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BACK WITH A BANG By Lisa Milanec, Principal

What an energetic start to the summer term! We may only have been back at school for a few days but our annual Sports Days have already started in earnest, with our Key Stage 1 students setting the pace for the rest of the school to follow. You can read more about our fun morning at Lido on the next few pages.

Next week sees our Early Years students enjoy their Sports Days with Reception getting active on Tuesday and our Early Years Campus holding their Sports Festival and picnic on Thursday. We hope as many of our Early Years parents as possible can come along to join in the activities.

Next week also sees the start of our Pastries with Parents events; this is a chance for parents to come along to school with their children in their morning and enjoy a croisssant and coffee with the rest of the class.

Our Year 6 students have also started preparing for their move to secondary school. Today they all went to visit our Shunyi school to spend a morning finding out what it was like to be in Year 7. Over the next few weeks the children will start thinking more about the challenges they face as they now enter the next phase of their education and how they can prepare themselves for the changes ahead.

During this term we also have our Art Auction to look forward to, our Key Stage 2 residentials, our Year 1 show, the FOBISIA Primary Games and many more events and activities.

Wow! What a fun packed few weeks ahead we have!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

14th April Reception Pastries with Parents 8.15am - 8.45am

Reception Sports Day @ Primary Campus 9.10am - 10.10am

Summer Term ASAs Start

15th April KS2 Pastries with Parents 8.15am - 8.45am

16th April PN/N SportsFest @ Early Years Campus 9.10am - 10.10am

Reception to Year 6 Class Photos

17th April Pre Nursery & Nursery Class Photos

FOBISIA Training @ 7.30am

18th April FOBISIA U9/U10/U11 Swimming @ 10am - 12pm

20th April FOBISIA Athletics U9/U11 3.30pm - 4.30pm

22nd April KS1 Pastries with Parents 8.15am - 8.45am

SUMMER TERM STARTS IN EARLY YEARS By Kirsten Harding, Nursery Angel Fish Class Teacher

I find it very hard to believe that we are now in the last term of school. Time has gone by so quickly this year whilst the children have been very busy continuing on their learning journey. Occasionally I have the time to visit the different Early Years classrooms and I have been extremely pleased with the progress that I have seen the children making.

This term one of the main focuses will be to prepare the children for their next move to their new classes in the new school year. The teachers are preparing the transition plans at the moment and will let you know the important dates in the near future. Meanwhile we have our Reception and Early Years sports day events to look forward too, and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come along, watch your children and take part.











LOTS TO DO IN KEY STAGE 2! By Zoe Hubbard, Year 3 Puffins Class Teacher

A warm welcome back to everyone from the Key Stage 2 team. I hope you all had a fantastic spring break and the children are refreshed and ready for our action packed summer term.

KS₂ have an amazing fun filled term ahead of them with a great variety of activities to look forward to both inside and outside the classroom. I know the highlight of the term for lots of children will be their residential trip and we are looking forward to working with the children in a different environment.

There is a strong sporting emphasis this term with the FOBISIA Primary Games taking place in May and our KS₂ Swimming Gala and Sports Day. In contrast, towards the end of the term we have the Upper Key Stage 2 production to look forward to which will be an opportunity for Year 5 and 6 to show off their performance skills. And for those children who love to perform, there will be an opportunity for them with 'Sanlitun's Got Talent"

Back in the classroom, Year 3s topic will be 'Through the Lens' where we will be looking at different aspects of photography and using photographs as stimulus for both art work and literacy. Year 4 have 'taken off' with their topic, 'Back to the Future', where the children will be exploring different periods in history. Year 5 are delving into Chinese culture in preparation for their visit to Xi-an. And last but not least, Year 6 will be preparing for their important transition to Secondary school.

Phew ... we are looking forward to an extremely busy and exciting term with the children.









KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS DAY By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

It was touch and go whether our Key Stage 1 Sports Day would take place on Thursday morning due to the hovering pollution, however it did stay below 200 long enough for us to enjoy our morning of activities.

The Year 1 and 2 children took part in a round robin of various events including; throwing, jumping, football dribbling, hurdles and quoit relays. The children worked extremely hard in the events scoring lots of points for their houses. After the round robin events the children participated in a shuttle running relay in their houses. We even had a parents race to add to the excitement - well done parents!



For the round robin events, here are the results:

Year 1. In 1st place with 105 points was the green house. In 2nd place with 97 points was the blue house. In 3rd place with 93 points was the yellow house and in 4th place with 60 points was the red house.

Year 2. In 1st place with 469 points was the green house. In 2nd place with 447 points was the yellow house. In 3rd place with 430 points was the red house and in 4th place with 355 points was the blue house.

Round robin results of Year 1 and 2 combined plus the relay results:

In 1st place with 574 points was the green house. In 2nd place with 540 points was the yellow house. In 3rd place with 490 points was the red house and in close 4th place with 463 points was the blue house.

Well done to all of the children for taking part and putting on a superb sporting performance and a huge thank you to all of the teachers and teaching assistants who helped in the organisation for the event.

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SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS DAY By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.



KEY STAGE 1 - FOOD, FLOWERS AND FITNESS By Rebecca Kerry, Year 2 Monkeys Class Teacher

Key Stage 1 have had a fantastic start to the final term of the year. On Thursday they enjoyed a fun filled Sports Day at Side Park in Lido. They all had the chance to run, jump, throw and dribble balls with lots of enthusiasm and energy. It was lovely to hear and see the children cheering each other on and congratulating the winning team which was Green House.

This week both Year 1 and Year 2 have begun new topics. Year 1 took a trip to the flower market as their introduction to 'Honey I shrunk the kids!'. The children had fun following a trail of clues to identify and find certain plants and they all returned back to school with some flowers. They then had the chance to do some observational drawings of their plants.

Year 2 had an equally exciting start to their new topic 'You are what you eat.' They had the chance to taste some food and try and identify what they thought they were. Surprisingly lemon juice was a favourite, but not surprisingly salt was described as yucky! Year 2 are looking forward to learning more about food over the next few weeks.