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Mark Thomas, Principal @ A Decade of Excellence Event, 14th April 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

The examination season is now upon us, with Secondary students involved in their IGCSE and A-level examinations and Primary students sitting their SAT tests. We are confident that the curriculum over the last two terms will have prepared them for this moment, but encourage parents to ensure that students get enough sleep to help them to achieve their best.

On 14th April, an exclusive group of 8 students and their parents attended our official opening of the new Secondary building to help us celebrate a 'Decade of Excellence.' These students joined BSG in the 2006/07 academic year and are now entering their 10th year of education. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, on your behalf, for being such excellent role models, and their parents for having such trust in our vision. This exclusive cohort of 2006/07 joiners includes; Davy Yung, Brendon and Mabel Ng, Karina Chiang, Terry Chan, Schumi Chen, Keya Ruchi Chag and Anna Means. This was an extremely nostalgic event and our thanks go to everyone involved in organising the event, and particularly, to our talented musicians for their music, and to the Secondary students who gave us such a superb performance of songs from 'Hairspray'.

With Anna Means moving to Vietnam in August and Davy Yung graduating, this group will become even more exclusive next year.



It seems amazing to imagine that when these parents made their decision to choose a British education there was no Nanhu campus and all students studied on the Lakefront site. Back then there was no residential programme, we were not a FOBISIA school and there were no GCSE or A-level students or orchestra. We were not part of Nord Anglia, at that time, so there was no Global Campus, Juilliard collaboration or Nord Anglia University. The one thing the school had in abundance was ambition and the courage to aim for the highest standards.

Four years ago, we clearly set out our aim to become the number one international school in the China region. I am pleased to see that we are well on the way and we have now become the first choice school for the majority of parents in Guangzhou. With our new Secondary facilities in place, we are able to consider developments for the next two years and believe me, we are as ambitious for your students as ever.

Preparations for the Primary FOBISIA games are continuing with our young athletes putting in lots of additional training sessions with our dedicated PE teachers. FOBISIA sports events are extremely competitive and they will face stiff competition. However, I know that teachers and students have done everything possible to prepare for this competition and I am sure that they will do themselves justice. For those parents intending to fly out to and enjoy the event, we are expecting to receive lots of photographs of students in action, so do take your cameras!

Yours truly,

Mark Thomas
school Principal



Global Campus News

We are excited to announce that our Global Campus debate team, the 'BSG Ruling Rhinos', have topped the Primary league table against 14 other international schools!

Led by Team Captain, Jasmin Dewar, the students fought off strong opposition from the US, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Spain, Singapore and the Middle East.

The Grand Final will see BSG face the 'Best of Bratislava' team in a head-to-head debate that will determine the overall champions of 2016.

Mr. Marwood has praised the students' commitment and amazing results, and we congratulate all of them for making this huge impact on the Global Campus stage.

#NAEGC



40% off all current uniform items

As we approach the scheduled uniform change for all Primary and Secondary students in August 2016, we are pleased to announce this reduction. More information on the upcoming changes will follow soon.



Important information is often sent via email.

If you are not receiving emails, please contact our receptionist, Lily Huang at lily@bsg.org.cn

FOCUS

Marginal Gains

By: Nicholas McKenna

As part of the Secondary school's Learning Disposition programme, students were asked to think about their motivations and, in particular, the idea of marginal gains. The idea of marginal gains is that if slight improvements are made in many areas – no matter how small that improvement will be – the overall effect will be positive.

Over a 5-week period, all students in Years 7-10 were asked to set themselves a weekly gain and they evaluated how successful they had been in attaining it. The attached photograph shows the students who were considered to have given the most thought to their gains and then acted upon them.

Some students focused on academic areas, others on sporting or musical areas, but the key to their success was their motivation to keep on improving.



10 Questions with *Richard Marwood*

Meet Richard Marwood, one of the delightful Primary teachers at the British School of Guangzhou. His engaging personality and teaching style has strengthened his students' love of learning. We sat down with Richard for a quick interview about his experiences as an expat teacher living in Guangzhou.

Name: Richard Marwood

Country of Origin: England

Speciality: Primary Teaching

Current Year Group: Year 5

Places he has lived: England & China

1. What was your first reaction when you arrived to Guangzhou?

I didn't know much about Guangzhou before coming here. I was surprised at how busy it was as I had initially expected it to be quite quiet. It was a little crazy in the first few weeks but the city is full of different cultures, which really caught my interest. The food is impressive!

2. What is the best thing about being a teacher?

Seeing the students grow within one year, not just academically but socially too. I love that no two days are the same.

3. What sort of advice can you give to parents moving to Guangzhou with children?

There are lots of ways to meet people and you should grab any opportunity to do so that comes your way. Meeting people who are already living in the city will help you to feel more settled and can point you in the right direction to help explore what the city has to offer.



