



25th March 2016



Fijian Ambassador joining KS2 Assembly on Thursday morning...

HOLIDAY TIME!

By David Laird, Principal

Please find articles in this newsletter highlighting the fantastic learning going on in our school.

It has certainly been an incredibly busy time this week for many reasons. As well as the school inspection, we have had many visitors to the school. Key Stage 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Fijian Ambassador to talk about his country and the recent devastation caused by Cyclone Winston. As a school we have been raising lots of money for this cause, as well as the Parents' Association donating 10000 RMB. In total we have raised over 16000 RMB, but we are continuing to raise funds at future events such as the Art Auction. Your continued support would be gratefully appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff at BSB, Sanlitun, I would like to wish you all the best over the Easter Holiday and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Wednesday 6th April.

Happy holidays!

David Laird





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS

Benjamin Schwaeble
Bertina Chick
Ethan Holliday
Ivy Chang
Leni Schatzle
Suné Tebbutt

RECEPTION

Martin Shiu
Yuna Oen

KEY STAGE ONE

Addy Whitney
Cecile Roux
Sarah Kim
Thea Shi

KEY STAGE TWO

Cordia Chiu
Louisa Koenig
Manar Al Saadi

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS SPOTTED AWARD

Batuhan Goekmen
Caitlin Poh
Catalina Liu
Sasha Grant
Sienna Lambert
Zoe Zhang

HAPPY EASTER!

By Nikhat Jerath, Pre-Nursery Seashells Class Teacher

This week we have been busy thinking about Easter. We have been creating patterns on Easter eggs, making Easter cards & chicks as well as making Easter nests.

Throughout all the art activities that we did, the children were experimenting with different ways of using colours and marks as well as experiencing textures.

The Pre-Nursery Team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all and your children a Very Happy Easter!





UPCOMING EVENTS

5th April
INSET Day for Staff
(School Closed)

6th April
First Day of Summer Term
in Summer Uniform

PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus Hall

8th April
Year 1 Trip to
Botanical Garden

11th April
KS1 Sports Day @ Lido
(Parents Welcome)
10am - 11.30am

12th April
Reception
Pastries with Parents
8.15am - 8.45am
(extended to 9.10am
to parents only)

Reception Sportsfest
@ Primary Campus
9.10am - 10am

Baby Group Begins
9am - 10.30am @ EY Campus

ASA Sign-up (KS1)

13th April
KS2 Sports Day @ Lido
(Parents Welcome)
12.45pm - 2.45pm

ASA Sign-up (KS2)

A BUSY WEEK IN CHINESE By Jean Sun, Chinese Teacher

Children in all Chinese groups have had a productive and fun week in their Chinese classes.

Children from Years 2, 3 and 4 focused on reviewing and storytelling. They learnt the stories that covered all of the topics they've been learning this term. Year 2 learnt the story *The Naughty Cat* and created their own versions of the story. Year 3 learnt the story *It is Raining* and retold it using pictures and body languages. Year 4 learnt *Seeing the Doctor* and did role-play to act out the story.



Children from Early Years had a seasonal topic and focused on talking about springtime. They were asked to carefully spot the signs of spring from the nature around us. They also talked about what fun activities they could do in spring and it seemed that many children would enjoy a traditional Chinese activity – kite flying. After that, they learnt a beautiful poem about flying a kite and designed their very own kites!

Along with the coming Easter holiday, there is a Chinese festival coming as well – the Cold Food Festival (also known as Tomb-Sweeping Day). Children from Key Stage 2 had a cultural lesson to learn about the Festival itself and the related customs as well as the activities people usually have on that day.





MESMERISING MAGICAL MATERIALS!

