



Friday 16th October 2015



Come and join us for our first 'Baby Group' next Tuesday...

INTRODUCING THE BABY GROUP

By Claudia Valdes, Pre Nursery Tadpoles Class Teacher

The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun, is very happy to announce the introduction of our Baby Group!

We understand the needs of young children and parents to have an environment that invites social interactions and camaraderie; we are also aiming to provide useful workshops on information to parents of young children on relevant topics such as inoculations, breast feeding, baby massage, singing sessions to name a few.

The Baby Group will run every Tuesday morning from 9am to 10.30am from October 20th 2015.

Please note that this event is only open to international passport holders; kindly R.S.V.P to receptionslley@britishschool.org.cn





UPCOMING EVENTS

20th October
Chinese Workshop for Parents
9am @ Primary Campus

Baby Group
@ Early Years Campus
9am - 10.30am

U11 Football @ BSB Shunyi

21st October
Reception Trip to Blue Zoo

U10 Football @ BSB Shunyi

22nd October
U9 Football @ BSB Shunyi

23rd October
U8 Football @ BSB Shunyi

PA Quiz Evening
@ Primary Campus Hall
6.30pm - 10pm

25th October
Ole Climbing Competition

27th October
Last Swimming Session
for Years 5 & 6 Students

30th October
Halloween Dress-up Day

GOLDBLOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

By Sarah Sayers, Nursery Clown Fish Class Teacher

Nursery have been busy looking at the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears.'

When we came into school on Monday we noticed that something had changed in our role-play area! It had been transformed into the Three Bears Cottage. We have had lots of fun retelling the story and even acting out the story using the different props.



To help us get to know the story even more and develop our language skills we used puppets and then made our very own puppets which we used to tell the story. We had to work together to choose which character we were going to be. The children did so well to use some phrases from the story such as, "who's been eating my porridge?"

We had a great time using our senses to explore the porridge and we explored what happens when we mix water. We are looking forward to tasting it!





RECEPTION INQUIRING AND EXPLORING UNDER THE SEA OUTDOORS

By Sau-Wan Gin, Reception Sealions Class Teacher



This week Reception has had a great time taking their new topic - Under the Sea outdoors.

We have been looking closely at similarities and differences between sea creatures under the magnifying glass, and expressing what we have learned through rhythm and movement, sound and creativity. We have been mark making with chalk, pastels and water in the playground and worked collaboratively to produce a big under the sea collage on the new chalk walls outside!

We have been interested in finding out why some creatures can live under the sea, whilst others can't, and were very excited to be given the chance to inquire about it and find out ourselves! We came up with some great ideas about where we can find answers, and were confident in sharing resource ideas such as "Google", "books" and "Miss Gin"! We are also looking forward to our aquarium trip that's coming up, and can't wait to explore our topic further!



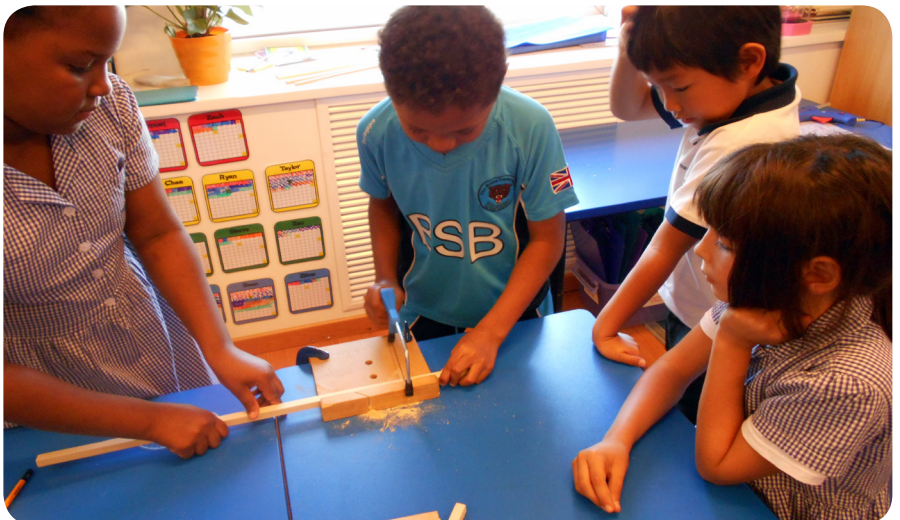


YEAR 3 PYRAMID PROJECT

By Libby Henderson, Year 3 Toucans Class Teacher



As part of our Ancient Egypt topic, the Year 3 students have been busy collaborating in groups. Their challenge is to make a free-standing pyramid. First, they had to test materials to see which would be the strongest, most durable while being practical and cost effective. Taking turns, they had to measure, saw and glue wood together to make the pyramid structure. Next they had to plan how to cover and decorate the pyramid. They have had to research the Ancient Egyptian social scale, understanding the hierarchy from hundreds and thousands of years ago. They then put their computing skills to the test, editing images to make themselves Pharaohs, slaves, priests and more. Their creative skills came to play when they explore different effects they could make with sand and/or paint. The pyramids are almost complete...we can't wait to see the finished products!