TEACHER FOCUS

4. How does the British School of Guangzhou compare to other schools you have taught at?

BSG is such a well-respected organisation and offers great career development opportunities to their staff. Nord Anglia University connects you to colleagues around the world. This helps you draw knowledge and share resources with a large group of people. BSG also offers more freedom and opportunities than any other school I have taught in. The Global Campus initiative offers fantastic opportunities for students to connect with 43 schools around the world and compete in a variety of competitions.

5. Who was your role model when growing up and why?

My Dad was definitely one of my role models when growing up. He treated other people in a kind way and gained respect because of that.

6. Recommend the best place for families to visit in Guangzhou.

I would recommend families to visit Zhujiang New Town for an escape from the cities usual hustle and bustle. Zhujiang New Town is western but with a nice blend of local culture offering plenty of places to eat.

7. Your one advice for students moving or living abroad.

Students should go with an open mind and take any opportunity that comes their way. BSG offers an array of extra curricular activities that I would encourage all students to get involved with. It is a great way to make new friends and get the most out of your education.



8. What is the one lesson that you want your students to take away with them at the end of each academic year?

Challenge yourself and don't be scared to go out of your comfort zone. Do things with confidence and remember that you have the ability to do more than you thought was possible.

9. Why did you become an educator?

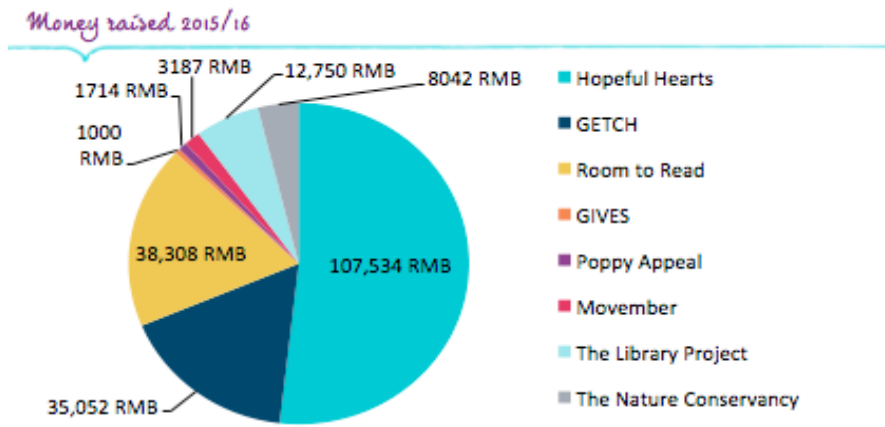
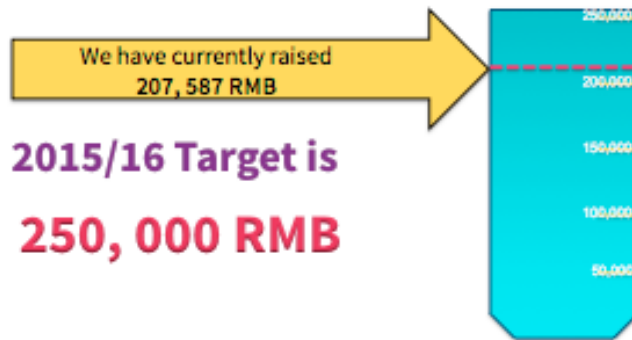
I have always been passionate about education and truly enjoy working with children. I want to inspire them to have the same passion for learning new things that I do.

10. What do you do when you get homesick?

I try my best to stay active and keep myself distracted, mainly through sport. Putting on Netflix and chatting to my friends and family through FaceTime always helps too.



Hopeful Hearts Update



We have just donated 128,000 RMB* to Hopeful Hearts that will help to fund another 4 children through their lifesaving heart operations. Hopeful Hearts have helped 19 children already this year. However, there are so many children from low-income families who cannot afford the lifesaving heart operations that they are in desperate need of. The British School of Guangzhou is pleased to be working with Hopeful Hearts to continue to make a difference. Together we can help keep young hearts beating.

*Money raised in March plus money that we were unable to donate to Action Aid

Money raised in March
 Secondary Spelling Bee – 700 RMB
 Norman Bake Sale – 3293 RMB
 Danceathon – 9378 RMB
 Non-Uniform Day – 7579 RMB

Upcoming charitable events:
 Secondary Non-Uniform Day - Friday 22nd April
 Primary Saxons Bake Sale - Friday 29th April
 Primary Romans Bake Sale – Friday 27th May



Barnyard Sounds

By: Sophie Corr

Moo, Baa, Cluck Cluck, these could have been some of the sounds that you may have heard coming from the Toddler Cubs last term. We were having so much fun learning all about the different animal sounds that you can hear at the farm!

We clucked like chickens and created some beautiful fluffy chicks. We loved watching a clip of a real pig rolling in mud and reenacted this using paper pigs and brown paint. The favourite song of the topic was 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' and we could hear the children singing along to this song all down the corridors -beautiful. The Toddler Cubs were so inspired by this topic that we decided to have a farm animal theme for our book week focus, finally deciding on 'Noisy Farm' by Rod Campbell.

