Welcome back after our Chinese New Year Break! This week it has been a pleasure to watch students reconnect with friends. Last week, our teachers had the opportunity to connect and delve into some important and exciting professional development. One of the highlights was the official launch of our second Strategy Project: Defining Inclusion. Our Strategy Team masterfully prepared an inspirational and practical presentation that has motivated a wide range of prototypes at NIS. These prototypes will result in a more profound understanding of how we live our mission of being an inclusive community. They involve action-based initiatives around the types of support offered at NIS, starting from enrolment, through to support offered to students in all sections of the school, and to extending our highly-abled learners.
Dear Parents,
We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the members of our Strategy Team.
Project Leader: Jo Andrew
PYP Learning Strategists: Kath Adams & Tom Johnson
MYP/DP Learning Strategists: Katie Ham & Luiz Mello
Inclusion Advocate: Sarah Thawley
Activities Strategist: Danny Clarke

Please ask them about the exciting work that they are leading at our school.
I wish you a fascinating February,
Arden Tyoschin
ardentyoschin@nanjing-school.com

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the following new students to NIS this week:

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Chartwells information

Dear Parents,
We would like to take the opportunity to remind all clients about lunch card use when purchasing items at the cafeteria and in the café.

1. Students are expected to have their lunch card with them to pay for lunch and snack items. In case they forget their lunch card, students are allowed to sign for their lunch consumption. They are not permitted to sign for snack items during the day.

2. Consumption of the lunch card can be checked online. Should there be any discrepancy, please contact Chartwells right away.

3. In the case of loss of the lunch card, please inform Chartwells immediately and we will block card use. After obtaining a new lunch card at the school’s reception desk, please visit us to transfer the previous balance into the new lunch card.

Best Regards,
Annie/Chartwells Site Manager
Chartwells@nanjing-school.com
Dear Parent

On February 22nd and 23rd we will be running the International Schools Assessment tests for writing. These are to be conducted online for the first time and will take place in class time. There are two writing assessments of 45 minutes each the first of which is Narrative Writing whilst the second is Exposition or creating an argument in writing. The International Schools Assessments enable us to track student progress from year to year and to ensure that we are maintaining our academic standards compared to other like international schools.

Visit the ISA website for more information: https://www.acer.edu.au/isa

Or contact me at school: ruthclarke@nanjing-school.com

Who uses the ISA?

Over 76,000 students from 355 schools across nearly 80 countries participated in ISA 2015–16.

Ruth Clarke Feb 2017
Grades 2 to 5 Production 
(Friday March 3rd, 2017)

We are now rehearsing as whole grades in the theatre so that we can practice on the stage. We are also rehearsing with the props crew and the main cast runner at the main cast rehearsals.

Please encourage your child/children to perform their performance pieces to you, and encourage them to practice the bits that you think that they are struggling with.

All access to their song lyrics, dance moves, spoken lines and actions can be found by clicking on the link below:

http://share.nanjing-school.com/pyppperformingarts

Ms. Heidi (Director) heididean@nanjing-school.com
Ms. Grace (Assistant Director) gracekang@nanjing-school.com

2 school weeks to go!
Who: Grades 10, 11, 12
When: Monday, February 27, 2017 at 12:50 to 1:50
Where: MYP/LGR

Infectious diseases: past, present and future

Dr Nicky High
Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health
The University of Manchester, UK

Antibiotics have ensured that infectious diseases such as The Plague no longer cause global epidemics. However, with antibiotics resistance increasing, in the not to distant future, bacterial infections may soon become untreatable. What can we do to solve this problem?

The talk will be followed by a short introduction of the University, courses offered and scholarship opportunities.

Did you know the University of Manchester is the largest university in the UK? We have 38,000 students from 163 countries!

You are welcome to bring your lunch 😊

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New Home Language Books at the NIS Library!

The NIS Library is proud to host a collection of books in 12 different languages to support our diverse community. Parent volunteers are welcome to help select, catalog and organize books in their language. If you would like to contribute your time towards this effort, please contact the NIS librarians.

New German Books!

New Mandarin Books!

새로운 한국어로 된 책이 오고 있습니다

Hope to see you in the library!

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The NIS Library introduces Flipster.

Digital magazines for the NIS Community

The NIS Library is proud to launch its new digital magazine service, Flipster. Our small but growing collection has something for all ages and interests. You can access the magazines on your computer or mobile device.

For information on getting set up, visit the NIS LibGuides at:

MYP/DP: http://libguides.nanjing-school.com/mypdp/flipster
PYP: http://libguides.nanjing-school.com/pyp/flipster

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UnConference
Parent Tech Morning
20 minute - Hands-on tech sessions
Cafeteria (Upstairs & Down)
Saturday, March 4 2017
10:00-11:00

• Student sessions
• Veracross
• Seesaw
• Edublogs

Drop in Drop out
Must have 5+ attendees
Please RSVP to Tomjohnson@nanjing-school.com
On Thursday, January 19, 10 students left for Shanghai, excited for the upcoming CISS MUN Conference (Concordia International School of Shanghai). MUN, or Model United Nations, is an international organization for students to assume the role of a diplomat for an assigned country and to then collaborate with other students to create solutions for some of the world’s most pressing issues. CISSMUN is a large conference with a high quality of debate, attracting schools from all around China, as well as from places as far as Germany and the UAE. Students in ninth, eleventh and twelfth grade made up the NIS delegate team, and we had our own twelfth grader chairing a committee!

