



NINGBO BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Preventing Drowning Notice to Parents

Please educate your children to adhere to the **“Six Don’ts”**:

- Don’t swim alone.
- Don’t swim without permission or supervision from parents or teachers.
- Don’t swim in areas without safety facilities or rescue personnel.
- Don’t swim in unfamiliar waters.
- Don’t swim in dangerous or unregulated waters.
- Students who cannot swim should not attempt to rescue others on their own.

Especially remind your children: if they see someone drowning, they should not attempt a rescue themselves but instead call for help immediately by dialling 110 or 120.

Parents are expected to follow the **“Four Knows”** regarding their children’s whereabouts:

- Know where your child is going;
- Know what your child is doing;
- Know who your child is with;
- Know when your child is expected to return.

During after-school hours, weekends, and holidays, parents must pay extra attention to their children’s activities and whereabouts to prevent drowning incidents caused by lack of supervision.

CHILDREN'S DAY GREETINGS FROM JUXIAN STREET



On the joyful occasion of Children's Day, the Juxian Street of Ningbo extended warm greetings and heartfelt wishes to the students of NBIS. This thoughtful gesture reflects the care and support of the local community for our international learners. Representatives from Juxian Street shared their good wishes with the hope that every child continues to grow up healthy, happy, and full of curiosity.



At NBIS, we are deeply grateful for this connection with our local neighbourhood and for the encouragement it brings to our young global citizens.



We thank Juxian Street for their kind wishes and for helping make this Children's Day a memorable one for our students!





CONGRATULATIONS



Zhengzhong Huang (Johnson) Year 11B Student

Congratulations to Zhengzhong Huang, Year 11, for winning National Top Gold (Division 1) in the 2025 AAPT PhysicsBowl! Organised by the American Association of Physics Teachers, the PhysicsBowl is a highly competitive international physics contest. Zhengzhong's exceptional performance places him among the top physics students nationwide.

Well done, Zhengzhong—we are incredibly proud of your achievement!



NBIS Early Years Celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival with Joy and Excitement



Ms Chelsea Liao

In celebration of the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival, Reception children dressed in elegant Hanfu and then participated in a series of traditional activities to experience the rich culture of this ancient holiday. They enjoyed the following customs:

Painting Foreheads (画额) – Teachers used cinnabar to paint the children's foreheads, a ritual believed to ward off evil and wish for good health.



Stepping on Artemisia (踩艾草) – Children walked over fresh mugwort leaves, symbolising the dispelling of bad luck and the welcoming of good fortune.



Happy
Dragon Boat
Festival

Making Sachets (做香囊) – The children crafted fragrant pouches filled with herbs, traditionally used to repel insects and attract blessings.



Shooting the Five Poisons (射五毒) – In this playful game, children "shot" representations of five poisonous creatures (snake, scorpion, centipede, toad, and spider), symbolising the overcoming of misfortune.



Dragon Boat Racing (赛龙舟) – The children held miniature boat races, pretending to row in a lively reenactment of this traditional competition.



RECEPTION B

Ms Dana Carnemolla

We've gone back in time and have started our new topic of **Dinosaurs!** The children have enjoyed working on a variety of provocations as they deepen their understanding of dinosaurs and what happened to them. To begin, the children were thrilled to make a volcano! They worked carefully handling all the ingredients and following a recipe in order! Well done!



We discussed about how weather changes could have harmed the dinosaurs. Children then had the chance to try and 'free' the dinosaurs that were locked in a block of ice using salt and hammers.



Early Years Section

The children spent over two days drawing and designing their dinosaurs. First, they sketched in pencil and went over the outline with black glue. Then, they used watercolours to fill in the dinosaur before adding more abstract objects such as volcanos using paint sticks and markers. Beautiful work!



We love working with 'loose parts!' Children have the opportunity to imagine, invent and design as they wish!

Fengjia Primary School and NBIS Collaborate on Intangible Cultural Heritage Craft Exchange

Date: May 29, 2025

Ms Ivy Liu

Location: NBIS

In a vibrant celebration of cultural exchange, Fengjia Primary School and NBIS joined hands to host a unique cross-cultural event centered on China's intangible cultural heritage (ICH). Titled "Cultural Fusion, Heritage Without Borders," the activity aimed to bridge global youth through traditional craftsmanship, using the Dragon Boat Festival as a cultural catalyst.

Activity Highlights

The event featured three traditional ICH crafts, each blending cultural heritage with interdisciplinary learning:

Lime Carving (浙东灰雕) : Students explored architectural mechanics and lime ratio calculations; crafting miniature gray carvings inspired by traditional designs.

Cloisonné (掐丝珐琅): Participants created Dragon Boat Festival-themed artworks, combining mineral glaze chemistry with artistic design.

Patchwork (拼布) : Younger students designed "Five Poison" patterned sachets, integrating geometry and sustainable fabric reuse principles.





