



NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter 16
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Ningbo British International School

Dear Parents,

As the winter holiday approaches and NBIS prepares for the festive break, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and cooperation throughout this semester.

It has been an honor to serve as the Chinese Principal of NBIS, and I am continually inspired by the dedication and involvement of our community. I would like to extend a special thank you to SAC, PTA, and all the parents who have contributed so generously to the development of NBIS.

This semester has been filled with memorable events, and the achievements we have made would not have been possible without your invaluable assistance. Every event, from UN Day to Sports Day, Picnic Day, the Fall Festival, PTA Café, and the Winter Concert, has been elevated by your active participation and unwavering support. Your involvement has been crucial in fostering a dynamic and enriching environment that enhances the educational experience for all our students.

I also want to acknowledge and thank those parents who took part in CIS accreditation and the recruitment process for our future International Principal. Your input and insights were invaluable, and we are confident that together we will make a decision that will benefit the entire school community.

Your continued support is the cornerstone of our school's success, and we are grateful for your commitment to excellence in education.

As we celebrate the holiday season, I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this festive period be filled with joy, peace, and cherished moments with loved ones.

Warm regards,

Mr Robert Yan

NBIS Chinese Principal





CONGRATULATIONS

Chayse Shirley

Year 12B/ Class of 2026



for being accepted into The American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA).

AMDA
College of the
Performing Arts
NEW YORK CITY • LOS ANGELES





Winter Holiday Announcement

The Winter Holiday is to begin from
Wednesday 18th December
until
Sunday 5th January (No school)



Monday 6th January (Back to school)

NBIS wishes you and your family a wonderful
winter holiday filled with joy and warmth.





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International School
浙江宁波英伦
外籍人员子女学校

NBIS CHINESE NEW YEAR CONCERT



Friday, 17th January 2025

Evening event,
Auditorium

Open for all NBIS community

MORE INFO

COMING

SOON!!!



NBIS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (2024-25 SEMESTER 1)

To enrich students' extracurricular options and enhance their after-school experiences, NBIS offers a wide range of Extracurricular Activities (ECAs) for students from Primary to Secondary. These activities span various categories, including sports, academics, intellectual, and arts and crafts. Guided by both school teachers and external professional coaches, these ECAs help students discover their interests, strengthen teamwork, develop skills, enhance social abilities, and achieve well-rounded growth.

In the sports category, NBIS offers a variety of activities, including Golf, Fencing, Football, Baseball, Volleyball, etc., designed to enhance students' physical fitness, teamwork, and strategic thinking. Besides, our football, volleyball, and baseball teams have participated in inter-school friendly tournaments, allowing students to train regularly and showcase their talents in competitive settings.



In the academic and intellectual category, students can choose from activities such as Chess, STEM, Robotic Craft, Video Creation, Chemistry Surgery, ESL, French, etc. These programmes are designed to sharpen critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovation skills. This holistic approach helps students not only develop creative skills but also enhances their interest and enthusiasm in the subjects they are studying. For example, the STEM Club's F1 in Schools project encourages students to engage in cross-curricular learning, applying knowledge from Physics, Computing, Business, English, Drama, and Art. We look forward to each club continuing to grow and achieve even greater success, with more valuable outcomes for all involved.



In the Arts and Crafts category, NBIS offers courses like Ballet, Latin Dance, Choir, Felt Art Project Making, Origami, Handcraft, etc., fostering creativity and self-expression. For instance, the Origami club allows students to explore tactile art forms, helping them develop attention to detail and an appreciation for aesthetics, while dance courses allow students to connect with art through movement.



At NBIS, we believe that education goes beyond the classroom. Our extensive ECAs, in collaboration with internal and external supporters, aim to provide the all-round development of our students. We look forward to an even more exciting ECA journey next semester.



Mr Dom Armstrong



Many members of the NBIS community enjoyed a thrilling show in English all about dragons and mythical beasts this weekend. There was astonishing puppeteer work from the Olivier Award nominated show with incredible and entertaining storytelling.

Several pupils also got to meet the cast, hang out and ask questions!

