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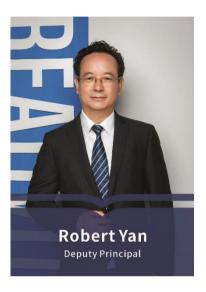
- December 17- January 2: Winter Holiday (No School)
- January 3: School Starts

A Message from Robert Yan, Deputy Principal

Dear Parents,

It is my honour to debrief you on our work and send season greetings to you!

Phil arrived in Plymouth, England, safe and sound last Saturday. His leave is not an easy one but a rational decision. It is actually a part of the strategic plan for our future development and has the approval of WEG. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Mr. Phil for his wisdom, resilience, and charisma as our leader during a period of adversity as a result of the Covid outbreak. He has led us through a successful move from the old campus to this new one and I really appreciate it. The ship of NBIS is sailing without its captain right now, but fortunately, Phil has set up a solid



system. All the staff support each other and move forward in unison, striving to do our best for our students and community.

Ningbo is an epicentre now and we face uncertainties from the Covid outbreak. In the interest of safety, we strongly follow and comply with local government precautions and directives from Ningbo Education Bureau. We had to be creative and flexible this week: we had to cancel our MUN with partner schools, but NBIS secondary held it on our own and it was a great success; we had to cancel our EY and Lower Primary Winter Concert as a whole, but we have made it possible by splitting into smaller groups; we had to cancel our secondary Talent Show in the auditorium all together, but we will do it in our atrium with the audience separated into smaller groups. We remain committed to providing enriching opportunities for your children while ensuring that precautionary measures are still met.

To prepare for any possible mass online learning in the future, NBIS has called on all the teachers to get organized ahead of time. NBIS IT team and Heads of Section have implemented all staff training and we are prepared to offer content-rich technologically driven learning. Of course, we do hope that we will be able to continue face-to-face lessons.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and lovely holiday with your family. Thank you for your constant support of our NBIS community. I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on January 3, 2022!

Yours sincerely, Robert Yan





Drama at NBIS - Celebrating our Students' Success



Congratulations to Lucia Brucoli:

1st Place for the EdTA China Online Monologue Challenge

Recently, nine NBIS Secondary students took part in a National Online Monologue competition organised by the Theatre Education Association (EdTA). A monologue is a long speech by one actor. Performing a monologue is one of the most challenging experiences for an actor, and what actors need to present during auditions to get a role. All the students worked extra time during breaks and after school to prepare high-standard performances, and we are very proud of them!



"The Educational Theatre Association (abbreviated as EdTA), founded in 1929, is the professional association for theatre education. EdTA is a national nonprofit organisation with approximately 135,000 students and professional members. EdTA's mission is shaping lives through theatre education by: honoring student achievement in theatre and enriching their theatre education experience; supporting teachers by providing professional development, networking opportunities, resources, and recognition; and influencing public opinion that theatre education is essential and builds life skills".

We are delighted to announce that three of our students made it to the finals: Thelma (Y8), Kaylyn (Y9) and Lucia (Y13).



In the end, Lucia Brucoli won 1st place!

Check out more details on NBIS Official WeChat Account:











Scan the QR code or click the link to check out the NBIS VR Campus Tour:



https://720yun.com/t/09vkzbp957l?scene_id=85627923

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Early Years Winter Concert



On Tuesday morning the Early Years children performed their Winter Concert items to their year group peers. The children looked so festive and happy in their costumes as they lined up ready to perform.

Due to current regulations we were unable to welcome our Early Years families on to our campus to join us. However we filmed each class as they performed their song to share with the children's families. The children were very excited by the festive event.





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Lower Primary Winter Concert

The day for the Lower Primary Winter Concert arrived on Tuesday. Years 1 to 3 brought to life the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' by Roald Dahl, a slight twist on the original well-known traditional tale. Each year group performed their parts with confidence and a huge smile on their faces. They rose to the challenge of performing in parts and sang the songs with enthusiasm and enjoyment. Unfortunately, we were unable to invite families on campus to share in the experience but we filmed the show and will release the recording to parents, enabling you all to share in the celebrations. Well done to the staff and children for putting on such a great performance!



















NBIS Drama Festival 2021

The Drama Department is striving to offer the opportunity for students to showcase their acting skills. Unfortunately, the pandemic is preventing us from joining Drama activities in other cities, so we decided to organise our first DRAMA FESTIVAL COMPETITION at NBIS!

