



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015



## ANOTHER EXCITING WEEK AT BSB SANLITUN

By David Laird, Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's addition of the newsletter. As always, you'll find an array of stories telling you about the fantastic activities going on at our school. A particular highlight for me was reading about our success on the sports-field. A big well done to our boys and girls football teams!

We are pleased to have held our first 'Baby Group' session. Please do have a look at the advertisement in this newsletter and feel free to share with friends who may benefit.

You will also note that we have a busy calendar coming up over the next few weeks, with the 'International Parade of Flags' taking place on Tuesday 10th November. Our sister school, the British School of Shunyi, is also hosting an 'Understanding Secondary – A Guide to Parents' event on the 25th November at 8:45am. This term we will also be welcoming visitors from Juilliard, New York, which marks an exciting time for our music department.

Kindest regards,

David Laird





### STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

#### RECEPTION

Alice Norris  
Charlotte Pelantova  
Hassan Munshi  
Sawa Hashidate

#### KEY STAGE ONE

Alex An; Anda Mahony  
Carla Kahrs; Elias Boquillod  
Emma Suominen  
Fiamma Roberts; Iven Liu  
Zoe Zancanaro

#### KEY STAGE TWO

Ana Paola Wickert Godinez  
Alex Pan; Brandon Zhao  
Emily Kim; Farah AlThefiri  
Pei-Jen Chen

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

27<sup>th</sup> October  
Last Swimming Session  
for Years 5 & 6 Students

29<sup>th</sup> October  
FOBISIA  
Parent Information Session  
@ Primary Campus  
8.15am - 9am

30<sup>th</sup> October  
Halloween Dress-up Day

2nd November  
PA Meeting  
9.30am @ Primary Campus

## YEAR 6 HAVE GOT THE BSB BLUES

By Henry Charlesworth, Music Teacher

As part of the year 6 music program, children are given the opportunities not only to learn important practical skills and techniques, but also to explore music's role across a range of time periods, countries and cultures.



Over the Autumn term, Eagles class have become engrossed in their Migration topic. They have learned that as people have moved around the world, they have brought with them aspects of their home culture, including language, fashion and art.

The emergence of Blues music is an example of how migration has contributed to the creation of a new art. This genre of music originated in African-American communities in the "Deep South" of the United States around the end of the 19th century. Blues developed from a fusion of traditional African music that incorporated spirituals, work songs, field hollers, shouts and chants, and rhymed simple narrative ballads.





## YEAR 6 HAVE GOT THE BSB BLUES CONTINUED...

By Henry Charlesworth, Music Teacher

The children really enjoyed their research project, in which they were put into pairs and given an iconic blues artist to investigate. They gave wonderful presentations in which they played us some musical examples gave a brief synopsis about the musicians' life and career. The children really engaged with this project. They loved learning from each other about legendary artists such as B.B King and Etta James.

Following on from this project, children have begun to learn the guitar in music lessons. The guitar was an integral part of the blues movement and continues to play a major role in modern blues, rock and pop music. Children are learning how to play notes and chords of the 12-bar blues and how to improvise over a chord progression in the style of a blues musician. We will also be writing our own blues songs. Let's hope we can find something to complain about!





## RAINBOW MILK!

By Nikhat Jerath, Pre Nursery Seashells Class Teacher

In Pre - Nursery we have been experimenting with colours. We have been thinking about what would happen if we mixed colours together?

During the week children enjoyed taking part in different activities; we had great fun doing some paintings, developing our gross motor skills and observing what happened to the different coloured paints when they touched each other, making yet a different colour. They used paint-covered marbles rolling them around the paper creating beautiful designs.



*Look at our beautiful colour patterns!*

*What amazing 'Rainbow Milk'!*

We had some science experiments in our class as well, the children squeezed droplets of food coloring & dish soap onto milk and using their three finger grip gently gave it a whirl, the colours exploded & mixed together making new colours. The children learnt the names of new colours such as violet, light blue, light pink and we used the word Rainbow.

We developed an understanding of change as they could see firsthand what happens when you mix different colours together, we reinforced their knowledge of colour names and some of them were very certain of which one was their favourite.



## SUPER SHAPES!

By Kimberley Duggan, Year 1 Tigers Class Teacher

The Year 1's have been busy this week, learning all about 2D and 3D shapes through lots of exciting activities! The children have been looking really carefully at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, counting how many sides and corners the shapes have. They have challenged each other to 'guess the shape', with one person describing a shape and their partner thinking carefully about the name of the shape being described.

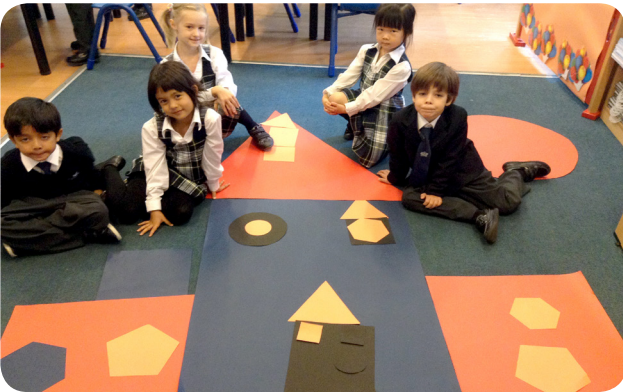


## SUPER SHAPES! CONTINUED...

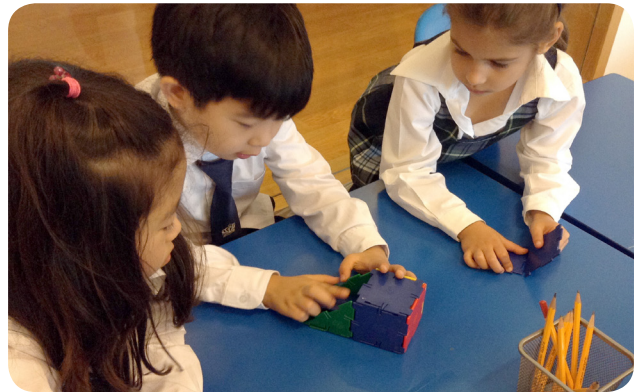
By Kimberley Duggan, Year 1 Tigers Class Teacher

They have even made their own 3D shapes! Firstly looking at the net of the shape, naming all the 2D shapes they could see and thinking about the 3D shape it will make once it has all been joined together.