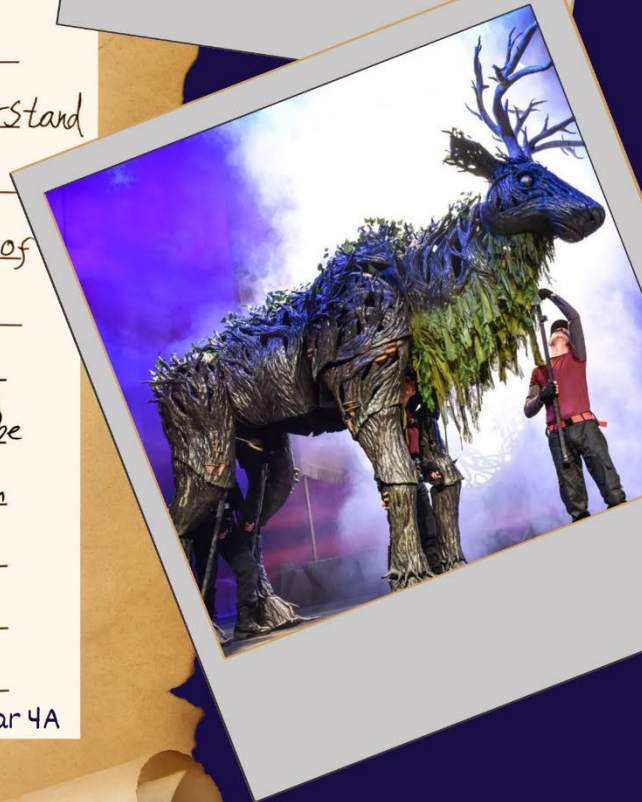


This Saturday, (14.12. 2024)

Viktorie and Olivia watched an amazing show that Mr. Armstrong helped organize for NBIS. They enjoyed it, since there were mythical beasts, such as ~~the~~ Dragons, Unicorns, Tooth Pixies and lots more. The audience had to become heroes, by finding specific items from every creature. The man would call on people and children to help him get them the items. When the audience found all six items, the Tooth Pixie fainted from Dragon poison. Then, the man remembered a chinese spell that could save the Tooth Pixie from dying. But they would have to sacrifice the item from the Unicorn. The man did so and saved the Pixie! After saving the Pixie, the man felt quite upset, because they now only had five items, and could not become a hero after "3000" years. Suddenly, an enormous ~~enormous~~ reindeer-like "Tindrex" came and ~~congrat~~ congratulated us all ~~for~~ for becoming heroes; ~~but~~ the man did ~~not~~ not understand how he and everyone became heroes, since they only had five items. The "Tindrex" snorted out a gust of wind, causing ~~the~~ a scroll to change the words on it. The man ~~read~~ read the sentences. The scroll said, "Heroes become by not taking, but giving. Heroes also must be kind, trusting, and honest." Lastly, we were congratulated again and slowly, everyone ~~are~~ applauded, and trotted home.

THE END!

Victorie and Olivia - Year 4A



Special thanks to the NBIS Community, PTA, Ms Nausicaa, Ms Emily Ye, Mr Jessen and Mr Armstrong for their help in organising such a special weekend of theatre!



Primary Assembly



We gathered for our final assembly before the winter holiday. This assembly was filled with joy and warmth as Year 5 and Year 3 students brought their wonderful performances to the stage. Together, we also sang festive songs, creating an atmosphere of happiness and celebration.



As we head into the holiday break, we wish everyone a season filled with rest, joy, and blessings. Enjoy your holidays, and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!



Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week



4A – Ruri & Polina 4B – Lucas Li & Pepper
5A – Tobin & Elvis 5B – Miah & Emma 5C – Annabelle & Ryan
6A – Sayaka & Elton 6B – Asger & Lillian

Thank you to Sara Yamashita, Alicia Mantzius Andersen, Annabella Yuan, Dannii Wang, Nativ Ronen, Grace Ke, Chanel Xiao, Eamonn Towey, Nik Novsak, Ava-Rose Klue, Renee Sun, Candice Lou, Leah Chiquito, Tithi Muljani and Nanu Kumar whose volunteer support for the Lower Primary Winter Concert made a valuable contribution. Your dedication and teamwork truly set a shining example for our school community, making the event even more special and memorable!

Lower Primary

Winter Concert

This past ECA block, Lower Primary students had the option to take part in practices for the Winter Concert. Before the practices began, students who were interested in having an acting role in the performance took part in an audition. Students practised some lines from the script at home and then auditioned for a role in front of their peers and teachers. Once the cast list was set, the selected students then attended the Winter Concert ECA on Mondays, Wednesdays, or both days depending on their number of lines. During the Monday ECA, Ms Emily Clark, Miss Chrissy Loupos and Miss Michelle Stevenson worked with the students on acting, projecting their voices and how to portray their characters in the performance.

Ms Emily Clark



On Wednesdays, the main characters of the performance practised reciting the script in order. We also ran through the transitions between each of the scenes. Through each of the practices, the confidence of the students increased and it was clear they were excited to perform! During this process, we also had help from numerous Upper Primary and Secondary students. These students helped to construct the props for the performance, guide the students onto the stage, and even help them with the headset microphones. This help was instrumental in the success of our performances and we are grateful for those students.

Performing on stage can be a very nerve-racking process, however, by watching our students in Lower Primary you would never know. Exactly one month after receiving their lines, the students were able to successfully recite them on stage while acting.

While not all of the students in Lower Primary had an acting role in our performance, all of our students were responsible for producing an unforgettable performance. Each class, or Year group, had a song to perform during our shows. We then had one final group song to perform with one another. The students spent a long time perfecting these songs in their classes or year groups, and it was clear how wonderful the songs were performed.

