



Friday 19th September 2014

Messy fun in Tadpoles....

SPORTING SUCCESS, PARENT WORKSHOPS & PREPARING FOR A WEEK OF MUSICAL TALENT

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

We have had yet another super week at Sanlitun. The weather has continued to be good to us and the students have enjoyed the outdoors as part of their learning as well as their breaks. Our Key Stage 2 children have this week enjoyed success on the football pitch, celebrating team wins across all year groups; starting the sporting year with gusto! There will be many more sporting events taking place during the term, so fingers crossed we can maintain our winning momentum.

We also welcomed Key Stage 1 parents into school on Thursday for the Maths Parent Workshop, which aimed to provide parents with information on how we deliver Maths for Years 1 and 2, as well as the progression of skills that we introduce. There will be more Parent Workshops next week taking place following each of the Pastries with Parents events, which Mrs Armstrong mentions later in the newsletter.

Next week, we enjoy a week of musical talent, formally entitled 'House Music Week.' We begin the week with a House Music Quiz which the students at the Primary Campus will participate in. Then throughout the week, students will take part in instrumental competitions earning valuable house points for their team. We finish the week with a House Music Assembly in which the teachers and TAs will perform a musical extravaganza, in their houses, for the students. We look forward to seeing their performances!

UPCOMING EVENTS

24th September
Pastries with Parents
followed by
Phonics Workshop
for Reception parents

25th September
Pastries with Parents
followed by
Maths Workshop
for KS2 parents

26th September
Pastries with Parents
followed by
Phonics Workshop
for KS1 parents

Settling in Reports
to parents

Last day of school

6th October
Back to School

7th October
PA Meeting
@ Primary Campus Hall

8th October
Reading Workshop
for KS1 parents

10th October
Early Years
Pastries with Parents

CAPTURING MOVEMENT IN ART

By Paul Gildea, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

As part of our art project Year 6 have been looking at different ways of capturing movement through art. We used the ipads to capture images of our partners in motion, and then discussed different ways that we know that motion is occurring.



Examples of the images taken by Year 6 students



We noticed that 'blurriness' depends of the speed of movement, and the movement of hair and clothes gives us a clue. Look at the pictures – can you describe artistically how you know that Sarina and Martina are moving? We discussed how perspective can influence our view of how something is moving. We began generating ideas for how we could use paint, chalk and photo imaging software to represent motion – we look forward to sharing our gallery of moving images!

STORYTELLING AND SHAPE SORTING IN RECEPTION

By Nicola Jones, Reception Dolphins Class Teacher



This week in Reception we have been looking at the story of Little Red Riding Hood and her journey to go and see her sick grandmother. The children have heard the story and have been busy getting dressed up as the wolf, Red Riding Hood, the grandmother and the Woodcutter! The children have also been drawing and talking about their favourite parts of the story, describing what happens and thinking about whether the wolf made a good or a bad choice telling lies and pretending to be grandma.

Reception children in the role play area, retelling the story of Little Red Riding Hood

In Maths this week we have been using our outside space again to think about 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been drawing on the floor of the playground in chalk, painting in water on the walls and scooting to lots of different shapes which were put all over the basketball court! We have even been trying to create our own shape pictures by drawing the shapes ourselves and then talking about the shapes we have used and why we used them. This has taken real concentration and the children worked really hard to produce some lovely work. Some children even had a go at trying to draw their own cubes and cones!



Drawing shapes



Finding shapes

BRILLIANT BLUE DAY IN PRE-NURSERY

By Sarah Leavers, Pre Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

Last Friday, Pre-Nursery celebrated Blue day. The children (and adults!) in Tadpoles, Starfish and Seashells came to school dressed in blue and we took part in a number of fantastic activities – all relating to the colour blue.

In the creative area we played with blue playdough and created blue artwork which encouraged the children's fine motor skills to develop as well as allowing them to use their imagination and explore different media. The children used a range of different blue to build towers and castles, thinking about the language of size. We also had blue shaving foam, blue water, blue threading beads and blue glittery sand.



Pre-Nursery children enjoying everything blue!

During snack time, all three classes joined together and we had a delicious blue snack including blueberry biscuits and blueberry cakes!

The colour days that we have in Pre-Nursery are great fun, the children really enjoy them and we continue developing a lot of skills whilst developing an understanding of colour and helping the children with their language acquisition, learning the colour names.

Look out for a lot of Orange coming to the Early Years building in October!



PASTRIES WITH PARENTS: COME JOIN US!

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

Next week we have our first round of 'Pastries With Parents.' This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to come into school with their child and enjoy a drink and a pastry before everyone starts their day. It is always greatly enjoyed by parents and children alike.

