



NETWORK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

EYFS & PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 23 October

Start of Term 2

Friday 3 November

Full Moon Day – School Closed

Monday 6 November

Foundation 2 & 3 Learning
Journeys

Tuesday 7 November

Year 1 & 2 Parent Teacher
Conference

Wednesday 8 November

Year 3 & 4 Parent Teacher
Conference

Thursday 9 November

Year 5 & 6 Parent Teacher
Conference

Monday 13 November

National Day – School Closed

w/c Monday 20 November

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11 December

Foundation Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12 December

- Foundation 2 & 3 Christmas Concert
- Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert
- Wednesday 13 December
- Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert

Thursday 14 December

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concert

Friday 15 December

Last Day of Term

Dear Parents

Welcome to the new academic year at Network International School. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer vacation and everyone is prepared for another busy and exciting year. It has been great to see our current students again and to extend a warm welcome to all the new students who have joined us and we wish them every success during their time at Network.

Carole and I wish to congratulate our Year 6 & Year 11 students on their outstanding exam results in June. The headline details are:

Cambridge IGCSE

- 90% of students achieved 5+ A*-C
- All core subject results far exceeded the Cambridge IGCSE World average.
- Progress between Key Stage 2 (Year 6) & Key Stage 4 (Year 11) was much higher than schools in the UK achieved in 2017 and was equivalent to Outstanding School status in the UK.

Year 6 SATs

Our Year 6 students out performed students in the UK in English & Maths with regard to reading, writing and mathematics. 71% of Network students achieved the expected standard compared to 61% in the UK.

Congratulations to our triangle partnership of students, teachers & parents.

At our Early Years & Primary school we are pleased to welcome the following teachers who have joined us from a range of countries across the globe, bringing their unique experiences and talents to Network International School:

- Foundation 3 – Inventors, Solveig Clark
- Year 1 – Owls, Nicola Edwards
- Year 2 – Lotus, Elizabeth Lee
- Year 3 – Jupiter, Rhys Elias
- Year 3 – Mars, Emily Dixon
- Year 6 – Dolphins, Heather Stollery
- Year 6 – Seals, Mathew Croucher
- Physical Education – Stephen Salter

Network International School is very excited to announce the launch of our new Facebook Page which is up and running and live on the airwaves. Through our Facebook Page we will share exciting updates and features which will link to our school website. As a follower of our Facebook Page parents and the wider community will be able to share in all aspects of our Network International School family.

Can I remind all parents about the importance of school attendance. Network International school expects every student to achieve a minimum of 95 percent attendance over the school year with an aspiration of every student to achieve a

minimum of 100 per cent attendance over the school year. International research shows there is a clear link between high attendance and students' progress and performance.

Therefore, please support your child in attending school every day and as a reminder to parents if your child is ill and unable to come to school please could you telephone the student absence line on: 09 444 7283 75 before 08:30 on the first day your child is absent from school and everyday thereafter, should the child be absent for more than one day.

Please can we also remind parents that if there is any change to a student's travel arrangements, such as being collected by another parent for a 'play date' this must be put in writing in the student diary to the class teacher.

We look forward to working with you over the next year and hope that we can continue to strengthen the triangular partnership between parents, students and the school in order to ensure every student makes outstanding progress this year and follow in the footsteps of our Year 6 & 11 students in 2017.

Yours sincerely



Carl Dent
Principal – Network International School



Carole Kyaing
Founder & Director

FOUNDATION 2 AND 3

Foundation 2 and 3 have had a fun filled first few weeks. We have been getting to know our new teachers, exploring our new classrooms and outdoor area. Our new outdoor is complete with roof, fans and lights, so the children are able to experience outside in all weathers. The area will continue to grow and develop as the year goes on.



FOUNDATION 1

A Great Start to the Year!

Term one has kicked off to a great success, as this term is all about feeling comfortable and confident at school in our new surroundings. This term's topic is 'All About Me' where children will learn about the differences between home and school, what they like playing with the most, their senses, body parts and lots more.

All children have developed a lot of confidence by playing outside. They have gained physical, personal and social skills through different activities. Sand, water and obstacle courses are a great way for children to interact with one another, find out what they enjoy the most and also to see their progression and confidence levels rise!

Through these activities children are able to use their imagination and make up games with friends for example having a tea party in the sand pit and pouring tea and making biscuits for friends and teachers.

All classes have really been enjoying role-play activities and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year will bring to Foundation 1!



