

# NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER #15

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## Dates to Remember

- Saturday 16th December to Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – Winter Holiday (No school)
- Thursday 4th January 2024 – Back to School



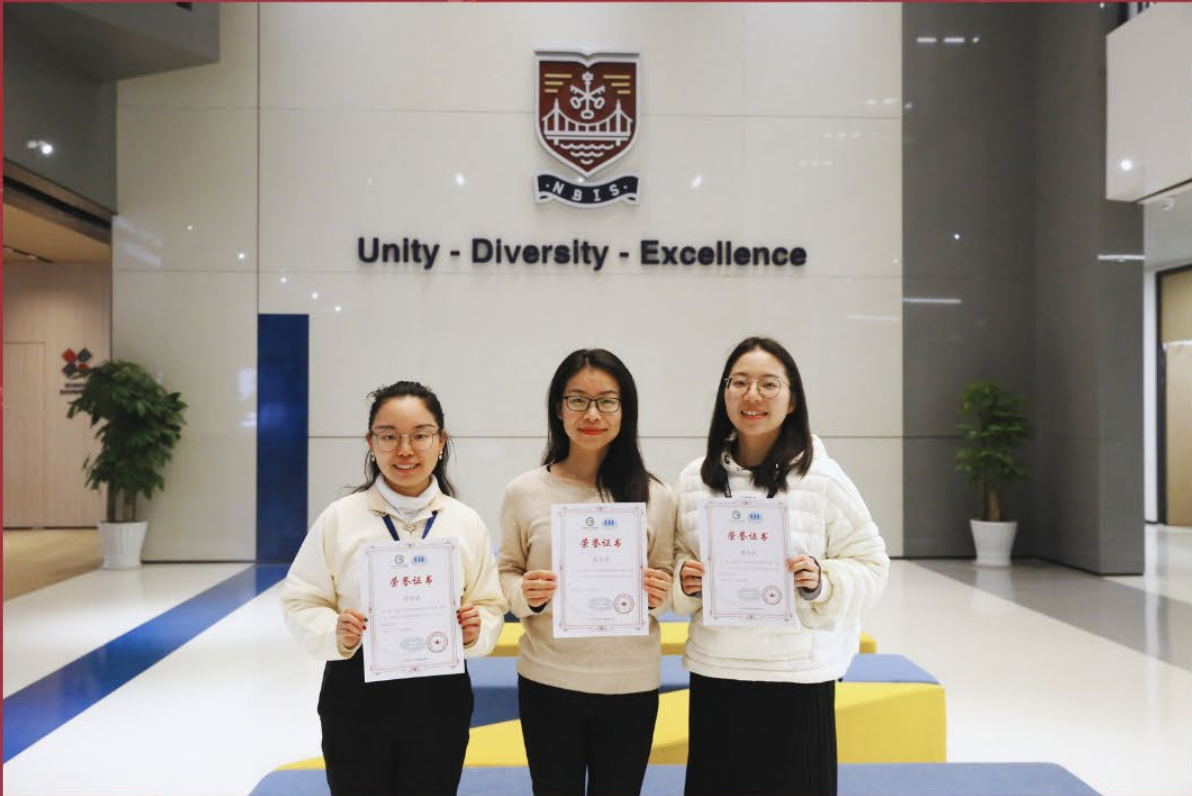
**CONGRATULATIONS**

**Nancy Wu**  
Class of 2024



for receiving the offer to study Business at Michigan State University.





Congratulations to our Chinese teachers Ms Xueqi Shao and Ms Bonnie Zhang, who took the Excellence Awards, and Ms Gabriela Chen who took the Regional Award (Asia) in the Third International Chinese Teaching Short Video Competition.



# Success Continues for our NBIS Volleyball Teams

We are thrilled to announce our recent triumph at the Ningbo Sports League tournament in Volleyball.



Six schools from Zhejiang province made their way to the University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC), which has traditionally hosted our Volleyball competition for Secondary students. NBIS sent two teams – one in the Under 15 boys category and one for the Under 19 mixed teams, both the teams were led by the most dedicated volleyball coach and a parent of NBIS student – Mr Cedric.



