



15th January 2016



The Spring Term 'Baby Group' is back!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

By David Laird, Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this edition of the newsletter.

Next week I will be attending the Nord Anglia Education recruitment event in London. This will be an opportunity for me to interview potential teaching candidates for next academic year. As a result, I will be out of office all next week. Christine Armstrong, Deputy Head of School, will be in charge of operations so please contact her directly if the need arises.

Recruitment is a busy time of year and, as always, BSB, Sanlitun is committed to attracting the very best teachers to the school. We have an outstanding reputation within the teaching community and I am pleased to say that current applicants have been of a high calibre. I am looking forward to making my selections and introducing them to you later in the academic year. The process should be complete by the end of March and I will update you on new staff after this time.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading articles about the wonderful teaching and learning that is going on in our school.

Kind regards,

David Laird





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

RECEPTION

Alexandra Hayhurst
Scarlet Cortese

KEY STAGE ONE

Adam Farrell; Danilo Grau
Penelope Heydolph; Qinger Li

KEY STAGE TWO

Hamza Kasmazi
Manon Dodet; Sean Jang
Seiya Kakita

Next week your child will
bring the certificate home
explaining why they are
a Star Citizen.

THE ANIMAL RACE!

By Sarah Leavers, Pre Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

This week in Pre-Nursery the children have been learning about the Chinese New Year story and finding out why there are different years named after different animals. We started the week listening to the story and then it was over to the children!



UPCOMING EVENTS

18th - 22nd January
Mr Laird @ Recruitment Event

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

ASAs Begin

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

23rd January
Sanlitun Family Trip to
Ice Festival Longqing Gorge

26th January
Baby Group @ EY Campus
9am - 10.30am



We had a number of activities to encourage the children to retell the story thinking about the repeated refrains or even telling the story in their own words. In our Story Box, the children had puppets and a river to act out the story; we also had large animal masks for the children to take on a role in their play and use their imagination to tell the story together. Role play is a brilliant way to immerse children in a story as they begin to make believe by pretending to be different characters and it encourages them to use the language from the story too.



THE ANIMAL RACE! CONTINUED...

By Sarah Leavers, Pre Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

Creating our very own river race in class was a big hit with both the children and the adults! We made a giant river out of a large roll of paper and paint to put across the classroom along with pictures of all the animals from the story. The children took it in turns to use a large card fan to waft the animals down the river to see who wins! This was a great opportunity for speaking and listening as the children were describing what was happening during their race and they were also able to talk about who won and if it was the same animal as in the story.

On top of all this, the children have been exploring different media and materials and working together to create collages of the different animals so we can put up a class display of the Chinese New Year story. We have been practicing our fine motor skills through cutting, using glue sticks, painting and making marks with felt tips.

A very busy and creative week in Pre-Nursery!



UPDATE FROM CHINESE DEPARTMENT

By Jenny Shen, Head of Chinese

Children in different Chinese groups had a challenging week in their Chinese classes. In Year 2 'Tian'an Men' group, children prepared some questions of dressing preferences and went to the 'Summer Palace' group to do a questionnaire in Chinese. All Children worked hard and enjoyed this activity very much. Children in Reception 'Great Wall' group learnt the topic of hobby. Now they can tell you if they want to listen to a story or if they like singing or dancing in Chinese. In Year 4, children in the 'Summer Palace' group talked about recycling. Each child then gave an advice for recycling in our daily life. Children in 'Lama Temple' group learnt a text about honesty. Everyone had a lot fun practicing a mini drama during the lesson.



THERE'S MAGIC IN THE AIR

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher



To kick start our new topic Year One brought their favourite teddy bears to the classroom. We kept them in school for various activities throughout the week.

To our surprise each day we came into school something magical happened. The bears had suddenly moved to a different place in the classroom and were taking part in all sorts of activities from painting to eating chocolate cake! We never solved the mystery but concluded the bears must come to life when everyone goes home for the night. I wonder if they get up to mischief when they are at home?



Year One also enjoyed a huge teddy bears picnic. The whole year group ventured to the basement where picnic blankets were laid out to eat their snacks and get to know about their friends' favourite teddies. Everyone had a fantastic time, including the bears, as they gobbled up their snacks and chatted to their friends while listening to some teddy bear music.





IN YEAR 3 OUR NEW TOPIC 'ACTIVE PLANET' HAS BEGUN WITH A BIG BANG!