The children have enjoyed being shape detectives! Going on a hunt to find 3D shapes within everyday objects around the school. They also used large 2D shapes, creatively putting shapes together to make composite shape pictures. The children talked about all the different shapes they used within their fantastic pictures!



*Children making composite shape pictures.*



*Making 3D shapes looking at the net of the shape.*



*Being shape detectives! Finding shapes around the school.*





## PUMPKIN SOUP!

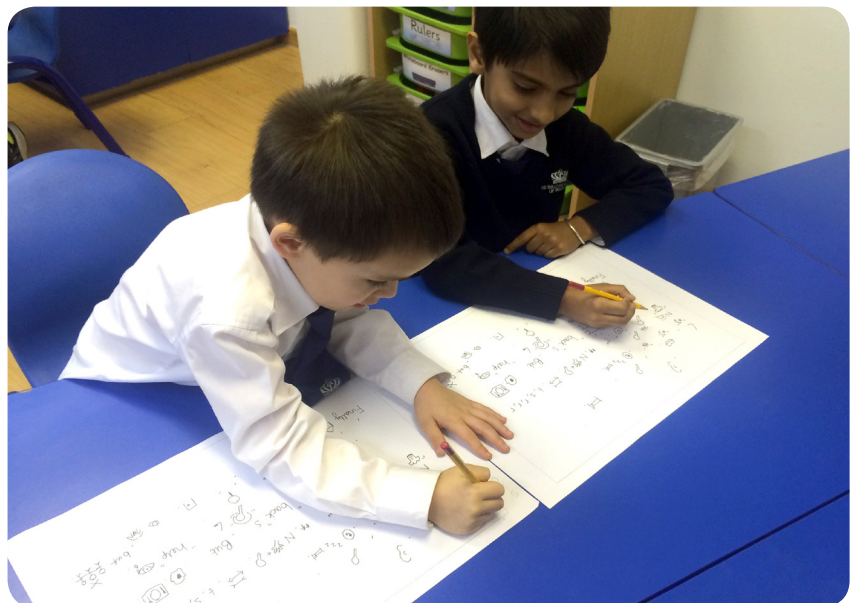
By Laura Hugo, Year 2 Alligators Class Teacher

Last week the Year 2 children walked into their classrooms and realised that someone had been in there at break time! They were surprised to find a pot, spoons, flour with footprints, a pumpkin and a book all over the floor.

They soon realised that we could get clues about who had been in our classroom by reading the book. We realised that it had been a cat, a squirrel and a duck trying to make pumpkin soup in our classrooms when we weren't there.



Since then we have used this story as a talk for writing text. The children have done really well at learning how to retell the story with actions and now they are in the process of writing their own versions of the story. I am looking forward to reading the finished products; they have been really inventive with their ideas and are creating stories about; magic potions, delicious cakes, castles, Lego houses and more.





## YEAR 5 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

By Petrina Booth, Year 5 Pelicans Class Teacher

On Wednesday the Year 5 under 10 boys and girls teams played against Shunyi A and Shunyi B, Harrow and New Talent Academy.

It was victory for the Year 5 girls who won both of their matches in the group stages scoring 1-0 against Harrow and 1-0 against Shunyi. This meant the girls went straight through to the final stage against Shunyi. The final match was a very close game with 1-1 at full time which led to extra time playing the 'golden goal' rule. In the first minute of extra time the girls were awarded a free kick which resulted in a final score of 2-1 to BSB Shunyi.

The boys first match was against NTA. It was a tough match and the boys were beaten 4-2 but still the team played on with high spirits determined to play their best. The third match was against Shunyi B team with the boys scoring 5 goals against Shunyi's 2. Shunyi accepted their defeat gracefully, congratulating the boys on their game. The fourth match was against HISB in the group stage. It was a close match with the score being 2-2 up until the final minutes when HISB scored the winning goal. In the boys final match against Harrow, the boys took the lead with a 2-0 score at half time. The game finished 4-4 which led to extra time. No goals were scored which then resulted in penalties; unfortunately Harrow took the match scoring 6-5 on penalties.

Overall all of the children who participated played their best and had a fantastic day.





## 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](mailto:receptionslley@britishschool.org.cn)



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# Understanding Secondary - A Guide to Parents

Moving to Year 7? Parents are invited to attend this workshop, especially those in Years 5 and 6, to find out about how to make transition from Primary to Secondary school as smooth as possible.

Date: Wednesday 25th November 2015

Time: 8:45am to 10:45am

Presented by Mr Steve Lewis, Head of Secondary and the Secondary Deputies, Ms Carol Pratt and Mr Peter Carlisle. Includes a Q & A session and a tour of the Secondary classrooms and facilities.

Transportation can be arranged from BSB Sanlitun to Shunyi for more than 5 participants. Please email Eli to book a seat: [elisabeth.puttock@britishschool.org.cn](mailto:elisabeth.puttock@britishschool.org.cn)

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