Our younger students showcased incredible progress since last year and their enthusiasm was immense. They fought hard and showed that next year they might be fighting for first place, just like their older schoolmates. This year, they placed second, demonstrating the promising future of our Volleyball ECA program.



In addition to the silver medal of the U15 team, our Under 19 Mixed team won a gold and defended their title from last year. The competition was very strong and they had to defeat three other teams who were also playing their best. Nerve-wracking points, unwavering commitment and spotless team work!



# VOLLEYBALL

The achievements of both teams stand as a testament to the dedication, perseverance and spirit of sportsmanship instilled in our students.

Big thanks go to the UNNC and their volunteers, teachers and parents who came to support both NBIS teams, the PTA who kindly provided healthy snacks for players, the PE team who helps to organize the competition and mainly to coach Cedric who led our students to victory.

Well done!



Let's go Sharks!  
Let's go!!!



# Winter Art Competition Awards



Congratulations to all Art Competition participants! Your creativity shone brightly. Each artwork brought joy to our community. Well done!

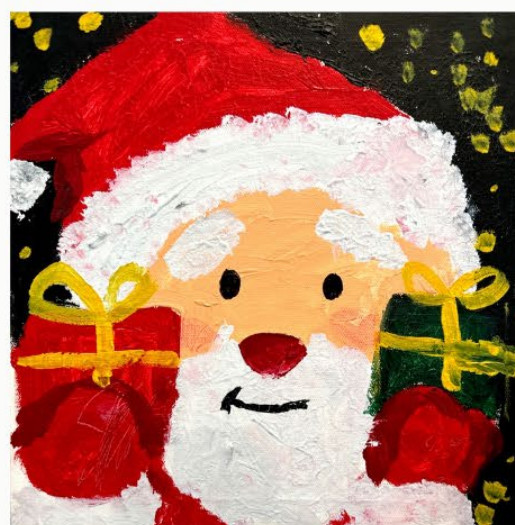
## Year 1 - Year 3



1st place:  
Pepper Zhang



2nd place:  
Cecilia Wang



3rd place:  
Tony Jun

## Year 4 - Year 6



1st place:  
Summer Mir



2nd place:  
Karson Shao



3rd place:  
Joyce Zhang

# Year 7 - Year 8



1st place:  
Justin Thomas



2nd place:  
Sean Zhang



3rd place:  
Bruce Zhang

# Year 9A



1st place:  
Lily Xia



2nd place:  
Elena Chng



3rd place:  
Charles Morris

# Year 9B



1st place:  
Eva Wu



2nd place:  
Jarett Thomas



3rd place:  
Maya Pflugbeil

# Year 10 - Year 11



1st place:  
Nelly Smith



2nd place:  
Gabi Pauletti



3rd place:  
Natalie Hua

Beautiful artworks are displayed in the teachers' lounge, inviting teachers and students to enjoy them during breaks.



## Winter Concert Showcasing Young Talent at NBIS

Ningbo British International School (NBIS) recently buzzed with excitement as the Early Years and Lower Primary students shone brightly in their annual Winter Concert. Amidst the school day's rhythm, our youngest stars dazzled, presenting captivating musical performances and heartwarming acts.



The Winter Concert started with the adorable performances of the Early Years children, bringing lively and joyful performances to everyone.







The afternoon performances remained remarkable, with our Lower Primary students' meticulously rehearsed and impressive musical shows.



