

Friday 29th May 2015



Reception Dolphins with their artwork which raised RMB 3,400 alone...

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BSB SANLITUN COMMUNITY

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

Last Friday saw our long awaited Charity Art Auction take place in the Primary Campus playground. It was an absolutely wonderful evening – the weather being kind to us – and approximately 500 people joined us for the event. Members of the Parent Association had worked tirelessly in the months leading up to the event, making sure that on the day there were plenty of activities for the children to participate in; that there was plenty of food and drink for everyone, and of course that everyone was encouraged to bid on some fantastic pieces of artwork. These, as we know, had been produced by the BSB Sanlitun students over a number of weeks and the creativity displayed by the different classes was extremely impressive. Artwork ranged from canvases to forms of lighting, furniture and even a fish tank with live fish!

Bidding between parents was fierce and as the final hour approached, crowds gathered to try and get their final bid in before the clipboards were collected in. Everyone waited with baited breath to see if they had managed to put the highest bid.

The event on Friday night alone raised a staggering amount of RMB 41,000 which will be donated equally between the BSB Sanlitun and Parents' Association Charity – The Migrant Children's Foundation, specifically the Mingyuan School in Beijing and towards relief work following the devastating Nepal earthquake.

In addition to the money raised on Friday evening, we also raised a further RMB 20,000 through the Charity Art Auction Dress-Up Day and through donations made by parents. This money has already been sent to Nepal via The British School of Kathmandu who have direct links with schools in the area, needing desperate support following the earthquakes that have occurred there.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd June
PA Meeting
@ Primary Campus

2nd - 3rd June
Parent Consultation Evenings

4th June
Years 5 & 6 Show
6pm @ Primary Campus Hall

7th June
End of Year Family Picnic
@ Primary Campus
3pm - 7pm

8th - 12th June
Year 6 Residential Trip

10th June
Last ASAs

11th June
Early Years
Pastries with Parents & Show
@ EY Campus

12th June
Year 2 Sleepover

15th June
KS2 Science Fair

17^h June
Last Swimming Lesson
for Pre Nursery & Reception

18^h June
Nursery Beach Trip
to Tuanjiehu Park

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BSB SANLITUN COMMUNITY CONTINUED...

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

I would like to thank everyone who came to the event on Friday as well as everyone who has donated money to these two very worthwhile causes. The event could not have taken place without the team who coordinated the arrangements: Anna Hellron, Irma Ravagli, Della Yilmaz, Grace Walter, Anne-Louise Kahrs, Yulia Pohlmann and Cat Lambert. We must also thank all the students and teaching team at school for all the work they did in preparing the artwork that was auctioned off at the event, with a special thank you to Miss Kirsty McCarra, our Art & DT Subject Leader, who supported the staff throughout and liaised with the Parent Association.

MAKING PROGRESS IN CHINESE

By Jenny Shen, Head of Chinese



This week children in different groups in Chinese had a busy and exciting week. Year 2 children in Forbidden City and Tian'an Men groups learnt the topic of food. They were able to name a lot of vegetables and fruit in Chinese and describe the different tastes of the food. They also made special salad during their Chinese lesson. Children had a lot of fun to create their own pretty salad and introduce what they needed to prepare in Chinese.

Year 3 Children in Lama Temple group learnt how to write a modern poem. They showed their interests to be a poet and tried their best to write a beautiful poem about wind. Year 1 children practised the colour of animals they spotted in Chinese. They enjoyed learning and practising the Chinese they have learnt. Year 4 children in Tian'an Men group learnt the topic of hobbies. Children were encouraged by the teacher to talk about which hobby is more popular and fun in Chinese.

BENEFITS FOR EARLY YEARS OF LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

By Claudia Valdes, Pre-Nursery Tadpoles Class Teacher

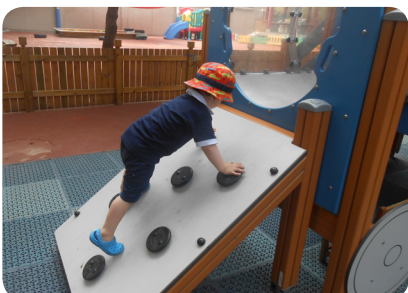
It is essential that young children get frequent and regular opportunities to explore and learn in the outdoor environment as we place a strong emphasis on the importance and value of daily outdoor experiences for children's learning and development.

In recent years there has been a cultural shift in our society that has reduced the access and use of outdoors for many young children. Here are some powerful arguments for taking every opportunity to take young children beyond their immediate indoor environment:

- Learning outside the classroom supports the development of healthy and active lifestyles by offering children opportunities for physical activity, freedom and movement, and promoting a sense of well-being.



