

# THE NGBS VOICE

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## MOBILE PHONES

At the start of the 2025-26 academic year the MOE mandated that students must not have access to mobile phones in schools. This was reiterated in the local newspapers and on official social media sites in February 2026. We have always had a no mobile phone policy at NGBS but recently some students have been bringing them to school. We ask that parents please check this is not happening in the mornings to avoid having to confiscate them. Confiscated phones will be held in school for one month, in line with MOE mandates.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We respectfully request that families check the class timetables to ensure students are wearing the correct uniform each day.

The school provides full PE uniform which is worn ONLY on the days the class have PE.

We expect students to wear the approved full uniform on other school days.

Whilst the mornings are chilly, some may require an additional jacket in the mornings but these should not be worn once in the school building please.

## ATTENDANCE

Learning takes place here at NGBS every day in every lesson. Every time a student misses a day of school, they miss the opportunity to learn.

If your child is genuinely unwell, please do not send them to school for them and to avoid spreading germs further.

We are aiming for every student to maximise their learning experiences at NGBS so 96% attendance is our aim for every child.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

It has been a truly wonderful week here at North Gate British School. Our provision has continued to run smoothly, with students demonstrating excellent engagement, independence, and resilience in their learning. We are incredibly proud of how well our community has adapted to being back at school, ensuring that learning continues at a high standard.

We have also been delighted to see our outdoor spaces now being fully utilised again. Students have embraced the opportunity to learn, play, and socialise outdoors, which has had a very positive impact on wellbeing and overall school life. This is particularly exciting as we finally opened our brand new primary playground.

Alongside this, it has been fantastic to return to more normal routines and activities across the school, bringing a renewed sense of energy and excitement to the campus. A particular highlight of the week was our celebration of World Book Day, which was a great success. Students and staff alike enjoyed a range of engaging activities that promoted a love of reading, creativity, and imagination. Thank you to all families for your support in making this such a memorable event, it was wonderful to see our students dress up as their favorite book characters.

As we continue to return to normal operations, we kindly remind all parents about our car park procedures. To support the smooth flow of traffic and ensure the safety of all students, please use the designated drop-off zones for quick drop-offs.



The front parking spaces should only be used if you are parking and entering the school. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated and makes a significant difference to the safety and efficiency of our daily routines.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another successful week ahead.

Warm regards,  
North Gate British School

*EYFS News***EYFS BOOK WEEK!**

Dear Parents,

We were absolutely delighted to welcome back even more children to school this week—what a truly splendid sight it has been to see our classrooms buzzing with energy, laughter, and learning once again.

It has been a wonderfully busy and engaging week, with so many memorable moments for the children. The highlight, without a doubt, was our much-anticipated Book Week. Throughout the week, the children were immersed in a rich variety of stories, sparking their imagination and deepening their love for reading.

Our DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) sessions were a huge success. It was heartwarming to see the excitement on the children's faces as they paused everything to enjoy a good book. These moments truly captured the joy and importance of reading.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the parents who kindly donated books—your generosity has helped us enrich our reading environments and provide even more opportunities for the children to explore new stories.

The celebrations continued with our Dress-Up Day, where the children came in fantastic costumes inspired by their favourite characters. It was a joy to see their creativity and enthusiasm shine through. We ended the week on a lovely note with our Bicnic morning on Friday, which brought a wonderful sense of community and togetherness.

Our Year 1 children also had a wonderful time enjoying a special performance by their teachers. This was a lovely opportunity to build excitement and confidence as they begin looking ahead to their own Year End Celebration.

We are also pleased to share that outdoor activities have now resumed, allowing the children to enjoy more time in fresh air while engaging in active play and exploration. In addition, Year 1 ECAs will begin from Monday, 4th May 2026, and we look forward to the children participating in these enriching opportunities.

We truly appreciate all your contributions and continued support. It is through these shared experiences that we create such meaningful and lasting memories for our children.



# Primary News

## BOOK WEEK

This week, we have been celebrating Book Week across the Primary School, and it has been a genuine pleasure to see the level of engagement from our children. Classrooms have been filled with rich discussions about favourite authors, much-loved stories, and recommendations being shared between peers. It has been particularly pleasing to see children not only enjoying books independently, but also taking the time to read together and talk confidently about what they are reading.



We would encourage all of our children to carry this momentum forward beyond Book Week and continue to make reading a consistent and meaningful part of their daily routine. Developing a love of reading is one of the most important foundations we can provide, and your support at home in encouraging this is invaluable. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to those parents who generously donated books to the school. These will be a fantastic addition to our resources, and we look forward to sharing them with the children.

Our outdoor assemblies will continue to take place each morning. These have provided a calm and positive start to the day, allowing children to reconnect with one another and settle into school routines effectively. We have also received a number of messages regarding outdoor playtimes. We fully understand these concerns and want to reassure you that children will be spending short, managed periods outside, with a strong emphasis on hydration and wellbeing. There will always be flexibility for children to return indoors if they feel uncomfortable in the heat.



Over the coming weeks, children will also take part in GL assessments within school. These assessments are used internally to give us a snapshot of current attainment and to help us identify areas where we can further strengthen our curriculum and support for pupils. They are one part of a much wider picture and are used to inform our teaching and next steps, ensuring that all children continue to make strong progress.

Thank you once again for your continued support. The partnership between home and school remains essential, and we are grateful for your ongoing engagement. We look forward to another positive and purposeful period of learning ahead.

