

NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dates to Remember

- Saturday 8th June to Monday 10th June – Dragon Boat Festival Holiday – No School
- Tuesday 11th June – Back to School
- Tuesday 11th June to Sunday 7th July – Honorary Principal Visit to Ningbo
- Tuesday 11th June – Primary Musical for Primary Students
- Wednesday 12th June – Primary Musical for Parents at 1730
- Friday 14th June – Secondary Year 13 Graduation Ceremony and Graduation Dinner



CONGRATULATIONS

Sewon Lee (Sera)

Class of 2024



for receiving the offer to study Economics at Yonsei University.



연세대학교
YONSEI UNIVERSITY





CONGRATULATIONS

Ho Rhee (Hoya)

Class of 2024



for receiving the offer to study Business Management at the University of Queensland.



**THE UNIVERSITY
OF QUEENSLAND**
AUSTRALIA



CONGRATULATIONS

Sikata Anilkumar Gehani

Class of 2024



for receiving the offer to study Business Management (Marketing) at the EU Business School.

**eu Business
School**



Leaders from the Hi-tech Zone Education Bureau Visited NBIS

On June 4th, Mr Qiu Fuping, the new Head of the Hi-tech Zone Education Bureau, visited NBIS along with two Education Bureau officials, Ms Lu Weiwei and Ms Hua Min. They were warmly welcomed by Ms Nancy Eldars, the NBIS Principal, Mr Robert Yan, the NBIS Chinese Principal, and Ms Echo Xue, the Head of Admin and guided around the primary section by Mr Kash-Lee Bane. They visited the art exhibition, school library and primary classes. During their visit, they learned about the school's basic operations, inquired in detail about various aspects of the school, and engaged in conversations with international teachers and students.



During the session, the leaders expressed a strong desire to support NBIS in its development efforts. We look forward to working more closely with the Hi-tech Zone Education Bureau and appreciate the support of Mr Qiu in advancing NBIS.



EARLY YEARS & PRIMARY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY CARNIVAL

We're excited to share the fun-filled moments from our recent International Children's Day Carnival! The event was a tremendous success, filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories.

From the playful antics of the balloon clowns, to the adorable charm of the big balloon pandas, to the powerful spectacle of the Transformers display, children thoroughly enjoyed interacting closely with these delightful characters.



But the fun didn't stop there! Our carnival games added an extra layer of enjoyment for everyone. From the challenge of Inflatable Tetris to the excitement of the Slingshot and Electricity Maze, children were engaged and entertained at every corner. Inflatable Bowling, Balloon helmet adventure and Bouncy Castle bouncing also made for a fun time for them.





Children were cheered for the impressive performances of our Clown and Magician, and were enchanted by the magical Bubble and Chaplin shows.



It was heartwarming to see the smiles on the faces of our little ones as they enjoyed themselves at the carnival. Their happiness and enjoyment truly warmed our hearts. We wish them all the best as they continue to grow and thrive, and may their childhood be filled with endless joy, love, and adventure.

Thank you to Primary and Early Years teachers, PTA parents, carnival performers, and staff who joined us in celebrating this special day. Your dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated!

NBIS Celebrates the Dragon Boat Festival

As a traditional festival in China, the Dragon Boat Festival commemorates the poet and minister Qu Yuan of the ancient state of Chu during the Warring States period of the Zhou dynasty. The festival also integrates prayers for good luck and respite from the summer heat. To enhance children's understanding of traditional Chinese festivals and improve their practical skills and ability to use the Chinese language, many traditional activities are celebrated at NBIS. Different from last year, this year some teachers from the local Juxian Community, High-tech Zone visited NBIS and enjoyed a wonderful time with the NBIS community.

Dragon Boat

Dragon boat races have a long history and are a very important tradition of the festival. The boats resemble giant dragons, and a team paddles the dragon boat. In Chinese classes, children designed, drew, and made unique dragon boats. They also created a dragon boat race picture as a display, having lots of fun in the process.



Zongzi

Zongzi, known as glutinous rice dumplings, are a very popular traditional festive food for this festival. Children made their own Zongzi during Chinese class, learning how to roll up the reed leaves and stuff them with red bean paste and candied dates. Finally, they tied the Zongzi with colourful cords, wrapping them into triangle or rectangle shapes. The children became more skilled after a few practices and were very excited about their new skill.



Sachet

Under the guidance of teachers, children learned the techniques of making sachets while exploring the history and cultural significance of the Dragon Boat Festival. Celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese lunar calendar, it is also called the "Double Fifth Festival." This day was believed to be very inauspicious, and people would put wormwood and calamus on their doors and wear fragrant sachets. Due to the strong smell of the herbs, it is believed that the sachets can keep pests and evil spirits away.





