



A once-in-a-lifetime Global Orchestra experience...

HOUSE MUSIC WEEK IN BSB SANLITUN

By David Laird, Principal

Dear Parents,

This week has been an absolute blast for both the students and the teachers, who have been participating in house music week. The culmination of the event was a house music quiz and staff house dance competition. As you can imagine, there was a competitive edge to the proceedings. A special mention must go to the Normans (Red Team) staff who pulled off what can only be described as a medley of carnage, led, of course, by Mr Charlesworth.

Please keep a look out for your child's initial report card which is being sent home before the holiday. This report is focused on how well children have settled into their new class environment. A parent teacher consultation will follow in November.

Students will be expected back at school on Wednesday 7th October in winter uniform.

Have a great holiday and we wish you safe travels, wherever you may be heading.

Kind regards,

David Laird





UPCOMING EVENTS

28th September - 6th October
School Closed
for National Holiday

7th October
First Day Back to School
in Winter Uniform

8th October
Year 1 Trip to Lama Temple

9th October
Flu Vaccination

13th October
PA Meeting
9.30am @ Primary Campus

KS2 Pastries with Parents
@ Primary Campus Hall
8.15am - 8.45am

14th October
KS1 Pastries with Parents
@ Primary Campus Hall
8.15am - 8.45am

Reading & Phonics
Workshop for KS1 Parents
9am @ Primary Campus

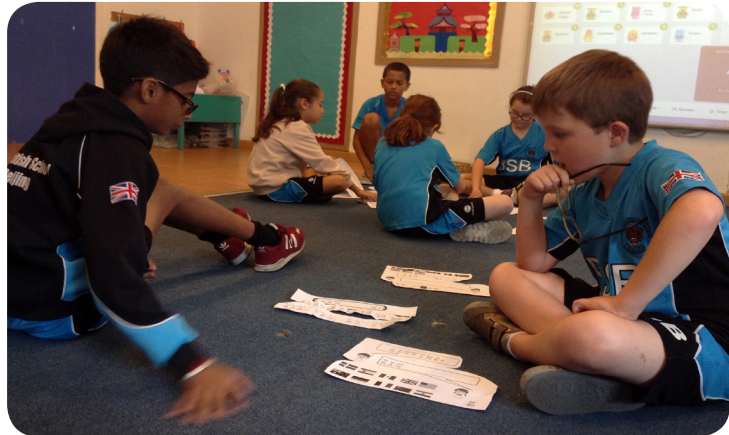
15th October
Pastries with Parents
for Reception
@ Primary Campus Hall
8.15am - 8.45am

Reading & Phonics Workshop
for Reception Parents
9am @ Primary Campus

UPDATE FROM CHINESE DEPARTMENT

By Susan Wang, Chinese Teacher

SLT children have had another dynamic and fun week in their Chinese classes. Reception children have been learning the topic of body parts. Children in Great Wall and Tian'an Men group loved doing actions along with a song “碰(pèng) 碰(pèng) 身(shēn) 体(tǐ)”. In Year 1 Great Wall class, children started a new topic of greetings in Chinese. Children had fun role-playing ‘meet and greet’ each other in Chinese. Year 2 Children made a Chinese book to introduce their family members and they enjoyed sharing & reading each other’s book. Y3 Great Wall children and Y4 Great Wall class worked in pairs to solve conversation puzzle.



We’ve also talked about the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival. Key Stage One Chinese classes had fun activities. Key Stage Two classes learnt the legend of Mid-Autumn Day which is also known as the Moon Cake Day.

We are proud to say that children in their Chinese classes have made fruitful achievements this week.



AN AMAZING GLOBAL ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE

By Iva Borisavljevic, Choral Music Teacher

This year, Nord Anglia Education offered the opportunity for talented musicians from our family of schools to be part of our first ever Global Orchestra. Auditions were open for over 20,000 students across 13 countries. The judges then selected up to 3 young musicians from each school to create a truly international collective of 46 instrumentalists and 34 singers.

Claudia Fan and Amy Jiang (currently in Y6 Eagles class) were chosen from BSB Sanlitun and they flew over the ocean at the end of June to meet more than 80 children from around the world in **New York, at Juilliard!** The girls were filled with trepidation and excitement. It meant very hard work: 6 busy hours rehearsals everyday, lots of workshops with different conductors, musicians and teachers from all around the world.



The time we spent at the Juilliard School of Music was one of the most eye-opening experiences we have ever had. The students were assigned to different groups and sent to different workshops (drama, dance and music). We were all thrilled and incredibly impressed by the standard of performance and passion of each of the Juilliard musicians and artists. We've learned that inspiration comes from everywhere. Read on to find out what our students said about the Global Orchestra project, New York and the visit to the Juilliard school.



