

# NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER #17

12TH JANUARY 2024



# UNITY DIVERSITY EXCELLENCE



## Dates to Remember

- Monday 8th to 19th January 2024 - Upper Secondary Exams
- Wednesday 17th January 2024 - WEG Board Meeting
- Monday 22nd January 2024 - SAC Meeting
- Friday 26th January 2024 - NBIS Chinese New Year Celebration
- Friday 26th January 2024 - Last day of Semester 1
- Monday 29th January 2024 – Start of Semester 2
- Thursday 1st February 2024 – Chinese New Year Concert

# 2024



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Upcoming Event

**NBIS Chinese New Year Celebration**

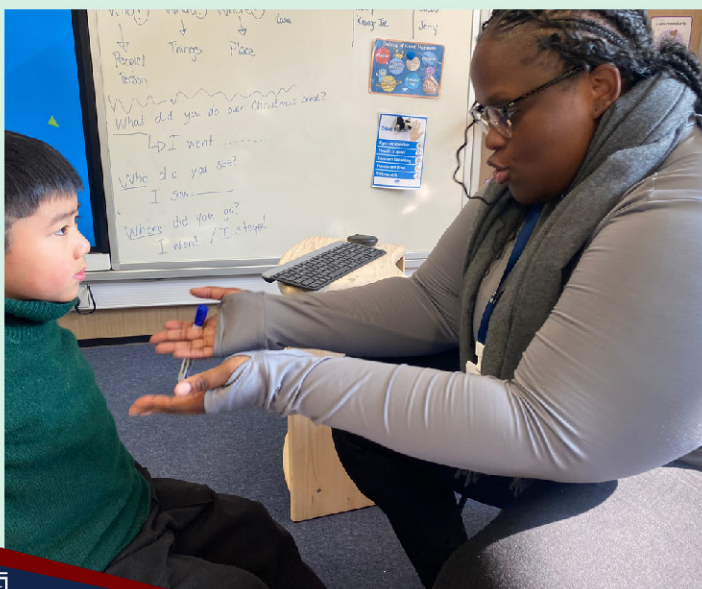
*Friday 26th January 2024*



# Reception A

Ms Samy & Ms Chelsea

We are excited to introduce the theme of teamwork and collaboration in our classroom. This week, we will be focusing on the importance of working together and how it can help enhance your child's learning experience. By engaging in conversation and sharing ideas with their partner, children naturally practice and expand their vocabulary, sentence structures, and communication skills. Working with a partner teaches children the value of patience, as they learn to wait their turn and actively support their peer. It also promotes self-awareness as they reflect on their own strengths and areas for growth.





# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

3A - RURI  
& KAI  
3B - EVIE SHEN



2A - CECELIA  
& SAMUEL  
2B - AUSTIN  
2C - KAIVIN

1A - ARCHIMEDE  
& GEORGE  
1B - LOLA  
1C - JOY & GINNY



# Student-led Reading Club!

This past week Year 1C's Mrs Emily and Year 3A's Mr Armstrong came up with a creative way to enjoy our morning break. Year 3A visited the Year 1 classrooms and read stories to them. They even used their best acting skills to perform the stories for the younger learners.



Year 1 loved hearing how well the Year 3 students could read, and they especially enjoyed talking with the older students! When we asked the students in Year 1C how they felt about the experience, they all excitedly answered that it was a fun way to spend their break. Suri in Year 1C even mentioned how she was excited to make new friends. Isaac was especially impressed to see the straightest line the students made as they walked out of the classroom.

By spending time with the older students in Year 3, Year 1's can have role models to look up to. Year 1 students can look at the behaviour of the students in Year 3 and can use that behaviour to inspire how they act in certain situations. They can also make connections with the older students and build helpful friendships. Year 1 students can also enjoy various books in the classroom that they were unable to read previously. Students can also form a positive picture of the progress in reading they can make in two year's time.

At the same time, Year 3 students were able to observe the strong progress they have made at NBIS and channel that confidence back into their own work.

"If I can do all of this extra stuff after two years, imagine what I will be like in year 5!" said an excited Y3A Elva, from Germany.

"It was really nice to make new friends and read to them. I hope we can do this activity again soon!" said Y3A Diana, from South Korea.



## Primary Art

The Cambridge Art & Design Curriculum requires students to acquire basic drawing skills as well as some design and hands-on skills. In this week's art lesson, some of the students used paper to make a relief sculpture inspired by the American artist Charles McGee. In art class, the teacher asked the students to work in groups to cut paper into different shapes and add patterns, then combine them into different three-dimensional shapes by gluing them together. The students did some excellent artwork through their imagination and creativity!