Ai Ye Decorations

Students engaged in creating Ai Ye (mugwort) decorations. They learned how to bundle the leaves into beautiful bouquets. Excited about their creations, they plan to take Ai Ye decorations home and hang them in their favorite spots.





The Five-coloured Silk Threads

Bracelets with five colored strings are another traditional custom. The five colors represent the Five Elements: Green, White, Red, Black (Blue), and Yellow, corresponding to Wood, Metal, Fire, Water, and Earth, respectively. On the day of the Dragon Boat Festival, people believe that wearing the five-colored bracelet can help keep away evil spirits and diseases, bringing health and good luck. In Chinese class, children made these special five-colored bracelets. They are not only a decoration but also an important way of wishing for good luck in the future.



Through these activities, children not only experienced the charm of traditional Chinese festivals but also improved their Chinese proficiency, boosting their interest and confidence in learning the language.

A special thank you to the teachers from the Juxian Community and NBIS for their dedication to organising Dragon Boat Festival activities. We wishing all a delightful and restful Dragon Boat Festival holiday!

Nursery B

Ms Karen Yang

Teaching about animals in the ocean is one of the most fun and interesting topics. The activities introduce our children to various sea creatures, their habitats, behaviors, and unique features. By engaging with ocean animal content, children can develop an appreciation for marine biodiversity and gain knowledge about the fascinating underwater world.



Under the sea tuff tray ideas, where creativity and learning go hand in hand. These engaging activities transport young minds to the depths of the ocean, fostering their imagination, sensory development, and overall well-being.

Nursery B



How fun is this mini aquarium in a bottle?!

It helps our children engage in sensory play and identify different ocean animals.



Oh, we do like to be beside the seaside! With the weather warming up and the days getting longer, it's that time of year to grab an ice cream and explore everything related to the beach and seaside!





Year 3A and 3B Students Celebrate World Environment Day with Collaborative Artwork
Mr Dominic Armstrong





After discussing ways to protect the environment and preserve the beauty of our planet, year three students worked together on this collaborative art piece which will go on display in building three. They hope that the artwork will inspire other students and staff to work together to do as much as they can to protect the environment. Heal the world! Make it a better place!





UPPER PRIMARY

OUTDOOR TRIP 2024

Mr Achilles Luciano

An exciting and fun-filled trip was participated by thirty four Upper Primary students at Xufuyan on May 29- 31, 2024.



Catapult Building



Master Chef



River Tracing



The outdoor education trip 2024 has been a successful one. This programme aims to help students grow socially, learn independence, and gain practical skills outside the classroom.

In the three-day trip, students had an experience of several activities that were out of their comfort zone, such as river tracing, catapult building, balancing on high ropes, hiking and cooking. Furthermore, they learned how to communicate well with each other, work in teams and build new friendships as a result!







The outdoor trip is not just a fun-filled event; it offers numerous benefits that help students develop their mental, physical, social, and emotional skills. Additionally, it provides a great opportunity for them to disconnect from technology and connect with the real world, enhancing their ability to interact with others and appreciate the beauty of nature.



The laughter, friendships and adventures from the trip leave an indelible mark on the minds and hearts of those who experienced it.



CHINESE SUMMER POETRY GALA

Ms Peach Chen

With the arrival of summer, the Upper Primary Section of NBIS celebrated its third annual 'Summer Poetry Gala'.

As a famous writer, Lin Yutang said in his book 'My People and My Country':

"Poetry is regarded as the highest literary accomplishment and the surest and easiest way of testing a man's literary skill. Poetry has taught the Chinese a view of life which, through the influence of proverbs and scrolls, has permeated into society in general and given them a sense of compassion, an overflowing love of nature, and an attitude of artistic acceptance of life."



Such as:

We wish each other a long life so as to share the beauty of this graceful moonlight, even though miles apart.

但愿人长久，千里共婵娟。

- written by the famous poet Sushi from the Song dynasty.

We started our gala with a graceful dance and beautiful song from Dannii Wang and Chanel Xiao of 'Prelude to Water Melody' (《水调歌头》)

- a nationwide poem by Su Shi.



Impressive chanting of poems by EY pupils was followed by the world-renowned story of the Monkey King brought back to our memory by Ethan Zhang's brilliant performance. Other various performances based on the ancient poems were enjoyed by all.





