

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014



Outdoor learning with Year 1 students...

## LEARNING DOESN'T JUST TAKE PLACE IN THE CLASSROOM...

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

It may only have been a 4 day week this week, but we've still managed to pack a lot of learning into each and every nook and cranny of the school. Over the next few pages you will see that Year 1 have making the most of the warm, sunny days and have taken their learning outside onto the playground. Year 4 decided to turn the basement area into a drama studio to inspire their creative writing. Mrs Armstrong also writes about all the many activities that take place at BSB Sanlitun after the school day has finished. There is something for everyone here at BSB!

We finish the end of the week with our PA Welcome Party. This is an opportunity for returning and new families to spend a relaxing evening at school getting to know each other and enjoy some food and refreshments. There will also be activities to keep the children entertained. If you haven't yet purchased your ticket, do not worry as you can pay on arrival.

In the coming weeks we continue with a variety of Parent Workshops and in the week before the October holiday we will be holding our first 'Pastries with Parents' events where you can join your children for morning refreshments before heading off to work. These are all mentioned on the September calendar that was sent home.

I look forward to seeing many of you at this evening's PA event! Have a wonderful weekend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12<sup>th</sup> September  
PA Family Welcome Event

18<sup>th</sup> September  
KS1 Maths Parent Workshop

19<sup>th</sup> September  
Flu Vaccination

21<sup>st</sup> September  
BSB Family Outing

24<sup>th</sup> September  
Pastries with Parents  
followed by  
Phonics Workshop  
for Reception parents

25<sup>th</sup> September  
Pastries with Parents  
followed by  
Maths Workshop  
for KS2 parents

26<sup>th</sup> September  
Pastries with Parents  
followed by  
Phonics Workshop  
for KS1 parents

Settling in Reports  
to parents

Last day of school

6<sup>th</sup> October  
Back to School

## YEAR 6 INTERVIEW A CCTV REPORTER By Paul Gildea, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

On Tuesday afternoon Year 6 Eagles played host to the well-known BeijingKids magazine, as part of their 'When I grow up' feature. We were visited by Neela Eyunni, the anchor for CCTV's News Asia. As well as being CCTV's first foreign reporter, she has also written and published books for children.



*Year 6 turn the tables by interviewing the interviewer!*



Neela spoke to us about her fascinating career, and invited questions from us. I think we have a few budding journalists in Year 6, as Neela commented on how insightful our questions were, and how she is not used to being under the spotlight! Watch out for our Eagles making an appearance in the next issue of BeijingKids!



## MAKING FRIENDS IN NURSERY

By Hazel Old, Nursery Rainbow Fish Class Teacher

It's only week three and the children are already making super friendships.



*Helping to fasten the painting aprons*

In our reading corner the children are choosing and sharing books together. As they chatter and talk about the pictures they are learning to turn the pages and get along with one another. It is lovely to watch the early stages of reading and the children making friends.

On the carpet a gigantic tower is forming as the children take turns to find a brick and place it on top.

Farmyard puzzles are being done together as the children discover that it's often easier with a little help from your friends.

Building the train track is a joint effort and in a short time the track is laid and the bullet train to Shanghai is racing by.

With our Assembly times and Music sessions all of the Nursery children are singing together.

In many classes now we have 'free-flow' play, when children from different classes can play and learn together, making friends as they do so. The same is happening outside on the playground. The children are beginning to take turns on the slide and to share the toys.

They are learning the key social skills right here in our Nursery which allows them to be happy in a wider social setting.



*Nursery children helping each other find their names at morning registration*

## COUNTING AND CREATING

By Libby Henderson, Year 1 Leopards Class Teacher

This week Year 1 have been learning about the days of the week through games, stories and art activities! We have played with the parachute, running under only when 'our' day of the week was called. It became tricky when we could only run if our day was the day after the day that was called!



*Using parachute games to learn about the days of the week*

We have extended our computer skills, using the mouse to click and drag to create circles on the '2Simple' program. We made long caterpillars and numbered the body parts - or if we felt clever, we counted the legs by counting in twos!

We have gotten ourselves messy; exploring textures just like Eric Carle who wrote 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Today Is Monday'. We then had to cut our textured paintings into circles to become parts of the very hungry caterpillar. The final job was ordering the days of the week and sticking them in sequence on the caterpillar's body.



*Creating patterns*



*Exploring texture*



## NOT JUST A SCHOOL LOCATION: A PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BE!

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

During the week days our school is a hubbub of school activity and there is so much going on it can be hard to keep up. But when the children go home every day the hubbub doesn't stop! In line with our ethos of being a community hub and being community-spirited we allow our facility to be used by a number of clubs and groups who offer both children and adults an opportunity to come together in a number of ways. If you were to pass by the campus on a weekend or on an evening you may hear music pumping out from Heyrobics, or a victory cry from a child at Club Football.



*The Sanlitun Campus - a hive of activity at all times of the day*

If you would like to get involved why not join one of the clubs or groups? Likewise if you have a club or group that you run and are looking for a location then why not get in touch? We are pretty full most of the time but we always love to hear from groups and clubs in the community.

