



Friday 11th December 2015



BSB Sanlitun, wishing you a merry Christmas...

DOLPHINS PERFORM IN SPECTACULAR CHRISTMAS SHOW!

By Maddison O'Beirne, Reception Dolphins Class Teacher

Reception have been working very hard over the last few weeks, preparing for their performance of this year's Christmas production: Angel Express. The children were very excited when we began practicing and loved having the opportunity of performing on the stage.

The Dolphins did really well with practicing their words. Some of them had more than one to learn and we did lots of practicing with saying our lines loudly and clearly, which was excellent practice for their speaking and listening skills. Learning the fun Christmas songs was their favourite! Although it was strange singing 'We wish you a merry Christmas' in November! When the costumes arrived, the children were thrilled to dress up as angels and key characters from the nativity; they danced around the classroom as angels and even wanted to learn the other classes' Christmas songs. The costumes looked amazing and they really added to the overall look of the performance!

We performed the show twice. Once to the children, and another to all of the mummies and daddies. Even though standing on the stage is a daunting prospect for even the teachers, Reception did fantastically well! They all said their lines loudly, clearly and with lots of expression! They remembered when they needed to stand up, sang the songs with great enthusiasm and looked rather cute in their costumes. All of the teachers, children, mummies and daddies loved the performance. The children were so brave and did us all proud! What talented Dolphins I have. The performance definitely got us into the Christmas spirit. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to even more exciting learning in Dolphins class.





UPCOMING EVENTS

14th December - 1st January
School Holidays

4th January
INSET Day for Staff
School Closed to Students

5th January
First Day of School
for Students

PA Meeting
and Welcome Coffee
for New Families
9am @ Primary Campus

7th January
Years 3&4 Show to Parents
6pm @ Primary Campus Hall

12th January
Baby Group @ EY Campus
9am - 10.30am

ASA On-line Sign-up for KS1

13th January
ASA On-line Sign-up for KS2

19th January
Baby Group @ EY Campus
9am - 10.30am

ASAs Begin

22nd January
Pre-Nursery Coffee Afternoon
2.30pm @ EY Campus

VISIT TO THE MINGYUAN MIGRANT SCHOOL By Elizabeth Jurgensen, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

Over the last few weeks, in conjunction with the Parents Association, the Year 5 and Year 6 classes have been to visit our school charity, the Mingyuan Migrant School in Beijing.

The children were able to see a school that is very different from our own as well as gaining some more information about the “Squeaky Clean” project our school has been involved in organising.



Last Friday the Year 6 children had the opportunity to present some of our gift packs to children representing the migrant school. As well as being very useful, the gift packs looked lovely and the staff and children at the school were most appreciative of the kindness and generosity of the parents and families at BSB Sanlitun.

‘WINTER CHEER’ IN PRE NURSERY

By The Early Years Team

Last Friday Pre-Nursery held their ‘Winter Cheer’ event for children and parents, and I think you would all agree what a fantastic morning it was.

There was lots of glitter and paint around as everyone was busy decorating Christmas trees, printing Christmas shapes with potatoes and making shiny lollipop stars. All great activities to encourage the development of the children’s fine motor skills.

As well as creative play activities the children also sang a selection of their favourite Christmas songs to their mummies and daddies, and it was extremely pleasing to see just how confident the younger members of our school have become in such a short time. This term has been a very busy one for all the children in the Early Years and it will be great to see them back in the New Year after having a well-earned rest and ready to continue on their learning journey.

In the meantime we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all and your children a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The Early Years Team.



THE YEAR 3 'ANCIENT EGYPTIAN' EXHIBITION

By Libby Henderson, Year 3 Toucans Class Teacher

The Year 3 children have been working so hard this term on their 'Walk Like an Egyptian' topic and were very proud to show their work to the parents during the Ancient Egyptian Exhibition which took place on the Year 3 corridor last Friday. Tea, coffee and juice was available to drink while everyone studied the topic books which were full of a range of work; mind maps, fact files, letters, photos, instructions on how to mummify a body, hieroglyphs as well as their very own Egyptian story. Parents were allowed to see the tomb that had been discovered by Year 3 a couple of weeks back, containing canopic jars, a sarcophagus, the book of the dead as well as some precious jewels and coins.

