



# NEWSLETTER

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## CELEBRATING OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY!

What a great keepsake from our International Week - a giant map was installed and all our children were invited to leave their fingerprint on their home country.

This is a great visual for our children to see how diverse their community is and how many friends they have around the world. The activity was also a great conversation starter as students watched where their friends placed their print.

The map will be displayed in the school and new students will have the opportunity to add their prints too!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### NAE Online Webinar on University Guidance

- Tuesday 29 October, 7-8pm



Register  
here

### Halloween Bake Sale and Dress-up Day

- Thursday 31 October

### Year 4 Production

- Thursday 7 and Friday 8  
November

### Science Week and School in Action

- Monday 11 to Friday 15  
November

### School Closed for Staff Training

- Friday 22 November

### Autumn Term Last ASAs

- Tuesday 26 and  
Wednesday 27 November



### International Week Parade:

A highlight of our International Week was the parade! Thank you to all our students who took part and showcased traditional dress from their home country.

[Watch our parade video.](#)



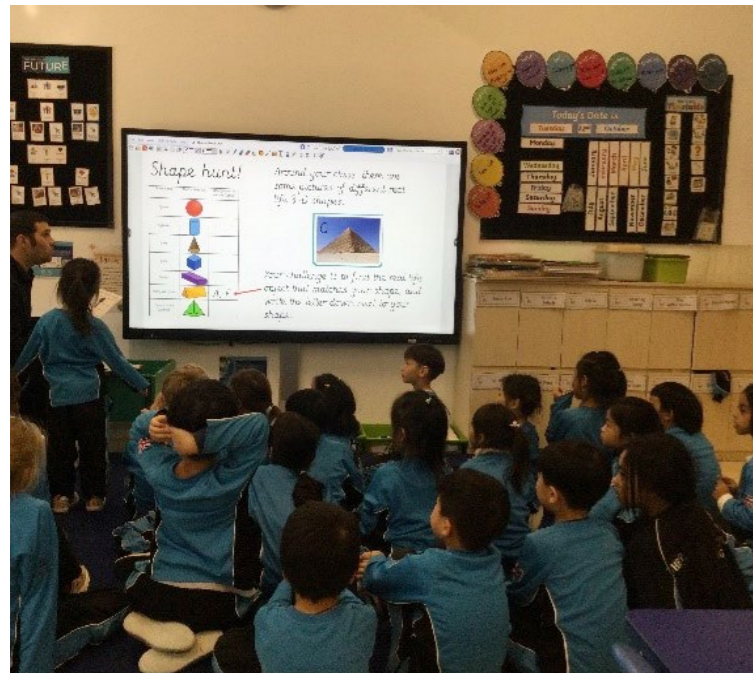
# THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING SHAPES IN YEAR 2

By James Behzadi, Year 2 Giraffes Class Teacher

In Year 2, we have embarked on an exciting journey into the world of shapes, and we'd like to take this opportunity to share why this is such an important part of your child's learning!

## Building Mathematical Foundations:

Shapes are one of the first building blocks of geometry, helping children develop essential spatial awareness and problem-solving skills. Learning to identify and classify shapes — such as circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles — lays the groundwork for understanding more complex mathematical concepts later on, like area, symmetry, and volume. It's through this early exposure that your child begins to see the connection between geometry and everyday life.



## Promoting Critical Thinking:

Exploring shapes isn't just about memorising names or counting sides. It encourages children to think critically and look for patterns. For example, when your child notices that two triangles make a square or that a rectangle can be divided into two identical squares, they are exercising their ability to analyse, compare, and think logically. This type of problem-solving is crucial in their overall cognitive development.

## Enhancing Fine Motor Skills:

Recognising and drawing shapes helps children improve their fine motor skills. Whether they're using a pencil to trace or using hands-on materials like blocks, the act of manipulating and engaging with shapes strengthens their coordination and control, skills essential for writing and other day-to-day tasks.



## Shapes in the Real World:

One of the most exciting aspects of learning about shapes is how readily children can apply their knowledge to the real world. Whether they're identifying shapes in the playground or recognising different forms in architecture, shapes help them make sense of the world around them. By integrating shape recognition into their daily activities, children begin to notice how these fundamental concepts play a role in everything they see and do.



## Supporting Global Awareness:

As part of our broader curriculum focus, shapes can also be a gateway for discussing architecture and design from cultures around the world. By exploring how different societies use shapes in their art, buildings, and symbols, students can appreciate cultural diversity and develop a more international perspective — an essential skill in our globally interconnected world.

## How You Can Support at Home:

There are plenty of ways you can reinforce your child's learning about shapes outside of the classroom:

- Encourage your child to spot different shapes during everyday activities, like on road signs or in your home.
- Use household objects to create fun shape-building challenges.
- Draw and cut out shapes with your child to practise recognising them in a hands-on way.
- Look for books or online games that explore shapes in creative and engaging ways.

