



SHOWCASING SANLITUN...

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

BSB Sanlitun has most certainly been on show this week as we have had a great many visitors to our school. This week saw the face to face interviews taking place as part of the search for my successor - the new Principal who will join BSB Sanlitun at the start of the new academic year.

The process involved a very busy day with many people involved, including members of our Regional Team based in Shanghai and our Central Team based in Hong Kong who flew into Beijing to spend time with us at school.

More importantly though was the fact that our students all had input into helping to interview the possible Principals by creating a series of questions that they wanted to ask the candidates. The School Council representatives, supported by Ms Harman and Mr Allen then took each candidate on a tour of the school, asking the selected questions, but also answering those asked by our visitors. The students then provided feedback to the interview panel who were incredibly impressed by the students' opinions and the thought they had put into their responses. Having also interviewed the candidates separately, it was very interesting to see that the panel's viewpoints were very much aligned with those of our students. The candidates also fed back to us that they were so impressed with the students that they met with and spoke to throughout the day, which was fantastic to hear.

The interview process will continue and as soon as an appointment is made, I will be sure to inform all our families.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th March
Under 11 Basketball
@ BSB Shunyi

9th March
Book Week Begins

13th March
Book Character Day

16th March
FOBISIA U10/U11 Football
@ 3.30pm - 4.30pm

19th March
KS2 Residential Meeting
5pm @ Primary Campus Hall

20th March
Year 6 Visit to
National Museum of China

21st March
FOBISIA U9/U10/U11
Swimming @ 10am - 12pm

25th March
Year 2 Show
@ Primary Campus

26th March
Reception Stay & Play
8.40am - 9.40am

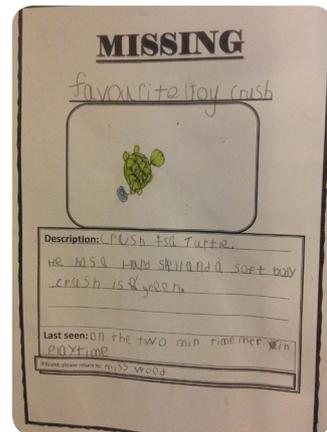
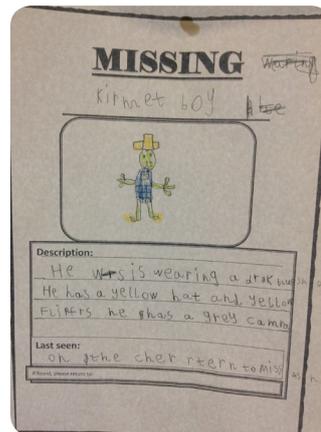
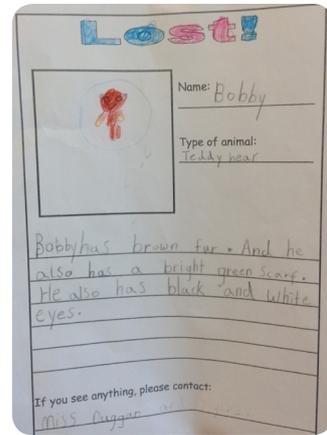
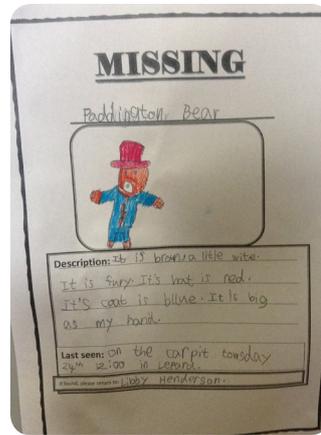
31st March - 2nd April
Manchester Utd.
Soccer Camp @ BSB Shunyi

THIEF ON THE LOOSE!

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

Year one's new topic is all about toys so each class brought in their favourite toy to share including the teachers. Everything started off well, the children were excited and the teachers were happy but then something happened that caused all sorts of upset. The teachers' toys went missing! Nobody saw what happened and nobody knows where they are.

Everyone wanted to help so we created missing posters and stuck them all around the school.



While waiting for some news we received a mean letter from the person that took our toys. It gave us a clue but unfortunately it wasn't enough to find the toys so we replied to the thief, appealing for more information.

If anyone has any information please contact the year one team. Wish us luck in our quest to find Bobby, Crush, Kermit and Paddington.

YEAR 4 GO WILD

By Kirsty McCarra, Year 4 Herons Class Teacher



On Monday, the year 4 Herons and Kingfishers went on a wild trip to Beijing Zoo! As part of their current topic, The Planeteers, the children have been exploring and discussing artificial habitats and how well they cater to the needs of different kinds of animals. Kitted out with clipboards and cameras, they set out to apply their knowledge of animal habitats to discover and record which man-made enclosures at Beijing zoo rose to the challenge.



The children found a variety of enclosures, some more suitable than others. The children were delighted to see the monkeys playing socially in a large area with lots of equipment for them to play and exercise on to keep them well. They decided that this enclosure had been well planned out to cater for the specific needs of the monkeys. However, the elephants were cramped into small cages where they had no room to exercise and no opportunities to socialise. The children were very mature and objective with their points of view and the way they expressed their comments.