# Innovative ESL Teaching Strategies at NBIS

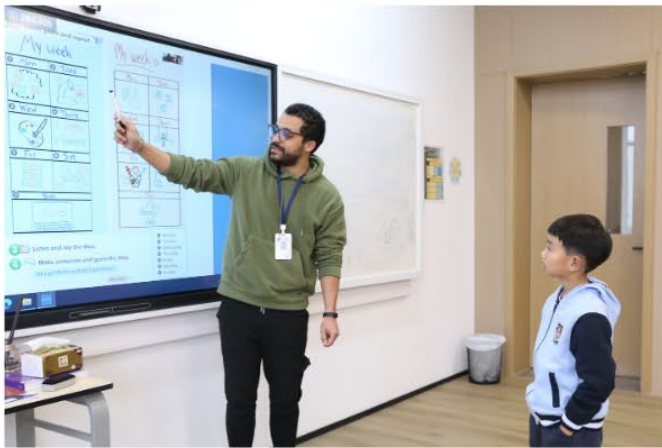
NBIS has witnessed a remarkable transformation in its English as a Second Language (ESL) program, thanks to Mr Yassine Khaya's pioneering educational strategies. His approach has infused both primary and secondary ESL teaching with a newfound level of effectiveness and engagement.

In Primary, the "Guess What!" Cambridge curriculum is skillfully implemented. This curriculum, known for its educational richness and appeal, is brought to life by the Inclusion Department. Their commitment to keeping lessons dynamic ensures that students remain absorbed and intrigued. Additionally, the department supplements classroom teaching with extensive resources, empowering teachers to further solidify and expand upon the curriculum.





Upper Primary



In Secondary, the Inclusion Department tailors its strategy to suit the varied needs of older students, taking into account the different challenges presented by their age and curriculum. Specialized after-school classes offer focused support, concentrating on critical vocabulary and key concepts. This proactive strategy not only deepens students' understanding but also maintains the integrity of regular class time.



Secondary

The department's innovative spirit shines in the after-lunch grammar sessions. These classes, infused with Tabletop RPG elements, transform grammar from a routine subject into an adventure of linguistic discovery. Such a creative and relaxed learning environment is especially effective during what is typically a downtime for students.

For those in the Upper Secondary levels, faced with more demanding curricula and looming exams, the Inclusion Department organizes guided reading sessions. These sessions are meticulously planned in collaboration with subject teachers, ensuring a tailored and holistic approach to the academic material.



NBIS's commitment to ESL education goes beyond mere academic achievement; it is about equipping students with lifelong skills. Our collective efforts reflect the school's dedication to fostering a supportive, enriching educational journey, one that our students will look back on with gratitude and appreciation. This holistic approach to learning is what sets NBIS apart, showcasing our unwavering commitment to every student's success and well-being.

## Secondary Students Participated in MMATHS Maths Competition

Article written by NBIS students Joey Liu (Y9), Johnson Huang (Y10),  
Shuoyuan Zhang (Y10), and Takuma Yokoi (Y10).

Maths Majors of America Tournament for High Schools (MMATHS), held on January 6th and 7th, is a well-known mathematics competition. With ten years of history, challenging questions and entertaining events, this competition has attracted 51 teams, consisting of hundreds of China's best students. One of the teams is a group of four members representing NBIS. They are Joey Liu, Johnson Huang, Shuoyuan Zhang and Takuma Yokoi.



MMATHS consists of three main sections: Individual Round, Team Round and Lightning Finals. For the first two sections, students are told to solve 12 problems beyond AIME difficulty in 75 and 45 minutes, respectively.



# Secondary Section



“Though the problems were not easy to solve, I believe everyone in our team has been trying our best,” stated Joey Liu. “During the Team Round, I felt a great sense of achievement helping the team members solve problems. There were some times when I started to lose confidence, but by cheering up each other, we worked well.”

The NBIS team performed excellently on the Individual Round, achieving Credit Awards (top 40%). But the team missed out on the final.

“We did not get to the finals,” stated Takuma Yokoi, “but I believe that trying our best and competing with the top high schools in China is more worthwhile than competing in the finals. If we don’t quit until the last second, we will receive the greatest honour of all time.”

“It’s a completely new experience. We had never attended any competition offline before, and to attend one of the most difficult competitions with no previous experience, we already succeeded by just standing there,” stated Shuoyuan Zhang. “MMATHS has taught me a lot. During the competition, I was able to find my weaknesses. With the presence of joy, I am sure we will improve greatly by the next competition.”



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陈宇峰	024B	刘一涵	006D
姜铭远	028B	陈厚森	008F
王梓博	041F	姜睿泽	011E
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# MEET OUR NEW TEACHER



Ms Bella Yin  
Primary Teacher

My name is Bella Yin, and I am both delighted and honored to introduce myself as a Chinese teacher and a co-teacher at NBIS.

