

Friday 7th November 2014



BSB Sanlitun, an international community...

CELEBRATING OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY HERE AT SANLITUN

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

I have absolutely loved reading through the pages of this week's newsletter, as it really does sum up the fabulous week we have had.

It was clear on walking into school on Monday morning that a very special week was about to take place with our International bunting decorating the foyer area and the playground, as well as flags suspended from the ceiling in the hall and the gym.

We weren't disappointed - from our flag quiz in Monday's assembly to the vast range of activities that the teachers had prepared for their classes, the students at BSB Sanlitun found themselves travelling the world from the comfort of their own classroom (or several classrooms). On the next few pages you will see for yourselves all the experiences the students have had, from pizza making to Scottish dancing to origami.

Of course, the most special treat of the week was International Day, when we got dressed up in our international costumes and paraded through the school. We were also treated to an amazing array of stalls that the parents of BSB Sanlitun had created. Over 29 countries were represented in our gym and all of the children had the opportunity to go and visit them, sample some food and participate in an activity. It was the most fantastic day which I know the students, staff and parents of Sanlitun will not forget. All that is left to say is a huge thank you to everyone who made the week a complete success.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10th November
Year 4 visit to
Beijing World Park

Miss Milanec out for
FOBISIA Conference

13th - 14th November
School Closed
for Staff Training

18th November
Reception Stay and Play
8.40am - 9.40am

20th November
Nursery Stay and Play
9am - 10am

25th - 26th November
Parent Consultation Evenings
@ Primary & EY Campuses
3.45pm - 6.30pm

27^h - 28th November
Eye Screening

27th November
Santa's Secret Shoppe
for Primary Campus

28th November
Santa's Secret Shoppe
for Pre-Nursery & Nursery

30th November
BSB Sanlitun's
Christmas Cracker
@ Primay Campus
11am - 3pm

INTERNATIONAL DAY, INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS, INTERNATIONAL FUN!

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

To say we were overwhelmed with the effort, thought, hard-work and love that the parents and friends of BSB Sanlitun put into International Day would be an understatement. The day was fantastic and the children had such a fulfilling time. I spent time teaching Year 6 on International Day and they were buzzing with facts and new knowledge from their visit to the country stands. They had also gathered a range of brilliant gifts and trinkets, and tasted some of the most delicious food from around the world.



I am not sure there are enough times that thank you can be said to express the gratitude we have as a school for Cat Lambert and the whole team that helped to make the day such a huge success. THANK YOU!



INTERNATIONAL WEEK AT THE EARLY YEARS CAMPUS!

By Sarah Leavers, Pre Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

We have had a brilliant time during International Week at the Early Years Campus! It was lovely to see Tadpoles, Starfish and Seashells all joining together to take part in different activities down in Pre-Nursery. The children started the week making Mexican tostadas with Ms Claudia, everyone did really well following instructions and using different ingredients to make their Mexican treats. All the children were happy to taste them too which is a great achievement for our little ones who are sometimes unsure of new food. Throughout the week, we have been constructing a giant London bus – the children loved getting outside in the beautiful weather to paint boxes red. We also created windows, wheels and a steering wheel and of course, we sang ‘The Wheels on the Bus’ many times!



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD: PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

International week has been a great opportunity to cover this area of the Early Years Curriculum. We have been thinking about different countries and learning about similarities and differences that connect the children to, and distinguish them from others. It's also a chance for the children to begin to show an interest in the lives of people who are familiar to them – such as recognising and talking about the different clothes their friends wore on International Day. All the children enjoyed listening to and joining in with our International hello song – learning how to say hello in different languages.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK AT EARLY YEARS CAMPUS CONTINUED...

By Sarah Leavers, Pre Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

READING FUN IN NURSERY

Up in Nursery, the children have been very lucky to have some special visitors into class to read them a story in a different language. The children heard a traditional story in Chinese, learnt some first words in Danish and had a Christmas story read in Japanese. A massive thank you to the volunteers who came in to celebrate International Week with us!



Angelfish Story reading

Everyone looked absolutely FANTASTIC on International Day – thank you for all the effort you put into their beautiful outfits!



Starfish



Tadpoles

YEAR 6 TRIP TO O'LE CLIMBING CENTRE

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

Our Year 6 Eagles went on a climbing trip on Tuesday to the O'le Climbing Centre here in Beijing. They took part in a range of activities to include; Bouldering, Big wall climbing, Box climbing (stacking and climbing a wobbly tower of crates) and Slack lining (walking along a wide tight-rope). The purpose of the trip was to consolidate what they have learnt and experienced during the team building and leadership unit in their PE lessons, and to learn and practise climbing skills and activities.



