



PERFORMING, GRADUATING AND SHOWCASING OUR LEARNING

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

What an absolutely wonderful week we have had here at Sanlitun, with some super special moments to be shared.

From our very youngest students in Early Years to our eldest students in Year 6 and everyone in between, we have all been busy with events, performances and visits as well as continuing with our learning.

Over the next few pages, you will read about the fantastic performance of our youngest students in Early Years who put on an amazing show to their parents on Thursday. For some of them it was the first time they had ever been on stage!

You will also read about the Year 4 Portal to the Past which took place today and saw the students' parents coming in to see the exhibition of work the children had created to showcase their learning.

We also celebrated our Year 6 students this week and the completion of their primary education. In an intimate and very special event all the children had the opportunity to reflect on their time at Sanlitun and recall some very special moments.

For our Year 2 students of course, the fun is just beginning and tonight sees the long awaited Sleepover! I am sure we will have a lot to report next week in our very final newsletter of the year.

SUMMER EVENTS

23rd June

Nursery visit to the beach

25th June

Reception Graduation

Reports to Parents

26th June

A Review of the Year
Assembly

School closes for the summer
3.30pm

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

21st and 22nd August
Open Mornings for
students and parents

25th August
First day of school
for students

2nd September
PA Meeting

3rd September
Meet and Greet
(Adults only event)

5th September
Chinese Parent Workshop

8th September
School closed for
Mid Autumn Festival

MOVING ONWARDS AND UPWARDS

By Hazel Old, Nursery Rainbow Fish Class Teacher

This week in Nursery and Pre-Nursery we have been looking forward to next year. We visited the Reception Class and had lots of fun with the older children, exploring the classes and finding out where everything is. They made us very welcome and we were able to meet our new teachers.



Nursery children getting some helpful hints from our current Reception children



Pre-Nursery children exploring the Nursery classrooms

EARLY YEARS CONTINUED...



The scary lions dancing on stage



Our Early Years children performing to the children from the Primary Campus

The highlight of the week was our Early Years Production “Walking in the Jungle!” The children have been practising their songs and actions and at last they were able to wear their animal costumes and get into role. Our first audience included children from the Primary Campus and the children were met with a sea of faces. They stayed focused and confident and just ‘got on with the show!’ On Thursday the parents filled the hall joining in with some of the songs and enjoying seeing their little ones do their very first show!

RECEPTION VISIT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

By Viveka Savage, Reception Dolphins Class Teacher

On Thursday Reception went on a trip to Beijing Botanical Gardens. We had a wonderful time looking at the greenery and array of flowers. Some children walked through the butterfly house and were lucky enough to have real butterflies land on their hats, hands and shoulders! We also saw some interesting reptiles and spiders including a chameleon! Another group wandered around the tropical conservatory. They saw a spider web with a fly trapped in it and lots of different cacti! Some were small round shapes and others were tall – taller than us! They also saw some beautiful coloured orchids.



Reception children carefully holding a butterfly

HONEY, I SHRUNK THE CLASS!

By Libby Henderson, Year 1 Leopards Class Teacher



Feeling very tiny amongst all the plants and flowers



Walking across the rope bridge to the other side of the gardens

On Tuesday, Year 1 went on a trip to the Botanical Gardens. In our 'Honey I Shrunk the Class' topic, we have been writing shrinking stories. Our stories needed a front cover, so we took ipads with us to take photos of us in front of enormous plants - it really felt like we had shrunk in the conservatory! In our stories, we met some mini-beasts - so while at the garden we went on a mini-beast hunt. We saw bees and butterflies galore! Some children even saw a baby frog and a toad! There were dragonflies by the pond and a very friendly caterpillar tried to go on Julian's paper he was drawing on! We were very lucky with the weather as it stayed cool and dry. Everyone had a great time but were exhausted by the end of the day!



ARTISTS IN THE MAKING

By Rachael Smart, Year 2 Elephants Class Teacher



Year 2 have had a very arty week this week! Following on from our trip to 798 children looked at the art of Kandinsky, Monet and Hokusai and found out about their lives and their artistic styles. Children also learned about tints and tones and how to lighten and darken the primary colours of red and blue by adding black or white.



The Pandas class used the pointillist style of Monet to create their own pieces. Look at this fantastic work!

The children in Elephants class researched Kandinsky and learned about how he used geometric shapes and colours to represent his moods and feelings. Some Elephants were even able to demonstrate their ability to identify different abstract art from non-abstract pieces. What a skill!

Next week we will continue to develop our knowledge of these artists and create original work in their styles. Such a wonderfully creative and expressive way to end the year.



PORTAL TO THE PAST

By Lena Kirchner, Year 4 Kingfishers and Charlotte Thoss, Year 4 Herons

This morning, Year 4 Herons and Kingfishers finally had the chance to present their museum to their parents! We worked in groups to display different artefacts from different time periods. We displayed the artefacts we made at home and the work we did in class. We used creativity to make our museum awesome! For our museum we used scratch to create quizzes and games. We also used mud rock to make dinosaur skeletons!



Parents enjoying the interactive activities; students modelling their creations and getting into role as famous people from history



When we were finished creating everything, we took everything down stairs to the main hall. In our museum we had children act like and dress up as famous people. Parents had the opportunity to talk to them and take pictures with them too. We also made passports for parents to get stamped in the different time periods. In the background we had a movie playing about history. Beethoven even played the piano! We also had a lovely café where parents could read our newspaper articles and enjoy coffee and cookies.



Towards the end, we asked the parents what they thought of our museum. They all thought it was really great and interesting. We all thought that it was the best museum ever!

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

We were extremely proud this week, but tinged with sadness as we celebrated our graduating class of 2014. On Wednesday, our class of Year 6 students donned gowns and mortarboards for their official graduating ceremony, where we celebrated their time spent at BSB Sanlitun, shared memories of their final year of primary school and looked towards their future and all their successes yet to come.



The Year 6 children each took it in turn to reflect on their primary years in some very well thought out, emotive and mature speeches. Thanks was given to all the teachers and Teaching Assistants who had supported them in their learning over the years, and of course to all the parents for their love, their care, their patience and their ongoing support.



We also heard several musical performances from the Year 6 children who Mrs Mitford described as one of the most musical cohorts she had ever taught. The students and parents were also treated to some surprise 'Goodbyes' by some of the childrens' former teachers.

Following the graduation and traditional throwing of the mortarboards, the students and their families enjoyed sandwiches and refreshments in the sun. All in all a lovely afternoon to remember.