## Year 1



## Year 1A

**Wave to the people  
Stomp with your  
feet!**

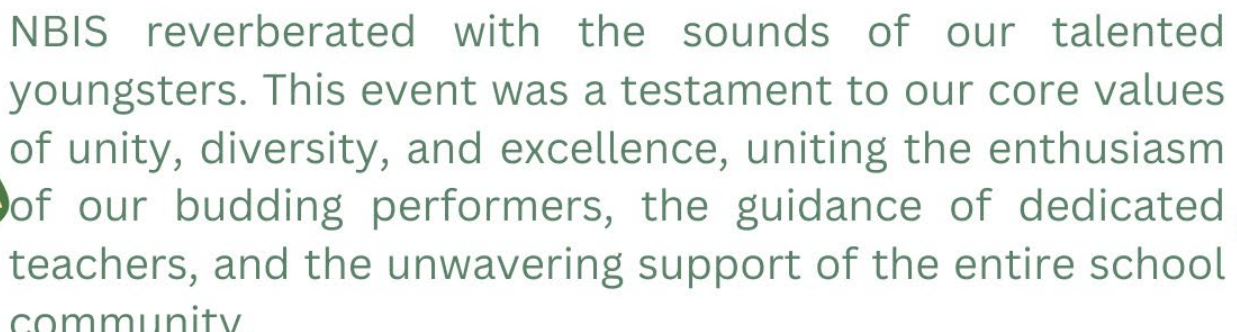




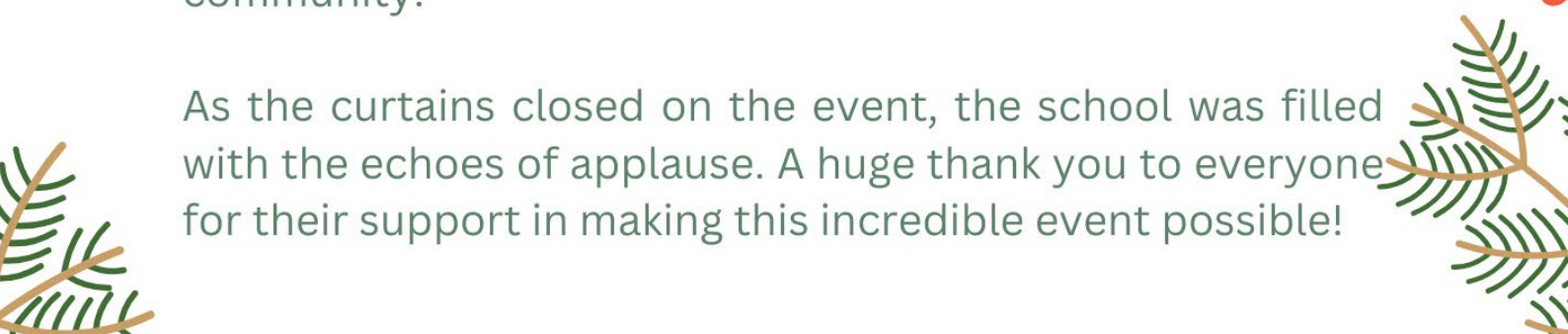




## Singalong



NBIS reverberated with the sounds of our talented youngsters. This event was a testament to our core values of unity, diversity, and excellence, uniting the enthusiasm of our budding performers, the guidance of dedicated teachers, and the unwavering support of the entire school community.



As the curtains closed on the event, the school was filled with the echoes of applause. A huge thank you to everyone for their support in making this incredible event possible!

# Secondary Winter Talent Show

We celebrated our Annual Winter Talent Show in Secondary. Almost 20 different performances were made by our students and guided by our drama teacher Ms Nausicaa Giavarra and our music coordinator Mr Isidro Santos Galindo.

It started with ballet, as one of our students, Carol Tang from Year 9, has been leading an ECA and teaching ballet herself to Primary students. A special mention to her because it was wonderful!



In this year's edition, singing has been the most popular talent that was shared, as we had solo performing (Angel Qiu Y10, Ivy Zhu Y10), singing with piano (Lily Xia Y9 and Lion Chien Y13), singing with guitar (Elena Chng Y9 and Chloe Chng Y13), duo (Alina Kui and Linda Zhang Y8) and trio (Candy Tong, Emily Shao and Kivi Yang Y7).



Dance is always present in our shows, NBIS students like to move with the beat in different ways. This year students from Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 13 danced in a variety of styles including Latin dance, Chinese traditional dance, modern dance and even a dance battle!



