



20th May 2016



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Please find articles in this newsletter highlighting the fantastic learning going on in our school.

I don't know about the rest of you, but I had a fab week in school! Firstly, the Year 1 Production of Jack and the Beanstalk was out of this world! The children did themselves proud and I saw a lot of parents thoroughly enjoying watching the show. Secondly, our returning Fobisia Sports Team got to show off their medals during the celebration assembly. It has certainly been a week of our students displaying their many talents.

Speaking of talents, we are well into the BSB Sanlitun's Got Talent Competition and I am looking forward to seeing who makes the final!

Kind regards,

David Laird





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS

Helen Roedler
Michelle Wong
Valentina Van Der Ploeg Zarate

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS SPOTTED AWARD

Aimiel Wu
Alicya Ally
Dante Meloni

UPCOMING EVENTS

20th May
Art Auction
5pm - 8pm @ Primary Campus

23rd - 27th May
Year 6 SATS Week

27th May
Year 1 Trip to Beijing Zoo

Year 6 Lunch @ Pizza Express

23rd & 30th May
Nursery to Reception
Transition Visit
9am - 10.15am

31st May
KS2 Swim Gala

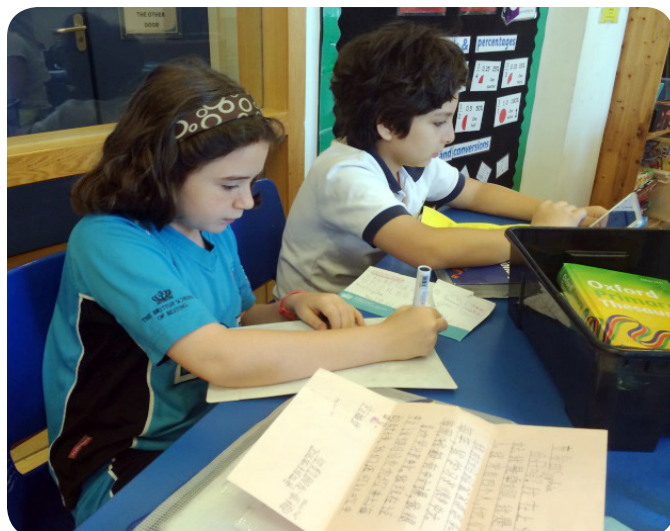
FUN CHINESE

By Monica Gao, Chinese Teacher

Year 1 children in Forbidden City learnt about snacks. They designed their own snack boxes and then practised their speaking skills by talking about what their favourite snacks are and what they really dislike.



Year 4 Tian'an Men group learnt a story 《校服太短了》(The uniform is too short). Children had fun when they worked in pairs to role-play the story. Year 4 and Year 5 non-native speaking children got very excited when they received real letters from Nord Anglia International School Shanghai, Pudong.



Year 6 Forbidden City group reviewed the Chinese characters they have learnt by playing the Chinese character radical matching game. Everyone got involved and really enjoyed their learning.





UPCOMING EVENTS

1st June
Nursery to Reception
Transition Workshop
9am - 10am @ Primary Campus

6th & 7th June
Year 5 & Year 6
Parent Consultation Evenings

6th - 8th June
Year 3 Residential to Tianjin

7th June
PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus Hall

Reception to Year 1
Transition Afternoon

7th & 8th June
Science Exhibits

Final ASAs

8th June
Reception to Year 1
Transition Workshop
9am @ Primary Campus

KS2 Final Lido Session

9th & 10th June
School Closed for
Dragon Boat Festival Holidays

13th - 17th June
Year 5 Residential to
Xi'an

Year 6 Residential to
Inner Mongolia

MUDDY KITCHEN

By Sau-Wan Gin, Reception Sealions Class Teacher

This week in Reception we have had a great time helping to build the muddy kitchen over in the Early Years building. We went over class by class and each added something to the muddy kitchen. We enjoyed getting messy and muddy and are very proud of the work we have put in as a team.