On the 10th of December, secondary students showcased their acting abilities by performing monologues (one-person speech) and duologues (2 people scene) in front of a live audience.













All the participants put a lot of effort into preparing for the event and presented excellent performances.

Secondary students and teachers in the audience had the chance to choose their favourite monologue and duologue. Chayse Shirley got the prize for audience favourite for his monologue. For the duologue, the audience couldn't choose; in the end, we had to declare a tie between the two outstanding performances. One winning duologue was performed by Max Russel and Arturo Martinez Negro and the other by Liam Ronen and Elena Chng.





Ms. Burke-Green, Ms. Froome and Mr. Isidro Santos Galindo had the difficult task of being the judges and selecting the winners. After careful consideration, the winners of NBIS DRAMA FESTIVAL are:

Monologue

1st Prize: Chayse Shirley 2nd Prize: Kaylyn Sun 3rd Prize: Thelma Zimran







Duologue

1st Prize: Alyssa Bellotti and Thelma Zimran 2nd Prize: Kieran Kirkpatick and Liam Ronen 3rd Prize: Taavi Toiviainen and Rebecca Fu







Overall, it has been a very successful, educational, and enjoyable event for all people involved on stage and in the audience. The students are already looking forward to the next

one!



You can watch the video of Drama Festival from this link: http://gofile.me/53pBH/rBbqSBFc5



NBIS Model United Nations Conference 2021

The NBIS Model United Nations Conference was certainly an important event this semester, one that involved around thirty students from our secondary school and numerous teachers and departments. Though it was postponed, cancelled, and rescheduled twice, it then took place on the 7th, 8th, and 9th of December on our campus after school.













Delegates and chairs arrived, already excited, at the second-floor conference room on the afternoon of Tuesday 7th. Mr Hasell and I gave brief speeches commending the students for their enthusiasm and hard work, as well as thanking the relevant teachers and departments for their help and support. Delegates were then dismissed to their respective Councils. This first session was dedicated to reading out position papers, outlining the position of the country they were representing on the topic, which they had prepared as part of the afterschool MUN Club. Some were agitated at first because of the need to answer questions on their papers after reading, but students rose to the challenge and answered them as best they could.







During the second session on Wednesday 8th, students collaborated to write resolution papers with the purpose of solving the international issues at hand. An added difficulty to this task was that because of the shortage of chairs, the original four Councils were merged into three. This resulted in a wide range of topics discussed in each Council. Once again, our NBIS delegates rose to the challenge and showed their initiative and creativity: delegates who would have previously been working separately merged their topics to find common ground, and produced well-rounded, well-researched resolution papers.





On Thursday 9th, delegates had to amend and debate the papers in their respective Councils. After reading them, other delegates had the chance to ask questions and suggest modifications. Some Councils suggested minor modifications, while in other Councils competing resolution papers made the process of negotiation extremely difficult. In the end, resolution papers were voted on, and around half were passed. This was certainly a learning experience for many: needing to stand one's ground while also keeping an open mind.





On the 13th of December, the closing ceremony was held. Mr Robert gave a moving closing speech before we gave out participation certificates, as well as the "Best Speaker", "Most Improved Delegate", and "Outstanding Delegate" awards for each Council.













This Conference was certainly a team effort. Thank you so much to Mr Hasell and Ms Sood, as they were the first who encouraged us to take on and develop the idea of an NBIS MUN Conference, and dedicated their time and effort to realize it. Mr Billing, Mr Robert, Ms Zhang and Mr Hodder were incredibly supportive during this whole journey. Thank you to Yazmin Cadman, Deputy Secretary-General and Head of Admin, and Harshita Bijani, Head of Public Relations, who gave extensive help for the external conference. A special thank-you is also needed for Chloe and Natania, who not only chaired the Councils but helped navigate the crises that arose from them. Thank you to our student note passers Minh, Addie, and Joanne, who volunteered after school. I'd like to extend a particular thank you to Joanne: while I had to leave my Council to solve various issues, she acted as a co-chair and ensured everything ran smoothly. I'd also like to particularly thank all the different NBIS departments who worked tirelessly this semester, including the administrative, logistics, and marketing, ICT teams. This Conference would not have happened without you.

Overall, I feel that this was a successful conference. I am proud of our delegates for their passion, determination, and resilience, not just during the Conference itself, but throughout this semester. It was an honour serving as Secretary-General for this NBISMUN- and I hope that it is the first of many, many more.