During the summer poetry gala, different awards were given to honour students' whole year's Chinese learning achievements. Three top students accomplished reading over 200 books and the top class has read almost 3000 books in level-learning, which is an online reading resource for Mandarin native students. We also provide an online reading resource, iChineseReader, for Mandarin foreign students. Students have read more than 3600 books this school year!

iChineseReader



UP MFL-1

- 1st Place: Avni Muljani
- 2nd Place: Ayush Gaurav
- 3rd Place: Aoto Uemura



UP MFL-2

- 1st Place: Saeka Hattori
- 2nd Place: Sasha Efremov
- 3rd Place: Sebastian Rasmussen



UP MFL-3

- 1st Place: Hank Kim
- 2nd Place: Sara Yamashita
- 3rd Place: Charlotte Parry-Lamb

LEVEL LEARNING



1st Place
Eason Shen



2d Place
Luke Birks



3rd Place
Jimmy Ye

Winner of the Class



LP MNL-2
Lucas Li



UP MNL-1
Guanhe Tang



UP MNL-2
Gabrielle Zhang



UP MNL-3
Ethan Hu



UP MNL-4
Amy Jin



LP MNL-5
Tobi Cheng



Best Class: UPMNL-5

Awards for the primary Mandarin Native Language students' writing competition were also announced at the poetry gala to encourage students' enthusiasm for Chinese writing.

Chinese Writing Competition Result

Exploring and Appreciating Spring

Lower Primary

MNL-1 & 2 LP



1st Place: Pepper Zhang (Y3B)

2nd Place: Molly Shi (Y3A) and Jimmy Ye (Y3A)

3rd Place: Ruri Lee (Y3A), Antony Li (Y3B) and Kaian Ying (Y3A)

MNL-3 & 4 LP



1st Place: Leo Cai (Y2B)

2nd Place: Bella Wang (Y2C) and Chris Wong (Y2A)

3rd Place: Vanessa Le (Y2A), Cecilia Wang (2A) and Ariel Ruthworth (Y2A)

MNL-5 & 6 LP



1st Place: Ginny Yu (Y1C)
2nd Place: Robin Zhang (Y1A) and Zoe Hou (Y1B)
3rd Place: Zoey Zhou (Y1B) , Abner Yu (1B) and Chris Hu (Y1C)

Upper Primary

MNL-1 UP



1st Place: Kajo NG (Y6)
2nd Place: Cherry Xu (Y6) and Anne Xu (Y6)
3rd Place: Kiana Bian (Y6) and Yichen Lin (Y6)

MNL-2 & 3 UP



1st Place: Jacqueline Zhang (Y5B)
 2nd Place: Ethan Zhang (Y5A) and Beatrice Zhang (Y5C)
 3rd Place: Molly Ding (Y5B) , Hanna Han (Y5A) ,
 Abe Sung (Y5A) and Marvin Hung (Y5B)

MNL-4 & 5 UP



1st Place: Sayaka Ohkura (Y5C)
 2nd Place: Jeffery Chen (Y4A) and Amy Jin (Y4A)
 3rd Place: Karson Shao (Y4B) , Jessica Dong (Y4A) and Harry Sui (Y4B)

The most exciting part of our gala was the poetry contest. Students had a chance to win a prize if they could recite a famous poem using key clues. Students gathered together in the auditorium to recite their poems and practice their literacy skills. The poems allowed us to listen to the echoes from thousands of years ago while embracing the flavours of modern literature.



This year's event was a great success, filled with memorable moments. We are looking forward to the next Summer Poetry Gala, anticipating even more incredible talent and creativity from our students.

CROSS-CAMPUS PERFORMING ARTS PROJECT AND TECHNOLOGY
NBIS - DRAMA DEPARTMENT AND UNNC - INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

SHORT FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

DR LEVI DEAN

Assistant Professor in Communication and Cultural Studies at UNNC

AND

MS NAUSICAA GIAVARRA

NBIS Drama Teacher

Ningbo is blessed with excellent international educational opportunities. NBIS and the University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC) are committed to offering young people avenues to develop valuable skills – both soft and hard. We pride ourselves on offering hands-on activities that foster a positive, creative, and playful learning atmosphere.

In late May 2024, a key collaborative event between NBIS and UNNC took centre stage – a three-day intensive introductory filmmaking course led by UNNC's expert staff for around forty NBIS Year 9 students. This curriculum integrated professional screen production technology into the NBIS performing arts programme developed by the Drama Department.

The programme was organized by NBIS Drama teacher Ms Nausicaa Giavarra and Dr Levi Dean of UNNC's School of International Communications (IC), who collaborated closely with his colleagues, particularly Thomas Zhao, who is IC's Labs Technician, to deliver both a rich and professional experience.



In preparation for the course, students conceived original short stories centered on subverting common stereotypes, reflecting on a message they wished to convey at NBIS with their Drama teacher Ms Nausicaa Giavarra and the help of the IT Teacher Mr Sean Pollitt. Storyboards mapping out clear shot types were developed, with camera angles carefully selected to elicit a specific audience response – close-ups for emotional impact, wide-angles to establish the setting of a scene.



