



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 4

### Week beginning Monday 8 September

#### Messages

- I hope your child enjoyed completing their new style of homework this week. Please remember homework is given out on Wednesdays and expected in no later than Mondays.
- Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform. In particular please ensure your child is wearing black shoes. Girls should wear plain white socks and boys should wear black or grey socks. You can review the school's uniform policy at <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/our-students/student-life/our-school-uniform>
- Please remember to send a healthy snack and water bottle in with your child, as well as a hat during the hot weather.
- Reuse Reduce Recycle

#### **BISS Uniform Sale** Tuesday 9 September 3-5pm The Gallery (Primary)

Parents have the chance to buy quality “used” BISS uniform at the first of our Recycle Sales. All items are in good condition and can be bought for the bargain price of 5 rmb per item. All proceeds will be donated to one of our school charity projects.

Bring change and your own bag!

**Uniform Collection** We are sure that most families have several items of unwanted BISS uniform at home that you would be happy to get rid of; perhaps your children have outgrown them, have moved up to Secondary, or are moving school. Please donate these items to our Uniform Sale!

All items can be dropped into the collection boxes at Primary and Secondary Reception areas throughout this and next week.

All items need to be clean and in good condition.

Thanks for your support.

- The children will be placed into Math's groups next week.
- Confucius Institute Day: Young Photographers Competition  
Students are encouraged to participate in this photo competition being run by the University of London to share their amazing photos of life in China. Prizes of up to £100 Amazon vouchers in single categories, and £200 in the portfolio category, are waiting for the best budding photographers. The winners will be showcased in a display celebrating Confucius Day at the Institute of Education, at the end of September.  
We will also use these entries for a BISS photograph showcase so enter to the competition following the link below and also send your entry to Mr Li (Mandarin Department) [b-li@bisspuxi.com](mailto:b-li@bisspuxi.com)  
Entries must be submitted by September 13th 2014.  
Find out more: <http://ciforschools.wordpress.com/2014/08/29/confucius-institute-day-young-photographers-competition-2/>



### **Literacy**

In Literacy the children will continue their unit of work on fantasy stories. At the start of the week they will look at a range of settings and determine whether or not they would be found in a fantasy story. They will then begin to use adjectives and figurative language to write a description of their own fantasy setting.

### **Maths**

In Maths the children will investigate the concepts of shape and measure. This will begin with a series of problems that test their knowledge of geometric shape. Following this, we will review the children's knowledge of understanding of measures. They will solve problems requiring them to read information carefully and extract general rules from a specific example.

### **Themed Learning**

Themed Learning covers our Science, Humanities and Art sessions. Teachers will be adopting a themed learning approach on a weekly or biweekly basis to allow for a more creative, cross-curricular approach to learning. Teachers may highlight specific Science, Humanities and Art skills being covered each week, but generally will provide an overview for the learning block.

### **'Inventions that changed the World'**

The children will complete their paper helicopters and investigate the air resistance. Following their initial investigation they will then go on to plan their own scientific investigation based on a variable of their choosing. They will then record their results, analyse and evaluate their recordings and reach a balanced conclusion.

### **PSHCE**

In PSHCE this term we will be looking at the topic of New Beginnings, which focuses specifically on fostering new relationships, creating rules and expectations for the class and year. The aim is to work with the children and involve them in making the school a safe and happy place to be. We will continue to learn games that the children will be able to play in the playground.

### **Vocabulary**

**Literacy** – fantasy, adjective, setting, mood, atmosphere, simile

**Maths** – estimate, measure, accuracy, precision, metres, centimetres, millimetres

**Humanities** – chronology, timeline, first hand evidence, reliable, research

**Science** – air resistance, streamlined, air flow, drag, gravity

### **Dutch**

Deze eerste week zijn we gestart met het Super Jan project. Super Jan is geschreven door Harmen van Straaten en gaat over de jongen Jan, die superkrachten wenst. In verband met het gewijzigde huiswerkschema is er deze week geen huiswerk. Volgende week woensdag volgt het eerste Super Jan huiswerkblad.

### **Mandarin Y4 Panda**



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ANGLIA  
EDUCATION

HELPING OTHERS  
TO BE THE BEST  
THEY CAN BE

Topic: Rules of Stroke Order

Key Characters: 一 yi、二 er、三 san、八 ba、十 shi、小 xiao、人 ren、

Activities: My First Chinese Characters

### **Mandarin Y4 Monkey**

This week we will review the Rules of Stroke Order and introduce the general information of Chinese Phonics-pinyin.

Activities: Quick Response

### **Mandarin Y4 Horse**

Topic: Buying Fruits

Key Characters: 钱 qian, 给 gei

Key Sentences: 多少钱 duoshao qian...? / 太 tai...了 le / 一共 yigong... / 别的 bie de

Activities: Role-play

### **Mandarin Y4 MNDCN**

本周我们学习课文《扳手腕》，学习本课的汉字和词语，熟读课文能根据要求找到课文中描写人物动作、神态的句子。积累课文中的四字词语，并能通过上下文了解词语的意思。