We love our new play area and had lots of fun exploring different sounds and textures with the different materials. The kitchen has provided a space for us to use our communication and language skills to play in role with our friends using the vocabulary we have learned in our topics.





WE LOVE READING

By Nikhat Jerath, Pre-Nursery Seashells Class Teacher

Reading is at the very heart of our learning in Pre-Nursery. Reading takes many forms in our Pre-Nursery and the children are provided with a wealth of experiences and opportunities which promote reading.



TYPES OF READING IN PRE-NURSERY

Independent Reading - Each classroom has a book corner stocked with high quality books. We encourage reading for pleasure throughout the day and each class has a session in the library during library time. The children also have reading provision outdoors should they want to read during play times.

Shared Reading - Using Big Books to read with a friend in the class.

Home Reading - Children take home a book from the library each week to share at home with their family members.





YEAR 4 TRAVEL BACK IN TIME

By Laura McGregor, Year 4 Kingfishers Class Teacher



The Year 4 children have been having a great time exploring the past so far this term but travelling back in time.



The first time period we studied was prehistory. The children went back in time and discovered dinosaurs roaming the school; they then used their maths and computing skills to bring this experience to life! They had a visit from a cave woman and the children then had to use their learning about irregular past tense verbs and reported speech to write about what she had told them. They were also visited by Alfred Wegener from 1912 who told them of his explorations and theory of continental drift; the children then used this to write a news report about the theory of Pangaea.



For our second time period of WWII, the children travelled to London in 1940 where they were welcomed into the home of a local family. Here they discovered artefacts such as newspapers, ration books and leaflets about evacuation. On the trip they also listened to the family tell of their experiences and listened to a radio broadcast from Winston Churchill. After returning safely to the present day, the children explored the artefacts more and did further research in order to write a report about the life of people in Britain during the Second World War.

We are excited to find out where we will travel to next!



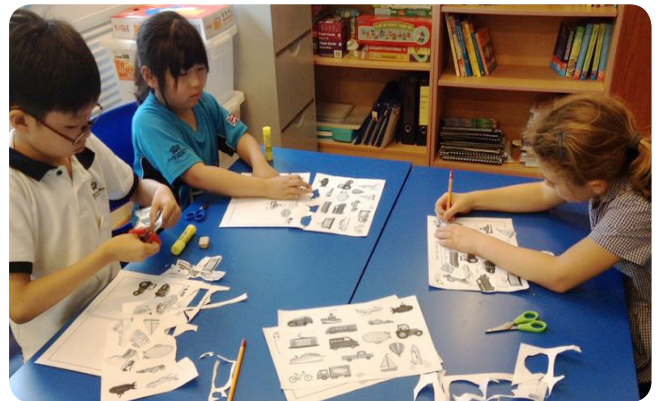


SOME SUPER ENERGETIC TIME IN EAL!

By Letizia Spano, EAL Teacher

KS1 students are performing skits, interacting with partners or working in group activities to explore the world around them and describe it with new, powerful vocabulary. Learning English becomes an easy task when it naturally involves them.

Cutting, matching, exploring, playing, visualising...and thousands of engaging ways to speak, read and write make EAL a fantastic opportunity to consolidate their English language skills.



KS2 students are becoming more and more proficient in grammar and writing. They are using advanced online programmes to inquire after grammar. They are also solving challenging quizzes or assessing their language skills in order to become more and more independent when using English.





YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 FOOTBALL @ BSB SHUNYI

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, BSB Sanlitun's Year 1's and Year 2's had a wonderful opportunity to showcase their footballing talents. The whole of Year 1 and the whole of Year 2 took part in the annual lower primary two-day soccer fixture, hosted by BSB Shunyi.

On Monday the whole of our Year 1 cohort visited in seven teams of ten students. In a series of pools our boys and girls played teams from both BSB Shunyi and Harrow. They had an awesome time! This was repeated on Tuesday, but with our Year 2 children. They played in a similar series of pool fixtures against the same opposition and once again had a wonderful time. A big thanks to the teachers, TAs and 1-to-1 support adults who managed teams, helping to make this event such a great success for the children. Well done everyone!





