

NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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21ST JUNE 2024



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Dates to Remember

- Monday 24th June – WEG S2 Board Meeting
- Tuesday 25th June – Secondary Awards Ceremony
- Wednesday 26th June – Early Years Reception Graduation
- Thursday 27th June – Battle of the Dance
- Friday 28th June – Last Day of School
- Sunday 7th July – Honorary Principal departs Ningbo
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August – All Staff Orientation Week
- Monday 26th August – First Day of Academic Year 2024-2025

Congratulations for your Graduation!
Primary Year 6 Class Of 2024



You're Graduating!



Transition Days at NBIS

June 18-19 are NBIS Transition Days, involving students from Reception to Year 6. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for our students as they prepare to transition into next grade. Our students who eagerly explored their new environment as they prepared to move up, meeting their future teachers and experiencing their upcoming classroom settings.

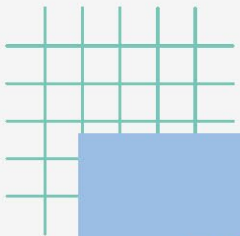


These Transition Days are designed to ensure a smooth transition, helping students adapt to their new learning environments and feel confident about their next academic journey. We look forward to seeing our students thrive in their new classes and continue their educational journey with enthusiasm and confidence.



RECEPTION A

*Ms. Sammy
& Ms. Chelsea*



End of An Era

RECEPTION A STUDENTS HAVE BEEN COUNTING DOWN AND WINDING UP THE SCHOOL YEAR. IN THE LAST COUPLE WEEKS, STUDENTS HAVE HAD SWIM WEEK, GRADUATION PRACTICE AND TRANSITION DAY. THE STUDENTS ARE EXCITED FOR A NEW CHAPTER, BUT WILL MISS THE MEMORIES, LAUGHS AND SMILES THAT THEY HAD THIS YEAR.



WELCOME TO OUR YEAR 4B ASSEMBLY

Performances by
NBIS Young Voices Choir



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

- 1A - VICKY & GEORGE
- 1B - THOR & DAWN
- 1C - JOY, GINNY & CONNOR
- 2A - CECILIA, ANNABELLA & JOEY
- 2B - CHERYL, JACOB & ISSABELLE
- 2C - LUKE & CELINE
- 3A - DIANNA, POLINA & JACOB
- 3B - VIKTORIE & LORRAINE
- 4A - TOBI & MIAH
- 4B - BRUNO & HANK
- 5A - YANNIS, CECELIA & ABE
- 5B - EMMA & TIFFANY
- 5C - ELTON & SAYAKA
- 6 - JADE, MAX KIM



PRIMARY MUSICAL INTO THE WOODS JNR.

Mr Kash-Lee Bane

The primary section at NBIS strongly believe that an holistic education is the cornerstone to developing well-rounded, academically strong pupils. The idea of an holistic education is not just to focus upon core subjects such as English, Maths and Chinese, but to provide pupils with opportunities to develop artistically, musically, physically and societally. Through an holistic focus, education can produce better academic outcomes, improved social and emotional development, and increased resilience against problems.

One way of further developing our holistic nature this year was to create a musical production so pupils could involve themselves in the performing arts; increasing confidence and creativity in the process. Interestingly, research shows that children who sing/dance/act/play their little hearts out are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement compared with their non-performing friends - and they tend to have enhanced cognitive, motor, and social development too!

The best thing about the way children learn through Performing Arts? It's never black and white, or about right and wrong answers - and that's exciting and fun! It's about self expression, exploring alternative options and embracing individuality.