- Learning outside the classroom gives children contact with the natural world and offers them experiences that are unique to outdoors, such as direct contact with the weather and the seasons.
- Playing and learning outside also helps children to understand and respect nature, the environment and the interdependence of humans, animals, plants, and lifecycles.
- Outdoor play also supports children's problem-solving skills and nurtures their creativity, as well as providing rich opportunities for their developing imagination, inventiveness and resourcefulness.
- The outdoor environment offers space and therefore is particularly important to those children who learn best through active movement. Very young children learn predominately through their sensory and physical experiences which supports brain development and the creation of neural networks.



SINGING AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

By Iva Borisavljevic, Choral Music Teacher



Here, at BSB Sanlitun, all our students are always ready to sing!

They have been given the opportunity to learn how to sing well and use that skill for meaningful academic learning, especially this year, when we have the Choral music programme as a part of our timetable. Throughout these lessons, our children develop not only good musical skills, but an understanding of music as well. Beyond learning the notes, rhythms and text, there is musical enquiry into the music context and significance.

As we are an international school, there is a wide variation in English levels, not just between different year groups, but between children within the same class. Because they don't have the same language, they cannot always speak together, but they can and do sing together. Children only need to be encouraged to look around them and see how much everyone likes singing. They will then easily venture to open their mouth and sing along with their friends.



As their Choral music teacher, I often tell the children that I really cannot remember a time of my life when I did not sing, so I will be the happiest teacher ever if my students remember their primary school days for singing. Not just because it is fun but because singing enhances learning retention, concentration and listening skills. It supports language development and is proven to be a healthy choice that helps young children with posture, breathing and general well-being.

WE ARE WHAT WE EAT

By Laura Hugo, Year 2 Alligators Class Teacher

To end our 'We are what we eat' topic Year 2 thought about everything we have learnt during the topic to come up with some delicious and healthy snacks such as: fruit kebabs, fruit salad, sandwiches and smoothies. We then had a trip to San Yuan Li where we had the opportunity to buy all of the ingredients we needed for our healthy snacks. It was great fun and we managed to find foods from all of the different food groups on sale! The next day we had fun making and eating our snacks.

On Friday the Year 2 classrooms transformed into amazing Cafes and the Year 1 children had the chance to come and visit us. We all had different roles from waitressing to cooking the food and even taking payments! All of Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic time and thought the food was delicious!



PEOPLE WHO HELP US

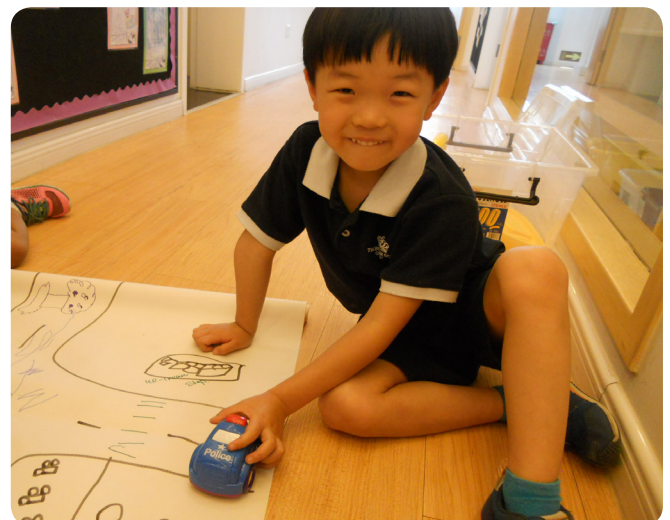
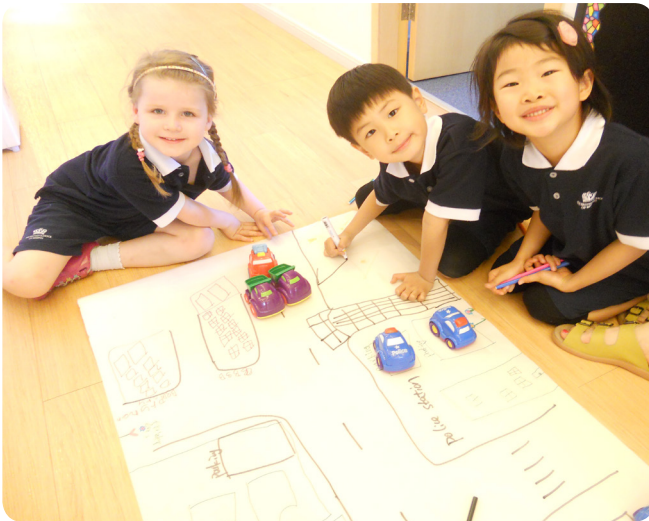
By Charlotte Cummins, Reception Sealions Class Teacher

This term Reception have been learning about their Community and the 'People Who Help Us'. We looked at photographs and facts about police cars, fire engines and ambulances, and used our experience from our trip to the hospital, to design our own Communities.