The children helped us to collage, paint and glue together some beautiful farm animals. We placed these onto our door to recreate the story of 'Noisy Farm' to enter into our annual 'Book Week Door Competition' where we must have wowed the judge as we won second place - hurrah! It's safe to say that the Toddlers have been having so much fun; let the good times continue!



Pre-Nursery Tales

By: Monica Daryani

Fun, laughter and learning is one of the mottos in Early Years and the joy continues through our exciting assemblies that we hold here at our campus. As the little Teddy Bears, Pandas and Ducklings are growing up, we too have ventured into holding our own special Pre-Nursery assemblies every Thursday.

The children have settled beautifully into this new routine of convening together, where we reinforce our 'golden rules' and 'core values', sing along to familiar tunes and touch on our favourite tales! The children have been in for a treat with the teachers having prepared creative props to retell stories, such as 'The Three Little Pigs', 'Owl Babies' and 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

It is a delight for the teachers to watch the children actively engage and participate during this time, while showing their enthusiasm! We end our assemblies, just like the 'big' students, where our little ones are rewarded with rocket certificates and a sense of pure joy and pride takes over. If we are lucky, our certificates are sometimes presented by characters, such as the 'Big, Bad Wolf' or 'Owl Mother'!



Book Week

By: Louise Ruck

What a wonderful and exciting Book Week we have had in Early Years. Our visiting author Liz Million, had the very difficult task of choosing the winning door from a host of exciting and imaginative book covers that lined the corridor. The teachers and children spent two very busy days designing, decorating, painting and having fun creating a door of distinction that would catch her eye. The doors were so impressive that in the end three prizes were given out!

The long corridor looked so bright and colourful and it was full of surprises. The children were eager to see all of the doors and talk about what they could see and what they liked the best. I can't wait to see what happens next year!

Book Door Prizes:

1st Place – Nursery Fishes

2nd Place – Toddler Cubs

3rd Place – Nursery
Hedgehogs

Best Dressed Teachers:

Miss Macy Hu – Red bird

Miss Vicky Whieldon -
Chicken

I hope you enjoy all the wonderful photos that were taken; we certainly had a lot of fun!





Dr. Dangerous Is Afraid Of Singing!

By: Aimee Bainbridge

It turns out that, after all the booby trap research, wanted posters and classroom defence mechanisms, all we really needed to scare Dr. Dangerous away for good, was our beautiful singing!

After a fantastic and exciting week of decorating our doors and meeting famous authors during Book Week, the children had almost forgotten all about Dr Dangerous and his naughty ways. But then, he sent the children an email, taunting them for having failed to either catch him or defeat him. The children were furious! Using their detective skills and some clues left hidden in his email, the children were able to figure out that Dr Dangerous was actually terrified of music and singing! With that knowledge and some rather fantastic simile skills, the children created a song specifically to defeat Dr Dangerous should he dare to show his face again.

Sure enough, just 4 days later, Dr Dangerous appeared at Hillside, cackling and laughing. But his cackles turned to screams and his laughs turned to cries when the Y1 children, disguised in some particularly snazzy masks, all sang their very special song. It was loud, it was happy, it was beautiful and it scared that villain away for good!

Here are the words if you would like to learn the song yourself. For you never know when you might meet a villain...



"We are as violent as aliens We are as strong as a train.

We smell nicer than a flower We're not like babies, we've got super powers!

We are as clever as the big boys and girls. We are as angry as dinosaurs.

You are as smelly as stinky rubbish and you are as silly as a silly sausage!

We're amazing superheroes and we've all got superpowers

We're amazing superheroes and we've all got superpowers

We're here to save the world!

You're as weak as paper. We're as brave as bears.

You're as silly as a monkey. We can fight like knights!

You are as smelly as a giant's sock, You are as disgusting as snail slime.

We are as strong as an elephant, We are as fast as a leopard!

We're amazing superheroes and we've all got superpowers

We're amazing superheroes and we've all got superpowers

We're here to save the world."

Healthy Living Extravaganza!

By: David Mikhail

To provide an energetic ending to both our science and topic work in term two we held a 'Healthy Living Extravaganza' in Y3.

Parents were invited to come into school and spend a morning sharing in the learning that their children had been undertaking.

The focus was on healthy eating and exercise, plus the art of relaxation.

There was a greeting committee who were at the reception to hand out 'fitness passports' (stamps could be collected at each activity), maps, descriptions of the activities and to generally provide any assistance necessary.

Children were assigned to each of the stations and were then able to lead the activities and were on hand to answer any questions that parents may have for them. There were 11 different stations, ranging from a chill out zone with low lighting and mellow sounds, where heart monitors were used to see how low parents could get their heartbeat, to seeing if you could run faster than Usain Bolt; nobody could! The nearest parent was Mrs Tallman, who managed a very creditable 52m, and then Mr 'speedy' Barton, who managed an incredible 70m in 9.58 seconds!