Participant Engagement

Over 150 students and teachers from both schools participated. Classrooms buzzed with energy as students exchanged ideas, crafted together, and showcased their works during a final exhibition. Notable outcomes included:

- Cross-cultural Exchange: Students swapped finished pieces as tokens of friendship.
- Interdisciplinary Learning: Projects highlighted connections between heritage crafts and STEM/arts education.

“This event wasn’t just about preserving traditions—it was about building bridges. Watching students from different backgrounds collaborate so passionately was truly inspiring,” remarked Ivy, Head of Chinese at NBIS.



This groundbreaking collaboration underscored the power of intangible heritage as a universal language, uniting young minds across borders. Both schools expressed hopes to expand such initiatives, fostering global citizenship through shared creativity.



Primary Outdoor Education: Exploring Nature in Xikou

Mr Achilles Luciano

From May 21 to May 23 2025, 61 students from NBIS embarked on an unforgettable outdoor trip to Xikou. This trip was packed with fun activities that tested their strength, teamwork, and survival skills. Everyone was excited to take part and make lasting memories in nature!

One of the highlights of the trip was wall climbing. Students had the chance to test their arm and leg strength as they climbed high walls. It was all about pushing their limits and cheering each other on. The sense of achievement after reaching the top was incredible!



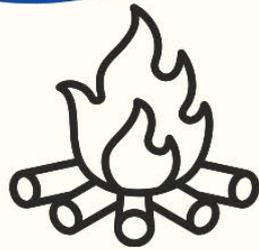
In addition to wall climbing, students participated in orienteering. This activity helped them learn how to read maps and use compasses. They worked in teams to find their way through the beautiful landscape of Xikou, solving challenges along the way.



After a quick safety briefing, everyone hopped into their kayaks and paddled out onto the calm waters. The laughter and cheers filled the air as they raced each other and explored the hidden corners of the lake.



The trip also focused on important survival skills. Students learned how to build shelters, filter water, and make fires. With guidance from experienced instructors, they discovered how to stay safe and comfortable in the wild. These skills are not just fun to learn; they are useful for anyone who loves exploring the great outdoors.



Evenings were filled with fun and laughter as we gathered around a warm bonfire. Students showcased their talents in singing and acting, entertaining everyone with their amazing performances. It was a wonderful way to bond and support each other while enjoying the night sky.





As the trip came to an end, we held a short program to celebrate everyone's participation. Each student received a certificate for their hard work and adventurous spirit. We are so proud of all the students for stepping out of their comfort zones and trying new things!



Thank you to everyone who made this trip possible. The journey lives on!

Primary Assembly

In this week's Primary Assembly, the focus was on an important theme: Good choices lead to good consequences; bad choices lead to bad consequences. Our Year 4A students led the assembly by watching a short animated video. The video showed two people making different choices in their daily lives — from their habits to how they treated others. Ultimately, their choices yielded vastly different outcomes.



After the video, the students acted out short scenes to show what good and bad choices might look like. Through these fun and meaningful role-plays, they helped everyone understand that our choices can lead to good or bad outcomes. The key message was clear: we all make choices every day, and those choices matter.

Thanks to Mr Bane, Ms Yan and Ms Amy for this well-planned assembly!



Congratulations to Our Stars of the Week



"Chemistry in Action – Why Practicals Matter!"

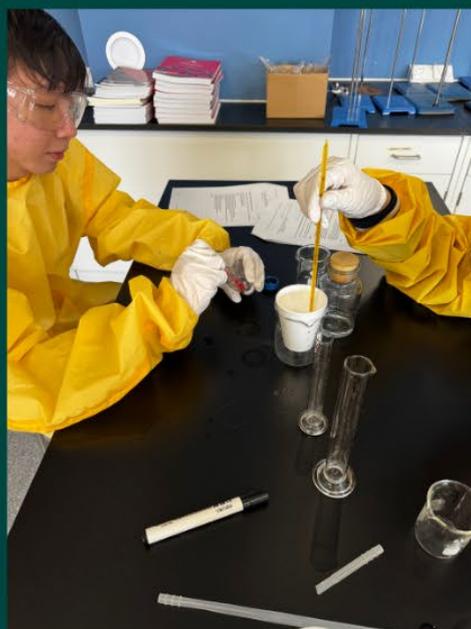
Mr Anthony Chen

Chemistry is often called the central science, connecting biology, physics, and the everyday world. At NBIS, we believe that understanding chemistry goes far beyond memorising formulae or reading textbooks — it's about seeing science in action.

Why Practicals Are So Important?

Sometimes, science can feel too abstract — like it's just numbers, symbols, and theories on paper. However, you can feel the microscopic reactions by smelling the gases and observing the colour change. It turns invisible ideas into real, vivid experiences that make the knowledge stick.

Recently, our Year 10 students extracted their own pH indicator from red cabbage. Students explored the acidity of common items found in daily life, such as toothpaste and citrus fruits.



Secondary Section

Experiments can also help enhance students' sense of aesthetics. By gradually adjusting the volume of acid added, students were able to produce a rainbow of colours using the indicator.



Our Year 12 students are currently preparing for their practical examinations. Unlike the lower-year students, they are required to collect data, analyse it, plot graphs, and draw conclusions. This process undoubtedly develops their scientific literacy and critical thinking skills.



