

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

By David Laird, Principal

Dear Parents,

A very happy new year to you all! It is fantastic to be back at school! I trust you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and you have come back to Beijing with your batteries recharged. I have attached a photo to this article showing what I got up to on the 29th December. Hannah and I would like to thank you for all the kind messages we received from the parent community.

As you may be aware, there has been increased security around the Sanlitun area over the Christmas period. As a response, our security guards will be conducting increased patrols and the cleaning team has been told to stay extra vigilant. I ask for your patience and understanding when dealing with our security team when entering the building. They are there to ensure the security of the children and staff. Staff have been told to, politely, challenge anyone who is not wearing a visitors pass, so please do have them visible when visiting the school.

And finally, we look forward to what lies ahead of us in Term Two. As always, I like to actively encourage parent support at the school. We have many events coming up over the next three months and your help is always appreciated. Watch this space!!



Kind regards,

David Laird



## UPCOMING EVENTS

12<sup>th</sup> January

PA Meeting

9am @ Primary Campus Hall

Baby Group @ EY Campus

9am - 10.30am

ASA On-line Sign-up for KS1

13<sup>th</sup> January

ASA On-line Sign-up for KS2

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Mr Laird @ Recruitment Event

19<sup>th</sup> January

Baby Group @ EY Campus

9am - 10.30am

ASAs Begin

22<sup>nd</sup> January

Pre-Nursery Coffee Afternoon

2.30pm @ EY Campus

23<sup>rd</sup> January

Sanlitun Family Trip to  
Ice Festival Longqing Gorge

26<sup>th</sup> January

Baby Group @ EY Campus

9am - 10.30am

Girls (U8-U11) Handball  
@ Shunyi

27<sup>th</sup> January

Boys (U8-U11) Handball  
@ Shunyi

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE YEAR AHEAD!

By Kirsten Harding, Nursery Angel Fish Class Teacher

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

It was so wonderful to see the children returning to school this week, looking refreshed, with smiles on their faces, ready to continue their learning journey.



This term there are many events and activities for your children and yourselves to look forward to. Chinese New Year is not that far away, there is another Stay and Play session planned for our Nursery children, our Tadpole and Pre-Nursery staff will be inviting their parents along to afternoon tea and the Reception children will be going on a trip to the Dinosaur Museum! Please make sure that you look out for the dates of these events and more on our monthly school calendar or on your children's Week Ahead letters. I do hope that as many of you, where possible, will be able to come along and join in our Early Years fun.





## SPRING TERM BABY GROUP

By Claudia Valdes, Pre Nursery Team Leader

This Tuesday January 12th the British School of Beijing Sanlitun is happy to invite you once more to our ongoing baby group; we are building a small but growing community of parents with young children that are in need of some social interactions both for their children and themselves. This Baby Group runs every Tuesday from 9.00am to 10.30am.

We will be running several workshops including inoculations, breastfeeding, baby massage, and a few singing sessions to name but a few; It is open to International passport holders, we ask you to please R.S.V.P. at [receptions1tey@britishschool.org.cn](mailto:receptions1tey@britishschool.org.cn), shall you have any questions kindly email us to the same address.



## CHOCOLATE GAMES

By Rebecca Kerry, Key Stage One Leader



Year 2 have had an amazing start to the new term. This week we began our new topic 'Chocolate' which the children have been looking forward to since the start of the year! Our first lesson involved some fun and games with the use of chocolate. They had the chance to play the 'Lucky number 6' where they tried to munch chocolate as quickly as they could before someone rolled a number 6. Not so easy whilst wearing gloves and eating with a knife and fork! They also enjoyed the 'Chopstick Challenge' and the 'After Eight' game which involved trying to eat chocolate with using your hands.

Year 2 also had the chance to draw a chocolate machine to show how they think chocolate is made. We had some interesting ingredients and the children showed some very imaginative ways of mixing them together to make a chocolate bar.