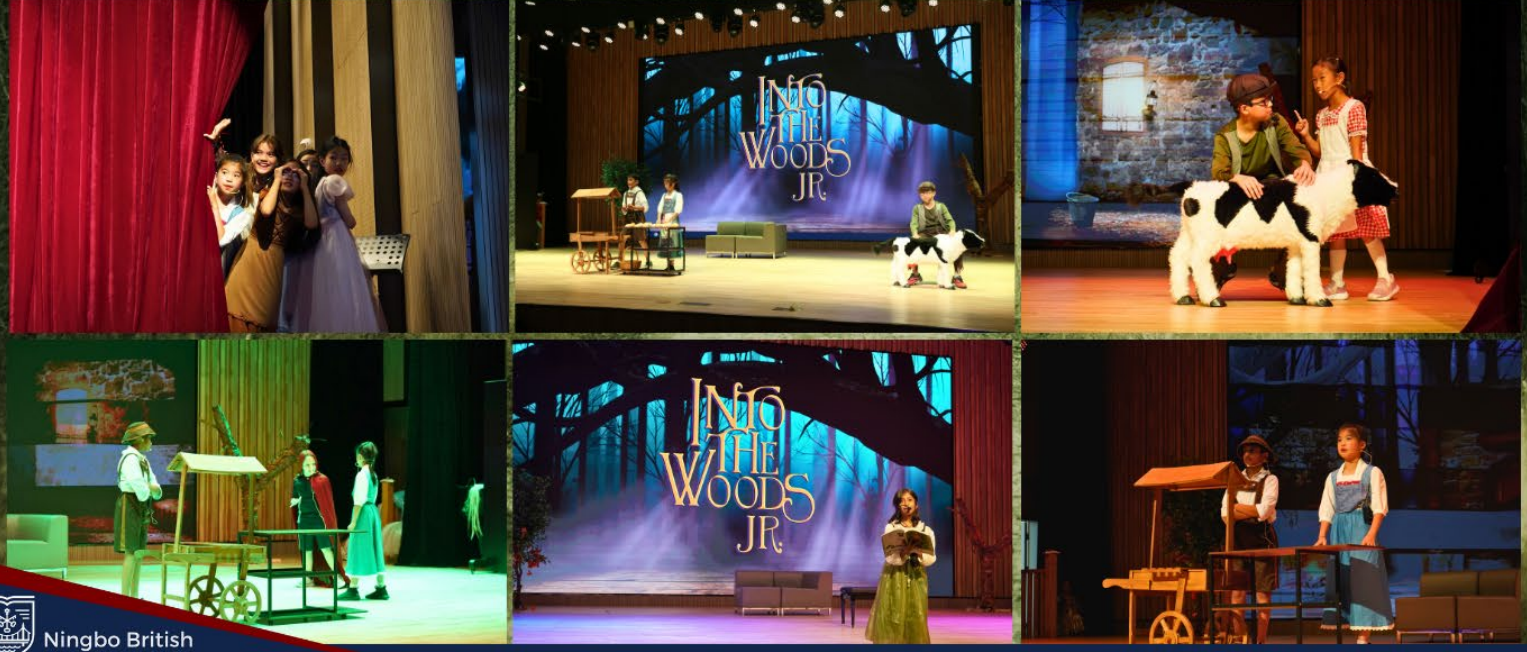
As this was our first year experimenting with a production, it was important for us to gauge whether this was something our pupils were interested in and wanted to spend time producing. The musical committee, therefore, decided to choose a show that involved plot points and characters that most children would be familiar with, hence, Into the Woods Jnr was selected.

Throughout November, the auditions began and we were happy to see so many pupils take part to show off their acting and singing skills. With limited cast numbers, unfortunately, we could not select everyone on this occasion, but we finally selected a cast of 23 pupils to take on the journey to produce their first musical.

The real work then began in January. Every Monday and Wednesday for the next six months, all of our pupils came to the auditorium to run scenes, learn songs, practice emoting with their characters and learn stage craft. We even invited pupils to become part of the technical team and take control of the stage lighting!



As we drew closer to the performance dates, we really began to see the show come together and the anticipation of performing was palpable amongst the cast. And then... showtime.





Each cast member sang and acted their hearts out on stage, we were all so proud to see all of their hard work come together, producing a show that both their friends and family could enjoy.

Well done musical cast!

