

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014



Reception Sea Lions class warming up at Sports Day

## SPORT, SCIENCE AND SINGING SENSATIONS!

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

How many different activities and events is it possible to have in just one week?! Quite a lot, based on the week we have had here at Sanlitun...

We began the week with our Key Stage 2 Science Fair, which saw all manner of different experiments of a weird and wonderful nature being demonstrated. We also enjoyed the Y2 Elephants assembly which set the scene to celebrate the sporting achievements of our students from the previous weekend.

Further sporting triumphs were enjoyed by our Reception and Key Stage 1 students mid week when they took part in lots of fun and energetic events, cheered on by their mums and dads. It was an incredibly warm day which required many shade and water breaks but all of the children had a thoroughly good time.

Our Upper Key Stage 2 students rounded off the week with their performance of 'Poptastic', a show that featured the many talents of our Year 5 and 6 students; in particular some amazing voices.

Delve deeper into the following pages to get an idea of what we have enjoyed, celebrated and learned this week...

## SUMMER EVENTS

2<sup>nd</sup> June  
School closed for  
national holiday

3<sup>rd</sup> June  
PA Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> June  
Choir & IMPs Recital

5<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 4 visit to  
Natural History Museum

9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 6 Residential to  
Inner Mongolia

17<sup>th</sup> June  
Key Stage 2 Sports Day

18<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 6 Graduation

19<sup>th</sup> June  
Early Years Production  
followed by  
Pastries with Parents

Reception visit to the  
Botanical Gardens

20<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 2 Sleepover  
  
Year 4 celebration of work

22<sup>nd</sup> June  
End of Year Family Picnic

## POP ART SUCCESS!

By Jo-Anne Zancanaro and Carrie Zuther-Bruns

On Friday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the Parents' Association held its annual charity art auction. After months of preparation by the students and teachers creating art works for auction, it culminated in an evening of fun and creativity. Pop Art was the theme for the event, which was displayed in creative art works, exciting photo walls, colourful costumes and a giant Campbell's Soup Can!



*Year 2 boys posing at the photo wall*

The children were busy creating crafts, displaying great throwing skills with the Soup Can Toss, and dressing up in costumes for the photo walls, while the parents mingled through the art works - wining and dining and raising the bids on each art piece. With the help of our boisterous faculty auctioneers, we managed to raise RMB 37,000. With the money donated on the Photo Walls and the Pop Art Dress Up Day, a total of RMB 45,467 will be donated to The Magic Hospital and Ping An Children's Home.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make this event such a success. And a huge thank you to all of our parents, children, teachers, teachers' assistants and BSB staff who made it such a fantastic BSB community event.

*BSB Sanlitun would like to express a special thanks to the Art Auction Event Team:*

*Carrie Zuther-Bruns, Jo Zancanaro, Masoomah Hilal, Nipali Bharani and Priya Shroff-Drover*



MORE POP ART PICS...



*Top left: Reception and Y2 mum, Mrs Hunter getting in the Pop Art mood*

*Top right: Our primary girls creating some masterpieces of their own*

*Middle left: Parents mingling over drinks and nibbles*

*Middle right: Mrs McGregor and Ms Darke encouraging the parents to make bids*

*Bottom right: The persuading and cajoling clearly worked as everyone heads to the tables to place their final bids.*





## ENJOYING OUTDOOR LEARNING IN THE EARLY YEARS

By Claudia Valdes, Pre-Nursery Class Teacher

This week in Tadpoles/Seashells A we have continued to explore our plants and bugs theme by making caterpillar necklaces. The weather has been lovely so we have enjoyed our time outdoors and spent most mornings exploring, looking for little bugs and different kinds of plants; we have also helped our friends in other classes water their crops.

In Tadpoles/Seashells B they have been looking for buried treasures in their sensory tray and finished an art project involving flower pots. They have also spent their days enjoying the great weather and had great messy fun painting with their feet, discovering new textures and sensations and developing new vocabulary words.



*Pre-Nursery children building with the waffle blocks*



In Starfish they have been very busy finding out what lives in the garden; so far they have discovered a wide variety of birds and have made bird feeders, some worms which they replicated in a paper plate craft and some slugs and snails; they have been very hard at work exploring the great outdoors!



Nursery children are exploring the jungle; they have looked at different animals that live there and chosen their favourite ones. In preparation for our end of the school year play, they are making jungle props and are hard at work practicing their songs and lines for "Walking in the Jungle". Children have been introduced to the sound the letter J makes and happily made jelly to reinforce it!

*Children communicating with each other through the telephone tubes*

## SHIFTING SHADOWS

By Laura Gildea, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher

Year 3 has been able to take advantage of the fantastic weather this week and move their classroom out onto the playground! The children have been learning about light, how it travels, its sources and how it can penetrate certain materials. They were eager to challenge themselves further and wanted to investigate shadows formed on the playground during playtimes.

Using their knowledge of fair testing the children designed their own experiment to investigate the changes that occur according to the position of the sun. Our playground then became our learning zone!

Busily, the Year 3 scientists began their process of predicting, drawing, measuring and concluding. It was fantastic to see the children collaborating so well. Sharing ideas and solving problems helped the children to draw their conclusions based on their observations.

We are really looking forward to using our scientific knowledge to explore the role of light in photography!