Parents and students were able to test their knowledge of the human body with Miss Bobby and her group of experts. Reaction times could also be measured by taking part in the sheep dash with Sabrina Huang.

Mrs Hamer ran a music workshop where parents and students could join her in creating an informative jingle about taking care of your teeth whilst playing an assortment of instruments.

Parents went home tired and happy and hopefully better informed about their children's' studies and with an increased awareness of how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Over seventy parents attended through the morning and we discovered that on the whole, BSG parents are a pretty fit bunch!



Year 2 Visit Crocodile Park

On Wednesday, 13th April, Y2 went out on a trip that was two fold; to finish our previous unit on dinosaurs and to start our upcoming unit on animals.

With torrential rain on Tuesday and the threat of it carrying into Wednesday, parents were frantically messaged to tell their children to bring in wellington boots, waterproofs and umbrellas. Thankfully, the weather held out, which allowed us to have a brilliant day.

The Chimelong Crocodile Park in Panyu was an outstanding place to learn about many different animals and even get close to them. There was a wide range of carnivores, herbivores, nocturnal animals, reptiles and amphibians to see, touch and feed.

Highlights of the trip included the crocodile show, where amongst other things, two men put their heads and hands into open crocodile mouths — madness! Rivaling this was the nocturnal animal section, which included owls and flying squirrels. Another amazing spectacle was the hippos eating, and what long teeth they have. Did you know they need to eat 100kg worth of leaves and vegetables everyday?!

Not to be outdone was the beautiful array of birds such as parrots, peacocks and toucans, plus the animal nursery, where we saw baby eggs and not to mention the opportunity to touch snakes and lizards.

We discovered that crocodiles were alive during the end of the dinosaur era and that animals eat a wide range of different foods. The children are now excited about our upcoming topic and can now reflect on the learning from the trip. We highly recommend this place if you are bored at the weekend!





Year 4 Punch & Judy

By: Nicole Torrens

To mark the end of our Victorian topic, Y4 have been very busy creating their own Punch and Judy show! Both the children (and teachers!) had lots of fun watching clips of traditional Punch and Judy performances, just like the ones Victorian children would have watched in 19th-century Britain.



With a little help from our fabulous Book Week author, the children learnt about the comedy genre and worked collaboratively in pairs to write their own play script and gave a modern voice to traditional characters, such as Mr. Punch, Judy, the policeman and, of course, the greedy crocodile!



With a partner, the children then created their own hand puppets and performed their play in front their peers, in our very own Punch and Judy puppet theatre! Each group brought their own ideas to the plot and did a tremendous job at entertaining their audience! Excellent work, Year4.

Year 5 Mad Hatters!

By: Michelle McCarthy

Year 5 were invaded by a Mad Hatter, the white rabbit, playing cards and a very stern Queen of Hearts during BSG's annual book week.

The students of year 5 enjoyed a variety of activities over the course of the week. There was a snuggle up and read session with hot chocolate, the book door competition — for which 5MM got a special mention, well done! Story telling and writing competitions and an opportunity to meet and work with the visiting authors. The children thoroughly enjoyed their workshop with Ciaran Murtagh and came away buzzing with ideas and inspired to write.

The week's activities all culminated in a fancy dress parade where the children came dressed as their favourite book character - the costumes looked brilliant! The children had a wonderful week, reading great books and finding out about new and exciting authors.



Year 6 Book Feast!

By: Alisha Lowe & Nicole Xie, 6C

Last week, children came to school dressed as their favourite book character or mythical creature! At the assembly on Friday afternoon, everyone was amazed by the children's dazzling costumes! To start off, a fashion parade was organized in order of year group and we started roaming down the catwalk, showing some terrific moves!

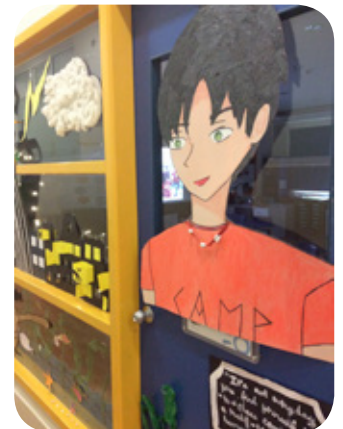
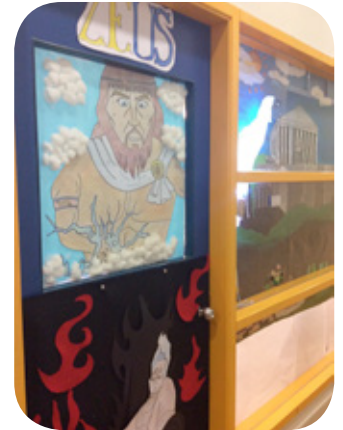
Ranging from the Monkey King to Medusa, the children in Year 6 had some great ideas and innovation in their costumes. Then, the winners for the story telling and writing competition were revealed: congratulations to Martyna and Preston in Year 5 and 6! However, we must say a big thank you to all of you who participated in the competition, it was a great effort.

