



Friday 28th August 2015



HITTING THE GROUND RUNNING!

By David Laird, Principal

Dear Parents

I am pleased to report that we have had an incredibly successful start to the term. There are lots of smiles around the school at the moment and I would like to thank you personally for helping us to make the first week a pleasant experience for all.

All staff have been working incredibly hard to settle in your children and as I have walked around the building, I have already noted students working incredibly hard in their lessons. A particular highlight for them has been our new pirate ship in the playground. Avoiding the temptation to have a go on the slide myself, it has proved a massive hit with our students, and some staff too!

It has been fantastic to meet so many families in the past week. I would continue to encourage you as much as possible to pop in to say hello, and also make yourself known to me if you are dropping off your child in the morning. Our Meet and Greet event is taking place on Tuesday 1st September, and I would encourage you to attend so you can have a chat with your child's new teacher and learn a little more about what makes our school special.

Finally, I would like to thank students, staff and parents who have made me feel so welcome. I already feel at home and have settled into the role. My fiancée, Hannah, and I are looking forward to making Beijing our permanent home and sharing in the community approach that our school encourages.





UPCOMING EVENTS

1st September
PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus Hall

KS2 Lido Unit 1
& Swim Programme Begins

Meet & Greet for Parents
@ Primary Campus
5.30pm - 8pm

3rd - 4th September
School Closed
for National Holiday

8th September
Autumn Term ASAs Start

11th September
PA Welcome Back Party
@ Primary Campus
5pm - 8pm

17th September
Individual Music Programme
Meet & Greet

17th - 18th September
Individual Photos
for Students

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

TEACHING & LEARNING @ BSB SANLITUN

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

We welcome all of our new families from around the world and can see new friendships growing already. We start the term with laughter, excitement and a buzz around school: the summer seems like a long time ago already and the children are looking eager to learn.

Our approach to teaching and learning continues to be a theme-based curriculum this year. We follow the principles of the English National Curriculum & Early Years Framework but engage, excite and inspire by linking all of the subjects and development matters, where possible, to a theme eg chocolate.



Some subjects are still taught discreetly most of the time e.g. maths and science, but where possible we tie it all in together. Our specialist teachers have been working hard to link the topics to their specialist subject area too. This approach to teaching and learning enables the children to become absorbed in learning and provides the hook needed to engage. Ask your child if they know what theme or topic they are doing this term.

Throughout the year we enrich learning with opportunities beyond the classroom here in Beijing, experiences further afield, and through the Global Campus initiative led by Nord Anglia Education.

This promises to be an exciting year and I can't wait to see it unfold.



A WARM WELCOME BACK FROM THE EARLY YEARS TEAM!

By Kirsten Harding, Head of Early Years

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to both new parents and returning parents of children to Early Years. I hope that you all had a lovely Summers break. It has been fantastic this week to watch the children come into school with smiles on their faces ready to have lots of fun and to begin to take their next steps on their learning journey. Their teachers are also ready to help the children to continue to develop their various skills in great stimulating environments. There are lots of exciting events planned for this coming year. As well as our Meet and Greet evening next week (Tuesday 1st September 2015, 5.30pm-8pm), we shall be inviting you along to our Pastries with Parents, Afternoon Tea and Stay and Play events. I am very much looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible on Tuesday.

Have a great weekend.





WELCOME TO KS1

By Rebecca Kerry, Key Stage 1 Leader

It has been a fantastic start to the year in Key Stage 1. The children were very excited to meet up with their old friends this week and were keen to find out where each other had been over the holidays.

It has also been great to see our new students settle so quickly into their new classes and make friends. The children have also begun the year full of enthusiasm and excitement to learn. As I walk around the school I can already see children concentrating on their writing, maths, reading and art work. There was particular excitement in the playground this week due to the new pirate ship climbing frame. The children have enjoyed exploring the slides and climbing areas as well as playing with the balls and other equipment in the playground.



As I walk around the Key Stage 1 corridors it is wonderful to see the learning that is already taking place. Next week is even more exciting as the children will begin their new topics. Year 1 will explore everything about themselves in their topic 'Marvelous Me'. They will discuss their likes and dislikes and see how they are the same and different to others. In Year 2, our first topic is 'From A to B'. The children will learn about different types of vehicles which can be used to move from one place to another. All the children are very excited to begin and I look forward to seeing their work up on display to show the wonderful learning they have been doing.