Then children had to work together in small groups to make a road and design their own town with these key elements. Each child chose to design an area with a building such as schools, homes or shops.

The children had to answer an 'emergency call' and drive a police car, ambulance or fire-engine to where it needed to get to. The children had to use the road carefully and started to design their own road signs to control the traffic.

The children worked as a team to move the cars to the correct place, spoke clearly giving each other directions and listened to each other carefully.



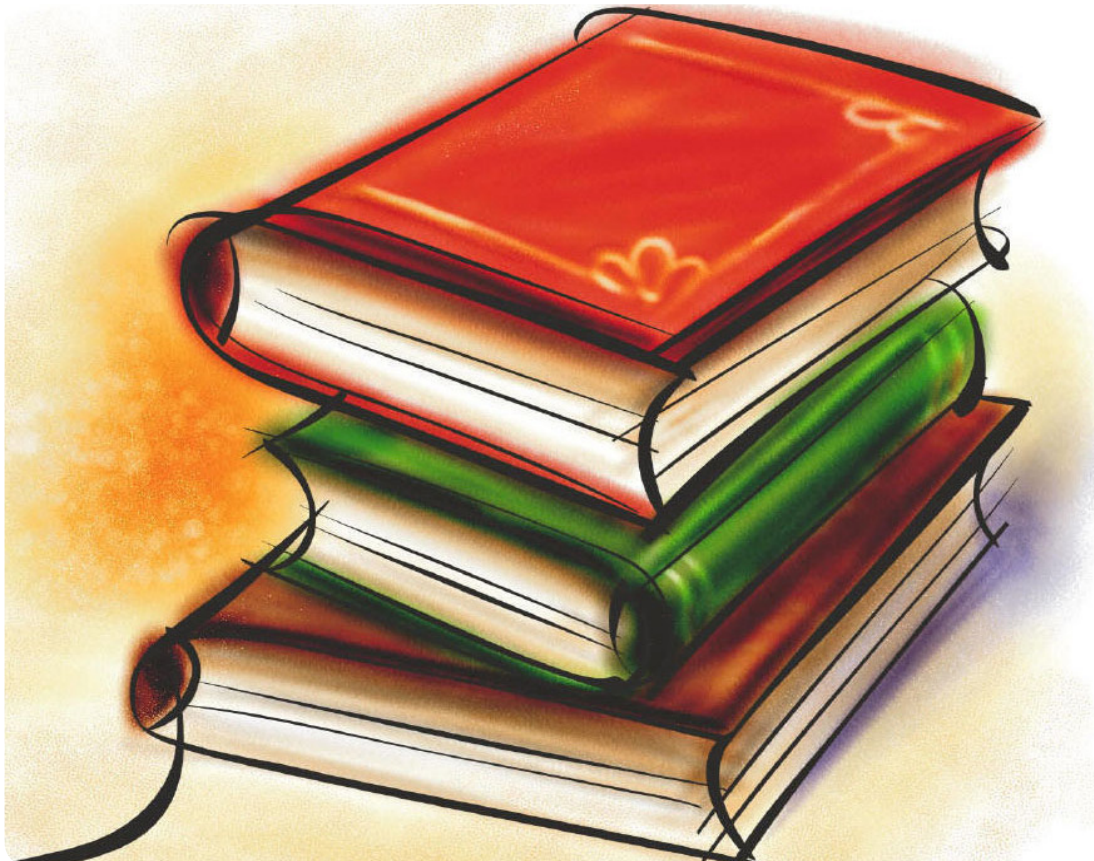
BAKE SALE AND BOOK DRIVE

By Paul Gildea, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

On Sunday 7th June our children will be holding a bake sale at the Family BBQ event in support of the charity chosen by the Parents Association. We will be looking for donations of cakes and cookies that our children will be able to sell. Families are invited to donate their goodies on the morning of the bake sale, and hopefully we can continue to Make it Right!

In addition, we are asking for donations of good quality, good condition children's books that we can use in our school library, and also sell at the Family BBQ. We are looking for books in English, but also those in other languages.

Look out for more information about these events in daily emails.



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