Mrs. Sanderson led a parade of the teachers; children shouted enthusiastically as their teacher 'prowled' down the stage, roaring for applause. When the judges were ready, Mr Cunliffe announced the winner for the KS2 best-dressed boys and girls. And guess what? Once again Martyna (6A) won the best-dressed award and so did Alex Ling in 6D! At the end of the assembly, a huourous story from one of our visiting authors, Ciaran Murtagh, wrapped up the week's events. (Be sure to check out Ciaran's website, www.ciaranmurtagh.com!)

Along with all the excitement in the assembly, we also had some activities throughout the week. On Wednesday, instead of wearing uniform (or costumes), we came into school in our pyjamas! In the afternoon, we had our snuggle up and read session, when we snuggled up and enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate, and a book read by our teacher. I bet some of the children even fell asleep during the story reading!

As already mentioned before, not one, but two authors were visited KS2 during the book week! Ciaran Murtagh and Adam Bushnell, our two incredible authors did a fantastic job during the week. Each class had a private workshop with one of the authors, either Mr. Ciaran or Mr. Adam. The private workshops were there so that authors could communicate with us and help us to improve our writing skills. In Adam's workshop, he brought in different smells to help us to write about the five senses. In addition, the authors also had private workshops with the debate team and the production team, to teach them different skills.

Leading up to Friday, the entire school was up to something: to create customized doors based on a theme. In Year 6, our theme was Percy Jackson (Ancient Greeks). Using papier mache, painting or even some photoshopping, Year 6 began to put together some marvelous creations. Even though we didn't win, the doors looked splendid because the children had put a lot of effort in! Well done, Year 6!



Dance-A-Thon!

By: Emma Robb

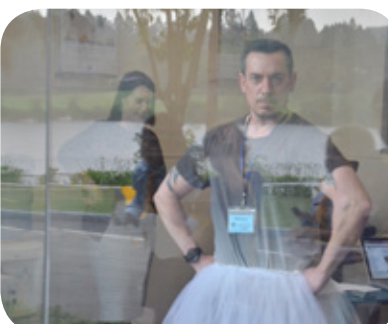
On Monday 21st March 2016, a charity Dance-a-thon was held to raise money for Hopeful Hearts. Over 300 students from year 1 right up to year 13 danced throughout the day, raising heartbeats and money for Hopeful Hearts charity. Staff from the whole school and parents joined in too. Students raised money over the Chinese New Year holidays for the event. Mrs Robb started at 7 am and did not stop dancing until 3pm.

Over the 8 hours support from the whole school was received and encouraged Mrs Robb to keep dancing. Mrs Kirti had a great idea to put on the projector screen 'Just Dance' routines to follow. This helped the students keep dancing. An astonishing 9,027 RMB was raised thanks to supportive students, staff and parents.



PRIMARY

Book Week





Maths Is Beautiful!

By: Stephen Dodds

Between Monday 14 and Friday 18 March, the Mathematics Department celebrated the more creative and aesthetic areas of the subject with their annual celebratory week, which ran under the theme of 'Maths Is Beautiful'. During lessons in Key Stage 3, pupils engaged in a variety of activities which fused artistic and mathematical endeavours. Islamic Geometry, Archimedean Solids, Sierpinski Pyramids, Flexagons, Mobius Strips and much more were all part of this engaging and energising week.

In addition to these lessons, competitions were fought fiercely by the secondary students. Ivy Byerreddy and Mike Ng emerged as Upper and Lower School Countdown Champions, as pupil's arithmetic ability was tested against each other and the ominous Countdown-clock music!

Pi Day (3.14) was celebrated on Monday, and the canteen entered into the spirit of the week by providing a delicious meat and vegetable pie for the lunch menu. Eric Shen maintained his Pi King Crown, smashing his 2015 record of memorising Pi to 211 places, with an astonishing 365 places!

The whole week was a phenomenal triumph and the pupil's enthusiasm for Mathematics played a significant role in its success. The Mathematics Department are firm believers that mathematics can be found anywhere and everywhere, and we think that this week has gone some way to sharing our shared notion that 'Maths Is Beautiful'!



U13 FOBISIA Sports

The U13 Fobisia Sports Event took place at St Andrews Green Valley School in Rayong, Thailand in March. We took 25 students to participate in the games, who had been training in the months beforehand. We came back with many individual medals and an overall 2nd place in the Athletics competition.

Here is a breakdown of the results.

Swimming - Overall 4th place, missed out on third place by 9 points.

It was an exceptionally high standard, with one school (Bangkok Prep) dominating in the majority of races.