A MEMORABLE TRIP TO THE GLOBAL ORCHESTRA

By Amy Jiang, Year 6 Eagles Class Student

This summer I attended the Global Orchestra which was held in New York with other Nord Anglia schools. During the camp I had made lots of new friends and learned lots more about singing. The choir and orchestra was huge and all the people attending and the teachers were all nice. I learned more about collaborating and also some new singing exercises including how to use your voices more effectively.

The highlight of the trip would have to be going to the Julliard school workshop and rehearsing there, and sightseeing day. Because in the Julliard workshop we got to actually dance, act and listen to music and we even got to see some of Beethoven's original manuscripts. On the sightseeing day we did not have any rehearsals (best day), we went to Times Square and we got to see the Statue of Liberty on the boat.

This is my first time in New York but it is definitely the most memorable trip in my life.





MY GLOBAL ORCHESTRA EXPERIENCE

By Claudia Fan, Year 6 Eagles Class Student

On the 24th of June 2015, Ms Iva, Amy and I headed off on a 16 hour flight to New York. My main highlights were: Rehearsals at the Nord Anglia International School, New York, sightseeing day around New York and the concert on the day before we left.

Rehearsals were interesting because we got to work with students who were in secondary school plus we had to sing in 3 parts on the last few days before the concert. The songs we sang sounded really good, so it seemed like we were like a real choir.

Sightseeing day was a day with no rehearsals and we got to visit museums. I liked the time when we visited MOMA, a museum, as there was this hug sheet of black fabric and you could go in it and make shapes with your body (the people couldn't see you but you could see them).



The final concert was my favourite because everything sounded so perfect and I got to see my parents as I hadn't seen them for over a week. Everyone was happy but sad and tired, but mostly happy because we knew we all did amazingly well.

The Global Orchestra was an amazing experience I will remember for a long time. I guess I was pretty lucky to have been given this opportunity to go to New York and participate in this rare event. I didn't know that I could sing in harmony without getting muddled up plus I learnt a lot about acting, dancing and music when we visited the Julliard School.



MATHS WEEK IN PRE-NURSERY!

By Sarah Leavers, Pre Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

All of our children should be incredibly proud of themselves for completing their first half term in Pre-Nursery! The children have settled in brilliantly and are beginning to pick up our daily routines. Despite a few tearful goodbyes in the morning, everyone has started to calm down quickly and the children have been keen to begin our morning activities – well done!

Last week in Pre-Nursery, we had a maths week. We learnt a lot of early maths skills through singing, games and activities during our workshops. The children started the week joining in with number songs such as 5 Little Ducks and we practiced our counting using sorting toys. In Pre-Nursery we are learning to say number names in order and count slowly, pointing to one object or picture at a time. We even began to represent numbers on our fingers – amazing work for such young children! In our workshops, the children learnt to take turns playing a dice game – they rolled the dice and found the matching number track, trying to name the number and then whizzing a car around it, this was a very popular game!



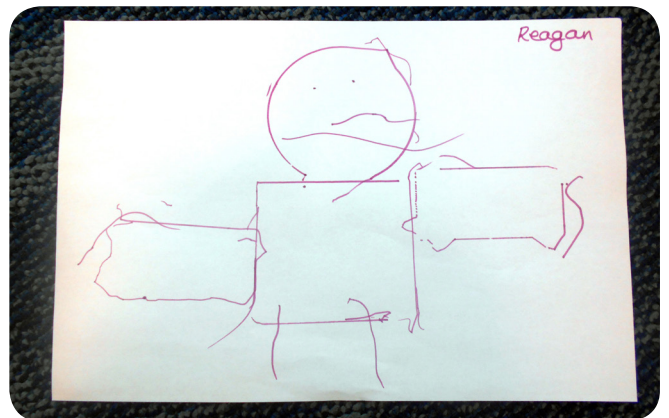
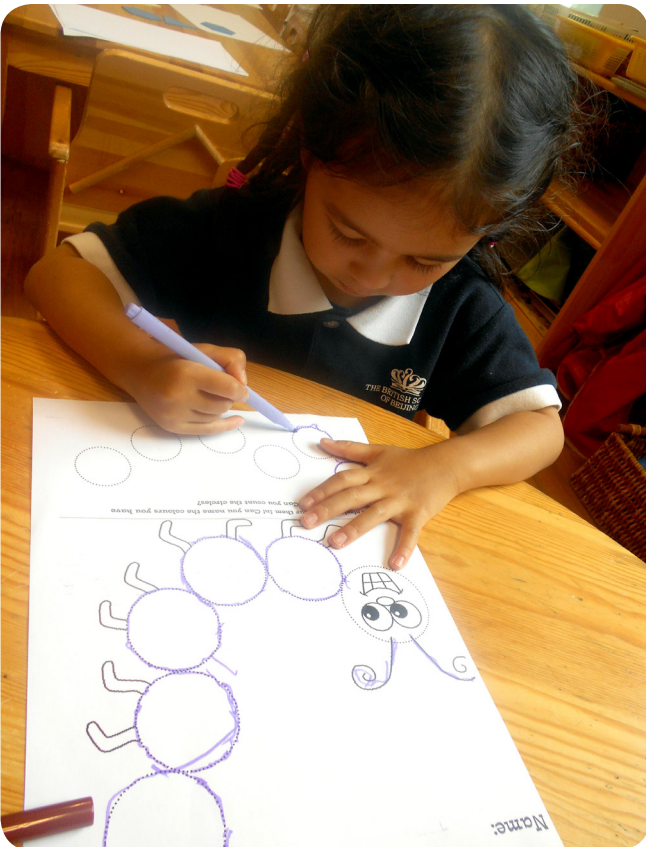


