



Graduation Ceremony Class of 2019

Reimagining Schools; Part 2 – What is your vision of the learner?

What is your vision of the learner? This sounds like such a simple question, but is it? This is the fundamental question at the centre of the Reggio Emilia approach. It challenges us to really ask ourselves about what we want for children as both parents and teachers. It makes us consider who children are and what they are capable of. It is fascinating that the people of a medium-sized town in central Italy, called Reggio Emilia, could have had such a profound impact on progressive education by simply posing fundamental questions about learners and learning. I, along with most of our Early Years teachers, have visited Reggio Emilia to study and understand an approach to early learning that places so much trust in the individual capacity of each child, while balancing the role of the teachers and the whole community.

In modern educational parlance the word Agency is used to describe the development of children's confidence which in turn pushes them towards what cognitive and neuroscience researchers call 'deep learning'. At NIS we call it student voice which leads logically to student choice. The inspiring psychologist and writer Mihalyi Csikszentmihalyi has also impacted our approach which allows students to follow their passions, such as, in Grade 4 CNU (Creative New Undertakings) and X-Block in Middle School to get lost in a state of mind he calls 'flow'. It's that extraordinary sensation of losing one's sense of time because you are so engaged in what you are doing.

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At NIS everything we do is purposeful. It is based on practice and quality research that convince us of the potential impact on learners. Are we experimental? Yes. Are our experimental approaches based on cognitive and neuroscience? Yes, of course. Why are lots of other schools in Nanjing not doing the same? Well, ask me that again in 10 years when they are. When you are trailblazers you have to take bold steps, much like the successful companies that so many of our parents work with or lead. We are based in today looking out to the horizon and it looks nothing like the past. Education must be more responsive to students' needs for their futures. We are trying.

Have a jolly June,

Laurie McLellan

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Some ideas are based on the article 'Growth Start'. The seven principles of the Living Curriculum by Tina Grotzer, David Vaughn and Bill Wilmot that was published in the Spring 2019 edition of Independent School (NAIS.ORG)

Upcoming Events:

The Upcoming Week is W37

Monday 10th June

EY Swim Showcase Week
Gr10 Work Experience Starts

Tuesday 11th June

Grade 9 Science Fair

Wednesday 12th June

Field Trip - Gr11 DP Mandarin B

Friday 14th June

Gr10 Work Experience Ends
Purple Duck Launch

Parent Leaving Notice IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LEAVING FAMILIES

Dear Parents,

*This is a time of year when some of our families will be moving on from Nanjing, either returning to their home countries or embarking on their next overseas posting. To assist our planning for the coming semester please read and follow the exit procedure below. This information may have a direct impact on new families wishing to enter our school. Your help with providing this information as early as possible is much appreciated. We understand that some parents are still unsure, but if **you** know kindly let **us** know as soon as possible.*

Exit Procedure

- 1. Once you know you are leaving please send an email to admissions@nanjing-school.com indicating your intention to leave and requesting any documentation that you may require. Let us have the name of your child or children, their current grades as well as your expected leaving date.*
- 2. Collect a clearance form from Reception, or [download off the website](#). Clearance forms need to be completed for each leaving student. On the last day of school documents will only be handed over if we have received your completed clearance form.*
- 3. You can find information about the Transfer Procedures on our website on the [Parent Portal](#).*

Here in Admissions we are always happy to help, so do drop by if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation. We will be sorry to see you go!

Grace, Jane, Lucy and Sue in Admissions

The background of the entire page is a vibrant, tropical-themed pattern of stylized leaves. The leaves are in various shades of green, yellow, and blue, with some having characteristic holes or splits, reminiscent of Monstera leaves. The pattern is dense and fills the entire frame, creating a bright and summery atmosphere.

Middle School Parent Coffee

9:30-10:15 AM

Tuesday June.11th

MS/US Large Group Room

Led by Ruth Clarke, Head of Middle School.
Come along and find out about what is new for Middle
School next year and a chance to ask all of your Middle
School related questions

Come and see the NIS...

Grade 9 Science Fair

Where *curiosity* and *learning* inspires!

**IN THE PAC ON TUESDAY, 11TH
OF JUNE, 10:30AM-1:30PM**

Parents and community
members are invited!

Contact: Mr. Winstanley: richardwinstanley@nanjing-school.com
Mr. Newman: martynnewman@nanjing-school.com





X-FEST

10:30 a.m. all parents
meet in the Black Box
10:45 - Noon X-FEST in all
other locations
June 18!



Grade 6,7 and 8 will be sharing the projects they have been working on this year. It is an opportunity for all members of the school to come and hear from the students about their learning. Everyone is welcome!



