

FAREWELL 2011 ... WELCOME 2012!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of the NIS school newsletter.

We have wished a fond 'farewell' to our 10th Standard students as they have completed their IGCSE examinations session, and we eagerly await and look forward to their final results in January 2012.

All our students and teachers are hard at work. While 8th and 9th Standard students sit their respective exams, other classes are beginning their rehearsals, planning and training for our upcoming annual sports day and also our 'Expressions' function (dates are posted on our website and in this newsletter).

Our 8th Standard students have been deciding with their parents and teachers which IGCSE courses and subjects they wish to study in 9th and 10th Standard.

As the school year is progressing, we have been identifying areas of improvement in and around school. Part of this process includes looking at our existing teaching resources and how we can improve the learning experiences of our students.

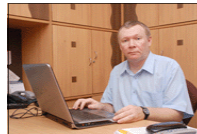
We are actively seeking out new resources across all subject areas and classes from Nursery up to 10th Standard as we continue to build, enhance and improve the teaching and learning educational experience of all your children.

Our teachers continue to be busy with their regular classes. Part of our commitment to the school community is encouraging our teachers to develop their own skills. As part of this fantastic programme, our 'continuing professional development (CPD)' sessions are run on Tuesdays after school and we have had some very effective

sessions organized by individual teachers. I would like to thank those teachers for taking the time and effort to lead as well as take part in these groups as many great skills are developing.

I wish all our students, parents and teachers a safe and happy winter break, and look forward to seeing you all back at school in January!

As always, if you have any questions or comments on any school developments or other school issues—please do not hesitate to contact us at any time through the school office.



Warmest regards,

*Ian Scott,
Head of School*

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Special points of interest:

- Sun 25 Dec - Sun 1 Jan, 2012 - winter break (*no school*)
- School re-opens - Mon 2 Jan, 2012
- IGCSE exam results released - Mon 23 Jan
- Sports Day - Sun 29 Jan

FAREWELL TO 10TH STANDARD

As the school calendar year comes to a close, it has become somewhat of a tradition to 'farewell' the 10th Standard IGCSE class every year at Nelson's International School.

This year was no exception, with teachers and students of 8th and 9th Standard (with 7th Standard) gathering to wish the 10th Standard students very best wishes for their future.

9th Standard students provided a moving tribute in the form of a slideshow



with music showcasing a wide range and variety of photographs with some heartfelt words, as well as a dance and playing some games.

10th Standard students received a small gift and CD of their photographs



to keep as memories of their time at NIS.



RANGOLI CREATIONS



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR/DIARY

December 2011

Sun 25 - Sun 1 January
2012: Winter holiday
(No school)



February 2012

Wed 8: 'Expressions' function
Tues 21: Pancake Day

January 2012

Mon 2: School re-opens
Wed 11 - Thurs 12: Proposed local trip
Sat 14: Uttarayan (Holiday)
Mon 23: IGCSE (Oct/Nov 2011) exam results released
Thurs 26: Republic Day
Sat 28: Sports Day (rehearsal/practice)
Sun 29: Sports Day function

March 2012

Tues 6: World Maths Day
Thurs 8: Holi (Holiday)

April 2012

Sun 1: Ram Navami
Thurs 5: Mahavir Jayanti
Friday 6: Good Friday

May 2012

Sat 5: Last day of school for teachers
Wed 9: IGCSE Hindi (10th Std final exam - paper 1, reading & writing)
Friday 11: IGCSE Hindi (10th Std final exam - paper 2, listening)

June 2012

Mon 4: First day of school for teachers
Mon 4: First day of school for students (Nursery)
Mon 4 - Sat 9: Teacher training, orientation & preparation week (No school for students)

MATHS SKILLS... AND SHOPPING!



We always encourage our students to practise what they are learning in class. This includes using some of their maths skills. 1st and 2nd Standard students used their maths skills as they went on a field-trip shopping 'expedition' to a local supermarket!



While in the supermarket students had the chance to practise their maths skills including 'adding' to find out their total bill as well as, subtracting to work out how much change they would get.



PUPPET SHOW PERFORMANCE

While NIS is an international school, we also support and encourage our students to appreciate local culture and experiences.

Our KG classes were recently visited by a talented puppet show performer who gave the students a wonderful show with authentic puppets and supporting music.



100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

100 days of school is a milestone in the school year, especially for our younger students (although all our students take part in different activities).

It is a chance to have some fun with the number '100' and do a wide range of different activities based on and around the number 100.



Happy 100 Days!



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AT NIS

Our ECA (extra-curricular activities) programme continues to run this year with a wide selection of activities for students to choose from.

Every Thursday all our teachers and students are involved in many different activities in and around the school building.



Activities



PUPPET STORIES IN NURSERY



To improve nursery students' language skills and keep their attention, Diya teacher uses puppets as part of their regular story-telling sessions.

Puppets can be used in many ways and helps the children develop their imagination through actions, voices and sounds.

Through using puppets many stories can be 'brought to life' and can also



help to develop students' social skills as they can also use puppets and be included in the story!



EDUTAINMENT IN SCIENCE - CONDUCTORS AND INSULATORS

We believe in 'edu-tainment' - education + entertainment, fun while learning.

A new educational resource set called 'Electronic brain box' used by our classes contains easy to handle components which snap together to create a huge number of different circuits. All wires are secured within the components and it is very simple and safe to operate.