### CLUBS AND GROUPS @ BSB SANLITUN

**Club Football** (children); **Flips & Kicks Gymnastics** (children); **XMA Martial Arts** (children);  
**Beijing Playhouse** (adults/children); **Heyrobics** (adults); **Ballet** (children); **Shout! Rock Choir** (adults);  
**Elite Learning** (adults/children); **Gurukul Society** (adults); **DragonFire Hip Hop** (children)

For contact details for any of these clubs please email [freda.xie@britishschool.org.cn](mailto:freda.xie@britishschool.org.cn)



*XMA Martial Arts students*

## GOING FROM A TO B IN YEAR 2

By Laura Gildea, Year 2 Pandas Class Teacher

Pandas, Alligators, Elephants and Monkeys have gone transport mad! Since introducing our topic From A-B the Year 2 children have been discussing lots of different ways that we can travel. The children brought photographs from home which showed them using different means of transport. We have seen the most extraordinary ways of travelling. Would you believe the Year 2 children have been on speed boats, cable cars, helicopters, rickshaws and ox carts to name but a few. The adults in Year 2 really enjoyed listening to the children recount their experiences of using both familiar and unfamiliar transport methods.



*Examples of the finished artwork from Year 2 students*



*Carefully using smudging techniques*

Inspired by our topic the children were keen to create some art work. First of all we looked at examples of paintings from famous artists including Giacomo Balla's 'Speed of a Motorcycle' and Luigi Russolo's 'Automobile at Speed'. The children commented on the use of line and shape to create an image which appeared to be moving. Each class then discussed how they could use similar styles to create their masterpieces. Year 2 creativity was flowing as the children used different shades of pastels and a range of smudging effects to create their own moving transport picture. Superb work Year 2!



*Year 2 students concentrating hard on their pieces of artwork*



## A STROLL DOWN A VICTORIAN STREET

By Kirsty McCarra, Year 4 Herons Class Teacher

As part of their topic, Around the World in 80 Days, Year 4 children took a stroll down a bustling Victorian street...in the school's basement! We looked at some texts and videos for inspiration of what types of characters we might encounter in London in the late 1800s and what actions they would carry out. We then discussed how best to use the space downstairs to represent our Victorian street and how the characters we would play could best use this.

After deciding on their roles, the children played out their characters in total silence. They had to ensure they exaggerated their movements so as to communicate their actions and personality whilst encountering different characters on their way. We had everything from enthusiastic market-stall sellers to stealthy pick-pockets to wealthy couples in their horse and carriages. The children interacted wonderfully together to pull off a very convincing performance of the scene.

We will go on to watch back the video footage to trigger ideas for a descriptive piece of writing. The children thoroughly enjoyed fulfilling the diverse roles and we look forward to the wonderfully imaginative pieces of writing that this interactive experience is sure to inspire!



*Year 4 students using drama as a method to inspire their creative writing*



## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES BEGIN

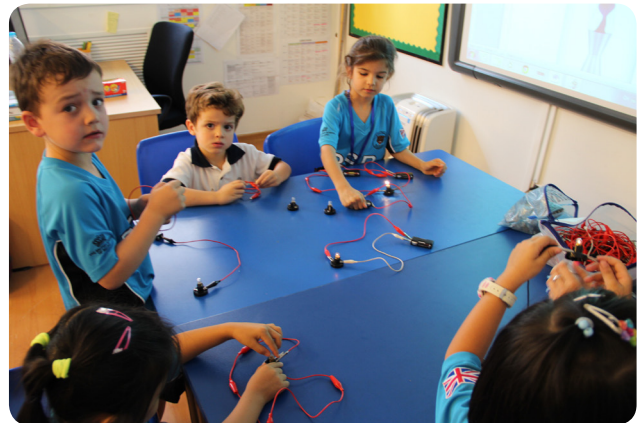
By Harry Brookfield, PE Teacher and ASA Coordinator

After School Activities have started this week with great gusto! A broad selection of choices covering academics, arts and sports has resulted in some great ASA provision from the teachers at BSB and our children are already enjoying the selections that they have made! From Ukulele Club to Climbing Wall, Table Tennis to Finger Painting, BSB Sanlitun has been abuzz with enthusiastic young people really enjoying the activities on offer:



*The Ukulele players are warming up! Perhaps the next Eddie Van Halen is amongst this group of BSB, Sanlitun students!*

*The lights are on in Science Club! BSB, Sanlitun children are engrossed in learning about circuits and how electricity flows!*



*In Construction Club the children are building, building and building! Some people say that Bob The Builder went to BSB, Sanlitun Construction Club ASA –judging by the quality of the products from the children that might well be true!*



*In German Club, BSB, Sanlitun, students are following instruction in German language and producing fine Arts and Crafts in this week's class!*





THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2.30PM TO 3.30PM, PRIMARY CAMPUS

Teachers from Year 1 and Year 2 will discuss  
how Mathematics is taught across KS1;  
demonstrate the strategies they use and offer  
advice on how you can help at home



KS1 MATHS WORKSHOP



**BEIJING CALEDONIAN SOCIETY PRESENTS...**

# **FAMILY BARBEQUE & SCOTTISH DANCING (CEILIDH)**



**ADULTS & CHILDREN WELCOME**

**BRITISH SCHOOL - SANLITUN CAMPUS**

**SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER • 3.30PM - 8.00PM**

**DRESS: CASUAL - OUTDOOR EVENT**

**ADULTS RMB 120 / CHILDREN RMB 80**  
**TICKET PROVIDES: DANCING / BARBEQUE / PIMMIS / BEER / SOFT DRINKS**  
**AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT CASH BAR: WINE / WHISKY / G&T**

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