Middle & Upper School Awards Ceremony



Wed, June 19

13:45 NIS PAC

Our Semester Two Awards Ceremony will recognise outstanding student achievement in academics. The list of awards recipients have been posted on the MS/US large group room window. Students are aware of the awards they may be receiving.

Parents are welcome to attend this assembly. Should you attend, please remain for the entire event.

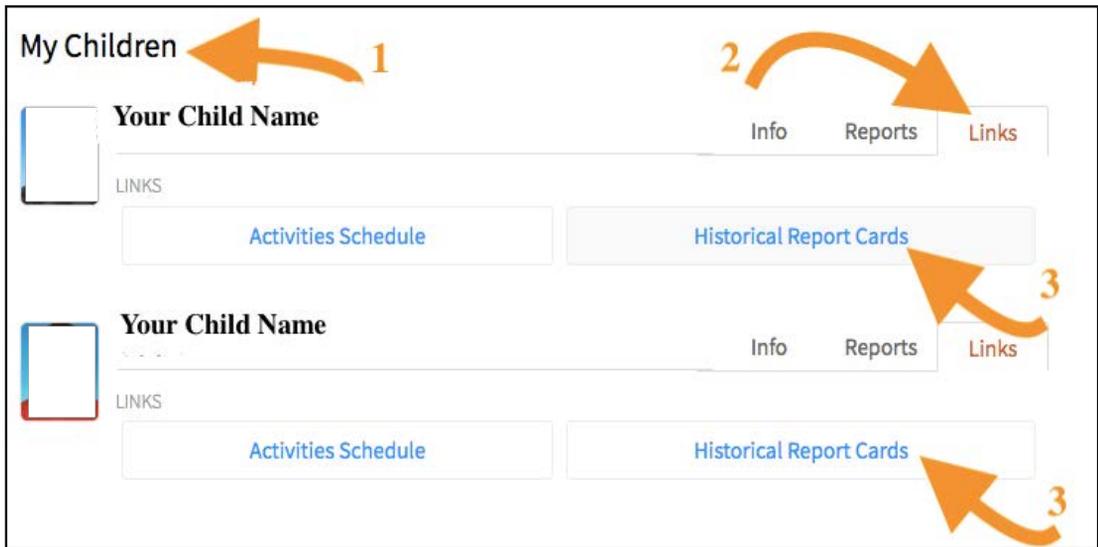
Thanks, and see you there!

Ruth Clarke
Head of Middle School
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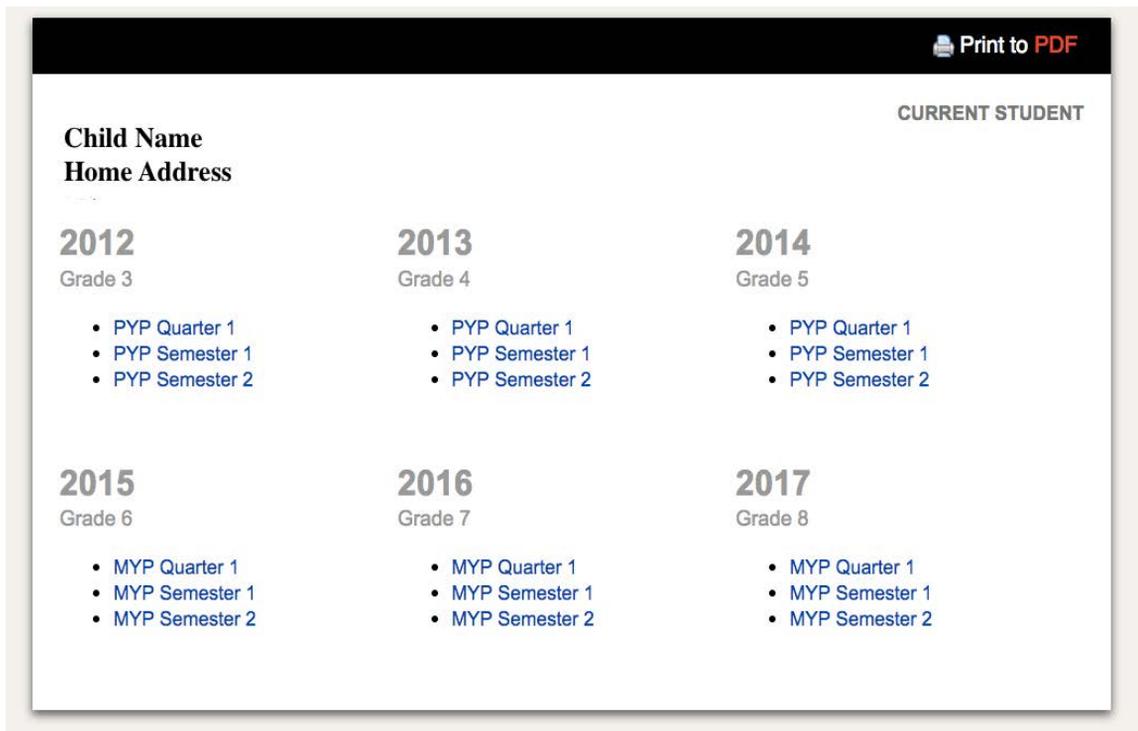
Katie Ham
Head of Upper School
katieham@nanjing-school.com