Students of Std 4 have been connecting circuits and checking the different materials. Students have been classifying materials as conductors and insulators.

bulb in the circuit glowed and if it was an insulator the bulb would not glow.



Conductors are material which allows electricity to pass through it and insulators prevent the flow of electricity.

Firstly students connected the circuit then they checked different materials like pin, U-pin, rubber, gold ring, silver ring and plastic cap. If the materials were conductors the

Thus in this way by checking different material students could classify them as conductors or insulators and they found that metals are usually good conductors of electricity whereas rubber, plastic are bad conductors of electricity and are called insulators.



PARENTS' RANGOLIS

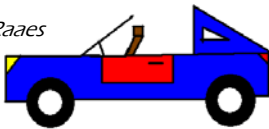
We actively encourage and invite all our parents to be part of our school community and to be involved in activities at NIS.

As part of this idea, parents took part in our rangolis activity and created some wonderful patterns for us all to enjoy.



COMPUTER PAINTING WITH 3RD STANDARD

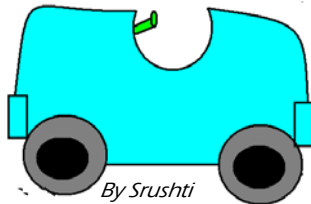
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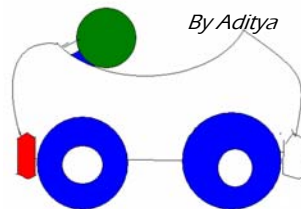
SPORT KING



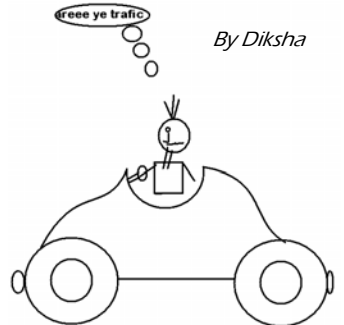
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By Srushti



By Aditya



By Diksha

PUZZLE CORNER SOLUTIONS

Puzzle corner solutions from NIS newsletter vol 3 issue 2

A Bowl of Fruit

If half the pieces of fruit are apples, then there are 3 oranges, two pears and a banana... total 'other fruit' (not apples) = 6


Half the pieces of fruit are apples, if there are 12 total fruits... then there are 6 (six) apples!

A Bowl of Fruit

Specialists in rich mathematics

Half of the pieces of fruit in the bowl are apples.
There are also three oranges, two pears and a banana.

How many apples are there in the bowl?



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Arithmagons

The 'sum' of numbers opposite a square box equals the number in the

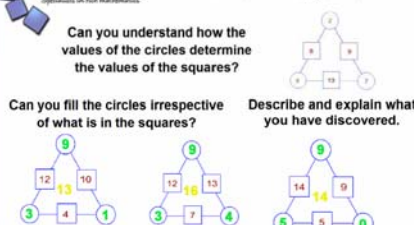
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Can you understand how the values of the circles determine the values of the squares?

Can you fill the circles irrespective of what is in the squares?

Describe and explain what you have discovered.



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square box along that side.

Algebra solution at http://nzmaths.co.nz/resource/arithmagons?parent_node=

FIELD TRIP TO THE TRAFFIC PARK

At NIS we recognize how important road safety and road safety knowledge is for all our students.

1st and 2nd Standard students visited the traffic park, learning about traffic rules such as how to and how to cross roads at lights, and also how to safely cycle on roads.



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TEACHER/TEACHING ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES

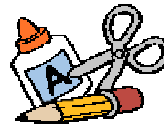
If you are interested in working as a teaching assistant (TA) at Nelson's International School, or as a teacher—please contact the school office directly with your bio-data.



If you know of anyone interested in becoming a teach-

ing assistant or teacher—please also pass this information along to them.

We are particularly keen to find people with a good level of understanding of English who enjoy working with children.



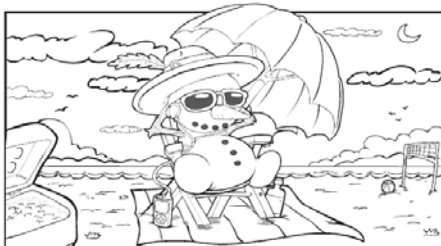
There may be the possibility of gaining a teaching qualification through working at Nelson's International School and studying with us for the Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers and Trainers.

PUZZLE CORNER...

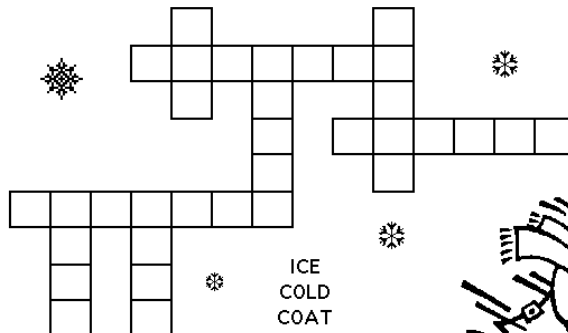
Solutions and answers will be published in the next edition of the newsletter. Happy puzzling!

What's the Difference?

Spot 7 differences between these two pictures.



Winter Crossword



- ICE
- COLD
- COAT
- IGLOO
- BOOTS
- HOCKEY
- ICEBERG
- ICICLES

Find the spot where each word fits. Use each word only once.

