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Year 6 Residential in Inner Mongolia...

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

So this is the penultimate newsletter of the year! A massive thank you to all the hard work that has gone into making it a special one.

Just because it's near the end of the year doesn't mean the hard work hasn't been continuing. Have a read of this newsletter to find out about some of the fantastic learning experiences and celebrations that have been going on over the course of the week. You'll find articles about residentials, sleep-over and graduations.

Please be reminded that the last day of school is Thursday 30th June. We will be sending an information pack to all returning students, containing next year's calendar, 'End of Year Expectations' documents, new teacher biographies and a letter containing lots of useful information about the beginning of the next academic year.

If you're leaving us early, have a fantastic summer break and, to those returning, we look forward to seeing you in August. To those moving onto new adventures, we wish you the best and ask that you always keep in touch to let us know how you are getting on.

David Laird





UPCOMING EVENTS

28th June
Nursery Trip
to Tuanjiehu Park

Year 5 & 6
Show to Parents
6pm @ Primary Campus Hall

29th June
Moving up Day
Class Parties (Party Clothes)

30th June
End of Year (Years 1 - 6)
Primary Assembly
1.30pm @ Primary Campus Hall
(Parents Welcome)

Last Day of Summer Term

1st July - 19th August
School Summer Holidays

18th & 19th August
Orientation Days

22nd August
First Day of Autumn Term

Coffee for New Families

1st September
'Meet and Greet' Event

WONDERFUL TALENT SHOW

By Henry Charlesworth, Music Teacher

After many months of nervous auditions, painstaking practise and many musical play-dates, we finally reached the finale of the annual talent competition Sanlitun's Got Talent. This year's final lineup was extremely varied and well represented by both Key Stages.

This year it was decided that the entire show should be given by the children, and it was Megan Chen and Amy Jiang stepped up as the compares for the event, showing extreme confidence, stage presence and at times, cutting humor!

First up, year 6 girls Manon and Malia gave us a spectacular gymnastic dance which had many of us gasping in amazement at their daring flips and twists. Following on from that was Cherry Lau, who blew us away with her beautiful piano playing.





WONDERFUL TALENT SHOW CONTINUED...

By Henry Charlesworth, Music Teacher

Next up, a truly captivating rendition of Space Oddity performed by year 6 boys Edgar and Sora. Year 2 girls Thea and Olivia brought many an audience member to tears with a gorgeous song and dance routine and no one could of prepared us for the flamboyant, energetic dancing of Jenny Xu. Next was our first band afternoon, Drumbeat, who played us a very creative arrangement of Adele's Rolling in the deep. Kaila Yilmaz showed us all what a fantastic voice she has when she sung This girl is on Fire by Alicia Keys. To close the show we were transport back to the 1980s with a fantastic rendition of The Final Countdown by Year 6 glam-rockers, Burning Cheese.



The judges were left with the unenviable decision of picking a winner, but in the end they all unanimously selected Cherry, whose magical piano playing begun what turned out to be an afternoon rich with young talent. The show was hugely rewarding for the children who had all worked incredibly hard on their respective routines and who had shown their fellow pupils, teachers and parents what wonderfully talented children we have in our school...Now it's time to start practicing for next year!



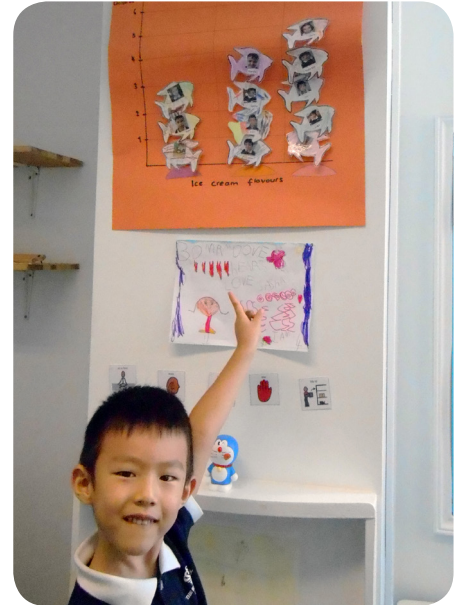


GETTING READY FOR OUR HOLIDAYS!