Year 4 enjoying their time at the zoo



The Planeteers believe the elephants should have more room

On return to school, we discussed our findings and took this into consideration to compile a list of pros and cons for keeping animals in captivity. We concluded that zoos are often not well enough equipped to cater for the specific needs of the wild animals. On the other hand, they provide valuable educational experiences for children and adults alike as well as give scientists the opportunity to research these animals to improve our understanding and appreciation of the animal kingdom. It was a valuable learning experience which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

WHAT DO CHILDREN LEARN FROM NURSERY RHYMES?

By Claudia Valdes, Pre Nursery Tadpoles Class Teacher



- Nursery Rhymes are an engaging and playful way for young children to hear, identify, manipulate, and experiment with the sounds of language.

- Nursery Rhymes explore words that describe size, weight, and use math related words to define concepts. They also often include counting sequences which help develop maths skills that children will use later to begin to add and subtract.

- Children simultaneously practice pitch, volume, and voice inflection while experiencing the rhythm of language.

- Children learn to pronounce words easily by saying them over and over again and by practicing them without effort.

- Nursery Rhymes promote positive attitudes towards language learning and help children to build an awareness of the sound patterns of language, especially rhyming words.

- Rhymes expose children to story sequences, helping them identify what happened first, next and last.



SWIMMING SEASON HAS BEGUN

By Harry Brookfield, P.E. Teacher

The new swimming unit of work at BSB Sanlitun got off to a splash this week with both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children enjoying classes at the swimming pool!

Key Stage 1 will be working on gaining confidence in the water and they will learn some basic swimming techniques over the eight week programme.

Key Stage 2 will be building upon what they learned in previous visits to the pool and they will be learning more advanced swimming strokes and techniques.

We will be looking at breast-stroke, free-style, back-stroke and if possible even butterfly!

All children will learn the importance of water safety and the benefits that swimming has to health.

As you can see from the photos, our swimming unit is something the children really enjoy - and at times we thought some of our young people had been replaced by mermen and mermaids they were that good in the water!



SWIMMING SEASON HAS BEGUN CONTINUED...

By Harry Brookfield, P.E. Teacher

To coincide with our swimming unit, Key Stage 2 will be taking their second class of the week at Lido again. They will be working on a variety of sports, including athletics and T-ball. In athletics, they will be learning how to pass on the baton correctly, how to throw the discus and shot-put properly and how to sprint effectively. In T-ball they will learn not only how to bat, bowl and field, but also the tactics of the game too.

KS1 meanwhile will be continuing with their dance unit, looking at rhythm, tempo and beat. Already we have some stars in the school – maybe they will eventually make it to X-Factor; who knows!

Finally, in a busy time for the PE department, the FOBISIA A-Team has been selected and their training has begun on a Monday and a Friday. We still look forward to having the reserve squad join with us on a Tuesday and Wednesday during their current ASA schedule, and of course there is always the possibility that a reservist could move into the A-Team.

AN EXCITING WEEK IN YEAR 2

By Rebecca Kerry, Year 2 Monkeys Class Teacher

This week in Year 2 there has been a buzz of excitement as we began practicing for our upcoming performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' which will be at 2pm on Wednesday 25th March. The children have been attending auditions, learning songs and practicing their acting in preparation for practicing on the stage next week.

During maths this week, the children practiced their mental arithmetic skills in a fun way by playing board games such as bingo, snakes and ladders and laptop games. Whilst playing these games they were challenged to add and take away 9 and 11 from 2 digit and 3 digit numbers. Some children also went on to adding and taking away 21, 31, 41 and even 51 mentally! The Year 2s certainly are mathmagicians!



Make it Right



As you may have read in previous editions of the newsletter, the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been taking part in a challenge, set by the Nord Anglia Global Classroom, to learn about Children's Rights and take action to make a difference.

The Make it Right event, which took place on Thursday 12th February, was planned and run by the children and many children and adults from our school community attended. It was a great success.



Thank you!

Thank you to all those who attended the event. The children enjoyed showcasing songs and drama sketches, sharing facts and raising money. We hope everyone who came along learnt something or felt inspired to 'Make it Right' for children around the world who do not have all of their basic rights fulfilled.

The children raised over 6200RMB altogether which is fantastic. This will be split between some international charities that are making a difference related to some specific rights that some groups were focusing on. Some of the funds are going to be used in our local project which is currently being finalised in conjunction with the PA.



As well as organising the event, some groups worked very hard creating a website, videos and a justgiving page to try and raise awareness.

We need your help to make these successful in order to spread our message internationally and raise funds to help children around the world.

Here is how you, and all your friends and family everywhere, can help our children make a difference:

- ◆ **Visit the children's website** (www.bsbsanlitun.wix.com/makeitright) to find out more about the project and issues they have been learning about.
- ◆ **Watch and share their first video** (more to follow) which can be found by searching 'education rap sanlitun' on www.youtube.com or vimeo.com (no www.)
- ◆ Help the children support the work of Oxfam by **donating money via our justgiving page**, which is a secure online donation platform. www.justgiving.com/sanlitunmakeitright



Thank you for supporting the children of Year 4,5 and 6 as they try to 'Make it Right' for children less fortunate than themselves.