On the day of the performance, the children's rendition of 'The Wizard of Ice' transported the audience into a fairy tale world covered in snow, where magical beings danced. The students, dressed in a variety of enchanting costumes, wove together a story full of magic through their singing and acting. The combination of lighting and set design created a shimmering, magical world, where every detail radiated artistic charm and imagination.









As our last song states, there's no place like home for the holidays. No matter what holidays we celebrate at this time of the year, we need to remember the wonderful home we have made at NBIS.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season with your friends and family.



PAJAMA DAY

LED BY PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL

Primary students celebrated the last day of school in 2024 with a special Pajama Day, bringing cozy vibes and big smiles. The fun-filled day was a perfect way to end the year, filled with comfort, creativity, and joyful memories shared by all!



Good Morning!

The prize giving will cover:

- Student Volunteers in Primary
- NBIS United Nations Day Contributions
- Falls Festival Participation and Excellence



Secondary Assembly

This is truly a season of harvest and gratitude. During our Secondary Assembly, we celebrated those who made meaningful contributions to our school events. Certificates were awarded to the dedicated volunteers and participants from the Fall Festival and UN Day.





It is worth mentioning that our Business studies students showcased their learning by applying their knowledge to real-life event, making the experience both rewarding and educational for all.

We also honoured the student groups and teacher who made the most profit, highlighting the success and teamwork that made these profit possible.



Thank you to everyone for your enthusiastic participation.

The coming year promises new opportunities for growth, creativity, and collaboration, we are confident that our students will continue to demonstrate leadership, responsibility, and excellence.

Here's to a bright and inspiring 2025!

Travel & Tourism Trip

Travel & Tourism and Business students from Year 11, 12 and 13 enjoyed a trip to the new Ganesh restaurant in Cheese Park. The students learned about good customer service, the challenges of running multiple restaurants and expanding a business and the importance of having word of mouth advertising.

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Santa vs Elves
Football Tournament



Look! The Santa vs Elves Football Tournament is back,
and it was more popular than ever!



This exciting match brought Secondary students and teachers together for a fun-filled showdown on the field. Players gave it their all, cheered on by enthusiastic Secondary students and some surprise fans—Our Primary students, whose excitement lit up the sidelines.

It was a day full of smiles, energy, and great teamwork. Everyone truly enjoyed it, and the festive spirit brought our NBIS family even closer together!

SECONDARY STUDENT COUNCIL

Winter Party 2024



The Secondary Section celebrated their annual Winter Party organised by the Student Council. Homerooms began the day with a very challenging homeroom quiz, featuring festive puns and current events. The students then enjoyed homeroom games at midday; these activities are a good way of helping students nurture their skills within a team environment. The Student Council also offered students free hot chocolate with marshmallows to warm them on this winters day.





A Celebration of Creativity and Tradition



NBIS SECONDARY WINTER TALENT SHOW

The Secondary Winter Talent Show, one of the most cherished traditions at NBIS, once again captivated the audience with its showcase of creativity and talent. Held on the day before the winter break, this year's event featured nearly 60 students, each bringing their unique artistry to the stage.

The show opened with an electrifying performance by Toleration, the school rock band, who premiered their new song, Chapter III. Their dynamic energy, use of lights, and stage presence set the tone for an unforgettable afternoon. Following this, the NBIS Young Voices Choir, led by our talented primary teacher Ms Min Cha, filled the hall with harmony and warmth.



Secondary Section



After these grand opening acts, students amazed the audience with piano solos, piano and vocal duets, and powerful solo singing. The program also included three drama performances, Chinese comedy, guzheng, and a virtuoso drum solo, each adding diversity to the event.



Secondary Section



The variety of dances brought vibrancy to the stage, showcasing different styles and creativity. The final act, an engaging and lively performance, went above and beyond, showering the audience with candies and leaving everyone thrilled and energised.

The Winter Talent Show not only highlights the incredible talent of our students but also reflects the vibrant team spirit of NBIS. Events like these provide students with a platform to express themselves, build confidence, and inspire others. It was the perfect way to welcome the holidays on a bright note, celebrating the talents that make our school so special.



We thank all the participants, teachers, and staff who made this year's Talent Show such a great success. Here's to many more years of celebration and talent at NBIS!



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2024-25 Semester 1 (School Days-90 Days)

26/08/2024 Semester 1 Begins, 14/02/2025 Semester 1 Ends

Holidays in Semester 1

- 14/09/2024 to 17/09/2024 Mid-Autumn Festival
- 28/09/2024 to 07/10/2024 Chinese National Holiday
- 22/11/2025 PD Day
- 18/12/2024 to 05/01/2025 Winter Holiday
- 22/01/2025 to 09/02/2025 Spring Festival Holiday

2024-25 Semester 2 (School Days-90 Days)

17/02/2025 Semester 2 Begins, 01/07/2025 Semester 2 Ends

Holidays in Semester 2

- 04/04/2025 to 06/04/2025 Qingming Holiday
- 28/04/2025 to 04/05/2025 Labour Day Holiday
- 30/05/2025 to 01/06/2025 Dragon Boat Holiday



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