



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM BSB SANLITUN

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

A warm welcome back to all our families and an extra special welcome to our new families who have joined BSB Sanlitun this week. On behalf of our team here at school I hope you all had a wonderful winter break and are feeling recharged, ready for a busy spring term.

If this week is anything to go by, this term is sure to fly by, particularly with all the exciting activities we have planned for the next few months. With only a few weeks to go we are already preparing for our Chinese New Year celebrations and you will see in Mrs Armstrong's article, our upcoming plans for our Chinese New Year Temple Fair which will officially launch our Chinese New Year celebrations.

Earlier in the week, I was able to share some very exciting news with the Year 4 Kingfishers parents which I am now happy to extend to our wider community – Mrs McGregor, our Year 4 Kingfishers teacher is expecting her first child, who is due in the middle of April. In order to cover Mrs McGregor's maternity leave we will be welcoming back a familiar face to BSB Sanlitun, Ms. Jan Watt, who taught at BSB for five years, including Year 4 Kingfishers! Ms. Watt is very excited to be returning to BSB Sanlitun, and we could not have asked for anyone more fitting to take care of the Year 4 Kingfishers whilst Mrs McGregor prepares for motherhood. Please join me in congratulating Mrs McGregor on her news.

UPCOMING EVENTS

13th January
PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus

Manchester Utd.
Soccer School
Parent Meeting
4-45pm

Years 3 & 4
FOBISIA Swimming Training
3pm - 4:30pm

14th January
U9, U10, U11
Handball @ BSB Shunyi
10am - 2pm

20th January
Years 5 & 6
FOBISIA Swimming Training
3pm - 4:30pm

23rd January
Year 5 Visit to The Science &
Technology Museum

Coffee Afternoon
for Tadpoles & Pre Nursery
parents

24th January
Family Trip to Ice Festival
@ Longqing Gorge

27th January
Years 3 & 4
FOBISIA Swimming Training
3pm - 4:30pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FROM THE EARLY YEARS TEAM!

By Kirsten Harding, Early Years Leader

It was great to see all the children this week, arriving at school looking refreshed and ready to start their next chapter of their learning journey.

There are plenty of fun and interesting activities taking place in Early Years this term. Tadpole and Pre-Nursery children will be learning all about "China in their hands". Nursery children will be taking home, to look after, their class toy pet, for a few days each week and then share their adventures with the rest of the class, and the Reception children will be starting their learning leader activities, choosing their own topics for all the children to learn about.

There will also be Stay and Play sessions again this term for Nursery and Reception classes and Tadpole and the Pre-Nursery classes will be holding a coffee afternoon.

We all very much look forward to meeting you at these events.



Hands on learning in the Early Years

NEW COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR 2015

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

Welcome back to everyone; it is so nice to see the children back in school looking refreshed and re-energised.

In the few days we have been back in school I have already added two new community events to the calendar and wanted to take this opportunity to share these with you.



Family Trip to the Ice Festival – Longqing Gorge

On Saturday 24th January we will be taking a convoy of buses to the amazing ice sculptures at Longqing Gorge. Although you need to wrap up warm it is truly fantastic. There is a vast array of ice sculptures, from animals to landmarks, palaces to ponies. Many of them are big enough to walk on and explore. As well as this there is a toboggan ride and rubber-ring sledging on the ice. It is a great day out for the whole family. If you have not seen the letter yet, please check your child's bag.

Chinese New Year Temple Fair – BSB Sanlitun Primary Campus

On Sunday 8th February, 11am – 2pm, we will be holding our first CNY Fair here at BSB Sanlitun. You are all invited, as are your family and friends. We are currently finalising all the details but can confirm that there will be CNY arts and crafts for the children, a Lion Dance or Dragon Dance, a mixture of traditional street food and Chinese cuisine, craft demonstrations like noodle-making and sugar blowing, Kung Fu, Chinese music and songs to name just some of the things we have already put in place.

I am keen to hear your suggestions and ideas or potential support for our CNY Temple Fair event. If you have any contacts for performers, vendors or craftspeople that you feel may enjoy being part of our fair please get in touch. Likewise, if you or your company can offer any support or would like to sponsor any part of the event I would be interested in hearing from you. Please contact me at christine.armstrong@britishschool.org.cn

Please save the dates and I hope to see you at Longqing, as well as at our Chinese New Year Temple Fair.



LEARNING ERUPTS IN KS2

By Zoe Hubbard, Key Stage 2 Leader

A Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome to our new pupils in KS2. We have had a fantastic start to the New Year with both the children and the staff returning to school refreshed and looking forward to the new term.

I am impressed with how quickly the children have settled back into routine and there is already a hive of activity taking place in our classrooms.

Year 3 have begun their 'Active Planet' topic with the children asking lots of interesting questions such as 'What is it that makes a volcano erupt?' and 'What temperature does the rock have to be to turn into lava?' Questions which will be answered as they investigate volcanoes in more detail.



Year 3 Puffins discussing their science investigation

Year 4, 5 & 6 have started the term by focusing on the Global Classroom 'Make it Right' challenge, investigating children's rights and how we can promote them. The experiences that the children have participated in this week have resulted in lots of poignant and thoughtful discussions.

Later in the term Year 5 will explore Space, Year 4 will become Planeteers and Year 6 will look at Genghis Khan and the historical impact of the Mongol Empire.

We have a busy term ahead with lots of varied learning which I know the children will embrace with their usual inquisitiveness and enthusiasm.

A FANTASTIC TERM IN KS 1

By Rebecca Kerry, Key Stage 1 Leader



Year 2 taking part in chocolate games

KS1 have had a fantastic start to the new term this week. Year 1 began their new topic The Emperor's New Clothes with an intriguing news report. They were surprised to learn that an important man with very strange clothes had been spotted in our school. This has led to many children searching the playground during breaktime for evidence of the visitor, but as yet he has not been found. Year 1 classes have enjoyed learning about materials which could be used to make clothes and are now experts at describing the properties of these materials.

Year 2 have had an equally enjoyable start to their new topic Chocolate. They were delighted to have the chance to play a range of games involving chocolate and were particularly pleased to be able to taste some delicious chocolate during some of the activities. I particularly enjoyed the Lucky Number 6 game which involved the children wearing a hat, scarf and gloves to eat chocolate with a knife and fork. This was not an easy task, particularly when you could be interrupted at any time, with someone else rolling a lucky number 6! Year 2 have also spent this week drawing a chocolate machine to show how they think chocolate is made and learning where and when chocolate was first discovered.

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY IN PRE-NURSERY!

By Sarah Leavers, Pre-Nursery Starfish Class Teacher

The children have settled so well back into their routine following the break. We have been busy tracing 2D shapes, counting, painting holiday pictures and playing in our new role-play corner: a Chinese restaurant – good chop-stick work!

Let's read the story together



BUSY, BUSY, BUSY IN PRE-NURSERY! CONTINUED...

By Sarah Leavers, Pre-Nursery Starfish Class Teacher



Setting up a Chinese restaurant



Me and my bike



Using chopsticks



Happy circle time in starfish



Sorting out shapes



The Big Challenge

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Make it Right

25 years ago
a promise
was made...

It stated **every child** has the Right to
a **childhood**, an **education**, to be **healthy**,
be **treated fairly** and **be heard**.

But in some places around the world these
basic human rights are ignored.

**This is your chance to work together
to make a difference.**



The  Global Classroom

COMING UP NEXT WEEK - OUR GLOBAL CLASSROOM UPDATES...