Foundation 3 Visit a Fire Station

Foundation 3 have been learning about people who help us in our local community and to support our learning we went on a trip to the local fire station. We learnt about the equipment they use, their uniform, fire engines and how they help me get out of buildings! We all had a great time and we particularly loved the fire engine.



FOUNDATION 3

This term the children in Foundation 3 have been exploring the topic, "Me and my community". During this topic the children have learnt about who helps us at school. We went on tours of the school and met all the different people who work at Network International School. The children asked the staff how they helped the school. The children then went on to paint pictures of the people they had met. As a special treat Principal Carl came to read to all the children in Foundation 3 a story. We had so much fun, thank you!



What The Year 2's Enjoyed...

The Year 2 Orchids enjoyed making dinosaurs with 3D shapes and writing dinosaur poems. They also liked doing addition and subtraction in Maths. They liked singing songs and learning about dinosaur fossils. They did their assessments in math and in science they learn about Mary Anning. They liked birthdays and talent shows. Also, they like spelling tests and are looking forward to international day.

Interviewed by Beter Lin and Prudence (Year 5)

This term Year 2's have been learning all about Dinosaurs. Children have done lots of research on dinosaurs and Mary Anning in ICT and Topic lessons. Lots of writing can be seen in classrooms, including an information poster about their favourite dinosaur and a leaflet all about Mary Anning. In Maths lots of work has been done on addition and subtraction, using the number line and bar model methods. Year 2's have been very excited about Roald Dahl books they have read this term. We asked if they have enjoyed this term and everyone was very enthusiastic and excited about what they have learned this term.

Written by Yin Sa Sa, Noel and Than Zin - Year 5 Geckos

Recently the Year 1's have been learning about their 5 senses. Using these, they made some delicious pizza. The Year 1 Peacocks in particular made scrumptious pizzas and couldn't get enough of it!

Steve, our lovely eye witness, said "The pizza felt soft, sticky and a little bit squishy". He also mentioned how they made the pizza, "We added flour, yeast and some hot and cold water. Then we mixed the dough, flattened it with our hands and then Tr Sally put it in the oven".

Thal Thal Tone said "For our toppings we had lots of choices, I chose tomato, cheese, corn and pepper!"

It seems to us that all of the Peacocks had a lovely time and thoroughly enjoyed making pizza using all 5 of their senses.

Written by Emily and Hannah - Year 6 Manta Rays

Lunchtime Library Club

The Primary Library is now open for a lunchtime library club everyday. This means the children get to spend extra time engaging in the wonderful world of books and choosing to read for pleasure in their free time.

Our newly appointed Student Librarians, from Year 6, are doing a great job helping run the daily club. They are really getting involved by; listening to the younger children read, helping children to select appropriate books, keeping the shelves organised and creating displays to enhance the space. A huge thank you to them for all their hard work and enthusiasm.



Year 4 Electrons Assembly

This term saw the Year 4 Electrons perform their class assembly. A group of mad scientists took the audience on a hot air balloon adventure. First, we travelled to the Kingdom of Fantasy to see what Prince Adam and Prince Peter had been up to; then we flew to Taunggyi to join in with the balloon festival; before heading across Myanmar to see what the children of Network had been learning in Art and Maths. Finally, we travelled back in time to 1600BC and the founding of the Shang Dynasty. The highlight of the assembly for us was our rendition of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody in which we changed the lyrics to sing about the Shang Dynasty (our topic for this term). We really enjoyed performing our assembly we hope you enjoyed it too.



This morning (Wednesday 27th September) the whole of year 5 went to the Myanmar National Museum and at the Museum they went around looking at: paintings, thrones, chairs, cabinets, statues and mannequins.

They also went around answering questions about the Myanmar Kingdom. After walking for so long they had a little snack and went back inside, and after exploring, they took a whole year 5 photo and went back to school.

Written by Adam (Year 5 Geckos)

E-SAFETY WEEK

The week began on the 18th September and we did lots of different activities. Every class from Year 1 to 6 made E-safety promises. In our Manta Rays class we made a promise to stay safe on the internet and not share any of our personal information.

In Year 6 we went to a website called 'thinkuknow' and went to a part of it called the Cyber Café where we could see the different parts of online life.

On Friday there was an assembly with the Year 4, 5 and 6 students and their parents.

A House poster competition was held and around 50 students participated. The winners were Justin from Year 5 and 6, Ban Ban from Year 3 and 4 and Angel from Year 1 and 2.