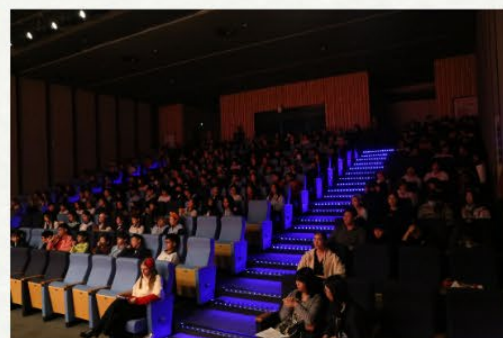
As mentioned before, Ms Nausicaa Giavarra has been guiding some of the students involved in this event. In addition to tutor the hosting, drama students from both Lower and Upper Secondary gave a quite interesting performances. IGCSE students showed plenty of emotions and Lower Secondary students made us laugh making us watch a pirate war.



Even if we have already mentioned plenty of different talents shared by our students, there are still some more performances to comment on. Kenny Chen from Year 8 played piano elegantly and some IGCSE Music students decided to perform a song from the popular artist Jay Chou.



This was almost everything in our Secondary Talent Show. Secondary is not just our students but also our teachers, who have all shown that they have plenty of talent as well. The talent show had Toleration (our Rock Band) giving the last performance. How surprised were we when we saw Mr Amine Azzane, NBIS Secondary business teacher, joining them on stage!



Such an excellent way to finish the last day of school before the holidays! Now is time to recharge our batteries and come back as happy as we saw our students in our talent show.



# A Festive Atmosphere on Campus

Winter has brought a magical vibe to our campus! The air is filled with warmth, joy, and festive fun.

The staff potluck brought a delightful fusion of flavours to our teachers. Teachers got together, sharing homemade dishes and creating a festive banquet. We sparked joy and laughter with a lively White Elephant game, where unexpected gifts brought smiles and energy to our winter festivities.



PTA parents brought heartfelt gifts to the school staff, including hand-painted packaging, cookies, and adorable cards crafted by students. A big thank you to the parents and students for your effort! We sincerely appreciate these thoughtful acts.





Santa came to NBIS and he brought gifts to children, creating precious memories along with snowflakes flying in the air!



The Primary student council organized Pyjama Day, adding a cosy and playful touch to the winter festivities. Students and teachers alike donned their favourite pyjamas, creating a relaxed and joyous atmosphere throughout the classrooms.



Secondary students and teachers enjoyed a spirited Santa vs Elves Football Match, bringing laughter and cheer to the field.

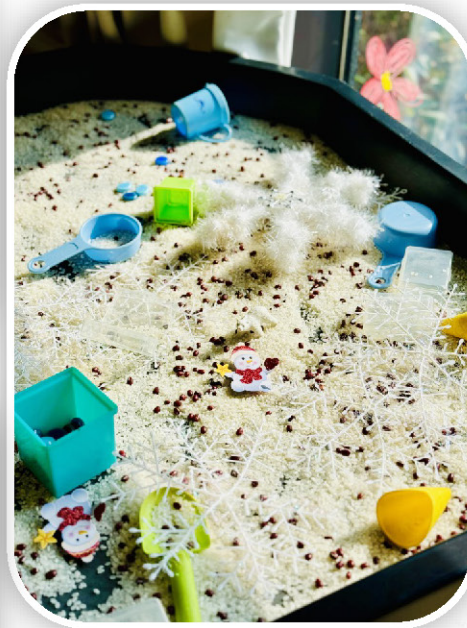


The collective efforts of staff, parents, and students have cultivated an atmosphere of joy, gratitude, and festive spirit. These celebrations not only bring us together but also remind us of the warmth that community and togetherness can bring during the winter season.



# Nursery B

Icy cold mornings, shorter days! Whether you are a winter fan or not, you will surely enjoy our favourite winter activities for children below. Explore amazing ice blocks, have fun with snowmen, learn about Arctic animals and more. These winter themed activities for our children are the perfect way to enjoy winter indoors and outdoors this season!