At NBIS, we are committed to giving every student the opportunity to thrive through practical science. We encourage students to approach each experiment with curiosity, care, and a willingness to learn — because chemistry is not just something you study, it's something you do.

Let's keep exploring together!



NBIS Weekly Menu



Sample Dishes



NBIS Weekly Menu

The Week of June 2nd to 6th, 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Lunch Menu	Garlic Spare Ribs	Braised Beef Brisket with Vermicelli	Braised Pork Belly	Braised Pork with Fried Tofu	Crispy Chicken Strips	
	蒜香小排	粉条炖牛腩	红烧肉	油豆腐烧肉	香酥鸡柳	
	Grilled Sausage	Steamed Egg with Minced Pork	Grilled Duck Wings	Golden Chicken Nuggets	Spiced Beef	
	烤香肠	肉末蒸蛋	烤鸭翅	黄金鸡块	五香牛肉	
	Braised Chicken Drumsticks	Crispy Chicken Leg	Scrambled Eggs with Bacon	Scallops with Vermicelli	Shrimp Cake	
	红烧翅根	香酥鸡腿	培根炒蛋	粉丝扇贝	虾饼	
	Poached Chicken	Cumin Duck Chunks	Stir-Fried Chicken Chunks	Stir-Fried Pork with Lettuce	Shredded Pork with Green Pepper	
	白斩鸡	孜然鸭块	生炒鸡块	莴笋炒肉片	尖椒肉丝	
	Stir-Fried Cauliflower	Stir-Fried Broccoli	Stir-Fried Cauliflower	Stir-Fried Broccoli	Stir-Fried Cauliflower	
	炒花菜	炒西兰花	炒花菜	炒西兰花	炒花菜	
	Steamed Dumplings	Baked Sweet Potato	Pumpkin with Scallion Oil	Mapo Tofu	Baked Potatoes	
	蒸饺	烤红薯	葱油南瓜	麻婆豆腐	烤土豆	
	Stir-Fried Lettuce with Black Fungus	Stir-Fried Asparagus with Mushrooms and	Fried Spring Rolls	Shredded Potatoes with Vinegar	Stir-Fried Tomato with Zucchini	
	莴笋炒木耳	芦笋炒口菇胡萝卜	炸春卷	醋溜土豆丝	西红柿炒西葫芦	
	Stir-Fried Baby Bok Choy	Stir-Fried Shanghai Greens	Stir-Fried Greens	Stir-Fried Water Spinach	Stir-Fried Mushrooms with vegetables	
	炒菜心	炒五号菜	炒青菜	炒空心菜	香菇炒油菜	
	Braised Shrimp	Crispy Butterfly Shrimp	River White Shrimp	Braised Shrimp with Oil	Salt and Pepper Shrimp	
	红烧虾	酥炸蝴蝶虾	江白虾	油焖虾	椒盐虾	
	Salt and Pepper Yellow Croaker	Pomfret	Fish Chunks with Chopped Chili	Wang Tu Fish	Spare Ribs with Rice Cakes	
	椒盐小黄鱼	鲷鱼	剁椒鱼块	玉秃鱼	排骨年糕	
	Croissant	Baguette	Hamburger	Egg Tart	Sandwich	
	牛角包	法棒	汉堡	蛋挞	三明治	
	Radish and Spare Rib Soup	Spanish Seafood Soup	Mushroom Soup	Duck Soup with Cordyceps Flower	Red Date and White Fungus Soup	
	萝卜排骨汤	西班牙海鲜汤	菌菇汤	虫草花老鸭汤	红枣银耳汤	
	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	
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	Snack Menu	Meat Bun	Scrambled Egg Pancake	Steamed Dumplings	Cherry Tomatoes	Shredded Potato
		肉包	鸡蛋饼	蒸饺	小番茄	土豆丝饼
		Apple	Banana	Pear	Dragon Fruit	Lychee
		苹果	香蕉	香梨	火龙果	荔枝
Sea Salt Soda Crackers		French Bread	Waffle	Croissant	Jam Bread	
海盐苏打饼干	法国面包	华夫饼	牛角包	果酱面包		

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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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2025-26 Semester 1 (School Days-90 Days) **01/09/2025 Semester 1 Begins, 30/01/2026 Semester 1 Ends**

Holidays in Semester 1

- 01/10/2025 to 08/10/2025 Chinese National/Mid-Autumn Holiday
- 21/11/2025 PD Day
- 17/12/2025 to 04/01/2026 Winter Holiday

2025-26 Semester 2 (School Days-90 Days) **02/02/2026 Semester 2 Begins, 03/07/2026 Semester 2 Ends**

Holidays in Semester 2

- 09/02/2026 to 01/03/2026 Spring Festival Holiday
- 04/04/2026 to 06/04/2026 Qingming Holiday
- 01/05/2026 to 05/05/2026 Labour Day Holiday
- 19/06/2026 to 21/06/2026 Dragon Boat Holiday



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