In English we have been focusing on performance poetry with a chocolate theme. The children have tried changing their voices to add expression and have made up actions to bring the poem to life even more. They were particularly excited to perform their poems to Year 1, who gave them feedback on their performance.

Wow, what a fantastic start to the term!





## AN EXCITING SPRING TERM AHEAD!

By Zoe Hubbard, Key Stage Two Leader

A very 'Happy New Year' to you all and a warm welcome to our new pupils in KS2. Our term has got off to a flying start with both the children and the staff returning to school refreshed and excited about the Spring Term ahead.

Many staff have commented on how quickly the children have settled back into routine and the children's learning is well under way. Year 3 have started their 'Active Planet' topic with the children sharing their existing knowledge of volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes alongside other natural disasters. They have also generated some excellent questions to be answered throughout the topic and are looking forward to learning more about our unique planet Earth. As you can see from the photographs below, Year 4 have transformed their classrooms into amazing, colourful rainforests as their 'Planeteers' topic gets underway. Year 5's learning will centre around the novel 'The Butterfly Lion' for the first few weeks of this term and Year 6 will start their term by focusing on their Science topic 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

As always, we have a busy few weeks ahead of us before Chinese New Year with lots of learning which I know the children will approach with their usual energy and enthusiasm.





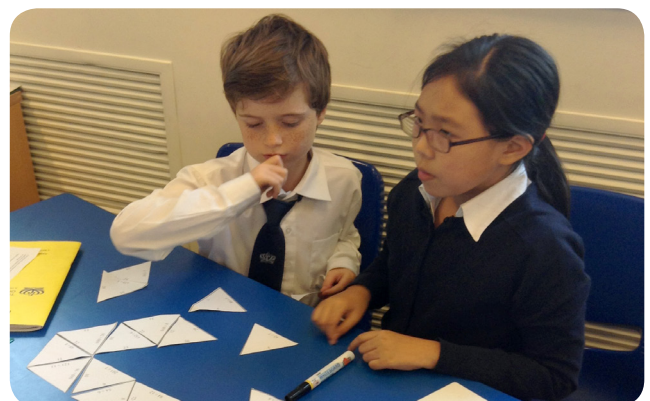
## LEARNING & TEACHING IN THE NEW YEAR

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

This term is fun-filled and jam-packed with exciting learning opportunities that will challenge, inspire and motivate our students here in Sanlitun. Themes across the term include Chocolate, Planeteers, Active Planet, Magical Materials, Dinosaurs, Fairy Tales and much, much more. To enrich and engage further we have our Global Campus Challenge to create a BSB Sanlitun Rube Goldberg Machine (a complicated invention that is created to perform a simple operation or everyday task). Last year we were the proud overall winners of the Global Campus UN 'Make it Right' Global Challenge so we hope to continue with our success. To further enrich learning there are trips, school performances, sporting fixtures, pupils travelling abroad to compete in different areas such as sports and maths, Chinese New Year celebrations and our Book Week Extravaganza to name just a few things we have to look forward to this term.

Parents play an integral part in school life and the learning and development of our students; we enjoy all of the opportunities we have throughout the term for parents to come into school and share in their child's learning. We extend learning outside of the school day through our Daily Emails to parents sharing the key learning of the day, as well as through homework, after school clubs, parent workshops and access to our Global Campus online learning platform connecting Nord Anglia students across the world. Just a few of the things we do!

We welcome everyone to the Spring Term and look forward to seeing all of the ambitious learning taking place throughout the term.



On the agenda:  
PA Committee  
Fundancia - the Family Ball

# PA Meeting

Parents' Association Meeting

Tuesday 12th January 9am: Primary Campus Main Hall

Senior Leadership Team Talk: to be confirmed

## Agenda Items:

PA Committee formation

Spring Term Charity Project

Fundancia - the Family Ball

PA Roles - Lunch Parent Coordinator,

PA Committee members

Q + A session

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



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*(International families only. Free of charge!)*

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(except school holidays)

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