Egyptian projects had been completed at home and these too were available to examine. There was such a range; from books to pyramids, hieroglyphs to our very own Rosetta stone! It really is great to see different people's ideas and how work can be presented in such a variety of ways.

The children worked in groups to make their own free standing pyramids. This process was broken down into many steps, starting with the planning and designing stage. They explored materials and investigated how many wooden rods they would need to build their structure. This was then recorded on the iPads using 'Sketch'. The second step was to work collaboratively to build the pyramid. Measuring, sawing and gluing all took place. Once the frame was complete they had to decide how to cover and decorate their pyramid. The children then composed an iMovie to demonstrate each step of the process – as well as their evaluation.





THE YEAR 3 'ANCIENT EGYPTIAN' EXHIBITION CONTINUED...

By Libby Henderson, Year 3 Toucans Class Teacher



It was great to see how the children have been using technology during the topic. iMovies of their pyramid projects were being played in one room. Chatterpix videos about the daily life of an Egyptian were in another and the final room had news reports. These reports were written by the children and recorded in front of the green screen, resulting in their news reports looking like they were being filmed in a studio or in Ancient Egypt. The ICT suite was also open to the public to play the Egyptian 'Scratch' games that the children have been making over the last few weeks.



I think everyone will agree that the children thoroughly enjoyed this topic and learnt a great deal. Thank you Year 3 for being great tour guides and escorting your parents around the exhibition.



BSB SANLITUN CHRISTMAS CHOIR PERFORMANCES 2016

By Henry Charlesworth, Music Teacher

It has been a busy, exhausting but wonderful few weeks for the BSB Sanlitun Christmas Choir 2016. After weeks of enduring rehearsals, learning words and losing voices the children of the BSB Sanlitun choir were finally given the chance to parade their angelic voices to the people of Beijing and make all those hours of hard work worthwhile.

Led by the fantastic conductor, Mrs Iva Borisavljevic the choir brought a touch of Christmas magic to the tree-lighting ceremonies with some simply beautiful versions of Silent Night and Hark the Herald Angels sing, combined brilliantly with some more upbeat contemporary songs such as Rocking around the Christmas Tree and White Christmas.

The children loved being treated like stars as they were ushered to their back-stage rooms and provided with a feast of their favourite food and drink. Despite all the joy, the excitement and, at times large intakes of sugar, the choir behaved impeccably throughout the season's events and served as fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Away from the glitz and glamour of the five-star hotels, the choir performed magnificently at the annual Christmas fair. Performing to a packed school hall of proud parents and eager onlookers, the songs resonated through the school grounds ensuring that the visitors were filled with festive cheer throughout the event.



The final event of the year took place at the Westin Financial street brunch. We were delighted to see so many parents and children from the BSB Sanlitun community. Once again the choir proved their versatility by mixing traditional carols with challenging pop numbers, compelling the audience to dance along as they watched. The choir performed two sets and, by the end of the second, a sense of pride swept over us all as teachers, families and children reflected on another amazing festive season for the BSB Sanlitun Christmas choir.





Year 3 and Year 4
present

SNOWMAN

—based on *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs

Thursday, 7th January 2016

6.00pm

Primary Campus Hall



THE BRITISH SCHOOL
OF BEIJING, SANLITUN
A NORD ANGLIA EDUCATION SCHOOL



Academic Year 2016-17

Term dates and holidays (two staff training days to be added later)

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 22nd August - First day of autumn term

Thursday 15th and Friday 16th September - School closed for Mid-Autumn Festival

Monday 3rd to Friday 7th October - School closed for National Day holidays

Friday 16th December - Last day of autumn term

SPRING TERM

Monday 9th January - First day of spring term

Friday 27th January to Friday 3rd February - School closed for Chinese New Year

Friday 31st March - Last day of spring term

SUMMER TERM

Monday 10th April - First day of summer term

Monday 1st May - School closed for Labour Day

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th May - School closed for Dragon Boat Festival

Friday 23rd June - Last day of summer term

For a more comprehensive list of calendar dates, please refer to: www.bsbsanlitun.com