PASTRIES, PRESENTATIONS & PERFORMANCES!

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

This was definitely a week full of ‘p, p, p’. We had three lovely Pastries with Parents breakfast sessions where children and families could mingle in the playground over a leisurely drink and pastry. It was lovely to see so many parents, and we are glad we were able to host them outside and enjoy the last of the warm weather.

We had excellent attendance for our KS1 & Reception Phonics Workshops for parents. Thank you to all of those parents who were able to come and learn more about how we approach the initial stages of reading and writing with the children. We hope you went away with lots of ideas and tips on how you can help your child to develop their phonics skills at home.

Our Reception children and Year 5s were in the limelight this week too. Our Reception children performed their version of ‘We’re Going On A Bear Hunt’ to their parents on Thursday following the Pastries breakfast, and it was enjoyed by everyone. The children were very excited to share all of their hard work and performing skills with mums and dads. Year 5 Pelicans had the daunting task of being the first class to share what they have been learning with the rest of the school and their parents, in our Friday Class Assembly. They did a fantastic job, and we were all very impressed with their knowledge and understanding of their ‘Space’ topic, and the class’s impressive story telling skills.

In a week like this, it really does remind us all of how important the link is between school and home, and how valuable that relationship is. We look forward to welcoming you all into school for many, many more school events and gatherings.





KEY STAGE 1 HOUSE FOOTBALL RESULTS

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

This week at BSB, we had the first of many house sports event. Year 2 took part in the house football event on Monday afternoon and Year 1 on Wednesday afternoon during their PE lesson time. All of the children displayed some outstanding skills which they learnt and developed in the football unit. They also demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship, working hard to try and lead their house to victory!

Year 1 Results: 1st place (13 points) **YELLOW HOUSE.**
2nd place (9 points) **RED HOUSE.**
3rd place (11 points) **BLUE HOUSE.**
4th place (4 points) **GREEN HOUSE.**

Year 2 Results: 1st place (13 points) **Blue House.**
2nd place (9 points) **YELLOW HOUSE, GREEN HOUSE.**
3rd place (3 points) **RED HOUSE.**

Overall KS1 Results: 1st place (24 points) **BLUDE HOUSE.**
2nd place (22 points) **YELLOW HOUSE.**
3rd place (13 points) **GREEN HOUSE.**
4th Place (12 points) **RED HOUSE.**





KEY STAGE 1 HOUSE FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.



STAYING FIT AND EATING WELL IN CHINA

Upcoming Seminar @ International SOS

Going to the gym is often on our mind. Whether we are occasional exercisers, regular runners or just think after a big meal: “Tomorrow, I’ll start” but never go... most of us attempt, at some point, to make a move towards improving our fitness level.

In this seminar Sheilagh Anderson, Head Physiotherapist at International SOS, and Stella Chan Marinaro, Nutritionist, will cover some exercise do’s and don’ts and nutrition when exercising.

Sheilagh Anderson will explain how to make your gym routine safer and more effective for you. She will include tips on the basics of good posture and core stability when exercising and which exercises may be commonly seen but can result in injury if performed incorrectly.

Stella Chan Marinaro will cover how to eat properly to complement your workout, what healthy snacks to eat, as well as nutrition for active and less active children. She will finish with a few myth busters about nutrition and exercise (should I eat before workout? Is vitamin water ok?...)

Join this seminar and learn the best way to stay in shape this coming winter!

Time: Tuesday, October 20, 10:00am – 11:30am

Location: International SOS Beijing Clinic

Cost: Complimentary

For more information or to register: seminar@internationalsos.com





Baby Group @ BSB Sanlitun

Our first Baby Group will take place on Tuesday 20th October. Why not come along and find out more information about this weekly event?

Date: Starting 20th October, 2015
Every Tuesday Morning

Time: 9.00am - 10.30am

Place: Early Years Campus

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DID YOU KNOW



Parents' Association Quiz Night

Join us for a fun 'International Quiz' night with a wide range of questions to suit everybody.

Date: 23rd October, 2015

Time: 6.30pm for a 7pm start

Place: Primary Campus Hall

Ticket: 100RMB per adult

Please note that this is an **adults-only event** and there is a limit of 90 tickets.



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Understanding Secondary - A Guide to Parents

Moving to Year 7? Parents are invited to attend this workshop, especially those in Years 5 and 6, to find out about how to make transition from Primary to Secondary school as smooth as possible.

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2015

Time: 8:45am to 10:45am

Presented by Mr Steve Lewis, Head of Secondary and the Secondary Deputies, Ms Carol Pratt and Mr Peter Carlisle. Includes a Q & A session and a tour of the Secondary classrooms and facilities.

Transportation can be arranged from BSB Sanlitun to Shunyi for more than 5 participants. Please email Eli to book a seat: elisabeth.puttock@britishschool.org.cn

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