MATHS WEEK IN PRE-NURSERY! CONTINUED...

By Sarah Leavers, Pre Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

Later in the week, we moved onto shapes. In Starfish Class, the children really enjoyed exploring the Early Years Building and hunting for different shapes in the environment. We also created fantastic pictures, carefully drawing around shapes which is quite a tricky task and needed a lot of concentration.

We also took our maths learning outside where we practiced drawing large shapes with chalk, counting ducks in the water tray and also counting how many jumps we could do in the hoops. A very busy week with a lot of learning!





SENSATIONAL SENSES!

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

It's all gone senses mad in the year one corridor this week! We have been exploring how we use our different senses and which parts of our body helps us with each one.

SIGHT

It all started with our eyes and paint mixing. Our hands got a bit messy as we made our own colour mixing calculations involving handprints. Each hand was painted in a different colour and finally mixed together to see a new colour appear before our eyes. We also experienced what happens when adding a range of liquids to water. The children were amazed at how the liquid or the water changed and what happened to white paper when we laid it on top of the water. To top it off we explored what it would be like to have no sight! Our friends navigated us around a small obstacle course while we were wearing blind folds.



TASTE

After so many exciting activities for sight there was still 4 other senses to discover. The children cheered when they found out they were going to bake not one but 4 different types of cookies, the salty ones were the red herring. We demonstrated being excellent chefs by washing our hands and following the recipe carefully to create the cookie dough. We felt the heat coming from the oven even standing a meter away and the sweet smell brought a smile to everyone's faces. The reviews were mixed and some children even liked the salty cookies, not the outcome we were imagining but as we taught the children everyone likes different tastes. To continue our schools healthy eating theme we also tried lots of different fruits. The reaction to the sour lemon was my favourite with some smiles and other disgusted looks.





SENSATIONAL SENSES! CONTINUED...

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

TOUCH

Corn flour, jelly and porridge are just some of the ingredients that we used to explore our sense of touch. We dug for dinosaurs, used adjectives to describe the feel and tried to guess what objects we could feel in the box. The children radiated confidence as they went straight in with no hesitation.



SMELL AND HEARING

The smell of garlic was ripe through the year one corridor this week as we created pictures using scented paints. Perfume, lime and parsley sent our sense of smell into over drive. As we sat down to these smelly paints an array of music was played for the children to listen to. It was amazing to see how the music influenced their pictures. We also had the chance to guess the smell in the pots. What can I say we definitely have some children with a fantastic sense of smell.



An exhausting but thrilling week, which I hope the children will be talking about for weeks to come.



YEAR 2 VISIT TO THE CHINA AVIATION MUSEUM

By Paul Hollidge, Year 2 Elephants Class Teacher

Year 2s love of learning reached new heights this week as they visited the China Aviation Museum in support of the first topic of the year, 'From A-B'.

Excitement was building on Monday and Tuesday as the children learnt about the history of aviation as well as modern passenger planes and fighter jets. On Wednesday everybody was delighted to see a beautiful blue sky and a fantastic day was enjoyed by all. After an hour long journey in which the children were busy spotting various forms of transport the convoy of year two classes arrived at the museum which is to the north of Beijing. On arrival the children were impressed by the initial array of passenger planes but this was only a taste of what was to come. Throughout the day the children went on to see a wide range of military and civilian aircraft. The children were amazed by some of the strange sizes and shapes of the airplanes and also at how small some of the more modern fighter jets are. One of the most popular planes was one that had a shark painted along its side and nosecone. Alongside aircraft, the museum also displayed military tanks and missiles which the children were also very interested in. Whilst at the museum each class behaved fantastically well and were wonderful role models for BSB. Following on from the trip each child went on to write a recount of the day and a selection of these can be found on display along the Year 2 corridor.