We are excited to watch your children develop these essential skills, which are not only vital for their progress in maths but are also key to their broader intellectual and creative development. Thank you for your continued support in making learning an exciting and enriching experience for your child.

## GUIDED READING IN YEAR 5

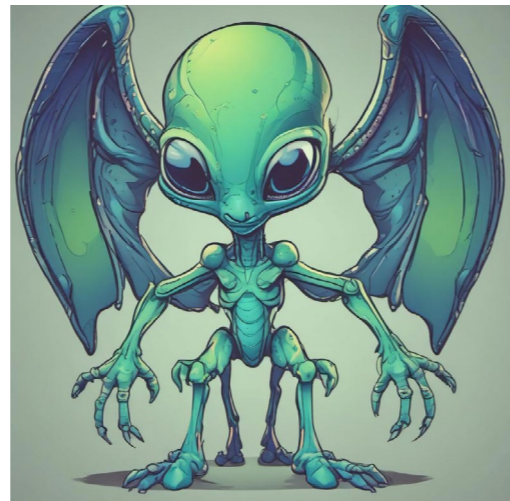
By Jamie Re, Year 5 Pelicans Class Teacher

Recently in Guided Reading, some of our Year 5 students began reading *War of the Worlds*. Before diving into the story, we held an introduction and prediction session where students made thoughtful predictions about the plot, events, and characters based on the book's cover and blurb.

When it came to the aliens, the students had a lot of fun imagining what these extraterrestrial beings might look like. They wrote descriptive paragraphs detailing their creative ideas about the aliens' appearance.

To make this activity even more engaging, the students then used an AI Art Generator to bring their imagined aliens to life through visual representations.

Below are a few exciting examples of their creations!



## DUMPLING MAKING



Thank you to our Reception parents who visited our classes last week to teach our children how to make traditional dumplings.

The activity was part of our International Week where parents were invited into class to provide a talk, demonstration or activity that introduces the children to a different country.

This was such a fun and yummy activity.



## JOIN OUR ONLINE WEBINAR AND HEAR FROM NORD ANGLIA EXPERTS!

For our families the thought of university may not be at the forefront of their minds, however, as part of the [Nord Anglia Education](#) family of schools we can assure all our families that as a group we are busy creating a path for all our students - no matter how young they are.

The world is changing at an unprecedented pace, driven by the rapid advancement of AI, science, and technology, alongside the environmental and societal challenges we face. [Sam Harris](#), American philosopher, neuroscientist, and author, remarked that in the next 100 years, humanity will make as much progress as we did over the last 10,000 years. Imagine compressing millennia of technological breakthroughs into just a century — our students are being prepared for a future we can hardly envision today.

As parents, how are you equipping your children for this rapidly evolving future? How does the pathway to university fit into this journey? Join us for an online webinar, "[The Advantage: Unlocking the Path to Higher Education](#)," hosted by Nord Anglia Education. Two of our leading education experts will provide invaluable insights into what it takes to succeed in university admissions.



Bevan Graham



Alexander Olya

In this session, [Bevan Graham](#), Vice Principal of The British School of Beijing, Shunyi, and [Alexander Olya](#), Head of Higher Education and Careers Guidance at The British International School Shanghai, Puxi, will address common misconceptions about the university application process and highlight how to leverage resources and the curriculum at Nord Anglia Education international schools to stand out in competitive university applications.

## ONLINE WEBINAR

# The Advantage: Unlocking the Path to Higher Education

OCTOBER 29th Tuesday  
7pm-8pm

### Sharing Session

**Bevan Graham**

Vice Principal, The British School of Beijing, Shunyi

**Alexander Olya**

Head of Higher Education and Careers Guidance,  
The British International School Shanghai, Puxi

### Q & A



Scan the QR code  
to register



## HALLOWEEN BAKE SALE - 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

We are excited to announce that the Parents' Association will be hosting a Halloween Bake Sale on Thursday, October 31st! We kindly ask for your support by sending baked goods with your children on the day of the sale.

To ensure the safety of all our students, please ensure all items are [nut-free](#).

All proceeds from the bake sale will go directly to the Parents' Association to help fund upcoming activities and events for the school community. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We look forward to a fun and successful event!



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31 October

Let it be...



**SPOOKTACULAR!**



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# PARENTS LUNCH



Wednesday, 30th October

11.30am @ Pak Pak Thai Kitchen (CBD)

1F, Bldg AB, Guanghua International, 10 Jintong Xilu,  
Chaoyang District.



Price: 150 RMB per person  
(Sharing style menu including Thai drinks)  
Payment in advance.



Sign up now!  
Places are limited.