Check Historical Reports for Your Child(ren)

1. Login Veracross Parents Portal: <http://portals.veracross.com/nis>
2. Please follow the steps blow:
 - 1) Go to **"My Children"** part, where you can see your child name
 - 2) Open **"Links"** tab
 - 3) Find **"Historical Report Cards"** link



3. A new window will open and show you all the historical report cards. You can click on each link to check your report. Click **"Print to PDF"** to save your report as a PDF file.



If you have any question, please contact Cindy: cindykong@nanjing-school.com



End-of-Year Technology Notice

As is always the case, many of our families head off to their new homes as we approach the end of the school year. Your NIS IT Department wants to make this segue as care-free as possible. To this end, please note the following important dates for access to various services online.

We are also happy to facilitate your transfer of files provided you give us some lead time and book with us in advance. We will also have normal working hours the week after school is out, so we can also plan to assist you then, as well. This is not goodbye, only farewell until we meet again!

Joe, Xia, York, Cindy, Eric, Cassie and Wind

Laptops

- Whether you've purchased your laptop or are returning it, please make an appointment with us via IT-Help@nanjing-school.com to have all of the NIS-licensed software removed and an original image restored. This is part of the check-out procedure, so please make an appointment before you leave.
 - We can facilitate the backup of your information during this process as well. You just need to provide us with a hard drive.

E-MAIL ACCESS

- Leaving Staff and students will have access to their email accounts **until 31 July 2019**
 - On 1 August these accounts will be disabled (i.e. if you need to access an old email, you can contact it-help@nanjing-school.com)
 - On 1 October these accounts will be deleted
- Graduated students will have access to their accounts **until 14 December 2019**

SERVER ACCESS/DATA

- Student and Teacher Largestorage servers will be erased on **19 July 2019**
 - Access for Leaving Staff will be removed after this date

OFFICE 365

- Leaving Staff and Students will have access to only the *online* versions of our Microsoft Office 365 suite (Word, PowerPoint, etc.) **from 1 July 2019 until 1 August 2019**

VERACROSS

- Leaving Staff roles will change from Faculty to Former Faculty and account privileges will begin to be removed on **24 June 2019**
 - *If you need further access, please email IT-Help@nanjing-school.com to request access.*

SEESAW ACCESS

- Seesaw classes will begin to be archived on **24 June 2019** in order to update the system with the new classes for the first day back.
- Teachers can view their past archived classes or the [past archived posts](#) from any of their current students using the links provided
- Parents can [download student posts](#) before 24 June 2019

joebarder@nanjing-school.com

Treasures are looking for owners.....

End of school year clear out!

Please drop by B151(near the Hutong) if any of these treasures belong to you.

All unclaimed items will be donated to charity or disposed of after June 21st, 2019.





ACTIVITIES

Discover China 2019



Planning is well underway for our Discover China Trips which will take place from October 28th – November 1st, 2019.

Discover China allows NIS students in grades 5-11 the opportunity to link classroom learning with real-life situations. It also aims to broaden their experiences and knowledge of China while helping to create a better and more peaceful world. The overarching purposes of the Discover China week are to bond with peers, to engage with China and to step outside of our comfort zones.

This year, trips in grades 6-11 will include a service component.

The destinations are:

- Grade 5 – Nanjing
- Grade 6-7 - Hangzhou, Huangshan, or Taishan
- Grade 8-9 - Moganshan, Beijing, or Shaolin
- Grade 10-11 Xiamen, Guizhou, or Yangshuo.



Students will choose their destination in August.



We are looking for parents and students in grades 8+ to lead ASAs or Clubs for the next school year.

If you have questions or if you want to talk about your idea, come by the Activities Office!

Grade 11 & CAS



As CAS is an 18-month journey, students need to continue with CAS experiences over the summer.

It is recommended that students pursue experiences that will balance out their portfolios. Please speak to your Advisory Teacher or the CAS coordinator if you need some ideas.