# Nursery B



# YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY



An outstanding piano performance by some year 5B students started off proceedings. All year 5B students were in formation to state each letter that made up the value of thoughtfulness. Each student either described what a thoughtful person should do in various situations (whether inside or outside of school) or explained what was meant by this important value. In addition to this, students portrayed the value of thoughtfulness with a number of scenarios in an English classroom setting. As the holiday season is on the horizon, all upper primary students and teachers within the auditorium sang the jingle bells song together in an enthusiastic manner. Within this particular assembly, Year 5B showcased their own presentational and interpersonal skills to great effect.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

- 4A- Nik & Yichen
- 4B- Harry & Sally
- 5A- Ethan & Selena
- 5B- Jacqueline & Kimi
- 5C- Finn & Sasha
- 6A- Dhairya & Max



# I'm thankful for...

Gratitude is an attitude.

The Attitude of Gratitude mindset teaches us the importance of seeking the positives from every experience and being thankful for all that we have. In this lesson, Year 2C students were guided to focus on all the things they have and are thankful for.



On a feather shaped piece of paper, each student had the opportunity to write down 4 things they are thankful for. With these feathers, students went on to make their own "I'm thankful for..." turkey headbands.

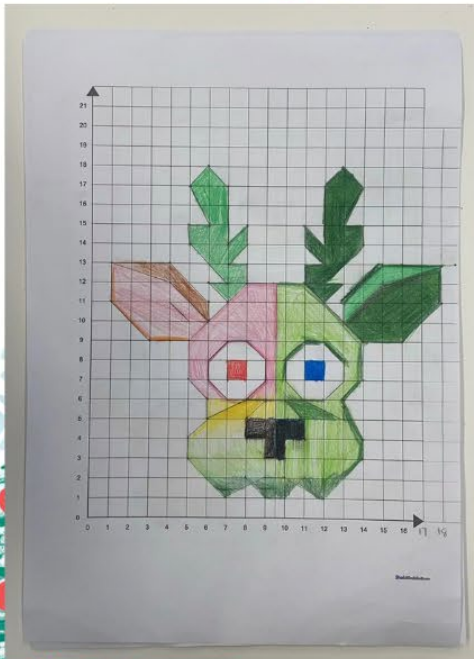


# Building Mathematical Skills

## Tis the season to be Jolly!

It is the final week for teaching and learning before the winter break. Secondary students were engaged in a myriad of activities aimed at boosting their self-confidence, developing their reasoning skills, and unleashing their mathematics potential.

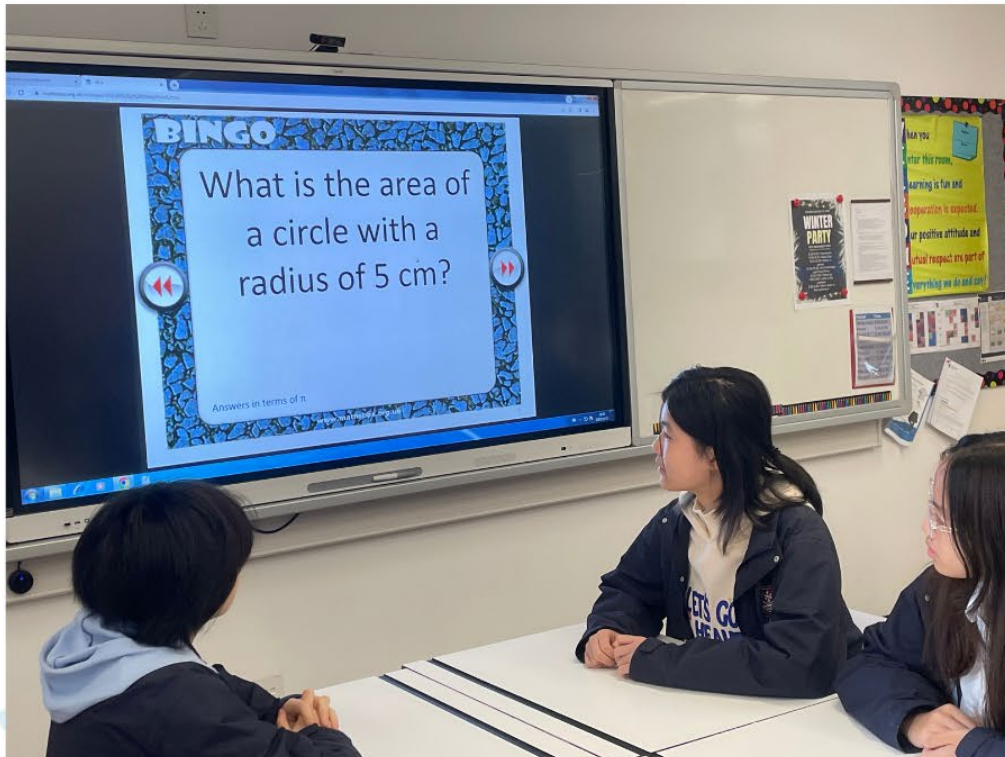
Y 7 – 9 Lower Secondary students got to relax in class and work in groups to solve simple algebraic equations and color by code winter holiday themed pictures or plot points on the Cartesian plane to create Santa's reindeer.