Lett - uce Talk about Gardening!



Mrs Aileen Shirley and Ms Celeste Li

Year 6 students have had a wonderful time tending to our class garden on the roof for the past several weeks and we are fortunate to have had the pleasure of reaping some lettuce! Our harvest was so bountiful that we were able to make a contribution to our chef to add to the salad in the canteen!



Who knew that gardening could be so much fun? Yes, it was a lot of hard work but we got off to a great start. We received expert guidance from dedicated parent Ms Yi Geng (Cherry's mom) from the very beginning of the project.

Before



AFTER



A big thank you to Ms Geng for helping us to organize our garden and for giving us tips about caring for the plants. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Now we have a greater appreciation for plants and some of us have begun to eat more vegetables because of this.

Lettuce keep this going!

Primary Creative Writing Awards



We are thrilled to announce the winners of Primary Creative Writing Awards! This event aims to foster a love for storytelling and enhance students' writing skills. By encouraging creativity and self-expression, we hope to inspire the next generation of writers and thinkers.



Thanks to all participants for their outstanding contributions and dedication to the art of writing.

YEAR 1

- Taisei 1A
- Kayla 1A
- George 1A
- Robin 1A
- Caspian 1A
- Archimede 1A
- Lotte 1A
- Vicky 1A
- Juliette 1A
- Yicheng 1A
- Max 1A
- Tony 1A
- Zoe 1B
- Leon 1B
- Zoey 1B
- Everett 1C
- Lisa 1C
- Rosie 1C

YEAR 2

- Vanessa 2A
- Annabella 2A
- Yuika 2B
- Leo 2B
- Eric 2B
- Saoirse 2B
- Yuto 2B
- Isabelle 2B
- Amanda 2C
- Yanny 2C
- Jessica 2C

YEAR 3

- Viktorie 3B
- Lorraine 3B
- Zayn 3A
- Caden 3A
- Polina 3A
- Molly 3A
- Koyla 3A



YEAR 4

- Amy. J 4A
- Eloise 4A
- Jessica 4A
- Jeffery 4A
- Nativ 4B

YEAR 5

- Ayush 5A
- Ayesha 5A
- Avni 5A
- Arjun 5A
- Gaby 5A
- Kayleb 5A
- Orion 5A

YEAR 6

- Cassie 6A
- Kiana 6A
- Guangyuan 6A
- Sean 6A
- Anne 6A
- Saeka 6A
- Cherry 6A
- Laura 6A
- Louie 6A
- Chip 6A
- Kajo 6A
- Kaylee 6A
- Quintas 6A
- Max Kim 6A
- Aoto 6A
- Seb 6A



Congratulations to the winners who stood out in this competition. Your talent and hard work have truly shone through, making this event a resounding success.

YEAR 1



1st PLACE
ROBIN 1A



3RD PLACE
MAX 1A



2ND PLACE
TAISEI 1A



YEAR 2



1st PLACE
VANESSA 2A



3RD PLACE
LEO 2B



2ND PLACE
ANNABELLA 2A






YEAR 3
1st PLACE
VIKTORIE 3B

3RD PLACE: CADEN 3A
2ND PLACE: LORRAINE 3B




YEAR 4
1st PLACE
JESSICA 4A

3RD PLACE: AMYJ 4A
2ND PLACE: ELOISE 4A

YEAR 5
1st PLACE
Ayush 5A

3RD PLACE: AYESHA 5A
2ND PLACE: AVNI 5A




YEAR 6
1st PLACE
KAYLEE 6A

3RD PLACE: CHERRY 6A
2ND PLACE: KIANA 6A



A special thanks to the teachers who organized this event and volunteered as judges, including Ms Candice Klue, Mrs Aileen Shirley, Mr Dom Armstrong, Mr Leon Fouche and Ms Michelle Stevo. Thank you for your dedicated efforts in making this event shine.



