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Budding artists from Year One...

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

By David Laird, Principal

Please find articles in this newsletter highlighting the fantastic learning going on in our school.

I am pleased to inform you that we have now received the final inspection report. I am currently preparing a presentation to deliver to all parents on Thursday 28th April at 6pm in our school hall. All are welcome. Further information will be sent out to you shortly about this event. I hope you will be able to make it. The full report will be published on our website on Friday 29th April.

Kind regards!

David Laird





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS

Ahmad Alshehab
Anders Lam
Christine Luo
Ethan Ho
Lawrence Ying
Tom Friel

RECEPTION

Arseniy Makarov
Olivia Tay

KEY STAGE ONE

Emily Nelson
Jayden Wang
Jiwoo Suh
Junny Lee

KEY STAGE TWO

Jai Steinmetz
Keira Yu
Naobi Campbell

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS SPOTTED AWARD

Alec Dennissen
Henry Luckcock
Jeffery Jiao
Miley Kost
Reagan Smith
Rochi Gomez Coto

ANOTHER BUSY WEEK IN CHINESE

By Emily Zhang, Chinese Teacher

Reception children in Great Wall and Forbidden City learned the topic of 'Furniture'. They designed a room by themselves and then practised the newly learned names of the furniture inside in Chinese. In Reception Lama Temple group, children learned about hobby and worked together to make a mini book of hobbies.

Year 2 children in Forbidden City group learned a text called 'The Tummy is Too Big' and practised their speaking skills by retelling the story. Year 2 Great Wall group learned a new song called 'Panda Likes to Dance'. Then they made a mini book of their own and did a performance in joint effort. Everyone got involved and really enjoyed the learning.



Year 3 children in Tian'anmen group had a real task where they tried to build sentences using the phrases they just learned from the story 'Don't Run'. They will continue with this story and practise their speaking skills by retelling and role-playing.

In Year 5 Tian'anmen group, children wrote articles using the new words and phrases they learned this week and got to use the computer to type out the story. Well done everyone!





UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Tuesday Morning
Baby Group @ EY Campus
9am - 10.30am

24th April
Athletics Meet @ Keystone

27th April
U9 to U11 T-Ball @ Shunyi

2nd May
School Closed for Labour Day

3rd May
PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus Hall

4th May
Year 2 Visit to
Green Cow Farm

KS2 Sports Day @ Lido
(Parents Welcome)
12.45pm - 2.45pm

5th May
KS2 Pastries with Parents
8.15am - 8.45am

U10 T-ball @ Si'de Park (BIBS)

10th - 15th May
U9 - U11 FOBISIA Games
@ Penang (SCIPS)

17th May
Year 1 Football @ BSB Shunyi

Year 5 iPad Parent Workshop
8am @ Primary Campus

BUDDING ARTISTS IN YEAR ONE

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

Year One have been learning all about plants this term. This week we look carefully at a range of flowers and used our eyes to create an observational drawing. We have some fantastic artists across the year group who have a real eye for detail when they are producing artwork. Take a look at some of the drawings we created through careful observations and peer feedback to add extra detail.



We then used watercolour paints to add colour to complete our amazing drawings. The children began to explore colour mixing to create similar colours and make their pieces match the real flower. We were very impressed with the concentration and resilience of the children as they continue to strive to be the best that they can be. Here are some of the finished artworks, I'm sure you'll agree that we have some very talented artists in the making.





DRESSING-UP-PLAY

By Jonathan Dove, Nursery Rainbow Fish Class Teacher

Dressing up in costumes is an important type of play and should be experienced by all children. Today we will be pirates, the next day a Superhero and the next a Prince or Princess of the castle. By wearing a costume, this will reinforce scenarios that they may have already experienced in order so that this has profound positive effects on their development.

With a vast imagination, by dressing up, the child will be able to empathise and to make connections and to root their imaginative stories in reality. For example, if they wear a Superman costume, they will practise helping people and being brave. The children are likely to explore new language and vocabulary. What would a space explorer or a King say...?

Then there comes the important challenge of developing physical skills: buttoning up, zippers, pulling arms in sleeves etc. Dressing up is an excellent opportunity for the children to develop their independent skills.





INNOVATION

By Kirsty McCarra, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher

This week, the children of Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed allowing their creative juices to flow and innovate their traditional tales!

Over the past week, the children have been learning the traditional Chinese tale of the Monkey and the Moon. As a class, we created a story map to help guide us through our oral retelling of the story. This week, having learnt the tale inside out, we focused on aspects that we could innovate and make our own.

Having decided that the reflection of the moon in the river was an integral part of the story, the children thought of other things that a character could see and reach for but not be able to attain. Linked to our Science unit of Light, many children thought about the reflection of objects in mirrors and the shadows created from objects blocking out the sun. This triggered ideas for different settings and characters. The range of ideas produced by our creative minds was amazing! We had everything from a shadow in the 'desert wasteland' that looked like a dead snake, to the reflection of stars in a pool in Hollywood.

We are now using these story maps to write our own innovated tales and we can't wait to share them when we're done!





YEAR 7 'TASTER DAY'

By Elizabeth Jurgensen, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

Recently, the Year 6 children had the opportunity to visit BSB Shunyi to experience a day in Year 7 to help them prepare for their transition to secondary school after the summer holidays.

The children had a very interesting day participating in a wide range of lessons: Science, English, Maths and DT. They got to experience moving around the school for different lessons rather than staying in the same classroom and had morning break and lunch with the older students. As a bonus, they were able to spend some time with a group of current Year 7 students who supported them throughout the day and answered any questions they had. They were even fortunate to meet up with some of the students who came to BSB Sanlitun last year. Here are some comments from the children about their day in Year 7:



'I used to fear secondary school but now I've realised that secondary school can also be fun! I liked constructing our own pencil pots in DT and using microscopes in Science.'

'I enjoyed everything but I really enjoyed making the pencil pots as I enjoy making things out of wood and sanding things.'

'I was amazed at the gi-normous football pitch. My highlights were maths and DT as I love maths (most of the time) and I love crafting things (all of the time)'

'I enjoyed the science lesson and learning how to use a microscope.'

'I enjoyed listening to poems in English.'

'I enjoyed the day. It was great to have the opportunity to see how a day in Year 7 really is. The children helping us were great.'

