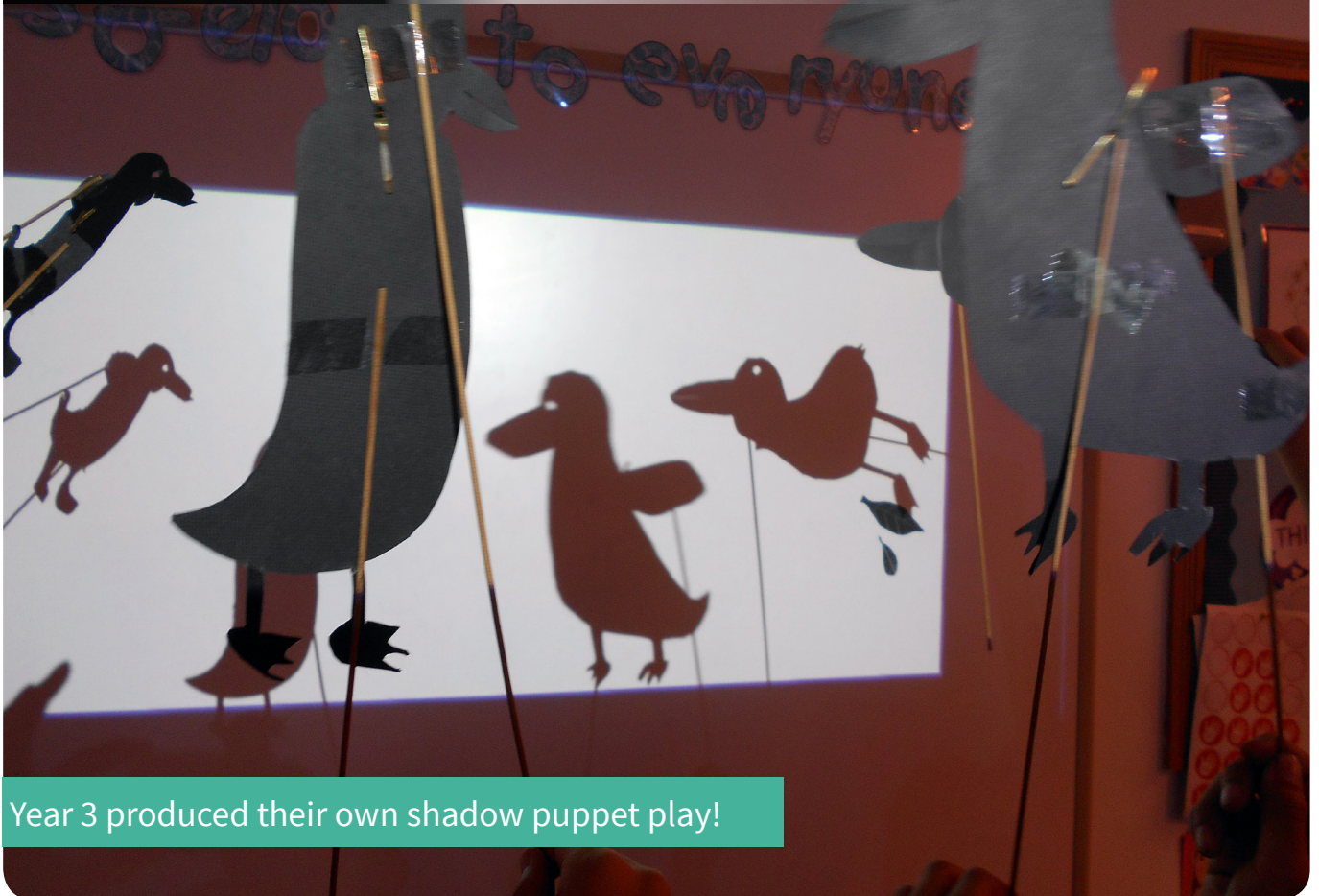




27th May 2016



Year 3 produced their own shadow puppet play!

SHADOW PLAY

By Zoe Hubbard, Year 3 Puffins Class Teacher

Inspired by their recent visit to Laoshe Teahouse where they saw a traditional Chinese shadow puppet performance, Year 3 have been getting creative by producing their own shadow puppet plays.

It started with the children's 'Talk for Writing' project where they innovated the traditional Chinese fable, 'The Monkey and The Moon', and created their own tale. They introduced some very interesting characters including snakes, scorpions, jaguars and camels! Settings included the jungle, the desert and the arctic. The message in all the stories was that things aren't always what they seem. The children thought carefully about how they could retell their stories through dialogue and stage directions and then wrote their playscripts.

After sketching ideas for their different characters, the children drew silhouettes and created their puppets. Each puppet had a moving part and the children added scenery to help with their settings.

Last, but not least, the children needed to think carefully about their use of intonation, tone, and volume when performing their plays. The children have loved watching their playscripts come to life!





