

Friday 5th June 2015



A superb performance of 'Shrek' by Year 5 and Year 6...

LOTS GOING ON AT BSB SANLITUN

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

We may be approaching the last few weeks of term, but there is certainly no sign of slowing down at either the Early Years Campus or the Primary Campus. With only three weeks left of term there are still performances to take place, graduations to celebrate, residentials, sleepovers and visits and not forgetting our final family event of the year, which will take place this Sunday.

This week one of the highlights has got to be the Year 5 and 6 performance of 'Shrek'. Our eldest students in the school most definitely excelled themselves with fantastic acting, dancing and singing and some very witty one liners and comic timing. We can always gauge how great a performance is by the dress rehearsal watched by the rest of the school - our students have very high expectations when watching each other perform - and the performance of 'Shrek' was incredibly well received, with students glued to the antics going on on stage. Yesterday evening's performance to parents was equally as slick and the students really did themselves proud as well as all of us here at school.

For our Year 6 students, the fun continues and next week they will be heading off on their week long residential to Inner Mongolia - it has certainly been a busy time for them!

Our next event to look forward, as touched upon above, is our Family Picnic taking place this Sunday from 11.30am. Entry is free to all of our families and we invite you to bring a picnic and have a relaxing afternoon with friends. There will be activities laid on to entertain the children and additional food and drink that can be purchased. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a lovely clear, sunny day and I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Have a great weekend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th June
End of Year Family Picnic
@ Primary Campus
3pm - 7pm

8th - 12th June
Year 6 Residential Trip

10th June
Last ASAs

11th June
Early Years
Pastries with Parents & Show
@ EY Campus

12th June
Year 2 Sleepover

15th June
KS2 Science Fair

16th June
PA Parent Appreciation
9am @ Primary Campus Hall

17th June
Last Swimming Lesson
for Pre Nursery & Reception

18th June
Nursery Beach Trip
to Tuanjiehu Park

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
@ Primary Campus Hall
2pm - 3.15pm

19th June
School Closed
for Dragon Boat Festival

YEARS 5 & 6 PRODUCTION OF "SHREK"

By Elizabeth Jurgensen, Year 5 Pelicans Class Teacher

This week has seen the Year 5 and 6 production of "Shrek". The children have worked very hard over the last two months to prepare for the show which they performed throughout the week to the children at school and to their parents on Thursday evening. They did a magnificent job at learning lines, song lyrics and dance moves to bring this story to life. It was great to see the confidence the children showed, and how they worked together and supported each other to create such an enjoyable show. Thank you to all of the Year 5/6 team and the Music department for their work preparing the children.



OFF TO THE BEACH!

By Hazel Old, Nursery Rainbow Fish Class Teacher

This week Nursery children are dreaming of the holidays as they pack their bags ready for the beach. In our role-play we have been digging in the sand and selling ice-creams as we anticipate the summer holidays. Where shall we go? What do we need to take with us? The children talked about past holidays and places they would like to visit. Riding elephants and playing on the beach were firm favourites. They chose pictures of objects to fill their suitcases, not forgetting Teddy! We made our very own passports, writing both of our names clearly and practising our numbers for dates too. They were keen to put in some countries they had visited in the form of flags and stamps.



Mustn't forget the sun cream and sunglasses! Staying safe was our focus as we talked about the dangers of the sun. The children have been putting this into practice by wearing their sunhats and staying in the shade. In the swimming pool the children have been thinking about safety as well as practising their swimming skills and having lots of fun.



In preparation for next year we had a trip over to Reception where we visited different classrooms, saw the gym, the hall and the library as well as having fun with our friends in the Reception classes.

Next week we have our Early Years Production...watch this space!!

YEAR ONE FLY TO AFRICA

By Roxanne Wood, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

Year 1 flew to Africa this week to kick start our new topic. The children prepared their passports and packed their bags ready for their trip.



Once we arrived at the airport it was time to check in and get on board. There was an extra-long queue for check in but luckily most passengers had carry-on baggage.

Once everyone was safely seated with their luggage stowed under the seats. The pilot explained the procedures and the crew put on the safety video. Finally it was time for take-off! On board refreshments were given out as the in-flight film 'The Penguins of Madagascar' started.

After a bit of turbulence Year 1 landed safely and are now looking forward to our adventures in Africa. We hope to share some of our learning with you in future newsletters.



Phew, a little bumpy...but we made it!