On your allocated day you come to school with your child. If the weather is fine please make your way to the playground where there will be tea, coffee, juice and pastries to share. Parents and children are free to chat with each other and with friends during breakfast.

To help you find other parents belonging to your child's class we will be handing out name labels to help with introductions. The breakfast event is from 8:15 – 8:45am. At 8:45am children will be asked to go to class and parents are welcome to attend the Parent Workshop or head off to enjoy their day.



These sessions are for Reception to Year 6. The Early Years building will be hosting their own event once the children have settled into school a bit more.

We hope to see you there.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

- Reception Pastries with Parents - Primary Campus playground (inside if polluted)
- Reception Phonics Workshop - Primary Campus Hall

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH

- KS2 Pastries with parents - Primary Campus playground (inside if polluted)
- KS2 Maths Parent Workshop - Primary Campus Hall

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26TH

- KS1 Pastries with parents - Primary Campus playground (inside if polluted)
- KS1 Phonics Parent Workshop - Primary Campus Hall

YEAR 3 – BUDDING SCIENTISTS!

By Petrina Booth, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher

We have been undertaking some exciting investigations in our science lessons in Year 3. The children worked in small groups to complete a fair test to find out if all metals are magnetic. Many children were surprised to find out that aluminum foil did not attract to their magnets and were also surprised when the magnetic force was still strong enough to be felt through pieces of wood.



Testing the power of magnets



Year 3 writing up their findings

There were gasps of surprise and wonder when the children had opportunities to explore the way magnetic forces attracted and repelled and saw magnets ‘magically’ float. Subsequently, the children have been requesting magnets to continue their own investigations at every spare opportunity!



How powerful are these magnets?

SPORTING SUCCESS IN KEY STAGE 2

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

On Wednesday, Sanlitun had 6 teams playing in football tournaments from Year 3 up to Year 6.

UNDER 9 TEAMS WENT TO HARROW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JISAC EXCHANGE

It was an overcast day when we pulled up outside the gates at Harrow School. The omens were not good. We weren't sure how the day would unfold – would win, lose or draw?

We arrived on the fields and set to work straight away. All of our players warming up like professionals, the girls team in particular forming a tight passing circle. The mindset was there for all to see – we were there to win!



And win we did! The older boys, the Year 4s, played with great enthusiasm. Under the solid, tireless work of Louis Serfontein the boys were a force to be reckoned with. He rescued them on more than one occasion and created many scoring opportunities that the others netted with aplomb!

The girls team dominated their games, winning most and involving all 9 players. From their professional start to the proceedings they continued in the same manner – passing and moving around the pitch like a World Cup winning team! Tashi Sutton and Lizzie Sutton were the dynamos of the team, always moving forward, Lizzie scoring many of the teams goals.

The team of the tournament however was the Year 2 / 3 boys. Led by Reuben Garnier the team organized itself extremely well. They knew they had to make substitutions and with great team spirit they organised this like young professionals. And then they played! They played and they played, beating every team and maintaining a 100% clean sheet record. The goal of the tournament came from Sankara Bloemen Gwisai and he was helped immeasurably in attack by Oliver Kerry who showed Roy Hodgson that England still has grass roots players to choose from!



SPORTING SUCCESS IN KEY STAGE 2 CONTINUED...

UNDER 11 TEAMS WENT TO BCIS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE JISAC EXCHANGE

It was a very busy day of football with all teams playing 4, 16 minute games throughout the day. Our boys team 1 won all of their games, scoring a total of 19 goals with only 1 conceded against them. They played some outstanding football showing great team play. The scores for Sanlitun boys 1 were: BCIS 3 4-0 (won), BCIS 1 3-1 (won), BIBA 1 3-0 (won), Daystar 9-0 (won). All the boys scored in the tournament and all played exceptionally well.

The boys team 2 played very well with their strongest game against BCIS 2. They had 2 very close games where their passing and game play came together nicely and they played some good football, winning 2 games and losing 2. The scores for the Sanlitun boys team 2 were: CISB 0-5 (lost), BCIS 2 1-0 (won), BIBA 2 2-1 (won), HISB 0-4 (lost).

The girls team also dominated the tournament winning all of their games. They scored 13 goals in total and conceded only 2. The scores for the Sanlitun girls team were: CISB 2-0 (won), BCIS 6-1 (won), BIBA 3-1 (won), HISB 2-0 (won). All girls played extremely well with special thanks to Perri McKissack, Malia Pederson and Venetia Tallon for their involvement.

A great day of football and a great game from all. Well done to all our players!