Some of the children had participated in indoor climbing activities before and for some, this was a completely new experience, which, even though some of the activities were quite challenging, and a little scary, the children tackled them well and showed a lot of perseverance and determination throughout the day.

The children were split into 2 groups and completed 2 activities in the morning, then after lunch, they rotated and completed the 2 other activities in the afternoon. At the end of the day the teams had a 'speed climb' challenge. They had to choose 3 people from each team to take part in the climbing competition. It was a close contest between the 'Rockers' and 'Banana Split's' but the Rockers just managed to get to the top to be the quickest to ring the bell. Well done to Phillip, Hannah and Marc for winning their speed challenge.

It was so good to see how well the children work together as a group, demonstrating support and cohesion towards each other, yet also healthy competition when competing in individual and team challenges. It was a great day full of exciting activities, learning new skills and it was evident that the children enjoyed themselves.



INTERNATIONAL WEEK IN KEY STAGE 2

By Petrina Booth, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher

AFRICAN DRUMMING

The Toucan classroom was alive with the sound of beating drums! During our International week carousel, the Year 3 and 4 children had the opportunity to watch some videos showing examples of African drumming before working in groups to create their own melodies. Working collaboratively, the children spent some time composing their melodies before performing to the rest of the group.



African drumming



International Quiz



Our poppy display

INTERNATIONAL QUIZ

The children enjoyed an international quiz which had questions covering countries flags, national dress, famous world landmarks and school dinners from around the world. The children competed in groups of four or five representing different continents. We were all amazed at the range and depth of knowledge the children have!

REMEMBERANCE DAY

For this activity we commemorated the centenary of WW1. We then made our own poppies and wrote a dedication on its petals to anyone we knew who has been affected by war or a general dedication to all people who died in World War 1. We then put all of our poppies together to make a large poppy display in the corridor.

MORE FROM KEY STAGE 2...

By Petrina Booth, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher

POI MAKING

'Poi' is the Maori word for ball on a cord. It was used, many years ago, by the indigenous Maori people of New Zealand to increase their flexibility and strength in their hands and arms as well as improving coordination. The children had to plait three pieces of wool together of the same colour and repeat twice more with two different colours (traditionally black, red and white). They then braided the three plaits together to make a strong cord. This cord was attached to a ball of either tissue paper or cotton stuffing and wrapped in plastic. The children enjoyed making these and were surprised at how tricky it actually was!

Year 4 students with their handmade pois



CEILIDH DANCING

After spending some time trying to work out how to spell Ceilidh (trickier than we originally thought!) we got on to learning a dance that some of us may have learnt before, the Heel and Toe Polka. The children worked in mixed partners from Year 3 and 4 to learn this fun and jumpy dance! Once we mastered this, we had time to learn the Dashing White Sergeant where this time the children danced in groups of six and the moves got a bit trickier. The children had a fantastic, if not exhausting, time dancing along to the traditional Scottish music! Yeehhaaa!



Year 4 students Scottish dancing

AROUND THE WORLD WITH KEY STAGE 1

By Libby Henderson, Year 1 Leopards Class Teacher

This week the children in Key Stage One have been really busy visiting lots of countries. In the gym on Wednesday there were 29 countries represented! They all LOVED tasting the foods and seeing the traditional clothing for each country.

On Tuesday the children in Year 1 and 2 were mixed into 8 groups and visited 4 different countries in 4 different continents: South Africa, Italy, Canada and Japan. The children identified where the countries were on the map of the world and learnt some key facts such as significant buildings, animals, foods, languages and flags.

Whilst in Italy they made their own pizza! The children worked in groups to choose from a selection of ingredients. While we were waiting for them to cook the children designed their own pizzas and came up with a name. We had some very interesting ideas such as chocolate pizzas! The children enjoyed tasting their pizzas when they were cooked.



The children discovered that Spain won the world cup in South Africa in 2010. Every child learnt the dance to Waka Waka and we then taught it to some teachers in assembly on Wednesday.

In Japan, the children carefully followed instructions on how to make origami sailing ships and paper cups. The children were delighted to find that the paper cups actually worked and to see their flotilla of origami ships displayed on the stage at lunchtime!