One thing that I learnt is not to go onto social media websites until I am old enough (*Ei Mon*)



I also learnt that a lot of people are safer in the real world than the online one (*Kasem*)

Written by Kasem and Ei Mon – Year 6 Manta Rays

KENSUKE'S KINGDOM

This term we've been learning a lot of things in all subjects, particularly in English. We've have been looking at a fascinating book called "Kensuke's Kingdom" by Michael Morpurgo. Before we read the book, we wrote our own blurbs for it and each one of us had very different ideas. As we read, we found out that Michael's family set out to travel on a boat called the Peggy Sue. We have been reading the book ever since. We wrote delightful pieces of descriptive writing describing the storm that Michael went through. We also wrote a lovely description of an island and got to create our very own islands in art!

Last week we got the opportunity to write different types of poetry including: Haikus, Cinquains and Tankas. Recently, we have read about an atomic bomb, which was dropped on Nagasaki in Japan. Since then, we have been researching about this terrifying bomb and in the next few days we will be debating whether the Americans should have dropped the atomic bomb.

We have really enjoyed reading this book but our favourite part was when Michael and Kensuke became friends.

Written by Tiffany and Dimple - Year 6 Dolphins

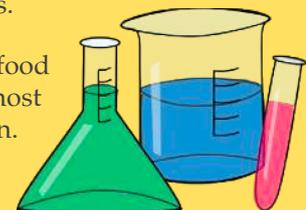
SCIENCE FUN!

As we had approached lessons on animal adaptations, we have learned fascinating facts, done mind-blowing presentations and loads more. In these lessons we have learned how animals are adapted to their habitats and environment. A polar bear, for example, is clearly adapted to its habitat in a number of ways: it has small ears, which reduce heat loss; a thick layer of blubber, which is a store of energy and a dense layer of white fur, which is for insulation against the cold, and for camouflage.

Afterwards, we started studying the topic about how bird's beaks are adapted to their diet. We did an experiment on which beak is the most suitable to hunt its prey easily. The four birds' beaks we focused on were a humming bird, a robin, a heron and a spoonbill.

We used a variety of apparatus: a spoon ; a straw; a toothpick; a pair of tweezers; marshmallows; water; spaghetti (cooked); peanuts; a stopwatch and two bowls.

We used our beaks (spoon, straw, toothpick and tweezers) to pick up each food stuff and transfer it to an empty bowl. We then decided which beak was most suited to each food. We worked as a team of three to complete the investigation. It worked really well!



Written by Aqsa and Annie – Year 6 Seals

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER

This term has seen the Network School Twitter accounts really start to develop with some amazing tweets demonstrating the great work that happens at Network on a daily basis. Since its launch Twitter has been a huge success and we now have over 250 followers subscribed to the accounts.

It's never too late to follow us! Just follow this simple step by step guide and you can have up to date access of your child's learning sent straight to your phone.

Twitter step by step guide for new users

1. Download the Twitter app to your phone or tablet
2. Set up a new twitter account
3. Once you have set up your Twitter page use the search bar to find your child's class Twitter site (site names are below)
4. Send a Follow request
5. Wait for request to be accepted
6. Once accepted you will be able to like and comment on the Tweets

Year 1 - @NetworkIntlSchoolYr1	Year 4 - @NetworkIntlSchoolYr4
Year 2 - @NetworkIntlSchoolYr2	Year 5 - @NetworkIntlSchoolYr5
Year 3 - @NetworkIntlSchoolYr3	Year 6 - @NetworkIntlSchoolYr6

Here are some of the highlights from this term.



Year 1 learning about senses.



Year 2 preparing presentations on dinosaurs



Year 4 on a lines and angles hunt

Year 3 have been designing and tasting their own smoothie recipes!



Year 5 using poetry to act out Newton's 3 Laws of Motion



Year 6 investigating how birds beak have adapted



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

On Tuesday 26th September, the Year 5 and 6 teams went to Dulwich College to compete against 4 other schools in a handball tournament. The Year 6's played amazingly well and did not lose a single game and were awarded first place. Yuri was the star player and Aqsa was the team player. The Year 5's were also unbeaten but came second in their tournament because of only one goal on goal difference. Even though we came second place we improved a lot throughout the tournament. The star player was Adam because even though he got slightly injured he still managed to score a lot of goals. The team player was Sofea because she played in many positions and defended very well. In conclusion everyone was happy with both teams performances.

Written by Izzy (Year 5 Chameleons)



Congratulations to the Emeralds who won the Year 5/6 Lunchtime Water Polo House competition. This was the first of many lunchtime house competitions planned and will include all year groups and many different sports will be played. The Emeralds managed to be beat the Diamonds in the final and were awarded house points and a certificate in assembly. Next up is the Year 3/4 Benchball House tournament. Good luck.

