



Friday 27th November 2015

Lighting up the Year One corridor...

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's edition of the newsletter. As always, there have been lots of exciting activities going on in school and you can read about them in this newsletter.

As we move into December the Christmas season begins! We will be getting into the festive spirit this Sunday at our **Christmas Cracker** event. We look forward to welcoming you here from 11am. The event concludes at 3pm. With plenty of festive games for children to play and mulled wine for the parents, it's bound to be a fun day for all. Please refer to the advert at the end of this newsletter for further details.

Festive regards,

David Laird





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

RECEPTION

Elise Yip; Kyle Zhao

KEY STAGE ONE

Reem AlThefiri
Muskaan Jhita
Emily Lejhancova
Louise Lundstrom

KEY STAGE TWO

Lorraine Li; Lincoln Lin
Cyrus Smith

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

FUN GYMNASTIC LESSONS AND FOBISIA TRAINING

By Monica Gao, Chinese Teacher

Children have experienced a challenging and fun week in their PE lessons. Reception, Year 1 and 2 children have been focusing on the unit of Gymnastics. They are working on different activities including travelling, balancing, rolling in order to help them control their bodies. As you can see by from photos, the children really enjoyed their gymnastics time!



UPCOMING EVENTS

29th November
Christmas Cracker
@ Primary Campus
11am to 3pm

BSB Sanlitun Choir
Performance
12pm @ Primary Campus

30th November
PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus Hall

1st - 2nd December
PA Santa's Secret Shoppe

1st December
KS1 Maths Workshop
@Primary Campus
9am - 9.45am

In Key Stage 2, children have started FOBISIA training. They are very excited about it. Year 3 and 4 children have been focusing on jumping and t-ball hitting. Year 5 and 6 children have been working on running and fitness training. This training will definitely help children develop and refine their skills. The Primary FOBISIA Team will be announced in January.





THANKSGIVING IN PRE-NURSERY

By Sarah Leavers, Pre Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

This week we've been thinking about what we are thankful for. During circle time, the children took it in turns to share with the class whom and what they are thankful for. We had some very interesting answers as of course this is quite an abstract concept for such young children! Someone was thankful for snowmen (they are a lot of fun to build!), we also had quite a few that were thankful for their Mummy and Daddy for looking after them.

On Thursday, the children in Pre-Nursery became chefs and listened very carefully to instructions in order to create their very own sweet potato casserole! Both Starfish and Seashells worked together in making a delicious dish that we all shared at snack time. Check out our Pre-Nursery chefs in making...





YEAR 1 CELEBRATE LIGHT!

By Louise Bateman, Year 1 Leopards Class Teacher

Year 1 have been learning about Celebrations this term. We have looked at festivals that celebrate life, such as birthdays and Christenings. We have also talked about festivals celebrating love such as marriage, thanksgiving and Mothers and Father's day.

Most recently we have looked at festivals celebrating light, such as Eide, Hanukah and Diwali. We learnt about the Hindu festival of Diwali and we made some beautiful rangoli patterns using coloured rice. We also made diva lamps out of salt dough and decorated them with beautiful symmetrical designs. We then created a little Diwali celebration along our corridor by lighting the diva lamps using candles. The children were very excited to see the lamps come to life!

Next we will learn about Christmas, where we celebrate family, friends and the passing of another year. Year 1 has already enjoyed writing letters to a family member that doesn't live with them, sharing news about the past year including wobbly teeth falling out, learning a new instrument or sport, new friends made, new hobbies found and having a birthday.



BUSY PRACTISING FOR OUR UPCOMING CHRISTMAS SHOW

By Laura McGregor, Year 4 Kingfishers Class Teacher

Each Year 3 and 4 class is busy preparing a musical performance as part of our play based on The Snowman by Raymond Briggs. In music and choral lessons the children have been working hard on their singing and performing. During time with their class teachers they have been working on how to present it on stage.

The Year 4 children have the extra responsibility of narrating and acting parts which join the class performances together. We have been busy practising on the stage to make sure we know our songs, dances and lines. We are all enjoying the process and looking forward to the performance.

Quotes from children:

‘The rehearsals are going really well. It is all going smoothly.’

‘I like some of the songs and actions that we are doing.’

‘It is going well. I think the parents will like it because the story is good and the songs are fun.’

‘I think people should come and watch the show because we have put a lot of effort into making it.’

The children’s performance will be on Tuesday 8th December at 6:00pm. We hope to see lots of parents there!