The children each chose an aircraft to sketch.



This plane proved very popular!





SPACE!

By Danny Haden, Year 5 Flamingos Class Teacher

In Year 5 we have been learning all about space in our topic lessons. Our topic started off with a BANG when all Year 5 children were called to the basement to complete their initial space cadet training. In order to be accepted in to the Star Academy programme, the children had to complete a series of strenuous tasks to show that they were up to travelling in space. These included stamina, agility and reaction tests. All of the children had a fantastic time and they showed that they are all potential astronauts of the future!



Members of Flamingos class testing out their stamina



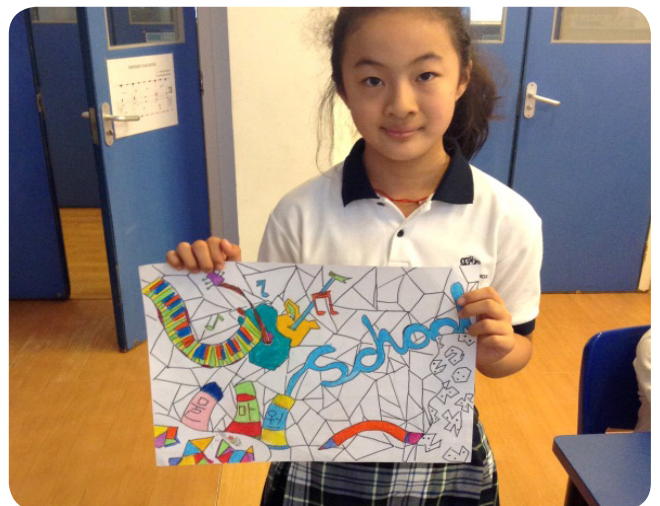
Soraiya having her strength measured

Also within our topic, Year 5 have been imagining what would happen if there was an alien invasion! The children imagined that they were aliens and they used this perspective to produce abstract works of art using oil pastels. They explored objects around the school and drew representations of these objects from the point of view of an alien, meaning many of the objects look rather strange! The artwork is not quite finished yet, although the children are eager to finish them off ready for display and they children have particularly enjoyed using a range of contrasting colours to really make their art work eye-catching.

Can you imagine if aliens really did land here in Sanlitun? I'm sure they'd be just as impressed by the art work produced by the Flamingos as I am!



Lizzie's eye-catching artwork



Chloe's wonderful artwork

THE STAR CITIZEN SYSTEM IS BACK!

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

The Star Citizen system is back! We have launched this year with a new format to celebrate our outstanding Star Citizen's in Reception to Year 6. Each week 9 special children are chosen from across the school. Star Citizen recognises children who demonstrate good manners, kindness, friendship and caring towards others. We have a school of children who demonstrate lots of these traits, so Star Citizen identifies children who consistently and repetitively display a number of characteristics, traits and/or good deeds across a period of time.

Every week all our pupils have an opportunity to show others that they have been doing lots of 'Star Citizen behaviours' in our assembly, and the Star Citizens who have been put in the **STAR CITIZEN BOOK** will come to the front to receive their badge. We hear of why they have been put forward as a Star Citizen and congratulate them for receiving the Star Citizen award. They receive a certificate that is placed in a special frame for a week for others to see in school and their name is put into the Star Citizen Award section of the newsletter. At the end of the week, the certificate will be sent home with the Star Citizen.

We encourage all children to aspire to be a Star Citizen in their everyday life, not just in school. We look forward to seeing many more Star Citizens throughout this academic year.

STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK:

Christine Wu (Year 5, Flamingos)
Varvara Lesix (Year 4, Kingfishers)
Allison Peng (Year 3, Toucans)

Cherry Lau (Year 2, Monkeys)
Gaelle Pecheur (Year 2, Pandas)

Jaden Wang (Year 1, Lions)
Denise Manuel (Year 1, Panthers)

Sophia Harvey (Reception, Sealions)
Arseniy Makarov (Reception, Sharks)

SLEEP BASICS FOR BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN (0 - 5 YEARS)

Upcoming Seminar @ International SOS

International SOS Family Physician and Child Specialist Dr Stephanie Teoh will talk about:

- Settling techniques, establishing good sleeping habits
- SIDs Awareness
- Sleeping issues

Time: Thursday, October 8, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Location: International SOS Beijing Clinic

Cost: Complimentary

For more information or to register: seminar@internationalsos.com





DID YOU KNOW



Parents' Association Quiz Night

Join us for a fun 'International Quiz' night with a wide range of questions to suit everybody.

Date: 23rd October, 2015

Time: 6.30pm for a 7pm start

Place: Primary Campus Hall

Ticket: 100RMB per adult

Please note that this is an **adults-only event** and there is a limit of 90 tickets.



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