



BOOK WEEK BONANZA

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

What a fantastic week we've had at Sanlitun this week, with everyone getting in the spirit of our annual Book Week. Whilst we encourage a love of reading and books with our students at all times throughout the year, Book Week is always a great opportunity to spend some time really celebrating a love of reading and providing the students with extra opportunities and activities to participate in which encourages this. Our teaching team have exceeded our expectations yet again with their super book displays on their classroom doors which the students have loved looking at and talking about with their fellow peers. Many of the teachers have based these around books they are reading in class which has further enhanced the students' learning experiences.

Students have also been reading with and to their peers, with different classes visiting each other across year groups which has been so lovely to see. We have also welcomed our parents into school to participate in our Book Week activities; many who have been reading with our students but also helping students create pieces of work linked to the various stories the different classes have been focusing upon. In Reception, for example we saw some wonderful gingerbread houses being made which the students thoroughly enjoyed. I know many of the parents enjoyed it too! Mrs Armstrong and I have also visited many of the classrooms during the week, joining in with various lessons and speaking with our students about their learning. It always makes us so proud to hear the students talking so passionately and with enthusiasm about what they are learning at school.

Today of course has been our Book Character Day, with students and staff dressing up as various well-loved book characters which has certainly added fun and flair to our Friday! Rather than me tell you all about it, I'm sure you would prefer to see for yourself, how much fun the students have had. Please enjoy the photos on the next few pages which will hopefully give you a snapshot of the wonderful week we have enjoyed here at Sanlitun.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

27th March
Last Day of Spring Term

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

6th April
School Closed
for Staff Training

7th April
First Day Back to School

BSB SANLITUN - A SCHOOL OF YOUNG COMPOSERS

By Henry Charlesworth, Music Teacher

Creativity, originality and artistic expression are things which are noticeable all around the school in abundance; from the vibrant and eye-catching displays on the corridors, to the wonderful class assemblies, which are often written and produced by the children themselves.

In music this term, children across the year groups have been encouraged to embrace their creativity and become confident composers, capable of original, valuable musical ideas. In music lessons we are trying to give children an outlet for their own musical visions by teaching them some core musical skills as well as allowing them to explore and develop their musical imagination.



Children in reception have been learning how to play the chime bars. By playing to the beat of a tune and by following simple patterns, we are introducing children of a very young age to reading simple musical scores.

This idea of a musical scores progresses through year 1 during our 'rhythm and beat' module. Through words, pictures and other non-standard musical notation children learn how to read and create their own rhythmic patterns and to perform them over a steady beat. When children have developed a core understanding of rhythm, they are introduced to correct rhythmic notation. They love learning how to draw these symbols and enjoy the freedom of being able to create original patterns which they are able to perform to their friends on a variety of instruments.

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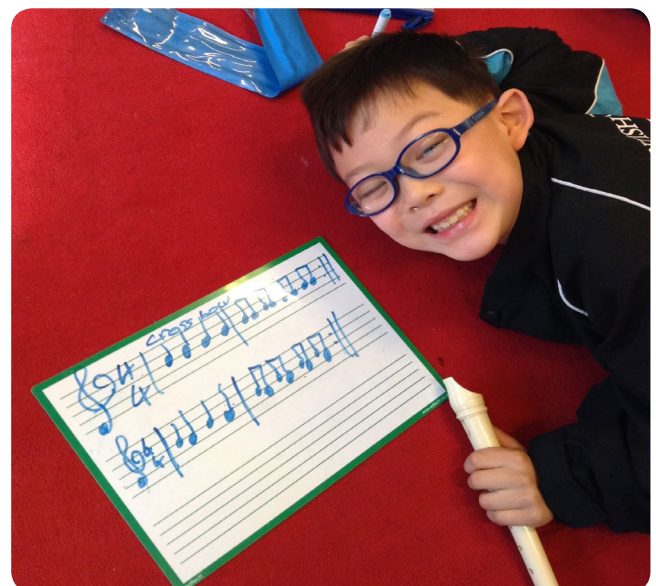
By Henry Charlesworth, Music Teacher

In year 2, children have been learning how to compose short musical 'jingles.' Children composed 4-bar melodies on the glockenspiels. We used these melodies with lyrics and created some catchy jingles, which we used to help us sell chocolate bars for charity.



During key stage 2 children are given the opportunities to really explore their compositional ideas with greater depth. We learn how to use improvisation as a useful technique to create melodic patterns. We look at how imagery and art, as well as moving pictures and films can inspire us to think about tempo, dynamics, texture and pitch in our compositions.

Through musical creativity, we hope that children will be able to build on their creative, critical thinking as well as to gain a level of confidence in their own thoughts and ideas which they can apply to life both in and out of the classroom.



KEY STAGE 1 GO BOOK CRAZY IN BOOK WEEK!!!

By Libby Henderson, Year 1 Leopards Class Teacher

It has been books, books, books in KS1 this week! It has been great to see the children settle down with a book; reading to themselves, enjoying a book with a friend or even buddy reading with the Key Stage 2 children!

Year 1 were visited by Year 3 on Tuesday for some buddy reading. They got to read to their buddy as well as listen to them read. On Friday they then had the opportunity to visit the Year 3 classes for more book sharing. On Wednesday all of Key Stage 1 came to the hall with a book to enjoy with some hot chocolate...yummy!

This week the children have been focusing on 'settings'. Year 1 have made settings tool boxes; providing them with a whole range of vocabulary to help describe their own setting for the school writing competition. Let's hope some of this creative vocabulary was used in the winning entries!

