

Friday 13th February 2015



The Lion Dance at our Temple Fair last Sunday...

A WELL DESERVED BREAK

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

We come to the end of a very busy week here at Sanlitun, as well as the end of the first half of the spring term. Six weeks have certainly flown and I know that everyone is well deserving of and very much looking forward to the Chinese New Year holiday.

Before Monday morning had arrived, we enjoyed a very successful Temple Fair on Sunday, which hundreds of people attended, joining in with various Chinese themed arts and crafts and enjoying the food on offer. One of the main attractions of the day was the Lion Dance performance which attracted a large gathering in the playground and really got everyone in the Chinese New Year spirit. The Temple Fair signified the beginning of our Chinese New Year week at school which has seen the children participate in various learning opportunities in order to find out more about Chinese New Year.

In addition to this, our Y4, Y5 and Y6 students held their 'Make it Right' awareness event this week, which succeeded in raising over 6000 RMB. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the event - we will be providing you with more information on how the money will be used as well as news on our Global Classroom entry. This afternoon, I also had the opportunity to visit the Y2 classrooms who were selling the chocolate they had been making as part of their chocolate topic. We certainly have some budding entrepreneurs in Year 2!

All that is left for me to do is to wish you all a wonderful Chinese New Year holiday with your families and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 24th February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

16th - 23rd February
Chinese New Year Holiday

24th February
School Resumes

2nd March
Primary Campus
Swimming Season Begins

3rd March
PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus

6th March
PA Quiz Night
6.30pm @ Primary Campus

7th March
Under 11 Basketball
@ BSB Shunyi

9th March
Book Week Begins

13th March
Book Character Day

19th March
KS2 Residential Meeting

25th March
Year 2 Show
@ Primary Campus

26th March
Reception Stay & Play

WHAT EXPECTATIONS DO WE HAVE OF STUDENTS' BEHAVIOUR AT BSB SANLITUN?

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

Following last week's article on etiquette and using our manners, this week we are going to provide an overview of the expectations that we have of our students at school as well as reasons why children may display inappropriate behaviours.

What expectations do we have of our students at BSB Sanlitun?

- Kind words – we don't say mean things to other students/adults that upset them
- Kind hands – we don't physically hurt others
- Make good choices – students are made aware of the importance of making good choices and decisions and are aware of the consequences should they make a bad choice
- Honesty – students are taught the importance of being honest and that should they make a bad choice, it is better to be honest and admit it to an adult
- Respect – students are encouraged to respect one another and be tolerant of each other's differences

Why do children sometimes display inappropriate behaviour?

- Age – as children develop from babies to young adults their awareness level of what constitutes appropriate behaviour also develops



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- Testing the boundaries – linked to age, as children develop their own identities they may 'test' what they can and cannot get away with, with their peers and adults
- Language – children developing their language or learning a new language may not be able to express their feelings and become frustrated by this
- Change of routine – children are comforted by having a regular routine and structure to their daily lives; when an aspect of this changes, it can cause a child to behave differently
- Attention seeking – if a child feels they are being ignored, they may display inappropriate behaviour in order to attract the attention of other children/adults
- Lack of clear rules or expectations – similarly to having a regular routine, children like to know what the expectations or rules are in a particular setting

How do we deal with instances of inappropriate behaviour?

Depending on the severity of the behaviour, and the age of the child, there are various ways in which we might handle displays of poor behaviour. These include, but are not limited to:

- Name on the cloud (Early Years); on the board in the classroom (KS1 and KS2)
- Having to stay next to a teacher at breaktime, rather than play with friends
- Apologising to any individuals who were mistreated
- Speaking with the Year Leader, Key Stage Leader, Deputy Headteacher or Principal
- Same day exclusion from school

In all situations, the class teachers will always talk through the behaviour with the child/ren as soon as they become aware of the issue, and ensure the child realises that what they did was unacceptable. Parents will also be made aware of any concerns over behaviour, particularly if they occur on a regular basis; in these situations further processes are discussed and implemented.

We have a detailed behaviour policy that we adhere to at school to ensure there is a consistent approach across the whole school. You can always contact us if you wish to see the full document.

Next issue: [The Early Years PSED \(Personal, Social and Emotional Development\) curriculum](#)

CHINESE NEW YEAR ARTS WEEK IN PRE-NURSERY

By Jonathan Dove, Pre-Nursery Seashells Class Teacher

The children in Pre-Nursery and Tadpoles have enjoyed spending a lot of time and care working on their art projects for Chinese New Year. Over the last week the children have been busy making: lanterns, dining table place mats, decorated animals with paints and materials, sheep masks, patterns, work folders, dragon hand prints, blossom tree finger paints, red play dough and firework printing!