By Libby Henderson, Year 3 Toucans Class Teacher

Nearly all of our learning, across all subject areas (except maths) has been linked to our topic 'Active Planet'. In Science we have been identifying different rocks and their properties. We have been learning to retell the story 'Escape from Pompeii' with actions as part of our English lessons. The children have been historians, looking at a range of sources to gather information about Pompeii. Boiled eggs have been used to explore and help explain and understand what the Earth is made of – comparing the shell, egg white and yolk to the crust, mantle and core. Choral lessons have seen the children learning new songs about volcanoes. The children have learnt to make stop motion videos, ready to make their own videos explaining how a volcano erupts. Busy, busy, busy...



FOBISIA PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

By Elizabeth Jurgensen, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

Pei-Jen Chen, June Kim, Kevin Li and Jason Lau in Year 6 have been chosen to represent the British School of Beijing, Sanlitun at the the FOBISIA (Federation of British International Schools in Asia) Primary Maths Challenge in March.

The FOBISIA Primary Maths Competition is one of the highlights of the school calendar as it is an extremely prestigious Maths competition, in which the best Mathematicians in Asia compete to find the best individual mathematician and the best school team.

This year's competition will be held at the British School of Guangzhou, China. The competition will be held on Friday 11 March and Saturday 12 March, and the children will be competing against 120 children from 30 international schools across Asia. On Friday the children take part in the Individual Challenge and on Saturday the teams compete to find out which school has the best mathematical team. The questions are extremely challenging and designed to really stretch these very good mathematicians. In order to win the competition children will need to be able to apply their knowledge, solve logic and spatial problems, be able to explain their thinking in the investigation round, and then show great team work and ingenuity to create a winning construction.

The children are very excited about this challenge and are looking forward to representing the British School of Beijing, Sanlitun.



FOBISIA PRIMARY GAMES 2016.....HERE WE GO AGAIN!

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

BSB Sanlitun will be competing in the B1 Primary FOBISIA Games (Federation of British International Schools in Asia) which will be held at St. Christopher's International Primary School (SCIPS) Penang, Malaysia in May 2016. The games are a 3-day competition playing four different sports; football, t-ball, swimming and athletics.



FOBISIA was introduced in 1988 by a Principal at the British International School in Jakarta who was interested in sharing and supporting other schools with the British Curriculum. Its main objectives are to promote excellence amongst British Schools and to provide opportunities for inter-school competitions and enrichment programmes. The federation has grown over the past twenty-five years and now has over 50 schools in the group. The organisation is known and respected all over Asia and beyond, serving the interests first and foremost of all FOBISIA students, teachers and schools.



We had over 60 students showing interest in getting into the team, which is excellent. For the successful students who have been selected, training will start next week as part of the ASA programme. The training will focus on improving physical fitness along with skills based and game play training in preparation for the 4 sports which they will compete in.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN P.E. THIS TERM...

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

Reception students are working on dance and team games. In dance, the children are working on responding to a variety of stimuli e.g. music, percussion, improvising freely around given movement tasks and looking to develop whole body movements. They are focusing on 'going on a journey' and 'under the sea'. The team games unit will build on the recent ball skills unit where the children can now select and apply the ball skills into small-sided team games. The children are learning simple rules of attack and defence and values of working in a team and sportsmanship.

Key Stage 1 students are learning about dance and benchball. In the dance unit, the children are repeating short dance phrases and simple dances. Year 1 are focusing on their class topic of toys and Year 2, chocolate, learning the choco choco dance. In the bench ball unit, the children are working on developing their ball skills into conditioned games. They are learning to apply simple attack and defence principles and learn how to outwit an opponent. The children are continuing to build on their fundamental movement skills; running, jumping; different movement pathways and ball skills; throwing, catching, dribbling and shooting. The children will play small-sided games where they will discuss and put into play the values of working in a team and sportsmanship.

Key Stage 2 students have started a new gymnastics unit in P.E. this term. The gymnastics unit will assist the children in sequence development. The students will develop skills such as; balancing, travelling, rolling, jumping, pathways, linking movements and flight.





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BSB Sanlitun's Chinese New Year Temple Fair



11am to 2pm, Sunday 31 January, 2016

Come to BSB Sanlitun (Primary Campus)

OPTIONAL:

Free Entry!

Why not come in traditional Chinese clothes?

Come and celebrate the Year of Monkey at BSB Sanlitun!
Friends and families are invited to join us to enjoy:

- Traditional Chinese cuisine
- Chinese arts and crafts for children
- Lion dance performances
- Chinese New Year performance by our students



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BSB SANLITUN BABY GROUP

(International families only. Free of charge!)

9.00am - 10.30am every Tuesday
(except school holidays)

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