Friday has been dress up day! I wonder what book character you spotted in school...?



Year 1 and Year 3 visited each other for buddy reading



Key Stage 1 enjoying their reading with hot chocolate

SANLITUN HAD FUN ON BOOK CHARACTER DAY!



SOMEWHERE UNFORGETTABLE!

By Hazel Old, Nursery Rainbow Fish Class Teacher

For Book Week we have been in NURSERY RHYME LAND meeting all the characters from our favourite rhymes. Humpty Dumpty was rushed to hospital after a nasty fall. He received Get Well cards from all of the children and we hope he makes a speedy recovery. Number was explored through 'Ten in the Bed' as we counted, added and subtracted children while singing and acting out the rhyme. So many children falling out of bed!!

By Wednesday the children had learned many of the Nursery Rhymes so we set some challenges. The first was Pass the Parcel with pictures from each rhyme inside. As the children unwrapped they had to say the rhymes as the pictures appeared. They did a great job. We played rhyming games through Odd-one-out and the children did some very good listening. Hey Diddle Diddle was not easy! The children had to fill in the missing words with a picture and for this they needed to remember the rhyme really well. Jack and Jill went up the Hill and we measured water and learned the vocabulary associated with it. We were lucky enough to have Year 6 and Year 4 come and read stories to us....a great treat! Throughout the week Mums have been popping in to read their favourites too. Friday saw us dressed up as all the characters creating starry pictures as we sang Twinkle Twinkle.....

Great job Nursery!



Year 6 reading stories with Nursery

FOBISIA MATHS CHALLENGE

By Year 6 Students Alan, Luis, Benjamin and Cassie



On Thursday 5 March, four children from year 6: Alan, Luis, Cassie and Benjamin went with Ms Jurgensen on a bullet train to Shanghai for the FOBISIA Maths Challenge, 2015. At BISS Puxi we were tested on lots of different challenges, both individual and team. The group challenges were hard but some were fun too including the Maths Trail, an icebreaker activity for the students where we had to find clues situated throughout a park; an investigation where we had to describe the step pyramid sequence and a construction challenge, where we made land vehicles which had to be powered by wind from two electric fans. It was really important for us to collaborate and to question each other's ideas. The individual tests were extremely challenging - some were for Year 8! It was not all work though, on one evening we went to visit the Bund and went on a boat trip along the Huangpu River, which was amazing.



FOBISIA MATHS CHALLENGE

By Elizabeth Jurgensen, Year 5 Pelicans Class Teacher

The children worked extremely hard over the 2 day competition and represented BSB Sanlitun very well. There were 31 schools represented at the Challenge and 124 children competing in the individual competition.

We are very pleased to announce that Alan Dong came third in the individual competition, a fantastic achievement! We are very proud of him and of all of the children who took part in the competition.

A GLOBAL FAMILY

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

It was announced this week that we have added 4 new schools to our family of schools around the world, taking the number of schools in the group to 35. I feel privileged, as a parent, to have a world of opportunity available for my children. As the group grows, the network of excellent schools on offer to our families becomes significant. As a parent and an educator, it gives me great comfort to think that many of our children, who move countries, will be able to have consistency in their schooling; a familiar philosophy and ethos, as well as high academic standards, as they move around the globe.

A global network of schools allows our pupils to connect with the rest of the world.

For those of you who may not be aware of our schools I have provided a list of them here. When it is time to move on from Beijing, you may find yourself in a city that has one of our schools. Our Admissions team here at BSB Sanlitun can help you find out more about any of our schools throughout the world, and make the transition as smooth as possible. Don't hesitate to get in touch!

USA

CHARLOTTE

The British International School of Charlotte

BOSTON

British International School of Boston

CHICAGO

British School of Chicago

HOUSTON

British International School of Houston

WASHINGTON

British School of Washington

NEW YORK

World Class Learning Academy, New York

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ABU DHABI

The British International School Abu Dhabi

DUBAI

Nord Anglia International School Dubai

CHINA

SHANGHAI

The British International School Shanghai, Pudong

SHANGHAI

The British International School Shanghai, Puxi

BEIJING

The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun

BEIJING

The British School of Beijing, Shunyi

GUANGZHOU

The British School of Guangzhou

HONG KONG

Nord Anglia International School Hong Kong

THAILAND

PATTAYA

Regents International School Pattaya

BANGKOK

St Andrews International School Bangkok

A GLOBAL FAMILY CONTINUED...

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

QATAR

AL KHOR

Compass International School, Al Khor

DOHA

Compass International School Doha,
Madinat Khalifa

DOHA

Compass International School Doha, Gharaffa

DOHA

Compass International School Doha, Rayyan

SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE

Dover Court International School

CZECH REPUBLIC

PRAGUE

The English International School Prague

SWITZERLAND

VILLARS-SUR-OLLON

Collège Beau Soleil

NYON

Collège Champittet Nyon

PULLY

Collège Champittet Pully

AUBONNE

La Côte International School

VIETNAM

HO CHI MINH CITY

The British International School, Ho Chi Minh City

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The British Vietnamese International School,
Ho Chi Minh City

HANOI

The British International School, Hanoi

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CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH

Northbridge International School Cambodia

HUNGARY

BUDAPEST

The British International School Budapest

POLAND

WARSAW

The British School Warsaw

SLOVAKIA

BRATISLAVA

The British International School Bratislava

SPAIN

MADRID

International College Spain