By Jonathan Dove, Nursery Rainbow Fish Class Teacher

The Nursery children have been preparing for their summer holidays. We have thought carefully about taking care in the sun: drinking plenty of water, sun cream and wearing a sun hat. By applying these skills before playing outdoors, the children have become increasingly independent at taking care of themselves and understanding the potential dangers of being in the sun. We have also spoken about what things we need to take along in our suitcase when going on holiday: passport, boarding pass, summer clothing: shorts, flip flops, t shirt, swimming costume etc.

We have been practicing our mark-making skills by writing post cards. Additionally, the children have loved shell rubbing, rubbing the crayon over the shell onto the paper to reveal the pattern. It was great fun having a taste of different flavoured ice-creams and then voting for our favourite in order to make a pictogram for the class. We hope that with a bit more knowledge of how to take care of ourselves and how to prepare for a holiday, that you all have a relaxing break over the summer.





RECEPTION SWIMMING

By Jonathan Knibbs, Reception Whales Class Teacher



Throughout the Summer term all four classes in Reception have participated in swimming. The impact on the children can be seen throughout their learning. When we started swimming most of the children were quite nervous of being in the water and attempting to swim, by the end of the 4 weeks the children were imbued with a real sense of new found confidence.

The children have all been really ambitious and brave in trying all the new skills that they have been taught, blowing bubbles under water, learning different strokes, holding their breath, diving down to the bottom of the pool, jumping in and letting go of the side. These might seem small but they are massive achievements for the Reception children.





SPLASH DAY IN RECEPTION!!!

By Maddison O'Beirne, Reception Dolphins Class Teacher



As a special end of year treat, the Reception classes had their splash day.

We were very lucky as it was a lovely sunny day, perfect for a water fight! The children came prepared, as did the teachers, all equipped with a water gun ready to squirt their friends. It was so much fun and we all definitely got very wet!

The children were all smiles and they splashed in the paddling pools, squirted their friends and ran around the basketball court.





RECEPTION GRADUATE FROM EARLY YEARS

By Maddison O'Beirne, Reception Dolphins Class Teacher

It was a big day for the Reception children on Tuesday as it was finally their time to graduate from Early Years to Key Stage One.

The children have worked really hard to practice their songs for the event and have been thinking really carefully about what they want to be when they are older. All of the children in reception have worked incredibly hard this year, making excellent progress across the curriculum as well as making lovely relationships with their new friends and teachers. Graduation was the perfect way to celebrate the children's achievements and to reflect back on the fantastic moments we have shared together throughout the year.

We were overwhelmed with the amount of parents that attended the graduation event and it was just wonderful to see their proud faces as they watched their child graduate. The children all looked very smart in their mortarboards and did a fantastic job of saying their speeches nicely and loudly. We are all so proud of them and wish them lots of luck for Year 1, we know they are all going to continue to be fantastic role models for the school.



YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

By Michael Aryiku, Year 2 Pandas Class Teacher

Last Friday, the Year 2 children from the Alligators, Elephants, Monkeys and Pandas classes spent the night at school.

After a fun day of learning, the children went home to pack their bags with a toothbrush, sleeping bag and cuddly toy, and then returned to school for the annual Year 2 sleepover.

Bubbling with excitement upon their arrival, the children each made their beds in their classroom before enjoying some fun games in the playground. This was followed by a scrumptious dinner of hot dogs, French fries, chicken satays and vegetable sticks, enjoyed by all. Just before bed time, the children enjoyed watching a movie before settling down for bed.

Still excited at the prospect of sleeping at school, the children took some time to settle. By MIDNIGHT all the children had settled, sleeping peacefully in their beds.

After a very short sleep, the children woke up and read their books or watched some children's programmes before having a yummy breakfast.