PERFECT YEAR ONE PRODUCTION

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

All the hard work from children and staff paid off yesterday as Year One blew their parents away with an amazing performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. I think we have a group of actors, actresses and singers in the making.

Thank you for all the amazing costumes that you sent into school, hard work learning the lines and for coming to support us yesterday morning. Every parent left with a smile on their face and the children's smiles were even wider. All the teachers are so proud of everything the children have achieved this year and yesterday's performance was just added to the list of milestones. I'm sure this is just a taste of what is to come in the future for this year group.

[Click here to view more photos of the amazing Year One production.](#)





FOBISIA 2016

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

Once again BSB Sanlitun returned back to Beijing with medals strung around their necks jingling and jangling all the way home from a very successful Primary FOBISIA Games. There were highs and lows, excitement and disappointment, smiles and tears, winners and losers. That was the story of the 2016 FOBISIA Primary Games hosted by St. Christopher's International Primary School in Penang, Malaysia from 12th-14th May.



The competition started with athletics where BSB Sanlitun performed incredibly well taking 32 medals from the track and field events. There was some good performance in the pool with some very close races and an exciting tyre relay to finish off the day.





FOBISIA 2016 CONTINUED...

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

Day 2 was t-ball and the BSB teams went from strength to strength getting better and better with every game they played (and every homerun they scored). The U9 team won all of their games in the group stages and went on to play the home team SCIPS in the final. It was an extremely close game with a final score of 17-15 to SCIPS and BSB ending a very respectable 2nd place. The U11 team lost their first game against Regents Pattaya with some wobbly fielding but soon got their game on and went on to win the remainder of the games in the group stage. Unfortunately they missed out on the main competition finals however they went on to win both games in the plate final making them 5th place overall.



The 3rd and final day was football. The boys and girls worked tirelessly hard battling the heat (and the rain) throughout the day.

The Under 9 girls' team played extremely well and had some very close and even games. They had to endure 2 penalty shoot outs but with a strong goal keeper and successful penalty shots, the girls won their games on both occasions.

The Under 9 boys' team played exceptionally well and won all of their games in the group stage. They had a tough game against St. Andrew's, Bangkok which put them into 3rd place overall but highly commendable team work demonstrated by all and they never gave up which ultimately secured their trophy position.

The Under 11 girls' had a tough start to the football yet managed to get themselves into the main competition finals. The girls were faced with strong opposition by and the rain stopped play in the 3rd/4th play-off but the girls stayed strong and battled to the very end and even into extra time where the winning goal came from BSB securing them a 3rd place trophy.

The U11 boys displayed some excellent football and had many close games. the teamwork they showed was tremendous and they all pulled together and kept their heads high throughout the competition ending in 5th place overall.





FOBISIA 2016 CONTINUED...

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

The BSB Sanlitun team brought home 60 medals and 3 trophies! 32 medals in the athletics, 14 in the t-ball and 14 in the football.

A huge WELL DONE to all of the children who have practiced tirelessly for 5 months and gave their all throughout the competition. A big thank you to the FOBISIA coaches who have worked so hard with the teams since January and were amazing throughout the competition.

T-Ball Results

U9 - 2nd
U11 - 5th

Football Results

U9 Girls - 5th
U9 Boys - 3rd

U11 Girls - 3rd
U11 Boys - 5th





COMMUNITY GARDEN CHALLENGE!

Dear parents,

As you know, our Community Garden Challenge was cancelled due to rain and bad weather.