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

This week Year One have been wrapping up their magical materials topic in a big way! Friendship has been a big topic for discussion this half term! Year One used all of their knowledge about friendship to design their very own logo which they reproduced onto a t-shirt. Coupled with their fantastic homework hats there was nothing else for it but to host a fashion show to display our learning throughout this topic. The children glided down the cat walk, some with attitude others with grace. Take a look at some of our fantastic t-shirt and homework hat designs as we took to the stage together to celebrate. [Click here to view all the photos.](#)



The children were inspired when investigating the properties of materials in science. We learnt new vocabulary and applied them when writing riddles for others to guess; can you solve the clues in the riddles we have included here? The fun didn't stop there! We used our knowledge of the properties of materials when carrying out an investigation into the best material for a crash mat. Humpty Dumpty was about to fall off the wall and we need to stop him from cracking! Which material do you think they chose?





CREAMY, CRUNCHY CHOCOLATE!

By Laura Hugo, Year 2 Alligators Class Teacher

Year 2 have had a wonderful time this term learning all about CHOCOLATE for our topic! They have researched the history, how it is made, fair trade and much more. It is all ending this week with our amazing chocolate sale.

The children did work in maths collecting information about the favourite chocolate fillings from children across the whole school. We used this information to decide on how many chocolates we should make with each of the different fillings.

This week we have been working hard to create some wonderful eye catching advertising posters, making our chocolates and finally selling them to the other year groups (of course making sure there were enough for Year 2 to have some as well).



YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE ZOO

By Laura McGregor, Year 4 Kingfishers Class Teacher

Year 4 finally made it on their trip to Beijing Zoo on Thursday this week.

The children had a wonderful day in the glorious sunshine exploring the many exhibits of the zoo. The trip linked to our topic 'The Planetees' where we have been thinking about our world, the variety of life in it and our responsibility to look after it.

Whilst looking around the zoo the children's focus was on the quality of the enclosures that had been made for the different animals. We thought back to our work on habitats to consider what these animals would have in the wild and how well their man-made environment was meeting their needs.

The children had lots of good discussion about the amount of space and stimulation different animals required and rated each exhibit as excellence, good, fair or poor. Our findings from the trip will help us back up opinions for our debate on the last day of term about whether animals should be kept in captivity.





BULA!

By Kirsty McCarra, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher

On Thursday morning, Key Stage 2 were honored to receive a very special guest from the Fijian Embassy in Beijing, the Ambassador himself.

Children throughout Key Stage 2 have been learning about the category 5 cyclone that tragically hit Fiji in February, taking many lives and leaving the country devastated. As part of our current topic, Active Planet, the children of Year 3 have been particularly focusing on this recent natural disaster with the aim of creating our own Charity Appeals to raise money to help those affected. We have been doing extensive research through news articles and analysing photographs of the event to give us a better understanding of the short and long term effects this kind of natural disaster can have on a nation. We have then discussed what solutions there might be to help solve these issues and have begun to put together Charity Appeal videos to raise awareness.

It was therefore wonderful to have the Fijian Ambassador speak to us about how it has affected people from his country and particularly how this will continue to affect people in Fiji for many years to come.

The assembly began with our very own, Sisi Kanakatakata, who introduced the Ambassador of her country to us in a most professional and confident manner. We then listened intently, learning about the beauty of Fiji, the devastating effects of the cyclone and now what is being done to bring the bula smile back to the faces of the people of Fiji. We were left with the words of Year 3's Zac Powell who reminded us that no matter what, we must keep smiling!

Despite the difficult issue of a country in urgent need, we all left the assembly feeling positive and empowered to help make a difference. Already, the school has raised money towards the appeal by collecting money on the Book Character Dress-up Day and the school will continue to raise money to help Fiji return to its original state. We thank the Ambassador teaching us how to bula smile, the Fijian way!





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR EASTER EGG COMPETITION!



By Stella Park, Year 1 Panthers



By Harper Walter, Year 1 Tigers



By Malia Pedersen, Year 6 Eagles



By Sarah Viessmann, Year 5 Pelicans



By Zach Li, Year 3 Parrots





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By Marti Sarquella Comes, Year 2 Pandas



By Cecile Roux, Year 1 Lions



By Sophia Harvey, Reception Sealions



By Bella Monterola, Year 4 Herons



By Yuna Oen, Reception Sharks



By Emma Van Dillen, Reception Dolphins



By Katya Bailey, Year 3 Puffins