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS

Audrey Tjoeng
Christine Luo
Sienna Lambert

RECEPTION

Isaac Cleary
Nuraa New

KEY STAGE ONE

Ethan Kei
Oscar Horgan

KEY STAGE TWO

Anakin Bowkett
Angelina Chang
Ariana Zaugg

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS SPOTTED AWARD

Benjamin Schwaeble
Ethan Holliday
Moritz Hunger

UPCOMING EVENTS

31st May
KS2 Swim Gala

2nd June
PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus Hall

Year 1 - Year 6
Assessment & Reporting
Parent Information Evening
5pm @ Primary Campus

PRE-NURSERY LOVE OUTDOOR LEARNING!

By Dawn Kennaugh, Pre-Nursery Seahorses Class Teacher

Every day we enjoy extending our classroom into the playground. We have a lot of fun using a variety of resources to further our learning.



The Community Garden Challenge has been a fantastic addition to our outside area, and we love getting involved in all those activities. We have many other favourites too! We love to dig, pour and measure in the sandpit, get bubbly and wet with water, and climb and slide on our playground equipment.

We enjoy dressing up for role – play and making dens inside our giant caterpillar!





UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd June

Year 4 - Year 6
Science Projects to School

4th June

U9, U11 Football Tournament
@ French School

6th & 7th June

Year 5 & Year 6
Parent Consultation Evenings
3.45pm - 6.30pm

6th - 8th June

Year 3 Residential to Tianjin

9th & 10th June

School Closed for
Dragon Boat Festival Holidays

13th - 17th June

Year 5 Residential to
Xi'an

Year 6 Residential to
Inner Mongolia

14th & 15th June

Tadpoles - Year 4
Parent Consultation Evenings
3.45pm - 6.30pm

16th June

Early Years Show Followed by
Pastries with Parents
9.30am - 10.30am

17th June

Year 2 Sleepover
5pm @ Primary Campus

LISTENING AND APPRAISING IN CHORAL LESSON

By Iva Borisavljevic, Choral Music Teacher

This term in choral, KS1 children have been exploring classical music and focusing on listening skills. We've set up a lot of fun and engaging listening activities that teach the expressive qualities of a piece of music through: dancing, movement, singing and body percussion. This will prepare and enable the children to talk about the music they hear using a wide range of musical vocabulary and to critique with an open mind.



In a very noisy, modern world around us, our school children are being given an opportunity to open their ears to hear with understanding; engaging the brain and body at the same time. It helps build up our singing skills too. During an active listening lesson we will learn how to be aware, not just of our own voice but, of the voice of others around us - a secure step towards great collaboration and wonderful group or harmony singing.





THIS IS AFRICA!

By Kimberley Duggan, Year 1 Tigers Class Teacher

Our new topic 'This is Africa' has started with a fantastic trip to Beijing Zoo! We got to see some amazing African animals including Zebra's, Giraffes, Elephants and Lions! The children looked closely at their markings and patterns, sketching what they could see. We also discovered two different types of elephant – African and Indian, the children looked at both really closely to spot any differences between the two, noticing their size as well as the shape of their ears.



Year 1 visit Beijing Zoo



Passports ready and off to Africa!



We found Africa on a world map and looked at the many different Countries in Africa! The children have enjoyed reading some African stories, including 'tinga tinga' tales - African folk tales from Kenya, as well as using props to act out their own stories. We are looking forward to writing our own stories soon!



GETTING CREATIVE IN YEAR 5 PELICANS CLASS!

By Petrina Booth, Year 5 Pelicans Class Teacher

The Year 5 children have been getting creative making their own terracotta warriors. They first experimented with plasticine before having a go using clay to mould, shape and add detail to their replica warrior.

In the children's words...

"It was much harder than we thought it would be."

"It was fun and messy!"

"It was hard to make it all before it started drying but I am proud of my work."

"The people who made the originals must have been incredibly talented – we only made miniatures!"

After making their clay warrior, the children were then asked to research artwork by well-known artists such as: Wassily Kandinsky, Vincent Van Gogh and Jackson Pollock. They then used this as inspiration for planning out how they would paint their own terracotta warrior.



PA ART AUCTION

By Kirsty New, PA Coordinator



The Art Evening was a great success and enjoyed by everyone that attended.

A big thank you to all of the Staff and pupils for the amazing pieces of art that were admired by all, the volunteers who helped to make the evening a great event and the parents who participated and donated money to the MCF charity.

The total amount raised this year was 31,901rmb.



ANOTHER FUN WEEK IN CHINESE

By Monica Gao, Chinese Teacher



In Early Years, children talked about summer. They learned a very interesting Chinese song 《夏天》 (Summer). They really enjoyed singing the song with some dance moves.

Year 1 children in Forbidden City learned a story 《Jason 喜欢喝可乐》 (Jason Likes to Drink Coke). Children had fun when they worked in pairs talking about their own stories.

Year 3 Forbidden City group created their own sandwich recipe. They practised how to use the key words and grammars when they wrote the recipe down. Year 4 Great Wall group learned another story. They were very excited to do the role-play game.