However, as we had lots of seeds, flowers and herbs that desperately needed planting we decided to challenge the children to develop the outdoor area themselves! It was so lovely to see all the Early Years children working together from the oldest Reception children to the tiny Tadpoles – we think you’ll agree they did an amazing job! There has been so much engagement from these areas and we want to thank you for all your donations and support. Your old cups and plates are now being used in our very own Early Years restaurant and unwanted tyres have become small worlds for the children to explore. Here’s a glimpse into what has been happening this week:

Small World Construction Zone

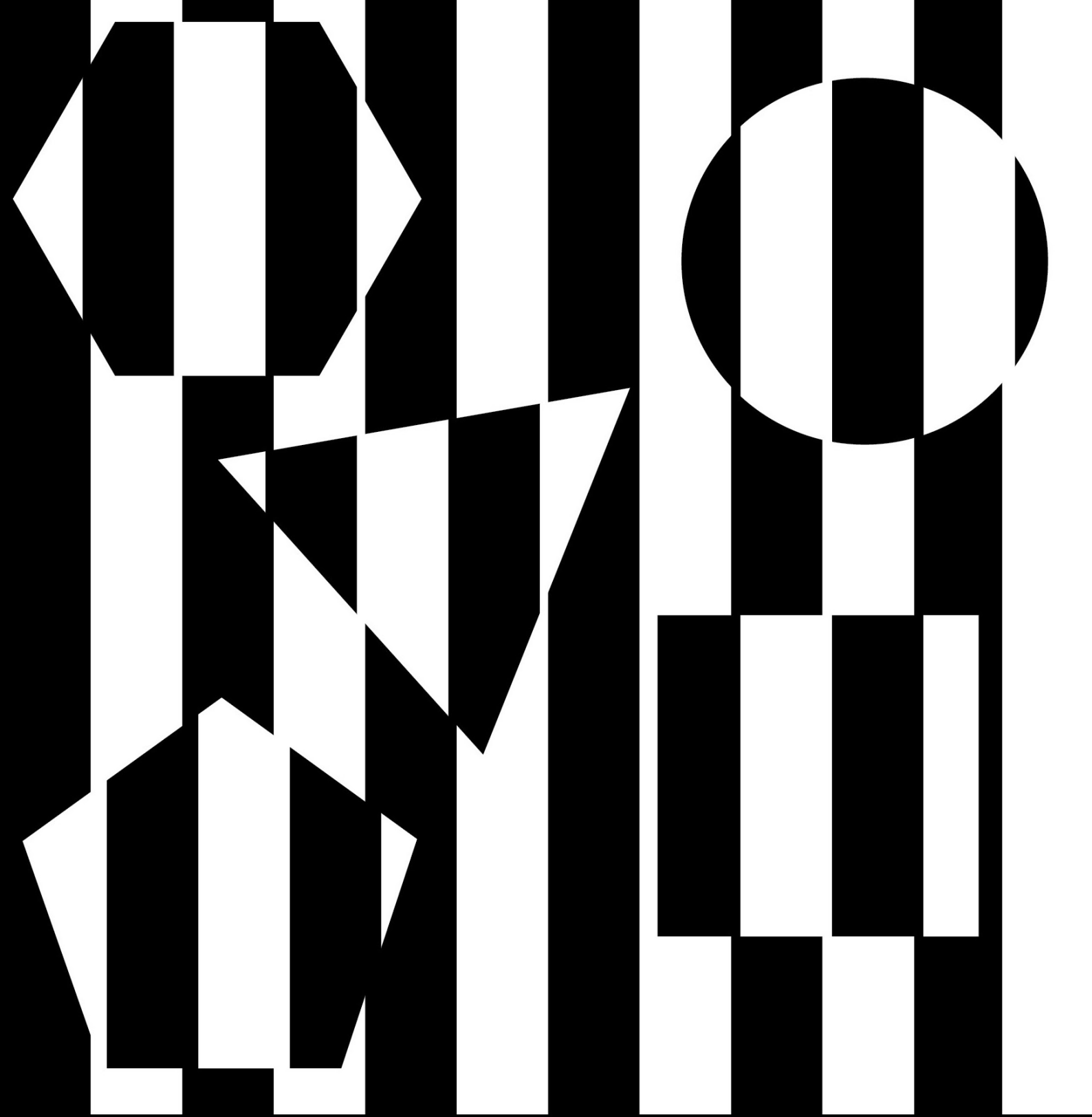


Gardening Areas



The Mud Kitchen





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CHARITY ART EVENING
The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun

Friday 20th May 2016

5pm - 8pm