Lucia Brucoli

Year 1A

Year 1A wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!







1A in their music lesson. They are learning how to recognize musical notes and are playing 'Jingle Bells' on the xylophone.







Year 6A

English Learning in Year 6A - Romeo . Juliet



Primary English Stage 6
Unit 1C – A play by a significant writer



"For never was a story of more woe, than this of Juliet and her Romeo."

Year 6A students have been engaged in an interesting journey into the world of Shakespeare with their study of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet in our Cambridge English unit. Of course, when the news first broke that we would be studying and bringing this famous play to life, there were many protests from students who had not yet learnt about the deeper meaning of this epic and tragic love story. But very soon, the students became excited about the play and looked forward each week to learning more and putting their theatrical skills into practice.

At the beginning of the unit, we did some research on the life of this famous playwright and compared the English used in his time to modern English. Did you know that some of the English phrases that we use today were actually invented by Shakespeare? Have you ever talked about going on a "wild goose chase?" – well, that's Shakespeare!

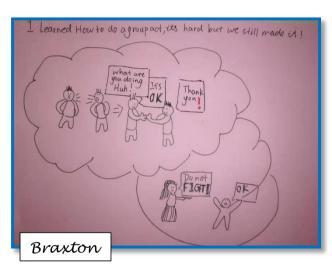


We ended our unit with two different renditions of the play in the drama room on December 16th. It was so much fun!

| Cast and Crew | Group 1 | Group 2 |
|--|---------|----------|
| Romeo | Roy | Valentin |
| Juliet | Simone | Sharon |
| Benvolio & Friar Lawrence | Braxton | Dylan |
| Balthazar, Mercutio and Paris | Ivan | Howie |
| Prince | Terry | Mia |
| Friar John and Tybalt | Dean | Matthew |
| Nurse | Avni | Hannah |
| Director | Dylan | Terry |
| Assistant Director (costume and props) | Howie | Avni |



Here are some reflections from the students about their learning in this unit.



"I learned about Shakespeare's story "Romeo and Juliet." Romeo and Juliet is a tragic and romantic story. I didn't feel good because when we acted, I needed to act Romeo!" © - Roy

"I have learnt some new words and I learnt that fighting can't solve anything... you need to think. And I really like this play a lot." -Mia

"I think Romeo and Juliet is an

awesome play. I have learnt that we shouldn't always fight." - Howie

"I learnt how to act angry voices and angry faces. My character was Tybalt, he was the cousin of Juliet, but he was really angry at Romeo because he was a Montague. I also acted Friar John. He was not really useful he, was useless and really liked to give up." - Dean



"It was funny. The act of Romeo and Juliet that we played was especially written for children, even though some of the words we didn't understand. It was very interesting." - Dylan

"I learned how to end enmity between families just like the Montague and Capulet family." - Ivan

"While doing Romeo and Juliet I have learned how to act better and more English and old English." – Simone

"I learnt to work together." - Hannah

"I learnt to act better than before. It was really fun acting! But next time I wish I can have more lines to say." - Avni

"I have learned - don't make a fight or something bad will happen. I think that Romeo and Juliet is romantic and interesting." - Valentin.

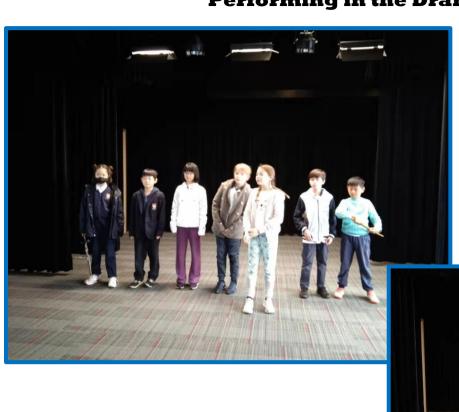
"I think Romeo and Juliet is an awesome play. It is based on both English and Drama. We learned that we shouldn't cause fights so we can have peace. We had a lot of group work and I really like the ancient words of William Shakespeare. He is an awesome actor! It is a great work for Drama but has interesting English work." - Sharon



Practicing Lines



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The learning in this unit was rich. We have unearthed some new talents. Go 6A!

Contributed by: Aileen Shirley and Celeste Li Class Teachers, 6A



Primary Student Council's Pyjamas Day Fundraiser

Primary Student Council recognize how fortunate they are to have a warm place to go home to and comfy clothes to wear everyday and wanted to raise money for the children at the Jiangbei Children's Orphanage. They invited all of primary to come to school in their comfy pyjamas for 10yuan to help make the holidays wonderful for all!