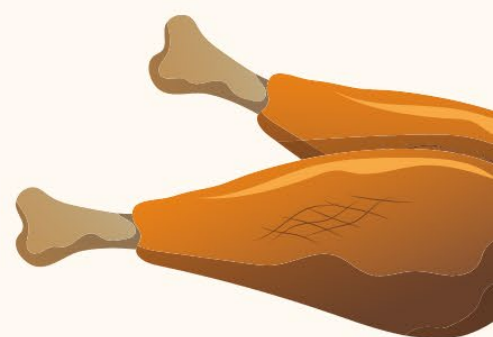
I come to you with a rich tapestry of experiences in education, particularly in nurturing the minds of primary students. My journey as an educator has taken me across various continents, allowing me to witness the beauty of diverse teaching methodologies and cultural nuances.

Originally from China, I hold a teacher certificate from my home country, providing me with a solid foundation in education. Eager to broaden my horizons and deepen my understanding of global pedagogy, I pursued a masters degree of teaching in Singapore, a country renowned for its excellence in education. Later, I furthered my studies to earn the U.S. degree of education that equipped me with a comprehensive understanding of international teaching practices.

I am truly thrilled to be a part of our diverse international school community, where cultural exchange is embraced and celebrated and also eager to embark on this exciting educational journey with you and wonderful children together. Here's to a year filled with growth, discovery, and joy!



# NBIS Weekly Menu



Sample Dishes



January 15 – January 19



Ningbo British International School  
浙江宁波英伦  
外籍人员子女学校

NBIS: Unity - Diversity - Excellence

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Menu	Roast sausage	Sweet sour pork	Barbecued pork	Basa fish	Beef
	烤香肠	菠萝咕咾肉	叉烧肉	葱油巴沙鱼	五香牛肉
	Boneless chicken breast strips	Roast Chicken Legs	Meat with garlic	Crispy Rib	Roast chicken
	鸡柳	烤鸡腿	蒜苗腊肉	香酥仔排	烤鸡
	Meat with potato	Basa fish	Salt baked chicken	Sesame chicken	Deep fried shrimp
	土豆烧肉	葱油鱼片	盐焗鸡	芝麻鸡丝	虾饼
	Minced pork with glass noodle	Baked potatoes	Cauliflower	Broccoli	Cauliflower
	肉末粉丝	焗土豆	花菜	西兰花	花菜
	Cauliflower	Broccoli	Cabbage	Roast potato	French fries
	花菜	西兰花	炒包菜	烤土豆	薯条
	Tofu	Egg tart	Croissant	Pearl milk tea	Caesar chicken roll
	葱油豆腐	蛋挞	牛角包	珍珠奶茶	凯撒鸡肉卷
	Bread with jam	Mung bean sprout	Roast sweet potato	French bread	Vegetable
	果酱面包	炒绿豆芽	烤地瓜	法国面包	葱油万年青
	Fried slice streaky pork	Poached pork slices	Pork slices	Sichuan-style beef with duck blood curd	Spicy pork slices
	小炒肉	水煮肉片	酸菜肉片	毛血旺	麻辣肉片
	Shrimp with Soy Sauce	Poached Shrimp	Fried Shrimp	Shrimp with Soy Sauce	Shrimp with Soy Sauce
	红烧虾	盐水虾	油爆河虾	红烧虾	红烧虾
	Fish	Jerk filefish	Little yellow croaker	Braised Crucian Carp with Scallion	Ribbonfish
	椒盐玉兔鱼	孜然橡皮鱼	葱油小黄鱼	葱烤河鲫鱼	椒盐带鱼
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	
水果	水果	水果	水果	水果	
Vegetable soup	Tofu and cabbage soup	Tomato soup with egg	Seaweed soup	Seaweed soup	
万年青汤	大白菜豆腐汤	番茄蛋汤	紫菜虾皮汤	海带汤	
Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	
米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭	
Milk/Yogurt	Milk/Yogurt	Milk/Yogurt	Milk/Yogurt	Milk/Yogurt	
纯牛奶/酸牛奶	纯牛奶/酸牛奶	纯牛奶/酸牛奶	纯牛奶/酸牛奶	纯牛奶/酸牛奶	
Snack Menu	Cucumber	Banana	Cherry tomato	Banana	Grape
	小青瓜	香蕉	小番茄	香蕉	提子
	Omelette	Dumpling	Egg	Steamed creamy custard bun	Potato strips cake
	鸡蛋饼	蒸饺	水煮蛋	奶黄包	土豆丝饼
	Grape	Oran mandarin	Apple	Longan	Pear
	阳光玫瑰	沃柑	苹果	桂圆	香梨
	Bread with jam	Cranberry biscuit	Cake with dried meat floss	Red bean bread	Green tea cookies
	面包片+果酱	蔓越莓饼干	肉松蛋糕	红豆餐包	抹茶曲奇





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