. I have a Master's Degree in Theology. This is why I want to join SAC. It is my duty to be a willing servant. If chosen, I am confident I will benefit the school and city community. Thank you for your time and consideration.	




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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM	
NAME Luke Robert Mason	PHOTO 
NATIONALITY British	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN NBIS AND THEIR CLASS 1-10A	
HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN IN CHINA 16 years	
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF Chief Sales and Marketing Officer of Feilong (A top 10 home appliance exporter) Previously a teacher in Yu Yao Shi Yen Experimental School for 2 years Executive director of the Cixi Chamber of Commerce Member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for Machinery and Equipment (CCCME) Ningbo 2010 Camilla Prize holder Ambassador of the 49 Union brand of bai jiu. (Forbes Top 500 asia company) Owner and CEO of the Krib Bling & Immaculee brands Official Alibaba Sales and Marketing Trainer for B2B and B2C business Head of the students body of the law society at Hertfordshire University	




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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM	
NAME Xiru Chen	PHOTO 
NATIONALITY Canada	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN NBIS AND THEIR CLASS One in Reception B	
HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN IN CHINA 20 years	
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF <p>My name is Xiru Chen. I was born and raised in Ningbo, China. During my twenties, I studied and lived in Toronto for more than ten years, and I returned to my hometown in 2019 with my husband and a beautiful daughter. Currently, I am running my architectural firm, where I design, create, and enjoy life. Meanwhile, I am a teaching fellow at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, working closely with students as a practical mentor.</p> <p>In Canada, I gained a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Toronto, worked as a designer for many years, and experienced Toronto - the world's most multicultural city. I traveled to more than 20 countries, encountered people from different places, embraced cultures around the world, and brought back many precious memories. My experience has brought me a global vision and a compassionate heart. Working as a designer, I am always open-minded, artistic, creative and imaginative. I love to present innovative ideas and can collaborate with others for a positive impact.</p> <p>Grown up in China and experienced the world, I would love to share valuable insights. It will make me proud if this would help NBIS to become an even more exceptional school.</p>	



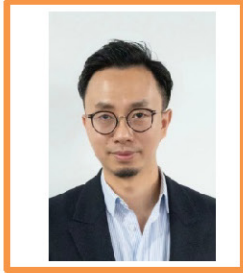
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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM	
NAME Marisol Negro	PHOTO 
NATIONALITY Spain	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN NBIS AND THEIR CLASS One in year 11, Arturo	
HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN IN CHINA 15 years	
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF <p>Hello everyone, my name is Sol and I am passionate about education. "One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world" As Malala says, Education is the key to change the world, to make a better world. I have been a very active member of the NBIS community since our son started attending the school in early 2011, first in PTA and since 2019 in SAC , and have enjoyed and learned working together with parents as well as teachers over the years, growing with the school. I feel SAC is an important organ within the school where parents can really make a difference in actively supporting, advising and guiding NBIS towards continuous improvement That's the reason I am offering my time and commitment. Thank you.</p>	





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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM	
NAME Zhang Kaiyu	PHOTO 
NATIONALITY Chinese	
NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN NBIS AND THEIR CLASS One	
HOW LONG YOU HAVE BEEN IN CHINA 34 Years	
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WISH TO SAY ABOUT YOURSELF <p>I have been with nbis for 7 years and with sac for last 2 years, i have lived and travelled many different countries and worked with people from all over the world. I am very keen to participate for another two-year period, represent our community and dedicate my private time to this honorable work.</p>	



Happy Holidays

NBIS wishes you and your family a lovely holiday.



Holiday begins from September 29
till

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October 9 (Back to School)



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