***Primary Student Council was excited and planned to take this fundraiser a step further by giving up their weekend to deliver the donated money to the Jiangbei Children's Orphanage, but in light of the recent outbreak, they are unable to do so.

They raised over 2,000 元.



(Primary Student Council put together their fuzzy holiday sock ornaments on the Christmas tree they assembled.)

Primary Student Council worked hard preparing for this fundraiser. To continue the holiday spirit, Student Council wanted to put together VIP scratch-off tickets. The tickets were originally going to be used for a front-row seat at the primary movie time in the afternoon. However, it was moved to individual classrooms due to gathering capacities because of the recent outbreak. The scratch-off tickets were still passed out to every primary student. All the scratch-off tickets had warm holiday wishes on them, but one student from each class

received a VIP ticket and got to pick a fuzzy holiday sock ornament from the Student Council holiday tree.







"Whewww that was a lot of work!" said our Primary Student Council President.

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The primary students look quite comfy in their pyjamas!









Even students who are at home in lockdown donated and participated by staying in their

pyjamas all day!



All of the primary classes participated in Pyjamas Day, including some of our teachers.



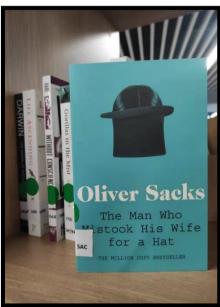


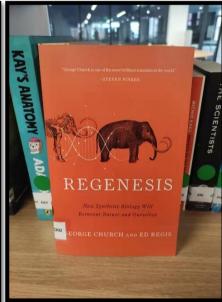


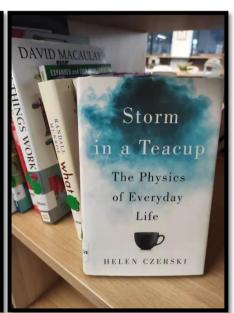
BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!

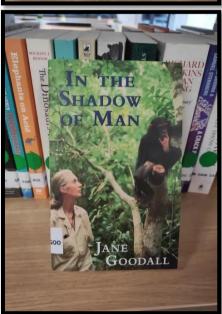
Science Books

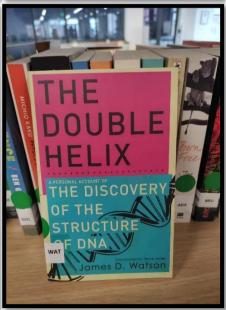
The library is now stocked with many non-fiction, popular science books. These books are excellent for students to read about scientists' lives, their discoveries and to expand their knowledge beyond the curriculum. They can learn about different areas of science that we don't cover in school and perhaps discover new passions or interests. Ultimately, reading beyond the curriculum will help them to make more informed decisions about which courses to study at university and the career paths that they could follow. Below are some of the recommended books that we now have:

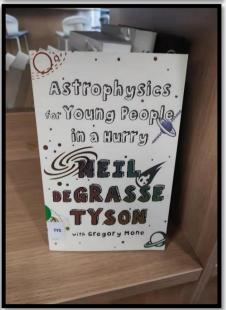












The Urban Jungle Photography Competition



The science department's first photography competition is now live and ready to receive entries from students. The deadline is the 17th of December (THIS FRIDAY!) so students should submit a photo of the nature in Ningbo that they have taken over the last couple of months.

Suggested shooting locations include the many parks, canals, and rivers that are found around Ningbo, communities, as well as the botanical gardens, Dongqian Lake, and the Ningbo Eco-Corridor in the East New Town (near the new Japanese mall).

Please scan the QR code on the poster to see the competition rules as well as to submit your entry: only one entry per student - so choose carefully!







Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the NBIS Science Department







NBIS students have access to GCSEPod, the award-winning digital content and revision provider used by over 1,250 schools worldwide. This is a great resource to have available as we approach mid-year exams and beyond. GCSEPod is available to all secondary students from years 7-13 at our school.

As a subscriber, your child now has access to GCSEPod's library of over 6,000 'Pods,' 3-5 minute videos designed to deliver knowledge in short bursts. GCSEPod makes learning and revision much more manageable: every Pod is mapped to an exam board and contains all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates, and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success – all neatly organised into topics and exam playlists.