The Year 2 children behaved very well and certainly showed that they were ready for Year 3. Well done!





ILLUSTRATING OUR IMAGINATIONS

By Kirsty McCarra, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher

This week, the children of Year 3 have been busy planning and writing their own stories set in different Tianjin locations. Having explored a variety of descriptive texts, they have discovered that authors use a variety of techniques to create a specific tone and influence how the reader feels. With this in mind, the children began to brainstorm some ideas that could bring the normal, every-day locations of Tianjin to life, creative adventure or horror stories.

Applying all of their writing skills from the year, the children then set to work to independently write these stories. They really are fantastic and very imaginative!

To bring these to life, the children create accompanying illustrations in the style of famous artist, Quentin Blake. They looked at a variety of his work and watched videos to learn about his technique. Then using pen and watercolours, they created their fantasy scenes full of detail and vivid colours.

It was a great way to tie up our unit on Tianjian and also give the children an opportunity to apply all of their fiction writing skills that they have been collecting throughout the year.





YEARS 5 AND 6 RESIDENTIALS

By Elizabeth Jurgensen, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

Last week was a very exciting week for the children in Years 5 and 6 as they spent a week out on school on their residentials. Year 5 went to Xi'an and Year 6 went to Inner Mongolia.

The Year 5 children had a great time exploring the Terracotta Warriors and the old City of Xi'an with its bustling market area and Muslim quarter and walking along the ancient city wall.

The Year 6 trip was a great outdoor adventure for the children comprising of visits to the desert and the grasslands as well as a city tour visiting museums, a milk factory and a monastery.

Below are some of the thoughts from the children about their trips.



Year 5

This time when I went to Xi'an I learned a lot. I know that I can't stay with my parents all my life and as I get older I have to take more responsibility and learn how to take care of myself. - **Megan**

This trip was one of the most important trips I've ever had. I don't remember a more spectacular experience in my life. - **Cristiano**

The trip to Xi'an taught me many things, and will definitely become one of the things I remember most about BSB when I grow up. - **Chloe**

In the residential, I had a great time. Peering into history and nature, all the things we learned this week was fabulous. - **Victoria**



Year 6

Our trip to Inner Mongolia was the best residential trip ever and the week seemed to pass by too fast. We learned the life story of Genghis Khan and watched a movie about him. We also learned about the culture of Inner Mongolians: how the yurts could be re-built and why, the skills of archery, horsemanship and wrestling and how these related to the armies fighting skills. - **June**

The sand in the desert was unbelievably golden and soft, though it does stop you from running fast! - **Dorothy**

We learned about the great Mongol leader Temujin (Genghis Khan) and discovered many ancient traditions. - **Rory**



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

By Elizabeth Jurgensen, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

The Year 6 children had a very special event this week, celebrating their graduation from primary school ready for a new chapter in their life at secondary school in August. The ceremony reviewed some of their memories from the year and their wishes for the future as well as the BSB, Sanlitun tradition of a speech from both the child who has been at the school the longest and the shortest length of time. The children were presented with a certificate and gift from the school. It was a very moving ceremony and quite emotional for the children as they leave their friends and BSB family for new adventures in learning and friendships. We wish them every success in Year 7 and the future. Thank you Year 6 for being such a fantastic class!



CHINESE LEARNING THIS WEEK

By Jean Sun, Chinese Teacher



Reception children in the group of Summer Palace and Lama Temple learnt the topic of summer. This week they learnt to sing a song of summer. Year 2 children in the group of Great Wall and Tian'an Men learnt to retell a story 'Ah, Two Mice'. They also had a lot of fun acting out the story.

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 learnt to sing a Chinese song 'Thank You'. They enjoyed singing that song and doing the gesture language. While learning to sing the song, children also learnt about feelings. They then each made a wonderful poster about feelings. Year 1 and Year 5 children in Lama Temple group and Summer Palace group reviewed the characters they have learnt in this year by playing some language games including tongue twisters and Chinese character puzzles.