However, there were some great performances:

Medal winners were:

Sophie - 100m IM 3rd, 100m Butterfly - 2nd
 Samantha - 100m Freestyle B - 1st,
 100m Breast - 2nd, 50m Butterfly - 3rd
 Brian - 100m Freestyle B - 2nd,
 50m Freestyle A - 3rd, 25m Freestyle A - 3rd
 Jurek - 50m Breast B - 2nd,
 25m Breast B - 2nd
 Tian - 100m Breast A - 2nd,
 50m Breast A - 2nd
 Ross, 50m Butterfly A - 3rd
 Coco - 25m Breast B - 3rd
 Sofia - 25m Free B - 3rd
 Thom - 25m Back B - 3rd

Athletics - Overall 2nd place

It was 36 degree heat in the athletics stadium. We were outperformed in the sprinting races by boys who look like they should have been at U19 level. But we did extremely well in the field events.



Medal winners were:

Samantha - 100m 3rd, 200m 2nd
Vincent - 200m A 2nd, shot put 1st,
high jump 1st, long jump 1st
Sheena - high jump A 2nd,
Javelin A - 3rd
Ayisha - high jump B - 2nd
Steve - high jump B - 3rd
Ross - Long jump B 1st
Sabrina - Triple jump A 3rd
Gia - Triple jump B - 2nd
Shaun - Triple Jump A 2nd
Tian - Discus A - 1st
Lilyana - Discus B - 1st
Coco - Shot A - 3rd
Tyai - Shot B - 2nd
Sofia - 800m A - 3rd
Vasco - 800m A - 3rd

Girls Relay A - Coco, Sheena, Samantha,
Sabrina - 3rd
Girls Relay B - Gia, Sofia, Rich, Tyai - 2nd
Boys Relay A - Ross, Shaun, Vincent,
Jurek - 3rd

Girls Football

We drew against Bangkok Prep 1-1 in the first game, with a goal from Ayisha. We then lost against St Andrews 2-0 in the next game. The 3rd game we were on fire and beat KTJ 4-1, with 2 unbelievable goals from Ericca and 2 great goals from Sofia. In the fourth game we also played outstandingly against Dulwich, Seoul. It was a thriller of a game with BSG coming out on top 5-3. Goals were scored by Ericca, Ayisha, Romy and Sofia. We then had a long lunch break. We played BSB after lunch and drew with them 0-0. The final game would decide whether we receive a medal position but this was against the best team BSKL and we lost 2-0. We had a great day and gave it all we had. But overall we were 5th place.



Girls Basketball

Basketball was a strong competition, but we went into our first game with confidence. It was a close game but we lost it 14-6. The next game against St Andrews, we were hoping to do better, but just missed out on the game with a 12-8 loss. Coco got injured in the 3rd game, but the team fought on. Ayisha had a great match, along with Lilyana and Gia. Unfortunately it was not our day for Basketball and we didn't win a game.

Boys Football

We won against KTJ in the first match, we then drew against BSB and Dulwich, Seoul. We then lost against Bangkok Prep, BSKL and St Andrews by only one goal. Other teams congratulated us on the standard of football, but by this point our fitness let us down. Ross scored 6 goals in total and Jurek was the best player on the day.

Boys Basketball

We lost against Bangkok Prep in the last 5 seconds of the game and BSKL. We drew against the overall champions KTJ, which was a great result. We won against Dulwich and St Andrews and BSB. We just missed out on 3rd place and came in 4th. Vincent was outstanding throughout.

NAE Games 2016

By: Colin Wildy

This March, students from years five, six, seven and eight took part in the inaugural Nord Anglia Education Games in Hong Kong, hosted by the British School of Hong Kong. Similar to FOBISIA however, it was a three-day competition including athletics, swimming and football.

The competition started on a high note with an opening ceremony, where the athletes paraded in front of a packed stand. We were then all treated to a traditional Chinese Dragon Dance accompanied by a huge number of drummers all from the British School of Hong Kong. As the drums rose to a deafening crescendo, it signaled the start of the competition.

The standard of the competition was very high with our teams representing themselves and the school to a very good standard.

Well done to the teams on a great effort!!!

Girls 7/8:

Coco He, Samantha Zheng, Siena Piggott, Lydia Bucciero & Mariana Barradas Gonzlez.

Boys 7/8:

Terry Chan, William Su, Schumi Chen, Harsh Verdia, Sohoon Kim, Tom De Boer, & Bryson Chiou

Girls 5/6:

Amanda Pimental, Angelina Chan, Alisha Lowe, Ina Koebrich, Laura Sandoval & King Fu Chiang.

Boys 5/6

Aiden Naalden, Cohen Langford, Tiger Zhu, Cameron Ding, Siwoo Yoon, Derek Han & Calvin Yap.



	ATHLETICS	SWIMMING	FOOTBALL	OVERALL
GIRLS 7/8	1ST	3RD	3RD	2ND
BOYS 7/8	4TH	1ST	3RD	4TH
GIRLS 5/6	3RD	3RD	3RD	3RD
BOYS 5/6	4TH	4TH	4TH	4TH

U15 FOBISIA Sports: BSG's Best Performance!