Friday marked the beginning of the conference, with a quick opening ceremony and an incredibly fun day of lobbying and merging. NIS students in their different committees took the resolutions they had been working on for weeks and merged them with their fellow delegates. They spent hours forming comprehensive and viable solutions to our world’s most pressing issues.

On Saturday, the resolutions crafted the day before were set before the committees for debate. NIS students fiercely defended their own resolutions, as well as challenging resolutions that violated the policies of the country they represented. With issues ranging from environmental protection, social equality for women and LGBTQ+ and combatting xenophobia. Although it was a long day of debate, it was exciting and ended nicely with a pizza dinner!

Sunday was another day of debate. Students were tired from an intellectually stimulating weekend, but it was still bittersweet to see an incredible conference coming to an end. Despite the fact that the NIS team missed the closing ceremony due to train departure times, it was still a great weekend. Students made friends from around the world and honed their debating skills in the second conference of the school year. NIS students that were fortunate enough to travel to Shanghai would like to say thank you to our three chaperones: Mr. Galaty, our MUN director, Mr. Messom and Mr. Lee. This trip wouldn’t have been possible without them and so we’d like to express our extensive gratitude!

~ Sarah G11
Liang Dynasty Tombs around Nanjing

Nanjing has been the home of several dynasties, one of these was Liang Dynasty (502 - 557 A.D.) (Till, 1984). The Emperor of this time, Emperor Liang Wu Di was apparently a man of great talent and this period was one of significant progress and stability. Some of the family tombs are located in Nanjing and others in Danyang (near Zhenjiang). Last week’s bulletin mentioned some of the family tombs in Ganjiaxiang village. However, there is one even closer to NIS. If you travel (500m) to the end of Xueze Rd you will come to “Xiao Hong Shike” park. In this park are some stone relics from one of the Liang Emperor’s sons; Xiao Hong. Xiao Hong held several posts including General and Governor of Yangzhou and was reputedly a rather colourful character (Till, 1984). Xiao Hong Shike park - well worth a visit!

“Xiao Hong Shi Ke” park at the end of Xueze Lu contains some steles, turtles and a Bixie from Xiao Hong’s tomb (526 A.D.). These have been recovered and placed in these protective structures in this newly constructed park over the last few years.

An old photo of one of the Lions on which peasants have written the characters Xiong Shi (Majestic Lion) (Till, 1984)

Current photo showing remnants of the Lion characters.

A Bursting the Bubble Activity

Robin Hutchison, Activities Office
robinhutchison@nanjing-school.com

Our PYP and EYP swim programs will resume on Monday March 6th, a day 2 on our rotating schedule. As a quick reminder and update, especially for our new families entering NIS, please note the items that should be brought to each swim lesson. During this time of uncertain weather please include an additional item of warm clothing.

A gentle reminder that a small selection of NIS swimsuits remain on sale at the PTA store. A good supply of swim caps in our respective house colours is also available.

Once again I’d like to confirm that during this current school year we are piloting the development and sale of a new NIS swim suit design, purchased through a customized NIS internet portal. This project continues to evolve and grow as we explore the benefits and issues relating to a suit with new materials and an online sales requirement. As agreed with the PTA store, this piloting process is currently limited to members of our swim squads. Once we are confident that our piloting project has been successful, the sale of NIS swimwear will be extended across our community.

This weekend a small group of our Sea Lion swimmers will be competing in the Shanghai Swim League (SSL) Championship event hosted at the Shanghai American School campus, Pudong. Details of their performances will be posted in our next feature. Go team!
ISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL FESTIVAL

What lies beyond?

There was once a time when most of the world was a mystery. No one knew what they might find if they went exploring. Now we think we know everything, but there is still mystery all around us. In this festival we will take on the imaginations of intrepid adventurers and go on a journey of discovery. Asking: what amazing wonders exist, right beneath our noses?

ISTA is coming to Nanjing! A great opportunity for Grade 6-8 students

In April (14th-16th) NIS will be hosting an ISTA Festival. Students in grade 6-8 will be given the chance to take part in 3 days of intensive Drama leading up to a final performance. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting event please come and collect an application form from Ms Philip and Mr Brown. You also need to attend a short meeting on Tuesday Jan 24th at Break-time (10:10) in the black box.

anniephilip@nanjing-school.com
Friday, February 24

Talent Show 7:00 pm

Student Council

christeldroulez@nanjing-school.com
What is a TEDx event?