SOLAR SYSTEMS!

By Danny Haden, Year 5 Flamingos Class Teacher

In year 5 we have been learning all about Space during the autumn term. As the topic is nearly coming to an end, Flamingos were given the chance to show all that they have learned, as well as learn some new skills, by creating their own models of the Solar System!

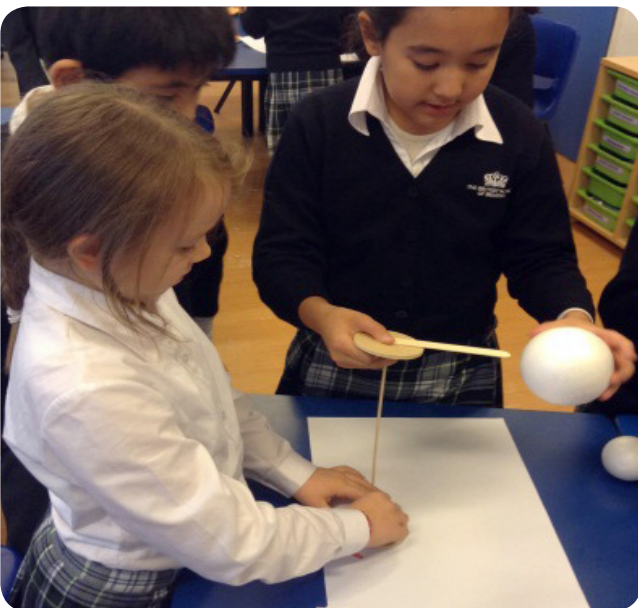
The children were put into groups, with their first challenge being to create a group name. Soon after, the newly formed Star Academy, Gravity 5 and LVC Stars began planning what kind of model they would like to create. The children were given freedom to choose which type of model they would design and make, with the only instructions being that it should reflect the Solar System. We discussed that the models should include the sun and 8 planets, and that these should be of relative sizes.



After designing their models, the children were ready to start making! The range of skills used in the making stage included using a saw to cut pieces of wood, using a glue gun to join parts together and using paint to give the planets a realistic paint job!

Eventually, after lots of hard work and good collaboration, the models were completed. The children's final task for the project was to evaluate their model and their team's performance, before using this along with pictures collected throughout the project to make an iMovie on their iPad.

Flamingos class did extremely well throughout the project and the models look fantastic, as do the iMovies. The children are already looking forward to their next D&T project!



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; bouncy castle; ginger breadman decorations; and a range of games for children of all ages to enjoy;
- 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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On the agenda:
PA Committee
Santa's Secret Shoppe

PA Meeting

Parents' Association Meeting

Monday 30th November 9am: Primary Campus Main Hall

Senior Leadership Team Talk: Mr Laird

- Feedback from the Health and Safety Inspectors visit
 - Update on 'change projects' within school
 - Upcoming International School inspection

Agenda Items:

PA Committee formation

Santa's Secret Shoppe December 1st and 2nd

Charity Update

PA Roles - Lunch Parent Coordinator,

PA Committee members

Q + A session

The PA meeting is open to all parents, please join us!

Seminar: Third Culture Kids

Living abroad and moving often from a country to another can be an exciting adventure, but children, and later, adults, can feel disconnected from their “origins” as they do not fully own their parents’ culture and create one of their own.

In order to understand this process, International SOS invites you to a seminar presented by psychologist Theo Cope.

This session will cover:

- Different types of TCK
- Adaptation process and challenges
- Finding balance
- Raising multi-lingual children
- Advice for parents of TCKs

Dr. Theo A Cope



Dr Cope holds a Postgraduate degree in Applied Psychology and is a Certified Family Consultant and Psychotherapist with accreditation from Germany

He is a member of the World Association of Positive Psychotherapy and the International Federation for Psychotherapy (IFP).

Dr Theo Cope has been practicing counseling and psychotherapy since 2000. He has worked in various settings within organizations and private practice, treating a variety of mental and psychological issues. As a Generalist, he works with children, teens and adults, and has worked with a wide variety of diagnostic realities including, mood and anxiety disorders as well as developmental disorders in children. He has also provided training for Chinese counselors and therapists, and has joined the mental health department as a psychologist in 2014.

Time: Tuesday, 1 December 2015
10am-11:30am

Complimentary event

Limited seating, please register: seminar@internationalsos.com

Location: International SOS Beijing Clinic