Y7 & Y9 CHINESE

Y7 Recitation Competition

Reading is an indispensable part of Chinese learning. Efficient reading not only helps learners to deeply understand the text content, deepen memory, but also stimulates learners' learning enthusiasm and enhances their learning confidence.

This week, Year 7 held a recitation competition. Teams were assigned to make PPT according to the assigned text, matched with suitable background music. In the final presentation session, each team successfully presented the performance of reading, PPT and background music to the audience, bringing a memorable and successful reading experience for everyone.



Y9 "Journey to the West" Clay Works

Journey to the West, heralded as one of the Four Great Classical Works of Chinese literature, meticulously documents the epic narrative of four sagacious masters and their disciples who surmounted myriad challenges en route to their quest for sacred scriptures in the west. This seminal work is not merely a rip-roaring adventure replete with fantastical elements, it also encapsulates profound philosophical insights and cultural richness.

This week, the students of Year 9 adopted an innovative and collaborative approach to engage with the text. They meticulously analyzed key excerpts from Journey to the West and culminated their learning experience by crafting clay models, thereby articulating their comprehension and interpretation of the narrative.



Secondary Section



Well done everyone!

NBIS Student at UNNC

Imagining Better (and More Sustainable) Futures

The Work of the Civic Imagination Project by Professor Henry Jenkins

Jarret Thomas (Year 9)

As part of our ongoing collaboration with University of Nottingham Ningbo China (UNNC), on June 7th, 2024, Year 9 students were invited to a lecture about imagining a sustainable future by worldwide media guru Professor Henry Jenkins from the University of Southern California. The conference was about 1 hour long, and Professor Jenkins shared his research and showed examples of how people may imagine a better and sustainable future on Earth after the Pandemic.

Functions of the Civic Imagination

- Before we can create a better world, we need to imagine what a better world looks like.



Think about the current moment, your situation and what you see around you - your fears and concerns. **Take a deep breath. Inhale. Exhale.**

Now think about something that inspires you: a story from popular culture, folklore, your faith, your childhood. The story could be nonfiction, fiction or even fantasy. It could be something you have noticed happening around you. It could be a story about a person in your life.

Imagine it is now the year 2060 and the world is as you would like it to be. What is possible in 2060? How do people live, engage, move around, learn, communicate, work, take care of themselves etc?

In this talk, he explained the concept of Civic Imagination, discussing how the Pandemic reshaped people's perspectives and how a more recent focus on plants may model our own civic imagination. He also talked about visually generative AI and how it could be used to inspire children to develop their imagination towards a common good.



After the conference, the audience was invited to ask questions. Liam and Charlie from Year 9, asked questions about the legitimacy of the role of AI in imagining a better future collectively, AI being potentially manipulated. Professor Jenkins agreed with the risk of AI being controlled but pointed out that, as with all other mediums, it can be used sensitively as an instrument with knowledge and critical thinking.



I thought that Professor Jenkin's ideas about a sustainable future of Earth were very interesting, but I still partially disagreed with him in particular because although the future may be predicted as "sustainable", I believe there are still concerns that AI will change the future of Earth and humanity in a not sustainable way.

Overall, it has been an honour to be invited to a university lecture and hear Professor Jenkins's ideas and research about imagining a sustainable future, inspiring us to reflect on what we expect and would like our planet's future to look like. Our warmest thanks to UNNC and our teachers to make this happen.

Biology Challenge 2024

Mr Jason Jeffries

In May, 51 NBIS students from Years 9 & 10 entered the 2024 Biology Challenge to compete alongside over 45000 students worldwide. Since NBIS introduced Biology Challenge in 2021, 164 students have participated and won numerous awards. The Biology Challenge aims to stimulate a curiosity about the natural world and encourages students to take an interest in biology outside of school. Questions are set on the school curriculum, but the competition will also reward those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of natural flora and fauna. The competition consists of two multiple-choice papers which are sat online under exam conditions.