KS2 IS READY FOR A BUSY AND EXCITING TERM

By Zoe Hubbard, Key Stage 2 Leader

Welcome back from the KS2 team to our returning families and a warm welcome to those families who are new to Key Stage 2. Along with our familiar faces, we are pleased to have Mr Haden, Ms Henderson, Ms Maria and Mr Jay join our KS2 team this term. For those of you who were unable to come along to our Orientation Mornings, we look forward to meeting you at our Meet & Greet event on Tuesday.

It was great to see both the children and staff arrive at school on Monday morning looking refreshed and talking excitedly about the term ahead. The classrooms have been buzzing with activities and the children have settled quickly into their new routines. The KS2 team has been impressed with the positive attitudes and enthusiasm that the children have shown this week. I am sure the children will continue with this excellent start.

As always, the KS2 team is well prepared for a busy and exciting term. Our curriculum is designed to inspire and challenge the children. Across KS2 this term, we will have children travelling around the world in Year 4, going back to Ancient Egypt in Year 3, blasting into Space in Year 5 and looking at the migration of both people and animals around the globe in Year 6. We will continue to encourage your children to become independent learners and build upon their strengths whilst encouraging them to take risks in their learning. We look forward to helping them to be the best that they can be.



Year 5 investigate perspective



Meet & Greet For Current Parents

Our upcoming Meet & Greet is taking place on September 1st at Sanlitun. We Look Forward to seeing you.

Date: 1st September, 2015

Time: 5.30pm - 8pm

Place: Primary Campus

Please note, this event is only open to existing Sanlitun Parents.



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Community Activities

Here at The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun we try to organise after-school club activities for every day of the week. In addition to our own After School Activities, we work with a number of clubs to ensure there are always plenty of fun, challenging and enriching activities for children in our school and the wider community.

Please note that for the following activities you will need to sign up directly with the club. We do not arrange school buses to fit in with these activities, and children need to be taken to and from these activities by a parent/guardian even if these activities take place on a school day.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

GYMNASTICS

Flips and Kicks Plus

Thursdays: 4-6.30pm

Venue: Primary Campus Gym

info@flipsandkicksplus.com

www.flipsandkicksplus.com

HIP HOP DANCING

Dragon Fire

Tuesdays: 5-8pm

Venue: Primary Campus Hall

lido@cisca.com.cn

www.cisca.com.cn

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Elite Learning

A range of languages for both native and non-native speakers.

Venue: Primary Campus

contact@elitelearningbeijing.com

www.elitelearningbeijing.com

BALLET

CISCA

Thursdays: 3.45-4.30pm

Venue: Early Years Campus

Fridays: 3.45-4.30pm

Venue: Primary Campus

lido@cisca.com.cn

www.cisca.com.cn

KUNG FU

Xie's Martial Arts

Mondays: 4-5pm

Saturdays

Venue: Primary Campus Gym

[xmamasterxie@gmail.com](mailto:xmasterxie@gmail.com)

www.xmabj.com

INDIAN CLASSICAL DANCE (ODISSI)

Thursdays: 4-5pm

Venue: Primary Campus Hall

radhujha@hotmail.com

Tel: 138 1171 2438

FOOTBALL/SOCCER

Club Football

Wednesdays: 5-6pm

Fridays: 4-6pm

Saturday and Sundays

Venue: Primary Campus Gym

coaching@wanguoqunxing.com

www.clubfootball.com.cn

ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS

SHOUT! ROCK CHOIR

Thursdays: 8-9.30pm

Venue: Primary Campus Hall

peter@imagine-china.com

www.imagine-china.com

HEYROBICS

Mondays: 6-9pm

Tuesdays: 6-9pm

Thursdays: 6.30-8.30pm

Venue: Primary Campus Gym

info@heyrobics.com

www.heyrobics.com



Academic Year 2015-16

Term dates

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 24 August - First day of autumn term

Thursday 3 September to Friday 4 September - National holidays

Monday 28 September to Tuesday 6 October - National holidays

Thursday 12 and Friday 13 November - School closed to students for staff training

Friday 11 December - Last day of autumn term

SPRING TERM

Tuesday 5 January - First day of spring term

Thursday 4 February to Friday 12 February - National holidays

Friday 25 March - Last day of spring term

SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 6 April - First day of summer term

Monday 2 May - School closed for Labour Day

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June - School closed for Dragon Boat Festival

Thursday 30 June - Last day of summer term