*Year 3 students drawing around each others' shadows*



*Carefully measuring the shadows at different times of the day to compare how they change*





## SPORTS AT SANLITUN

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

### T Ball at BCIS

Last Saturday, 10 Sanlitun students took part in the U9 JISAC T Ball Exchange at BCIS. It was a fabulous morning of T Ball with Sanlitun scoring numerous 'home runs' and displaying some very skillful and well executed fielding.

Notable performances to Jason Lau, Sora Suzuki and Edgar Kitokezi for exceptional hitting, and to Jun Kim and Seiya Kakita for outstanding fielding.

Well done to all players!



*Our super T Ball team*

### Reception and Key Stage 1 Sports Day

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had their Sports Day on Wednesday. It was a morning full of activities and relays where the children competed in their classes. Reception took part in throwing events, an obstacle course, parachute games, egg and spoon and running relays. Year 1 and 2 took part in javelin and beanbag throwing, hurdles, egg and spoon, hockey dribble, football penalty shootout and running relays.

It was a very busy and very hot event, however we were blessed with fresh air and blue skies.

Well done to all the children for working extremely hard and trying their best.



*Left: Year 2 Alligators trying their best to score a goal in the penalty shoot out.*

*Above: Year 1 classes competing against each other in the running relays.*

## PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2014-15

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

I am not sure where the time goes but this year has been incredible. It is hard to believe we are moving into the final month of the year already.

In preparation for next year we are busy thinking about what will fill the calendar, how the timetable will look and which inspiring themes will be chosen by each year group for next year.

To help our parents and children also prepare for the new academic year, you will receive some information at the end of June that you may find useful.



The communication will include:

- Likely themes for the year for your child, and confirmed themes for term 1 so you can look at purchasing some linked resources to enhance your child's learning at home if you choose.
- An overview of all the subjects taught in the autumn term and their content.
- Other key information pertinent to the year group your child is in.
- A profile of your child's class teacher for next academic year.
- The August/September calendar (as complete as is possible)
- An overview of the initial key events e.g. Meet & Greet, PA Family Welcome

We hope you will find this information useful.  
The countdown to our final month begins and I hope to see you at the many events we still have coming up.

LEARNING  
IS  
FUN



## KEY STAGE 2 SCIENCE FAIR

By Beth Dopson, Year 5 Flamingos Class Teacher & Science Leader

On Monday children from KS2 showcased their science fair projects to parents and children. The morning began with an interesting experiment and talk from Gary Nicholson, who is a scientist. We watched as he demonstrated the power of hydrogen through a tube with an electrolyte liquid which he charged with electricity, and then hydrogen bubbles were set alight! This made a large bang as the hydrogen was lit. Gary Nicholson is researching an idea for new ways of green energy. His hydrogen experiment showed on a small scale how things like cars could in the future be powered by hydrogen alone, instead of using fossil fuels such as petroleum, which is a drain on the earth's natural resources. We have used nearly half of the world's natural fossil fuels and so he wants to find new cleaner and greener ways of creating power to our homes, cars and factories.



*Children watching as Rowan from Y4 demonstrated the power of carbon dioxide as baking soda is mixed with vinegar and hot water!*

Later each year group from Y1-6 came to see the children's science projects in the gym. We had dry ice experiments; mentos and coke explosions; laser beam balloon bangs; plant experiments; chemical and gas experiments, and many more. The children who presented explained their experiments in detail to parents and each year group. Some demonstrated what they had done and others used photos and diagrams to explain what they found. It was a great success with an array of different scientific investigations shown. The children all learnt about different areas of science and the standard of scientific enquiry was very high.



*Maya and Keira proudly showing off their science investigation*



*Children and teachers watched in awe as Alex from Y6 and Nicky from Y3 demonstrated a dry ice tornado!*



## A 'POPTASTIC' END TO THE WEEK

By Paul Gildea, Year 5 Pelicans Class Teacher



*The ensemble of Year 5 and Year 6 students all participating in a 'Poptastic' performance*

Music was in the air at BSB this week thanks to our fabulous Year 5 and 6 production Poptastic! We were rockin' and rollin', hoppin' and boppin', twistin' and shoutin' as we followed the story of Charlie, a dreamer, who becomes a superstar with the help of the mysterious Poptastic.

Year 5 and 6 have worked incredibly hard over the last two months to learn their lines, song lyrics, dance moves and costume changes to bring this story to life. It was great to see how much confidence the children showed, and how they were able to work together and support each other to make this production happen.

The costumes, props and scenery looked great, and special thanks to our guest musicians for adding that extra professional gloss. Upper Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed their chance to shine – who knows, maybe we've got some future actors or musicians here at BSB!

MORE 'POPTASTIC' PICS...



*Just a glimpse of some of the fantastic performances given by the Year 5 and Year 6 students at BSB Sanlitun.*

*We are all so very proud of them!*





# Parents Association

# CHARITY JUMBLE

# SALE



**Saturday 14 June**  
**11am - 3pm**  
**BSB Sanlitun Hall**

Please donate **clothes, toys, games, shoes, bric-a-brac. NO FURNITURE or BIKES THIS TIME.**

Find a bargain on the day or items will be distributed to families in need by Roundabout.

**Drop Off: Thursday 12th and Friday 13th  
at BSB Sanlitun Primary Campus**

**Enquiries or to volunteer: Email Shigemi  
at [jsjestanding@outlook.com](mailto:jsjestanding@outlook.com).**