At UNNC, NBIS learners had the opportunity to be mentored by award-winning IC staff members in filmmaking. Support also came from several talented IC student filmmakers who've recently produced celebrated short films, some even submitted to international festivals – namely, Jihuilin Wu, Yiming Zhang, Ziyi Xie, and Zhiai Zhou.

The first UNNC workshop covered some of the specialised roles in professional filmmaking: Director, Cinematographer, Camera Assistants, Sound Operators, and First Assistant Directors. This gave NBIS students an appreciation for the collaborative disciplines underpinning successful films and what it truly takes to make a high-quality professional movie.

Next, students were provided hands-on training with state-of-the-art video and audio-visual technology, applying concepts such as composition, the exposure triangle (shutter, ISO, aperture), and frame rates. A technical demonstration covered camera and sound recording operations, enabling students to use professional equipment in a manual setting.





On day two, production teams went across campus locations, each group guided by an expert team leader who helped them film their storyboarded films, which was a huge success.



Meanwhile, the third day focused on post-production using Adobe Premiere Pro. NBIS students were provided access to UNNC's state-of-the-art Apple MAC Lab, purposely built to simulate professional post-production workflow for video work.



Students gained insights into the sequential processes of editing, sound design, colour grading, and much more. Under Dr Levi Dean and his team's tutelage, creative visions were realised through experimentation with editing techniques and effects, as well as colour grading concepts.

The resulting student films were excellent, impressing NBIS community and Dr Levi Dean, and his colleagues alike. We are grateful for such a unique and outstanding experience, which offered insight into the filmmaking industry as a possible career avenue and helped NBIS students build transferable skills they can apply in academic and non-academic settings, such as for presentations, media work and performing arts, and promotional or artistic videos.

We sincerely thank Dr Levi Dean, Thomas Zhao, Yuchen Peng, Dr Vikrant Kishore, Dr Damien Tomaselli, the talented IC student filmmakers, and UNNC's entire School of International Communication for making this rewarding, fun-filled educational opportunity possible for NBIS students!



NBIS Weekly Menu



Sample Dishes

June 11 – June 14



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NBIS: Unity - Diversity - Excellence

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Menu	Fried mushroom with meat	Braised pork leg	Braised meatball	Spiced Beef
	香菇肉片	红烧猪蹄	红烧狮子头	酱牛肉
	Chicken drumstick	Salty fried chicken	Crispy chicken cutlet	Kung Pao Chicken
	芝麻鸡腿	盐酥鸡	喀兹脆鸡排	宫保鸡丁
	Garlic vermicelli scallops	Pork	Pork joint	Roast Duck
	粉丝扇贝	黑椒汁猪排	葱油肘子	烤鸭
	Celery with glass noodle	Spicy tofu	Baked Potato	Tapioca pudding
	芹菜拌干丝	麻辣豆腐	焗土豆	西米露
	Pasta with cream	Minestrone with vegetable	Spaghetti meat sauce	Corn
	奶油意面	素菜螺丝通心粉	肉酱意大利面	玉米棒
	Cauliflower	Broccoli	Roasted rice cake with vegetable	Curry potato
	花菜	清炒西兰花	天菜烤年糕	咖喱土豆
	Honey pumpkin	Hamburger	Cauliflower	Baguette
	蜜汁南瓜	汉堡	花菜	法棍
	Caesar Roll	Kelp Knot	Pizza	Broccoli
	凯萨卷	葱油海带	披萨	西兰花
	Poached Pork slices	Fried slice streaky pork	Sichuan-style beef with duck blood curd	Spicy pork slices
	水煮肉片	小炒肉	毛血旺	麻辣肉片
	Poached Shrimp	Fried Shrimp	Shrimp with Soy Sauce	Fried Shrimp
	盐水虾	油爆河虾	红烧虾	油爆虾
	Jerk filefish	Little yellow croaker	Braised fish slice	Braised pomfret
	孜然橡皮鱼	葱油小黄鱼	红烧鱼块	葱油鲰鱼
	Tofu and cabbage soup	Tomato soup with egg	Seaweed soup	Seaweed soup with egg
	大白菜豆腐汤	西红柿蛋汤	海带汤	紫菜蛋汤
	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice
	米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭
	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable
蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	
Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	
水果	水果	水果	水果	
Banana	Cherry tomato	Banana	Cucumber	
香蕉	小番茄	香蕉	小黄瓜	
Barbecued pork bun	Egg	Steamed creamy custard bun	Turnip strips cake	
叉烧包	水煮蛋	奶黄包	土豆丝饼	
Apple	Pear	Longan	Orange	
苹果	雪梨	桂圆	蜜桔	
Bread with jam	Cranberry Biscuit	Cake	Biscuit	
土司面包+果酱	蔓越莓饼干	蛋糕	小熊饼干	





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