One of the best things about GCSEPod is that you can download any Pod to your child's mobile device, and then they can watch them at any time, in any place, with or without internet. It's like they're carrying a whole set of textbooks in their pocket! Make sure you download the GCSEPod app from the App Store (Apple and Android are supported) to access this feature.

GCSEPod also has the ability to identify knowledge gaps and automatically send playlists to help fill them. After completing any homework set on GCSEPod, your child will get a personalised "Boost Playlist" of Pods relevant to their identified areas of weakness. We strongly suggest you encourage your child to review these playlists regularly as this will speed up their progress.

We recommend that you talk about GCSEPod with your son or daughter – check that they've successfully activated their account and encourage them to make use of this amazing resource throughout their GCSE's. Once they've activated their account, they can

browse the GCSEPod library and create their own playlists – just as they would when they're listening to music.

For more ways to support your child using GCSEPod, please visit www.gcsepod.com/parents where you'll find lots more information and resources.

Your child has already been registered with GCSEPod, so all they need to do is activate their account by following the instructions below. If your child has tried to activate their account unsuccessfully, please ask them to contact a member of staff.

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "Login" in the top right-hand corner
- 2) Click the red "sign in with Office 365" button
- 3) Your child will enter their school email address and password
- 4) You may be asked to create a username



If you have any questions regarding GCSEPod please contact the school or myself at john.helmy@nbis.net.cn.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. Helmy
IT Coordinator and Teacher



ECA Cheerleading Club Updates









SAC Member Introduction

My name is Neta Ronen and I'm from Israel. I serve as the Chairman of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) for the second year.

I have been in Ningbo for about 6 years. I have 3 children in school and soon the little one will join as well.

I believe that the philosophy behind SAC is that when parents/family members are engaged in their student's school, academic achievement improves. SAC provides a structure for partnerships between the school and community to be built and then implemented in an intentional, action-oriented, and genuinely accountable manner. Principals, teachers, and school



staff share information pertinent to students' academic success, and parents and community members provide critical feedback informed by their parental perspectives and unique expertise. With all voices and viewpoints at the table, SAC is well-informed, site-specific, and an innovative vehicle for academic transformation in our school. I would love to see more parents volunteer in next year's election. Please always feel welcome to approach us to share your concerns, ideas, and thoughts! Either directly or through our general email address: sac@nbis.net.cn

Big Thanks to the PTA for Gifts for all NBIS Staff

As the winter holiday approaches, PTA parent volunteers prepared unique and customized bookmarks as small gifts for all NBIS staff. All the artworks printed on the bookmarks are from NBIS students in EY, primary and secondary. We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the staff for the hard work and effort you have dedicated to our students in 2021. We look forward to an exciting new year in 2022. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!













Introduction of the General Affairs Office



Hello, everyone! I'm Huang Yingying. I work for Ningbo New Wanuo Logistics Service Company. I am an administrator of General Warehouse and Canteen Warehouse at NBIS.

The General Affairs Warehouse needs to protect school resources, including office supplies for teachers, school supplies for students, cleaning supplies for the whole campus, epidemic prevention materials, and daily necessities for boarding

students. My responsibility is to do a good job of warehousing. For all the items in the warehouse, I need to count the quantity, evaluate the quality and price, make a list of all the things, and report any problems in time.

The Canteen Warehouse is divided into staple food warehouse and non-staple food warehouse. In order to ensure delicious and healthy food for teachers and students, I check all the food that enters the canteen one by one to ensure that they are fresh.

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Rice and edible oil will enter the staple food warehouse, condiments will enter the non-staple food warehouse, then meat products and vegetables will go to the next step.

Since I joined Zhejiang Wanli Education Group (WEG) in 2012, the Wanli Spirit has made me learn and grow. NBIS is full of beauty and positive energy which is a good environment for cultivating good students. I will continue working hard and providing professional services. I'm so proud to work at NBIS!



Christmas Surprise





Thanks to the admin team for their efforts in putting together all the goody bags for our students.





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Police Officer Sends Christmas Greetings to the NBIS Community

On December 15th, Mr Le, who is a local police officer, visited NBIS. He is responsible for the safety of the schools in the Hi-tech zone. Christmas is coming, so he came to meet our international teachers to wish us all the best for the season and gave gentle safety reminders for the NBIS community. Mr Robert, our Deputy Principal, Ms Thompson, Head of Early Years, Ms Potts, Head of Primary and Ms Echo, Head of Admin met him in the conference room and had a pleasant chat with each other. Thanks, Mr Le!