A special congratulations to the following NBIS students for performing highly in the competition:

- **Zhengzhong Huang - Gold**
- Elena Emma Chng - Silver
- Shuoyuan Zhang - Silver
- João Gabriel Pauletti - Silver
- **Ivor Roy Qie - Bronze**
- **Kaishu Amano - Bronze**
- **Takuma Yokoi - Bronze**
- **Michaell Lu Fang - Bronze**
- **Elenor Aurora Smith - Bronze**
- Yi-Han Liu - Highly Commended
- Kieran Michael Kirkpatrick - Highly Commended
- Taavi Kasper Toiviainen - Highly Commended
- Francisca Millaray Pena Galdames - Commended
- Vivian Wang - Commended
- Xiyang Sally Lu - Commended
- Zi Han Fu - Commended
- Zhi Wang Jiang - Commended
- Leandro Gilardi - Commended
- Gabriel Arslan - Commended
- Alyssa Bellotti - Commended



Royal Society of
Biology





This is to certify that
Elenor Aurora Smith
from
Ningbo British International School
has been awarded
Bronze
in the Biology Challenge 2024



Dr. Matthew Johnston
Chair,
United Kingdom
Biology Competitions

Dr. Andrew Treharne MBE
United Kingdom
Biology Competitions

This is to certify that
Taavi kasper Toiviainen
from
Ningbo British International School
has been awarded
Highly Commended
in the Biology Challenge 2024



Dr. Matthew Johnston
Chair,
United Kingdom
Biology Competitions

Dr. Andrew Treharne MBE
United Kingdom
Biology Competitions

This is to certify that
Yi-Han Liu
from
Ningbo British International School
has been awarded
Highly Commended
in the Biology Challenge 2024



Dr. Matthew Johnston
Chair,
United Kingdom
Biology Competitions

Dr. Andrew Treharne MBE
United Kingdom
Biology Competitions

This is to certify that
Kieran Michael Kirkpatrick
from
Ningbo British International School
has been awarded
Highly Commended
in the Biology Challenge 2024



Dr. Matthew Johnston
Chair,
United Kingdom
Biology Competitions

Dr. Andrew Treharne MBE
United Kingdom
Biology Competitions

Class of 2024 Graduation

Mr Jason Jeffries

Last Friday, the 14th of June, the fantastic Class of 2024 graduated from NBIS – the school's tenth graduating class. This cohort has had some outstanding achievements during their time at the school, including four Cambridge Learner Awards:

- Top in the World in IGCSE Mandarin Chinese
- Top in China in IGCSE Biology
- Best Across Eight for IGCSEs in China
- High Achievement in AS Level Travel & Tourism

They are also the school's highest-performing year group for the IGCSE exams.

They have received over 50 university offers this year, including over 30 from the world's top 50 institutions – an NBIS record.



Secondary Section

The students have made countless contributions to the NBIS community over the years as student council members, presidents and vice presidents, sports team members and captains, MUN delegates and chairs, and have participated in countless talent shows and more.

The ceremony welcomed a record number of family and friends, including many former NBIS students, who came to celebrate with the class.



There was a dance performance by graduates Chloe Chng and Sikata Gehani, featuring Mr Jason Jeffries, and a fantastic piano performance from Jen-Yu (Lion) Chien featuring the talented Year 10 student Siyu (Jocelyn) Jiang on vocals.



Secondary Section



Thoughtful speeches by the International Principal, Ms Nancy Eldars, and Year 13 Homeroom Tutor, Mr Jason Jeffries, were given to congratulate the class. Ho (Hoya) Rhee, representing the Class of 2024, gave an emotional speech thanking his teachers, family and friends for his time at NBIS, leaving many of the audience in tears.



Refreshments and professional photographs for the graduates and their families were offered in the staff lounge after the ceremony.



The special day ended with a delicious and relaxed meal at the wonderful Fire Kitchen & Bar that was attended by graduates, family members, teachers and friends.



We are incredibly proud of this graduating cohort and wish them all the best for the future! You are ready!