The TEDx Program is designed to help communities, organizations and individuals to spark conversation and connection through local TED-like experiences.

At TEDxYouth@NIS, a combination of live speakers and pre-recorded TEDTalks will inspire you with ‘ideas worth spreading’.

TEDxYouth@NIS is organized by faculty and students at Nanjing International School under a free license granted by TED. It is, however, coordinated independently from TED.

Scan the code below to let us know you are interested in attending. This will help us plan a better event. Thank you!

Triona and Luiz

You or your business can get involved! Write to us at tedx@nanjing-school.com

Scan the QR code for registration details.

The Art of Life
Tuesday 21 February 2017 / Teacher Appreciation Day

This week you will have received an email from PTA providing details of “Teacher Appreciation Day” which takes place on Tuesday 21 February 2017. An important day where we as parents can demonstrate our thanks to the teaching staff and allow each and every one to enjoy morning tea break.

Should you have any further queries, please contact PTA direct. We greatly appreciate your support in making this event a successful one.

International Day

International Day is fast approaching and arrangements are in full swing. Check here for updates and reminders as to important deadlines.

- Confirmation of booth by 20 February 2017;
- Submission of photo booth back drop prints by 27 February 2017;
- Confirmation of show/performance by 10 March 2017;

Students, Parents, Teachers….Please send us your submission as to new ideas for events. What do you want to see next year (2017/2018)? What does your child enjoy event wise at school? Would you and a team/group of friends like to run an event? WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK…

Upcoming Events

February 21
Teacher Appreciation Day

March 10
DP Formal Dance (Gr 11 / 12)

March 18
International Day

Important Announcement

PTA are in the process of reviewing / updating the current WeChat groups. Further information will follow shortly.
Dear Community,
Let me introduce myself. My name is Anna Mathias. I also do all the scenery and set design, working alongside a team to create sets etc. most recent being Peter Pan. My daughter is in Grade 12, so this is my last year ever with PTA. So I have volunteered to coordinate the International Day event, which is on March 18. This year, as a team, we have decided to be different to previous years. We wish to lessen the load on the country volunteers, both financial and time. So it’s time for countries to choose your team coordinators and let me know who that is, as soon as possible.
We plan to put the focus on the youth performances and interactions. Plus have a ecologically friendly event.
In doing this we wish to:-
• Ask the booths for Photo Opportunities for selfies/photos. This could be, a backdrop, a frame, dressing up in costume, props, etc.
• Invite shows from your country, a dance, sketch, reading, etc.
• Encourage a policy of no food or drinks in the booths. The PTA will coordinate that.
• Passport idea to include a scavenger hunt from each country and on bags.
• No give aways from the country, but a prize from the PTA for getting most of the scavenger right.
So please do not feel that you need to bring anything to give away back from the holidays.

Please can each country have a coordinator for the booths and let me know, as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Yours,
Anna Mathias
annamathiasart@gmail.com
Coordinator for International Day
PTA
Community Activities

PLEASE...

...do not miss the registration on Veracross until Wednesday, February 22nd 4.30pm

The classes will start on Monday, February 27th

- Saturday, June 10th 2017
The new Community Activities Programme brochure is available at the Centre Reception, in front of my office and on the notice board in the Centre Lobby.

For payment, please come to my office (Centre, Room 201) AFTER receiving class confirmation to pick up the payment slip below, and then pay at the school cashier in the Centre, Room 205.

If you want to share your skills and teach other parents, please contact me!

Sandra Fuchs
Community Activities Coordinator
sandrafuchs@staff.nanjing-school.de
cac@staff.nanjing-school.com
mobile 13236510036
Double Happiness Family Bike Ride is back with February ‘Hot Chocolate Ride’
Sunday, Feb. 26

That's right! February is supposed to be cold, and drinking hot chocolate is almost as fun as riding your bike. Join us for February’s ‘Hot Chocolate’ Double Happiness family bike ride. These rides are always a lovely way to be with our kids and our community,

Pack a thermos of hot chocolate and some snacks for the family and join us. On our ride, we'll stop for a picnic snack to enjoy chocolatey warmth and community friendship. This is also a rubbish-free ride so please pack all food and drinks in reusable, non-disposable containers.

Join us on Sunday, February 26. As always this will be a casual, slow ride on safe bike paths suitable for the whole family. Unless it’s raining, we will meet in the NIS parking lot at 8:45 am for a 9:00 am departure. We will return to NIS around 12:00 pm.

This is a family ride so all children must be accompanied by parents, but not all parents have to be accompanied by a child. And even if you’re not a parent, come along!

Email johnrinker@nanjing-school.com or michellerinker@nanjing-school.com for further info.
17th February

7:30 Start

Jackson’s Bar
at Royal Family Gardens
(RFG)

This quiz is meant for adults in the community so no students please.

This is a non smoking event.

Cost: 200rmb per team of four or less

Proceeds go

suzywalker@nanjing-school.com