They were also engaged in utilizing their geometry skills in creating hexaflexagons and 3D calendars for the new year.



The students appreciated using their creativity to personalize their work and were eager to display their handiwork. The highlight of the week for many students was the Bingo game which has become quite popular and competitive.



# Secondary Student Council Post box

The students have been delivering messages throughout the secondary section. They have delivered over a hundred letters already!



**HAPPY**

*Holidays*



# MOVEMBER

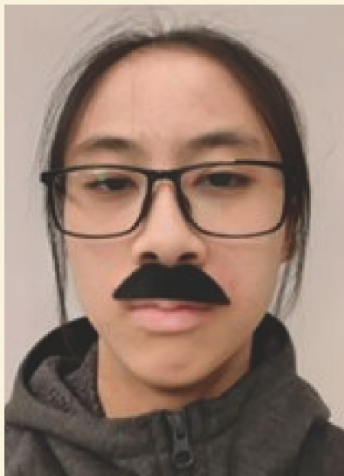


WHAT IS MOVEMBER? IT'S AN ANNUAL EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR MEN'S HEALTH: MENTAL HEALTH, SUICIDE, AND TESTICULAR AND PROSTATE CANCER.

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Secondary Student Council member Felicia (Y13) led the Movember initiative. In Monday's assembly, she talked to secondary students about Movember.



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**NBIS 2023-24 Semester 1 SAC meeting minutes**

<b>Date and Time</b>	December 11, 2023, 18:30-22:00	<b>Location</b>	NBIS Conference Room
<b>Meeting Called By</b>	NBIS SAC Team	<b>Secretary</b>	Sharon Wang (SW)
<b>Attendees</b>	Francesco Aguiari (FA); Adrien Chicouard (AC); Nancy Eldars (NE); David Foster (DF); Rosaria Franco (RF); Julia Hoferichter (JH); Zhang Kaiyu (ZK); Marisol Negro (MN); Roziel Dorin Rhee (RDR); Neta Ronen (NR); Brian Thomas (BT)s; Sharon Wang (SW), Aaron Lowe (AL)		
<b>Excused</b>	N/A		

<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and introduction agenda and new speakers (RF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair of SAC welcomed the Head of Secondary, Mr. Aaron Lowe, and introduced the meeting agenda.</li> <li>SAC members introduced themselves briefly and welcomed the new speaker.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Secondary curriculum (AL)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In an effort to better understand the educational experience and curriculum in the Secondary Section, the Head of Secondary, was invited to present a secondary section review. The head of Section presented a comprehensive review that included the subject choices and outlined the school's efforts to provide a balanced and interdisciplinary approach to learning.</li> <li>The information provided served as an opportunity for SAC to gain a deeper insight into the curriculum. By fostering open communication, the school aims to create a supportive environment that nurtures the success and growth of every student.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Principal's update (CIS Accreditation update, recruitment and staff update etc.) (NE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The International Principal provided essential updates regarding the school's ongoing efforts in various areas and the progress toward achieving CIS accreditation. She explained that the school has been actively working on a timeline of tasks pertaining to achieving the prestigious CIS accreditation. This notable achievement would signify that the school meets high-quality international standards in education.</li> <li>The International Principal also addressed the topic of recruitment, emphasising the school's commitment to attracting and retaining talented educators. NBIS has been actively seeking highly qualified teachers who are knowledgeable and passionate about shaping young learners' lives.</li> <li>In addition to recruitment, Ms. Eldars shared a comprehensive plan for staff development. Recognising the importance of continuous professional growth. She emphasised that investing in staff development directly translates into enhanced student teaching and learning experiences.</li> </ul>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>IEP and SEN (DF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Individual Education Plan (IEP) is a crucial tool in special education that ensures personalised and appropriate educational support for students with special</li> </ul>