PUPPETS, PLAYSRIPTS AND PERFORMANCES

By Michael Aryiku, Year 3 Toucans Class Teacher



This term the children in the Toucans, Parrots and Puffins classes have been learning about light in their Science lessons. After spending some time learning about how light travels, they spent some time planning an investigation to find out how the shadows of stationary objects change throughout the day and learnt about sundials and how they were used in the past to tell the time.

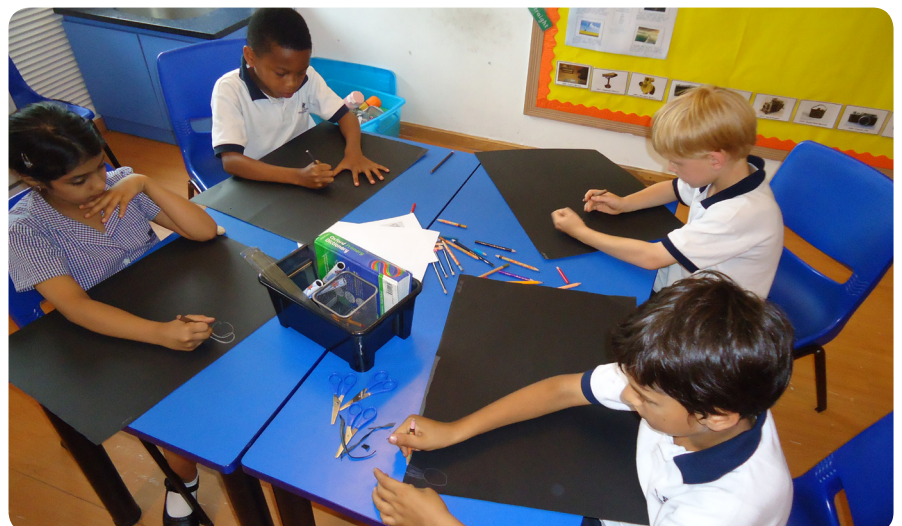
In Literacy the Year 3 children have been studying playscripts, learning about their features. Once they were familiar with these, they sorted themselves into small groups and began planning their own playscripts. Last week they spent some time engaging in role plays before working collaboratively to begin typing their playscripts.



Merging what they have been learning in Science along with the work they have been doing in Literacy, the Toucans, Puffins and Parrots began making shadow puppets of the characters in their playscripts. Having watched examples of shadow puppet shows, the groups of children first drew sketches of their puppet characters before using black card to create their puppets. To add to the entertainment value, many of the puppets have a moving part, be it an arm, leg or tail.

The Year 3 children have been working meticulously to finish making their shadow puppets so they can begin rehearsing their plays next week.

Look out for a shadow puppet show coming very soon to a classroom near you!



KEY STAGE 2 - HOUSE T-BALL

By Harry Brookfield, P.E. Teacher and Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

The day was perfect for a great competition. The sky was blue, the sun was out and the air was clear and warm. Everyone was smiling and happy. But those smiling faces soon turned to faces of grim determination.

Over the course of the afternoon, the Year 3's, Year 4's and Year 5/6's settled which House was the best at t-ball. In an afternoon of fantastic competition, there were moments of greatness such as when both Miles Garnier and Obaha Taunakekei smashed t-balls across not just one t-ball pitch, but two! There were other great moments in the afternoon as well, such as when Will Whitworth took charge of his team from the pitcher's mark getting numerous opposition players out, one after another falling to his partnership with 1st base player Lizzie Sutton. In a fine afternoon that celebrated the talent and sportsmanship of KS2, some games were close while others showed a gulf in class; but no-one got upset – every game was played with a great camaraderie despite what was at stake – the opportunity to say “our House is number 1 at t-ball!”



KEY STAGE 2 - HOUSE T-BALL CONTINUED...

By Harry Brookfield, P.E. Teacher and Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

AND HERE ARE THE RESULTS:

Year 3: 1st Yellow (9 points); 2nd Red (7 points); 3rd Blue (5 points); 4th Green (3 points).

Year 4: 1st Green (9 points); 2nd Blue (5 points, 17-17);
3rd Yellow (5 points, 19-20); 4th Red (5 points, 18-21).

Year 5 & 6: 1st Yellow (7 points, 28-19); 2nd Blue (7 points, 27-19);
3rd Red (7 points, 22-25); 4th Green (3 points).

OVERALL KS2 RESULTS:

1st Place – Yellow (21 points)

2nd Place – Blue (17 points)

3rd Place – Red (16 points)

4th Place – Green (15 points)



A clear and well-deserved victory by the yellow house!