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May PA Meeting

Term at a glance



12th May – Art Auction Event

6th June – PA Meeting
 (Morning)

11th June - End of Year Picnic
 and Cookbook Launch

It's nice seeing new faces come along to the PA meeting today.

Senior Leadership Team Talk

4 Year 6 students from BSB Sanlitun have gone to **Boston MIT for the STEAM festival**. The students are having a great time; updates of this are received daily on the school's Facebook page.

Last Friday the school and staff were entertained by the **Sanlitun's got talent finals** – Congratulations to all contestants who were able to perform for the whole school and the winner's Mimey mimes!

The school survey results team has produced 3 main key priorities to form an action plan:

1. Improve a wide range of sports in the curriculum and externally.
2. Performing arts facilities.
3. ASA's – To prioritise the development of this program to improve the offering – Feedback from parents was to include some form of tangible product especially from the digital type of ASA's.

Each year group is currently focusing on the maths/entrepreneurial week – information in regards to this has or will be sent out shortly in regards to each year group.

FOBISIA Games are coming up – Year 4 students and up will be going to Penang on the 17/18th May, 40 students in total will be representing the school in 4 sporting activities: T-ball, athletics, swimming and football. We wish them all the best and hope they have a fantastic time.

Social media usage between parents and members of staff. If you wish to contact a teacher, teaching assistant or member of staff at school please go through official channels e.g. email with teacher or telephone the school. Please do not contact staff members especially out of hours in regards to any school matters via wechat. The school understand that they have teachers that are also parents at the school and have social connections with other parents due to children, however anything school related specifically to the teacher, child, class etc. must be communicated via the school and the official channels.

A big **THANK YOU** to the PA and all of the parents who donated some lovely delights for the teachers and staff at the Staff Appreciation event and also their time. Stephanie Heydolph also gave a speech to all staff in both English and Chinese, which everyone enjoyed.

Spring/Summer Term Events

12th May – Art Auction event – Each class collectively make a piece of art – The theme is linked with the BSB Sanlitun collaboration with MIT and has a 'STEAM' (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) theme. I have seen the pieces of work from each class and I am amazed by the variety of wonderful pieces that have been produced. This is an evening event where the whole family can come along. These pieces are then in a silent auction. There will be food and entertainment for the students provided. A cover letter and ticket slip will be sent home with the eldest child at the school, this week. **Buy tickets ASAP – It is based on a first come first served basis. Adults 120rmb, Students 60rmb.**

11th June – Cook Book Launch and End of Year Picnic – We will be selling the much-anticipated BSB Sanlitun Cookbook. This will also be the End of Year Picnic where everyone is welcome to come along and meet up together before we all go away for the summer. Many external vendors will be coming along providing food and drink as well as a bouncy castle for the students.

Parent Fun Event Feedback - In the Footsteps of the Emperor: A walk and discussion at the Temple of Heaven with Jeremiah Jenne

What can I say or anyone else who attended the tour? What an amazing tour. Jeremiah is a fantastic guide, a historian and an author who has a wealth of knowledge and experience. He is able to engage with his audience and converse on so many levels. It's great to actually learn and understand such a great piece of Chinese history.

If you are unable to attend the parent fun events and are interested in taking a group class with Jeremiah or want to attend a private tour with like minded friends please look on his website - <https://www.beijingbyfoot.com> or contact him directly +86 138 1122 8460 info@beijingbyfoot.com



Charity Update

The PA raises funds to support the Migrant Children's Foundation (MCF), which was founded in 2009 by UK educator Helen Boyle. The MCF helps the children of those migrant workers from other provinces that come to find work in Beijing. If the family does not have a Beijing residency permit (hukou), the children are not entitled to access education or health care in Beijing.

Thursday 4th May – Year 3 BSB Sanlitun students and 30 MCF students will be meeting at BSB Sanlitun and having a fun morning of activities organized by the school. The PA will be holding a cupcake decorating session as a part of the activities. It will be a great opportunity for BSB Sanlitun and the migrant children to interact and share in a fun and delicious activity.