Swimming

Grade 2-5 students earned house-points during their showcase on Thursday morning displaying their best cheering, swimming style/technique and team work. The points earned for each house were following:

- 1st Place: Xuanwu with 44 points
- 2nd Place: Taiping with 39 points
- 3rd Place: Wutaishan with 31 points



Gr6 – 10 Service Award Nominations

This is a reminder for Students and Teachers that nominations are due **Monday, June 10th at 8 am** if students have met the criteria for a Service Award:

- significantly exceeded the minimum number of Service as Action and Volunteering experiences for the year
- fully documented service experiences on ManageBac
- shown evidence of deep reflective thinking and personal growth in line with the required outcomes
- actively promoted good community relationships & responsible citizenship

Please describe in a maximum of 300 words, a 3-minute video or audio recording how the student actively promoted good community relationships and responsible citizenship. Email your submissions to the Service Coordinator (annayuen@nanjing-school.com) **BEFORE** Monday, June 10th, 8 am.

Contact us:

dannyclarke@nanjing-school.com kathrinlammers@nanjing-school.com
annayuen@nanjing-school.com cac@nanjing-school.com

14TH NIS KIDS TRIATHLON



The NIS Kids Triathlon took place on Saturday on June 1st . Lots of volunteers from the NIS community helped making this event happen.

Younger students completed a lap or two across the pool, ran through the corridor where they were greeted by Mr. Lance and then made their way onto the grassy 'transition' area. The older ones had to swim around buoys in the pool and got a good feel for what it is like to swim in a real triathlon.

Students participated in individual races and in relays, the real die-hards even participated in both! Creativity in name giving of the relays should have been rewarded too, we had the 'Angels', 'Flash Girls', 'M&M's', 'Legendary Team', 'Marvel Korea' and the 'Sleepovers' just to mention a few. Our guests, The Blue Whale Triathlon Club from Nanjing made sure our students had a enough competition throughout the way.

Mr. Barder and Mr. Kay made sure everyone was entertained with well-chosen music, while Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Kay welcomed all triathletes into the finish where the PTA supplied fruits. Lots of volunteers showed the athletes the way and counted laps or timed making sure everything went smoothly.

A big shout out to all the CAS students, our swim coaches team and Grace and once more to all teachers, the Community Office, the PTA and parents who stepped in to run this event smoothly!

Fantastic job to all students participating in this event!



PHOTOS FROM TRIATHLON





Summer Recital 2019

PERFORMANCE:

Nanjing International School
Music Room 251
16 June 2019 * 2:00 p.m.

MUSICIANS:

Primary School Soloists
Beginner Duets
Middle School Band
Rock Bands
and more!

Music

**Purple
Duck**

**Launch
Assembly**

**Friday
14. June
2019 PAC 8 am**

PTA NEWS



2018-2019 PTA COMMITTEE

President: Kristen Pebley
Vice President: Yvonne Zollner
Treasurer: Sandy Warm
Secretary: Stine Giversen
PTA Shop: Chanley Webber

ICE CREAM & ICE POPS



PTA will be selling ice cream and ice pops after school.

May 31, June 6 and June 14

Ice Cream - 10rmb
Ice Pops - 5rmb

A yummy treat to stay cool!

PTA SHOP

Come visit our shop for your NIS apparel, swim gear, bike lights, rain jackets water bottles, etc.

Tuesday 2:00-3:00

Friday 2:30-3:30

• A Message from the PTA President

If you are a parent or teacher at NIS you are part of the PTA. The NIS PTA exists to foster school, teacher, parent and student relationships. I believe strong personal connections lead to richer learning experiences. As I look back on the year, I feel we accomplished our goal. There were so many events that put smiles on faces and helped people to connect. There were familiar events like Autumn Festival, Birthday Cupcakes and Teacher Appreciation as well as new events like Open Gym Night and the Father/Daughter Dance. There was something for everyone, and each event was well attended!

I stepped into the position of leading the NIS PTA with a lot of uncertainty, but one strong idea ran through my head, "Burst the Bubble"! Try something new! While there were challenges, I learned an incredible amount about this community and myself, and have gotten to know so many more people. I appreciate all the support that the PTA received this year from staff as well as parents, and especially students. I can't be done without a team of people working together.

NIS will forever hold a special place in my heart.

*Thank you for a wonderful school year,
Kristen Pebley*

• Daddy Daughter Dance PHOTOS are ready!

Two ways to access the photos. Go to the Shutterfly links or scan the WeTransfer QR Codes.

<https://link.shutterfly.com/xMo4mStSeX>

<https://link.shutterfly.com/uQkRLoYQeX>



To join the volunteer group for any of our PTA events, please contact Kristen Pebley, Yvonne Zollner, Sandy Warm, Stine Giversen or Sue Northcott, Or contact us on this email : ptapresident@nanjing-school.com

Lunch Menu

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=571>



Community Events

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=534>



Swimming Pool Calendar

<http://www.nischina.org/page.cfm?p=585>