Congratulations to the Class of 2024:

Ho (Hoya) Rhee
Nikolaj Hojmark Parsberg Therkildsen
Sikata Anilkumar Gehani
Chloe Erin Chng
Jianuo (David) Zhu
Sewon (Sera) Lee
Nancy Wu
Zhiqian (Jasper) Liu
Yi (Ian) Lyu
Jen-Yu (Lion) Chien
Elliott Gu
Felicia Wong Qian Yi





NBIS Weekly Menu



Sample Dishes



June 24 – June 28



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	Crispy Chicken Cutlet	Roast Sausage	Chicken popcorn	Garlic vermicelli scallops	Steamed Pork Mince with egg	
	卡兹脆鸡排	烤香肠	鸡米花	粉丝扇贝	肉饼蒸蛋	
	Stewed Beef Vermicelli	Braised chicken	Stewed Pork	Chicken nuggets	Roast chicken leg	
	粉条牛肉	红烧鸡丁	卤肉	黑椒鸡块	烤鸡腿	
	Steamed Tofu Skin Rolls	Pork shank	Roast chicken	Braised ribs	Braised beef with tomato	
	葱油面结	葱油蹄膀	烤鸡	红烧仔排	西红柿烩牛肉	
	Japanese Tofu with Beans	Celery with bean curd	Sandwich	Baked Potatoes	French fries	
	青豆烧日本豆腐	芹菜干丝	三明治	焗土豆	薯条	
	Broccoli	Cauliflower	Roast sweet potato	Cauliflower	Cabbage with glass noodles	
	西兰花	花菜	红薯	花菜	包菜粉丝	
	Steamed purple potato	Pasta with Beef	Roast eggplant	Spaghetti meat sauce	Grilled corn	
	紫薯	肉末通心粉	烤茄子	肉酱意大利面	烤玉米	
	Vermicelli with Baby Cabbage	French bread	Broccoli	Hamburger	Broccoli	
	粉丝娃娃菜	法式面包	西兰花	汉堡	西兰花	
	Pizza	Roast Potato	Cabbage	Tapioca pudding	Egg tart	
	披萨	烤土豆	大白菜	西米露	蛋挞	
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	
	水果	水果	水果	水果	水果	
	Salt and Pepper Shrimp	Fish with Chopped Bell Pepper	Little yellow croaker	Braised Crucian Carp with Scallion	Braised Crucian Carp with Scallion	
	椒盐虾	剁椒鱼	葱油小黄鱼	葱烤鲫鱼	葱烤鲫鱼	
	Salt Eel	Shrimp with Soy Sauce	Fried Shrimp	Poached shrimp	Fried Shrimp	
	爆盐鳗鱼	红烧虾	油爆河虾	盐水虾	油爆河虾	
	Stir Fried Pork with Pepper	Pork slices	Red dates yingerh cod soup	Vegetable soup	Tomato soup with egg	
	辣椒炒肉	水煮肉片	红枣银耳汤	万年青汤	西红柿蛋汤	
	Seaweed soup	Tofu and Cabbage soup	Sichuan-style beef with duck blood curd	Spicy pork slices	Pork with Chopped Bell Pepper	
	海带汤	大白菜豆腐汤	毛血旺	麻辣肉片	泡椒肉片	
	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	Vegetable	
	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	蔬菜拼盘	
	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	
	米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭	米饭	
	Snack Menu	Cucumber	Banana	Musk melon	Cherry tomato	Orange
		小黄瓜	香蕉	小甜瓜	小番茄	橙子
Potato strips cake		Egg	Steamed Meat Dumpling	Omelette	Dumpling	
土豆丝饼		鸡蛋	肉包	鸡蛋饼	蒸饺	
Pear		Orange	Apple	Watermelon	Cantaloupe	
香梨		桔子	苹果	西瓜	哈密瓜	
Cake		Croissant	Bread with jam	Chocolate biscuit	Soda biscuit	
蛋糕	牛角包	土司面包+果酱	巧克力饼干	苏打饼干		





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