Through doing the art projects the children not only produce a wonderfully finished piece of art work but develop a whole range of skills and experiences. The children are making choices and selecting materials and media, using their senses. Following reading the story of Chinese New Year the children also used their imagination acting out the story with a story making puppet box.

Art activities also provide good opportunities for the children to develop their fine-motor skills, picking and sticking materials, hand and finger strength beginning to make snips using scissors. The whole process of an art project enables the children to feel a great sense of self-esteem. It allows creativity into their world.



Tang Hu Lu



Firework printing!



Making a pattern



Good luck painting



Sticking a woolly sheep



Lantern making

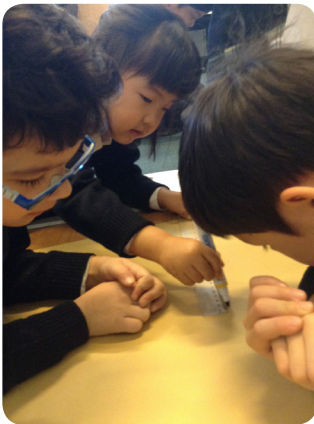
ARMOUR FOR A KNIGHT!

By Kimberley Duggan, Year 1 Tigers Class Teacher

Year 1 have been very busy making a suit of armour for a knight as part of 'The Emperor's New Clothes' topic. The children experimented with measuring length by measuring items of clothing using various non-standard units, such as cubes, hands and feet before moving on to standard units (centimetres).

The children chose their own groups in order to make the suit of armour thinking carefully about the skills needed for collaborative tasks and who they felt they would work well with. One child from each group was chosen to be the knight and the groups set to work measuring the length and width of the knight for all the different pieces of armour. This included the backplate and breastplate, the cuisses, the greaves and helmet. The children recorded all the measurements using their selected units of measurement and set to work making the suit of armour using big sheets of gold paper. They used measuring tapes and rulers to accurately measure, as well as careful cutting. The children soon realised that if they cut too much or too little, the armour would not fit!

All the groups completed the challenge and are looking forward to taking part in a jousting competition!



accurate measuring and cutting



working collaboratively to check the armour fits



BSB SANLITUN CHINESE NEW YEAR TEMPLE FAIR

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

After weeks of preparation we opened the doors to our Temple Fair with gusto on Sunday. It is always worrying when you do something for the first time; we've done CNY assemblies in the past and various other things but we've never held a Temple Fair open to the whole community.

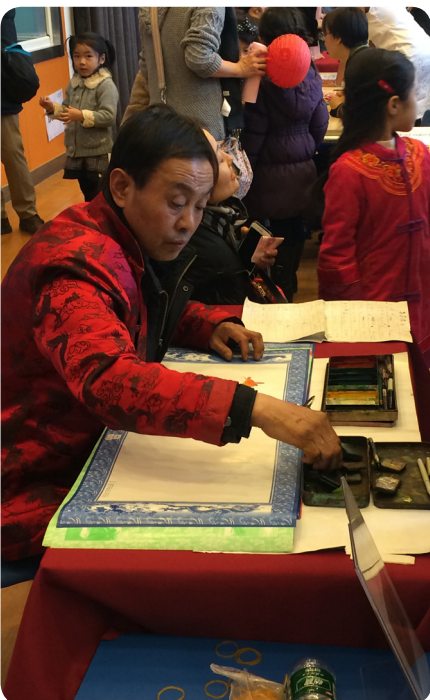
I am pleased to report that it was a resounding success. We had hundreds of people visit us throughout the day and join in our CNY celebrations. There was something for everyone!

The Arts & Crafts on offer were varied and beautiful; children were walking around with cherry blossoms they had made, traditional Chinese masks they had decorated, CNY cards and Chinese knots they had crafted and so much more. Thank you to all of our corporate friends and parent volunteers and teaching staff volunteers who helped provide the Arts & Crafts.

We had a host of traditional Chinese craft sellers, from dough models, to candy blowing, to traditional writing, all giving demonstrations and selling their wares throughout the day across the school.

Our choir performed CNY songs and our friends at XMA Martial Arts gave a Kung Fu demonstration. The ultimate performance was the Lion Dance, which saw crowds gather round outside to watch the traditional dance of the lions, which included the traditional custom of seeking out the 'greens' which were hanging up high on a pole that the lion had to climb.

With all of the exciting things to see and do we needed some hearty food and drink to keep us all going. There were noodles and a Lamien noodle maker, rice dishes, satay and much more. For those with a sweet tooth there was popcorn, candy floss, traditional Chinese sweets and tang hulu.



BSB SANLITUN CHINESE NEW YEAR TEMPLE FAIR CONTINUED...

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As photos can do the event far more justice than these words I hope you enjoy the selection below. Many thanks to all those involved in making it so successful.

Whether you are travelling or relaxing here in Beijing for Chinese New Year I wish you a very happy and prosperous Chinese New Year - Gong Xi Fa Cai.

