



Friday 6th November 2015



Early Years Building enjoyed Pastries with Parents...

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the newsletter. There have been lots of exciting activities going on in school as always and you can read about them in this newsletter. I would also like to draw your attention to two important areas of school life that have taken place over the past week.

First of all, many of our staff took part in CPD training last weekend, focusing on initial steps into leadership. Phil Hodgson, Head of Durham Learning and Training Services, delivered professional development to teachers and TAs from both Sanlitun and Shunyi schools. There were over fifty staff that took part and the training was well received. I have decided to share this with you, as it is important to acknowledge the ongoing development needs for our staff, and that teachers are kept at the forefront of latest developments in the world of education.

Secondly, Andy Duffield, Nord Anglia's Head of Health and Safety, visited our school on Thursday and Friday to do his yearly audit. I am pleased to say that feedback was extremely positive about systems we have in place to protect children, parents and staff. I will be feeding back his report to the Parent Association at our next meeting. If you are able to attend, it would be great to share the report with you.

Finally, with International Day not far away, we look forward to celebrating our diversity and I hope to see you for the Parade of Flags on the 10th November.

Kindest regards,

David Laird





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

RECEPTION

Clovis Lim; Emily Yeung

KEY STAGE ONE

Lily Kuenstner; Najma Issack
Tiger He; Zara Lambert

KEY STAGE TWO

Celine Zeng; Eliza Rinkema
Shanay Budhdev

Next week your child will bring the certificate home explaining why they are a Star Citizen.

KS1 EAL LOOKED IN MEG'S SECRET CUPBOARD

By Keith Olive, EAL Specialist Teacher

"What did you see in Meg the witch's secret cupboard?" asked the teacher.

"I saw some ghost pooh and wriggly worms," replied the student.

"Did you see any green slimy frogs or bat wings?" asked the teacher.

"No, I didn't!" replied the student. "But I saw some creepy crawly spiders and juicy red blood. I think she's going to put them all in her witch's brew."

"Yuk!" sighed the teacher.....'But,' he thought, 'it's good that you are learning to ask and answer open and closed questions as well as using the past tense in a fun dialogue!'



Year 1 Miles: "I saw wriggly worms in the witch's cupboard!"



Year 1 Anna: "I saw ghost pooh in the witch's cupboard!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

9th - 11th November
International Week

10th November
International Day and
Parade of Flags
@ Primary Campus
9am - 9.20am

11th November
Year 4 Trip to
Miniature World

12th - 13th November
School Closed to Students
for Staff Training

17th - 18th November
Last ASAs for Autumn Term



HALLOWEEN PUPPET SHOW SHOWS EAL VOICE TALENT

By Keith Olive, EAL Specialist Teacher

A short story about a cat and a bat, who popped out of a witch's hat and then met some spooky characters, provided the basis for a Halloween puppet show performed and filmed by several EAL groups.

They first studied and improved the descriptive narrative by adding adjectives and adverbs. Then, they practised the dialogue to make it flow. After that, they made the puppets and rehearsed the show. Finally, the show was filmed and reviewed.

While learning to be 'voice-actors' and working together getting familiar with the script, the students naturally began to use expressive voices and made the puppets come alive. This was scary considering who the spooky characters were. Viz: a witch, a vampire, a ghost, a monster, a mummy, a werewolf, Frankenstein and a skeleton.... eeeeEEEEEEK!

The cat asked, "Who are you?"

"I'm a skeleton," replied the skeleton.

"What do you do?" asked the bat.

"I rattle my bones!" he said.

"Oooooooh!!!" said the cat to the bat, "We'd better pop back into the hat. It's scary here!"
So they did. Pop! Pop!

Year 3 Performing 'The Cat and the Bat' puppet show.



The voice-actors of Year 3 showing their puppets.

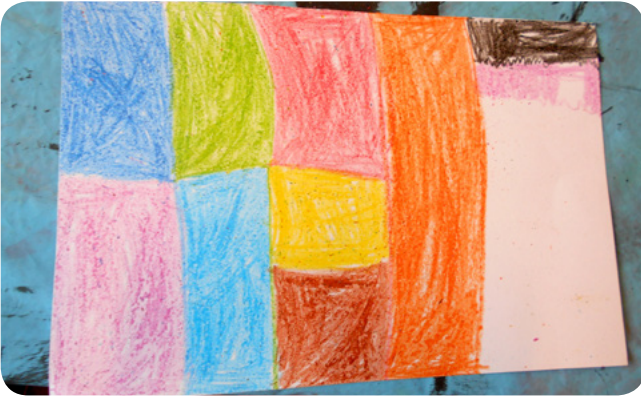


The voice-actors of Year 5 showing their puppets.

FIREWORKS

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

This week Year One have been learning all about fireworks and the explosive sounds they make. We made scratch art pictures using 3 steps across the week. Have a look at some of the finished products produced and how we made to that point. Year One also discovered that fireworks are amazing but they can also be dangerous if we don't keep ourselves safe.



There's more, using amazing adjectives we wrote an acrostic poem about fireworks and typed them up on to the computer. All of these activities made us very excited, especially when we saw the firework dance in Lions class assembly on Friday afternoon!