# Secondary News

## BOOK DAY AT NGBS MARKED THE END OF UAE READING MONTH.

**Following a student survey last week, the secondary department at NGBS were set the challenge of getting creative and designing & making their own costumes for Book Day, 2026.**

The students did an amazing job with some costumes highlighting immense creativity! The English staff have a huge task in deciding who were the winners from each class and year group. We wait to hear on Monday.

Most weeks, my newsletter is about the children however this week I would like to take a moment to thank the teachers who also put their hearts and souls into dressing up today. It is not normal to have such an inclusive secondary team who join in to dress up and enjoy the day with their students so today I was blown away by their commitment.

*My thanks this week goes to the staff and students who make NGBS a happy, positive place to be each day,*

**Ms Dani & the Secondary Team**



# MFL & MOE

## THE QURAN COMPETITION CEREMONY

Reading the Qur'an is greatly valued in Islam, as it is the word of Allah and a source of guidance and peace. The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) taught that those who recite it are among the best, and that every letter brings reward. We are delighted to announce our upcoming Qur'an Competition Ceremony, where we will celebrate the achievements of our talented students and dedicated participants.

The ceremony will take place over two days:

- Wednesday 6 May 2026: We will honor and celebrate our EYFS winners, recognising their early efforts and enthusiasm in learning and reciting the Qur'an.
- Thursday 7 May 2026: We will celebrate the achievements of our parent winners, along with students from Year 2 to Year 9, acknowledging their commitment, dedication, and excellence.

This special occasion is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, appreciate the beauty of the Qur'an, and encourage our students to continue their spiritual and educational journey.

Individual invitations is sent to the parents of the winners, inviting them to attend the ceremony.



## READING WEEK AND CHARACTER DAY

This week, we celebrated Book Week with great enthusiasm across the school. On Friday, 1st May 2026, we marked Character Day, where students came dressed as their favourite characters and enjoyed sharing, discussing, and exploring the stories behind them.

## SOCIAL STUDIES AND POLLUTION

Our NGBS students were actively engaged in creating projects across different Social and Moral Education classes on the topic of pollution. They explored its causes, analysed its impact, and proposed practical solutions to help address the problem.



# Safeguarding

## BUILDING SAFER CHOICES AND STRONGER STUDENTS – THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL



At our school, safeguarding is not only about protecting students from harm it is also about empowering them with the skills they need to make safe, responsible decisions in their daily lives.

Every day, children face different situations where they must decide how to act whether in the classroom, during break time, on the school bus, or when interacting with their peers. These moments, even the small ones, play a significant role in shaping their character, confidence, and wellbeing.

### WHAT WE FOCUSED ON THIS WEEK

As part of this focus, we have:

- Encouraged students to pause and think before acting
- Reinforced the importance of respectful and kind behaviour
- Discussed how to recognise unsafe or uncomfortable situations
- Supported students in knowing when to walk away and seek help
- Reminded students to follow expectations in all areas, including classrooms, playgrounds, and school transport

Our staff have worked closely with students through discussions, real-life scenarios, and daily interactions to strengthen their confidence in making the right choices.

#### ◆ Learning through everyday experiences

Students have engaged in meaningful conversations and activities that help them reflect on their behaviour and make positive decisions. These small, everyday moments play a big role in building responsibility, confidence, and a strong sense of safety.

### WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

We continue to encourage parents to support this learning at home by:

- Talking with children about their day
- Discussing “what would you do if...” situations
- Reinforcing positive choices
- Encouraging children to ask for help when needed

#### ◆ Our ongoing commitment

We remain committed to supporting all students in becoming confident, responsible individuals who can make safe and thoughtful decisions in school and beyond.



### WORKING TOGETHER

Your support plays a vital role in helping children feel secure, settled, and successful in the school environment.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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## *Inclusion Spotlight:*



### *Book Character day*



The Inclusion Department was pleased to take part in our school's Book Character Day celebration. Students enjoyed coming to school dressed as their favourite story characters and sharing their enthusiasm for reading with others. A special highlight of the day was an interactive reading session of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* held in the school garden, where students listened carefully, joined and enjoyed the story in a fun outdoor setting. The session offered a wonderful opportunity to promote a love of reading, imagination, communication, and creating happy memories.

Alongside these celebrations, the Inclusion Department continues to provide consistent and meaningful support for our students. Our work this week has been especially focused on building communication and language skills through everyday interactions, supporting positive peer relationships, encouraging independence during classroom routines, and helping students develop strategies for self-regulation in moments of challenge. This has also included supporting students in readjusting to classroom routines following the period of distance learning, helping them re-establish structure, confidence, and engagement in their daily school experience.

**Keep going learners, you are doing great.**

# Classroom Updates

## In Pictures



# Term 3 Key Dates

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Term 3 Begins	23rd March	7.30am	NGBS
Autism Acceptance Day	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	NA	Online
World Book Day Dress Up -	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	All Day	In School
Term 3 ECAs begin	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	ECA Times	In School
PTM Meetings	19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> May	TBC	Online
Assessment Weeks Begin	WB 1 <sup>st</sup> June - 19 <sup>th</sup> June	More details to follow	In School

# Key Contacts

Please see below a list of key contacts for each area of the school. Our suggestion would be to go to the classroom teacher initially, but the below are here to help.

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