BSB Sanlitun PA Cookbook

Pre-order forms have been sent out with every child. If you require another form there are ones in the BSB Sanlitun main reception area or please contact your class teacher for an electronic copy to be sent to you. Pre orders close 12th May. Books are 150rmb with all proceeds to MCF. Books will be able to be collected on the launch day on June 11. They will also be available to purchase on the day (depending on stock levels), and after that will be available to purchase at reception. Get in early to reserve your copy/ copies, as a limited print run will be ordered.

PA volunteers needed to teach English at MCF school – Friday 10:00am – 11:30am

The PA is looking for parent volunteers to come and help teach English at one of the MCF migrant schools. No teaching experience is required, just your enthusiasm!

Students are 4-6 year olds, teaching them English vocabulary through songs, activities, games and arts and crafts. Lesson plans and resources are provided and the lesson is sent out a few days prior. We visit the nursery every week. Meet at Huangcun Railway Station at Exit D (it is on subway Line 4) at 9:30am on Fridays then walk to the school together.

This does not need to be a weekly thing however it will give you an insight of the work that Charity and PA is supporting.

Please contact Grace if you are interested. Email Grace: pangmei.wang@yahoo.com



Other Business

PA Committee

Stephanie Heydolph – Provided a presentation of what the PA is and what the aims are for the PA – This is available on the **School Website** ([link here](#)).

At the end of the school year we will have many positions available in the PA team – Below are job descriptions if you want to ask for further information or sit down to discuss this please contact the appropriate person or Kirsty - sanlitun.pa@britishschool.org.cn. It would be best if hand over for these roles could be made before June to make the transitions as smooth as possible.

New PA Members

I would personally like to welcome Tobias Gustafsson as the PA Treasurer; Tobias has taken part in this role for nearly two months. I thank him for work he has already done and continues to do for the PA.

I would also like to welcome the newest member to the PA team Jyoti Johari who will be taking over from myself Kirsty New as the new PA Coordinator. I wish Jyoti the best of luck for the future in this role and I hope that all parents will help make this an exciting new role and experience for her.

PA Secretary – available from June onwards (Early hand over preferred)

- Attend the monthly PA meetings.
- In the absence of the PA Coordinator the PA Secretary would chair the PA meeting.
- Taking minutes from the meeting.

PA Event Coordinator role OR PA Event Managers (Each event to be managed by different people, the events are listed below)

Available from June onwards (Early hand over preferred)

- Liaise with selected external business partners (F&B vendors, cultural institutions - a list of contacts is provided)
- Liaise with selected departments from BSB and the PA Coordinator
- Preparing 5-8 events throughout the academic year 2017/2018 **(these can be split between different event managers)**
- Coordinating parent volunteers for the events (a list of previous parent contacts is provided)
- Onsite organization, supervising and attending five events
- Keeping expenses within a set budget

The main five events are: **PA Welcome Party, International Day, Santa Secret Shoppe, Staff Appreciation Event and the Art Auction.**

PA Charity Board Member – available from June onwards (Early hand over preferred)

- Liaise between MCF, PA and school to determine appropriate projects to direct funds raised
- Liaise between MCF and BSB to ensure that BSB pupils have an opportunity to interact with MCF children in an appropriate way
- Ensure funds are being disbursed to the MCF in a timely manner
- Identify ways that parents can become involved in volunteering with MCF programs

Parent Fun Event Coordinator role is currently available – This role has been advertised for one full academic year and no parent is wanting to volunteer for this role. **Going forward from May onwards we will have no more parent fun events planned.**

Please be aware that if you feel you do not have the time to commit to a specific full time role on the PA team we are happy for you to volunteer for roles in specific events.

Being a part of the PA or volunteering for an event really helps to transition smoothly with parents and teachers alike and makes it easy to get involved in the school community.

Introduction to the PA Committee

PA Coordinator – Kirsty New – sanlitun.pa@britishschool.org.cn

Secretary - Grace Walter

Treasurer – Tobias Gustafsson – tobias.g78@gmail.com

Charity Board - Grace Walker, Emma Murphy and Monica Howes

Grace – pangmei.wang@yahoo.com

Events Coordinator – Stephanie Heydolph - sanlitun.paevents@britishschool.org.cn

Lunch Parent Coordinator – Alexandra Bichteler – Alexandra@bichteler.net

To get in touch with the PA with questions, suggestions, or to volunteer please email us at sanlitun.pa@britishschool.org.cn