In Canada, students had the opportunity to try building their own 'tallest structures' with building blocks, and some made towers as tall as their teachers! They also had a chance to play some ice hockey (or floor, rather), and learned to keep both hands on our sticks and keep our sticks on the 'ice'. If we raised our sticks too high off the ice, we would get a high sticking call and have to sit in the penalty box for 2 minutes!

Please ask your child about their week - they may even be able to teach you the Waka Waka dance!!

TURNING EAL TEACHERS INTO CREATURES

By Keith Olive, EAL Specialist Teacher

Don't eat my spooky pizza. You'll turn into a frog if you do!

Years 1 and 2 EAL student witches and wizards have been designing their own spooky pizzas recently for Halloween. Mr Olive was turned into a frog, a chicken, a dog a monkey and a skeleton when he ate pieces of truly magical pizza made in class.



Don't drink my witch's brew. You'll turn into a chicken if you do!

Year 3 witches' brew

Oh no! Yes that's right! Mr Olive drank Year 3 EAL students' witch's brew and accidentally turned into a range of noisy farmyard animals.



Writing our spells

Year 5 bingo

Put another way, we've been having fun learning the grammar points of negative imperatives and conditional statements.

'Bingo!' Year 5 had the happy task of remembering lots of words by listening to the caller and looking for the right word and repeating it. We call 'Bingo!' when we've got three words or pictures in a row. The problem is, they have to be the correct ones, which can be difficult if the game is played at a fast pace. So speak clearly and listen carefully! The first word is vocabulary. Have you got that?

As you can see from the picture above, Mrs Kennaugh and I have a small problem after allowing the students to cast their spells: we've been turned into strange and slightly spooky creatures. I hope they can turn us back into people again or we might not be able to teach them English. Perhaps you can tell them some magic words to help us!?

YET ANOTHER DISPLAY OF GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP

By Harry Brookfield, P.E. Teacher

It was a day the children involved had been waiting for – their chance to represent BSB Sanlitun, to proudly wear the blue of our school and play some football! And didn't they do well! The girls and one of our boys' teams came in 3rd place, and we also took away the Sportsmanship Award as well. A good haul for a mornings work and, at a friendly match, where Good Sportsmanship is really the most important thing, to win that award was arguably the best achievement of the day!



The girls played very well. They attacked and defended and put 110% effort into every game. They even helped out one of the opposition sides by volunteering to play for the team to make up the numbers! The boys' teams – there were 3 – faced stiff competition from BCIS and Harrow, and even from each other!



All the young people had a good experience, they represented BSB Sanlitun very well both on and off the field, and we hope to see them put on the Blue of BSB many more times in the future!



The Global Classroom

Nord Anglia Education's Global Classroom develops confident and passionate individuals who engage with global issues and lead their own learning to reach high levels of performance.

Our children in years 4, 5 and 6 have got off to a flying start with Global Classroom this year. We have been congratulated for our high levels of participation in the online activities and forums so far this term.

Perhaps Global Classroom is something you have heard about in passing but are unsure of what it is or how best to support your child. If this is the case here is some information about Global Classroom and the exciting in-school challenge we are participating in this year.

So what is the Global Classroom?

- Somewhere our students can work with thousands of other children on a range of interesting subjects.
- A place for our students to learn, discuss, share and challenge themselves.
- Somewhere our students can learn from experts, online courses and discussions with others from all around the world.
- A place for only our Nord Anglia Education Students
- A safe and secure space



Last year our in-school activity set by Global Classroom was The Water Challenge. Children had to work in groups to research issues with water that face people around the world and try to come up with a solution to one of these problems. Our school was commended for how well the whole school community, not just years 4,5 and 6 were involved in the project.

This year, in the Make it Right challenge, pupils will explore children's rights. In groups they will focus on one of these and decide how they can practically make a difference.

If you have any wonderful ideas or perhaps work for a charity or organization that would like to support us in our challenge please get in touch.

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Why Children's Rights?

25 years ago, in 1989, the United Nations created a treaty called the Convention on the Rights of a Child.

This recognised that every child under 18 had:

- The right to a **childhood**
- The right to be **educated**
- The right to be **healthy**
- The right to be treated **fairly**
- The right to be **heard**



However, in many locations around the world, children experience things that do not respect their basic human right. Situations and severity can vary drastically, but as global citizens you have the responsibility to use **your voice to defend the rights of children every where and prevent this suffering.**

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