YEAR 4'S TOPIC CONTINUES WITH A BANG!

By Beth Dopson and Laura McGregor, Year 4 Class Teachers

As part of our journey around the world, we are currently visiting Africa! During our English unit on explanation texts, we learnt all about drums and how they work. In music we learnt about African drumming.

Our Design and Technology project was to design and create an African drum. First we investigated the materials we collected from home, thinking carefully about what would make a good shell or the best drumhead. We then used this, and our knowledge from other subject areas, to design our drums. Once we were happy with our designs we carefully worked together to create them, making modifications where necessary.

We then looked at some typical African patterns and designs and sketched some ideas of how we might decorate our drums. We choose a method that we thought would work best and started to decorate our drums. Once this is complete we will carry out evaluations of the process to see if we created a successful drum and to identify how we could have improved.



BLANK CANVAS IN BEIJING KIDS

By Kirsty McCarra, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher and Art & DT Subject Leader

Read all about it! Year 5 children at BSB Sanlitun have hit the pages of Beijing Kids this month, showcasing their fantastic art work in November's Blank Canvas spread.

As part of their topic, Space, the children created artworks showing what the school might look like through the perspective of an alien. They drew inspiration from artist Paul Klee who is largely associated with symbolist and abstract art. In this style they then created their own imaginative works using oil pastels to display their own ideas of how an alien might perceive the school.

Cristiano Grau: My work is supposed to inspire colourful ideas in people who don't have inspiration. It also shows an alien's point of view, which is an over-exaggerated human point of view!

Annie Zhang: My piece of art represents our school with bright colours to attract people's attention. I used my finger to smudge some of the colours to make the effect better.

As well as seeing these works on display in school, you can grab your copy of this month's Beijing Kids to see more of the amazing abstract art for yourself.



Chloe Huang, Year 5 Flamingos



Cristiano Grau, Year 5 Pelicans



Leroy Lai, Year 5 Flamingos



Lillian Lian, Year 5 Flamingos

STAFF AT SANLITUN AND SHUNYI TAKE ON CHANGE!

By Louise Bateman, Year 1 Leopards Class Teacher and CPD & NAU Leader

Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Senior Leaders, Specialists and 1:1 Learning Support Helpers took the opportunity to come together last weekend and receive high quality, practical, thought provoking training on how to lead and impact change within a school.

Our staff had the fantastic opportunity to collaborate with The British School of Beijing, Shunyi and draw on best practise and develop their own Change Projects, which will be going on in school during this academic year.



The motivation, passion and drive of the participants were noted by the facilitator, Phil Hodgson from Durham County. Phil is involved in designing and delivering many Professional Development programmes in the UK for teachers and Head Teachers and has also worked with the British School of Guangzhou on a Change Project Initiative, which our new Principal, David Laird, has brought with him as an exciting new opportunity. Both Phil and David are very much looking forward to seeing how the projects develop and have a positive impact on the teaching and learning of the children in both schools.



Since being back at school, the participating staff members have been working on their project proposals and will be supported and coached by the Senior Leadership team in order to reflect on their own pathways into leadership.

It is an exciting step forward in the Professional Development of our staff at BSB Sanlitun and one that I am very proud to be part of.





International Day and Parade of Flags

The third BSB Sanlitun International Day will be taking place on Tuesday 10th November. This will be a fun-filled event for our children, run by the parents.

Date: 10th November, 2015

Time: 9.00am - 9.20am (for Parade)

Place: Primary Campus

On this special day, children are invited to come to school in their national costume to represent a country and parents are welcome to join us for a 'Parade of Flags'.



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Baby Group @ BSB Sanlitun

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.

Date: Starting 20th October, 2015
Every Tuesday Morning

Time: 9.00am - 10.30am

Place: Early Years Campus

Please note that this event is **only** open to international passport holders. Kindly RSVP to receptionslley@britishschool.org.cn



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Christmas Cracker



Free Entry

Everyone is
Invited!

11am to 3pm, Sunday 29th November

No. 5 Xiliujie, Sanlitun Road

Christmas crafts and activities including:

- Christmas card crafts; chocolate decorations; make your own Christmas tree decorations; and a range of games for children of all ages to enjoy;
- International bar for adults and tasty treats and meals for all the family;
- Raffle with super prizes to be won;
- Performances from Sanlitun School Choir and Music Department.
- *And...a special appearance by Santa Claus!*

Plus, help us raise money for local charities.



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2015
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German Market

&
Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 21st November
4-7.30pm**

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2015 City Weekend

Parents & Kids Art & Writing Competition

There's a space race to Mars; probes are snapping shots of Pluto. Space is closer than ever before—yet, we still don't know what's really out there. So let's dream up what kind of creatures inhabit space and upload your efforts to this year's Art & Writing Competition new minisite!



“It Came From Outer Space”

Age:	3-16
Time for uploading:	Oct 16 — Nov 16
Time for voting:	Nov 16 — Dec 11

We will choose 200 pieces of artworks to exhibit in the gallery for one week. Use your creativity and join this fun digitalized competition!

Please check out our **new minisite**:

www.cityweekend.com.cn/beijing/cw-art-contest-2015 for all participation details.



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