- 1st – Girls Football
- 2nd – Athletics
- 2nd - Swimming
- 3rd - Boys Basketball
- 3rd – Boys Football

25 students went to Kuala Lumpur to take part in the annual U15 games to compete in Athletics, Swimming, Basketball and Football. We had high hopes for this team who had been training since the start of the year. An inspiring speech on day 1 and a fun video set the scene for this great competition in the KTJ auditorium.

Kristina was up first for the athletics in the 1500m, she rose to the challenge and came 1st place; next was Bono who also came 1st place, Jaz then came in 3rd for the B race and Danny in 2nd place. The athletics continued in the same vein with BSG gaining medals in the majority of events. Highlights were Candy winning the Long jump, Marlie winning the 400m and Henry coming 2nd in the High jump. The relays were closely fought and this could make the difference between 1st and 2nd place. The Girls A and B teams both placed (2nd and a 1st). The boys teams then came in 3rd and 2nd. BSG came 2nd overall in the athletics with 373 points.

Swimming was next and again we started the event with a 1st place win for Naomi in the Individual Medley, next was Charlie who came 2nd. 11 races went by all with podium finishes. Notable performances were Phoebe who won the 50m Breaststroke, Bono who won the 50m

Free, 50m Breaststroke, 25m Breaststroke and helped win the 4x50m relay and Kristina who won the 25m Butterfly. Overall we came 2nd place, another great result for BSG!

On Saturday, the girls team played Football, competing against all 5 teams in a round robin tournament. It could not have gone more smoothly, with a win 1-0 in the first game against KTJ, with Candy being the goal score. We then beat BSB 3-0 in the 2nd game, goals from Marlie (x2) and Kristina. In the 3rd game Kristina and Marlie also score again to beat BSKL 2-0. After lunch we played Bangkok prep and won 4-0 and the game to win the tournament was against St Andrews, which was the hardest game of the day. Both teams were neck and neck all the way until the last 3 minutes when Marlie scored an outstanding goal as a result of great passing from defence all the way to our attack. This resulted in BSG being crowned champions of the girls football with not a goal conceded thanks to great goal keeping from Sanne.

Boys Basketball

Firstly the boys lost against Bangkok prep in a closely fought game. We then played KTJ, the overall winners of the tournament and lost this game quite convincingly. After this we played BSKL and we were determined to fight for every ball. We beat them 40-20. There was some great team play from Henry, Duncan and Henk. The fourth game was against St Andrews and they won 32-22. The last game against BSB was for 3rd place and we put in a great performance to win this game and come in the bronze medal position. A great effort for the boys!

Girls Basketball

The last day of the competition and the girls were getting tired but still determined to do well in the basketball. The first game they won against KTJ, Candy, Rachel and Angel played well together. The second game was against BSB and this was neck and neck the whole way, with both teams scoring straight after the other. This ended up being a tie. The next game was a rough game, with several players getting injured against Bangkok prep. Bangkok prep took the early lead, but the determined nature ensured that BSG fought back and managed to get the score close and even get in front. Unfortunately Bangkok prep scored a 3 pointer in the last minute of the game and won by one point. Very disheartening for the girls team. 2 games left to play and a chance to be on the podium. St Andrews put in a great performance against us and again we lost this game by 1 point. Another unlucky outcome in a game that could have gone either way. The last game we had to win by a margin of points in order to come in 3rd place. We won the game but we missed out on 3rd place because, even though we were on the same number of points as BSB, they had scored more baskets which put them slightly ahead. A very unlucky 4th place.



Boys Football

After the first game against KTJ which the boys lost 3-0, we pulled ourselves together and won the next game 2-0 with both goals scored by Neil. We then continued to do well by drawing the next 3 games, unable to put away the ball in the back of the net, despite some great play from Bono, Henk and Danny. Overall BSG came in a very well deserved 3rd place.



SECONDARY

Sports Day

Secondary Sports Day took place on a cold day in February. Students competed for their house in a range of events at the Guangdong University. This included normal athletic events as well as more recreational events such as the 3 legged race. There were some outstanding performances with several records broken:

Senior

Eric Tai - Long Jump 5m16
Candy Liu - Long Jump 4m08
Kristina Reshetnikova - Triple Jump 8m34
Dylan Flower - Javelin 34.8m
Eric Tai - 200m 25.5s
Bono Zheng - 400m 1.02s
Bono Zheng - 800m 2.27s
Bono Zheng - 1500m 5.14s
Vikings Boys - 4x100m Relay 1.02s

Junior

Coco He - Shot Putt 7.8m
Sheena Ling - Javelin 16.3m
Iris Cheung - 100m 14.3s
Angelina Chung - 200m 31s
Dickson Wang - 200m 27s
Angelina Chung - 400m, 1.16s
Samantha Zheng - 800m 3.04s
Romans Girls - 4x 100m relay 1.03
Saxons Boys - 4x100m relay 57.7

Results were:

Overall Winners: Saxons
Year 7/8 Winners: Saxons
Year 9/10 Winners: Saxons
Year 11/12/13 Winners: Normans





Hairspray!