	<p>educational needs (SEN). The IEP meetings promote the individualised approach, is a binding document that sets clear goals, facilitates collaboration and supports smooth transitions, documentation and monitoring the effectiveness of the plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggestions for the development of the SEN department at NBIS:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Raising awareness and understanding about Special Educational Needs and Specific Learning Difficulties; characteristics, and appropriate teaching strategies. Develop and implement inclusive policies that promote equal opportunities for all students, regardless of their abilities.</li> <li>2. Recognise the unique needs of each student with SEN and provide IEP tailored to their requirements. Gather and provide relevant resources to parents to help them better understand their child's needs. Collaborate with external agencies, such as ELG in Shanghai or Olivia's place, to provide additional support and expertise for students with SEN. Consider inviting guest speakers occasionally to share their expertise.</li> <li>3. Allocate sufficient human resources, including shadow teachers or aids (A shadow teacher, also known as an educational assistant or paraeducator, plays a crucial role in supporting students with SEN.) and assistive technologies to support effective SEN education in schools.</li> <li>4. Offer comprehensive training and professional development opportunities for teachers to enhance their skills and knowledge in supporting students with specific needs.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>SEN Parent's Support Group (BT) Proposal:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up an SEN (Special Educational Needs) parent's support group at NBIS can be a great way to provide a supportive environment for parents who require this. By creating a safe and supportive atmosphere where parents feel comfortable sharing their experiences, concerns, and insights. This will provide opportunities for open discussions, allowing parents to interact, seek advice, and support one another.</li> <li>• Conduct a survey to gauge NBIS parents' interest and gather suggestions if feasible.</li> <li>• Seek support from experienced parents and professionals.</li> <li>• Share ideas and discuss how the support group can benefit the school community.</li> <li>• Advertise the support group to parents of children with special educational needs in NBIS. Use various channels such as newsletters and school websites to spread the word. Ensure that all parents know the group's purpose and how it can benefit them.</li> </ul>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Calendar future meetings approval (RF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dates of SAC meetings 2023-24 below are confirmed.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024</li> <li>➢ February 26<sup>th</sup> 2024</li> <li>➢ April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024</li> <li>➢ May 20<sup>th</sup> 2024</li> </ul> </li> <li>• It is suggested that in future SAC meetings, each agenda point be given an allocated time slot so that the 2 hours are adhered to and worked out per agenda point.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Short Review SAC – Teacher Get Together (NR)</b></p>



	The low attendance rate at SAC – Teacher Get Together on November 30 <sup>th</sup> is possibly due to it being held on a Thursday with work commitments the following day.
<b>8</b>	<b>AOB (FA)</b> We would like to express our gratitude to NBIS SAC member Mr. Francesco Aguiari for his dedicated service to the school. Due to family reasons, he and his family will be leaving the Ningbo and returning to Spain. We appreciate Mr. Francesco’s commitment and wish him and his family all the best.

No.	Action	Responsible	DDL
1	To invite the Head of Primary to the next SAC meeting	Nancy	Jan.15th 2024
2	To provide figures of staffing updates to SAC	Nancy	Jan.15th 2024
3	To chase up an SEN Workshop with external advisers	David/Brian	After CNY
4	To find opportunities for interns for SEN support	Nancy	N/A
5	To manage the agenda with appropriate time slots	Rosaria	Jan.15th 2024

<b>Next Meeting</b>			
Date	January 15th 2024	Time	18:30 pm



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