By: Alex Hughes

This year's musical extravaganza, 'Hairspray Jnr' was a great success. Over 40 students from the Secondary School performed to a full house on the 23rd and 24th March in the Nanhu Theatre. Rachel Moon from year 9 starred as the protagonist, Tracy Turnblad – an optimistic young girl whose lifelong dream is to dance on the Corny Collins show. Tracy's rival, Amber Von Tussle, played by Marlie Greenhill, and her mother and the show's producer Velma, played by Kristina Reshetnikova, do whatever they can to ensure Tracy's dream does not become a reality. Thankfully, goodness prevails and Tracy not only gets to become a council member on the Corny Collins show but her charm and inner-beauty means that she gets the boy of her dreams, Link Larkin, played by Iain Chambless, year 10.

The music of Hairspray is fun and infectious, and our students' performances were first class throughout all of the wonderfully dynamic numbers, right from the opening bar of 'Good Morning Baltimore' up until the show's finale, 'You Can't Stop the Beat'.

Highlights of the show included the emotionally stirring show-stopper, 'I know Where I've Been' performed by Keisha Rutegea and the Dynamites (Bianca Chainani, Bethany Jayesinghe, Shania Leuthner, Tyai Clarke and Lisa Riensche) and 'The Big Dollhouse', directed and choreographed by the show's assistant director, Jojo Guo, as well as the two-part finale, 'You Can't Stop The Beat', which saw post-makeover Edna emerge from a giant hairspray can.

The audience was also particularly amused, and in some cases surprised (not everyone was expecting a boy to play the mother!) by Jackson's Liu's hysterically funny (and convincing!) performance as Edna, along with her devoted husband, Wilbur, played by David Su. These two characters very quickly developed into a comedy duo and were particularly amusing during the party scene as they were seen eagerly demolishing the buffet table and smuggling sandwiches.

The show was the culmination of seven months hard work from the cast and crew – the students had spent their weekly Tuesday ASA time preparing scenes, songs and choreography, as well as dedicating two full weekends in March to more intense rehearsals.

Participating in a musical is one of the most rewarding experiences a young person can have. A musical brings together all the arts in one comprehensive programme: Music and dance introduce basic performing arts, the design and creating of sets, costumes and props integrate the visual arts, rehearsing and performing dialogue develops language skills. In addition, the process of presenting a musical offers young people the opportunity to develop social skills and learn valuable life lessons. Everyone's contribution is important. Everyone must work together for the greater good, encouraging collaboration and community. But the best part? A musical is just so much fun for everyone involved, and that includes the teachers!





Art Basel, Hong Kong

By: Hollie Slaughter

Year 9 and Year 11 students along with Ms Slaughter and Mr & Mrs Wildy ventured to Hong Kong on Friday the 25th March to attend Art Basel, Asia's leading art show at Hong Kong's Exhibition Centre.

The show was jam packed full of contemporary art situated across two huge floors. Featuring work by Louise Bourgeois, Damien Hirst, Richard Long and Andy Warhol along with hundreds of other galleries showing work from all over the world. Students made sketches of the artwork they saw, took photographs and eagerly discussed it with one another gaining inspiration for their IGCSE and A Level courses for the next academic year.

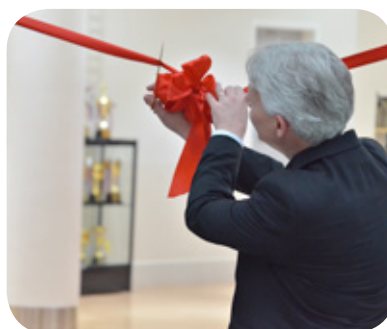
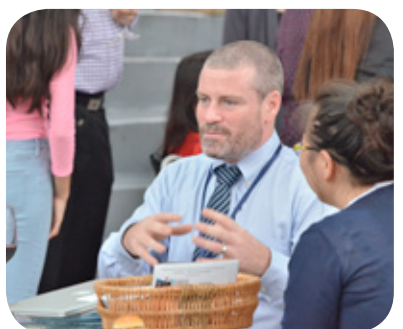
The next day we took advantage of the glorious weather and sketched the Hong Kong skyline from first hand observation. We thought we would use experimental drawing techniques, putting our pens and pencils to paper as the yachts pulled into the harbor and the water glistened with the sunlight.

To end the trip, we visited the exhibition of Hong Kong and Lisbon based Portuguese street artist known as VHILS. Situated at the top of Pier 4, the work showed intricate polystyrene cut outs, etchings in doors, sound and film work. A perfectly inspiring way to ease us into our Easter Holiday break.



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