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October PA Meeting

Autumn term at a glance

- Swim Gala (Year4,5&6) 23rd Oct
- PA International Day 26th Oct
- Halloween Dress up 31st Oct
- PA Santa's Secret Shoppe 5th, 6th & 7th Dec

Thank you to the parents who attended the PA meeting. It was lovely to see so many refreshed faces ready for the rest of the term.

Mr Laird - in Switzerland at Nord Anglia conference - heads of schools - have appointed Lord David Puttnam as Chairman of the Nord Anglia's Education Advisory Board.

Updates on staff relocation:

Ms Leeuwendaal had to leave so Mrs Harding is covering Reception. Year 2 Mrs Champness left for health reasons – Year 3 teacher moved and classes redistributed to maintain class size 21 - 22 at maximum.

Please continue to use the BSB Sanlitun Yearly calendar to check up and coming events:

Swim Gala (Year 4, 5 & 6) - 23rd October International Day - 26th October Halloween Dress-up - 31st October PA Santa's Secret Shoppe – 5th, 6th & 7th Dec

Autumn Events

PA International Day – 26th October

A fun-filled event for BSB Sanlitun students - run by the parents

International Day is a fun day for the students to gain an understanding about other countries in which their fellow students come from. They will get an opportunity to play games, eat delicious snacks, make craft items, learn about national animals, flags and much more.

All tables are now full! We have confirmed 26 countries that will be taking part in this fantastic event. A nation head representative has been appointed for each table, the countries participating in this event are listed below:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, China, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Japan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Papua

New Guinea, Russia, Scotland, South Africa, Sweden, Tai Wan, United Kingdom, United States of America.

If you would like to help with the selected countries please email the PA Coordinator Jyoti Johari - **sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com** or **sanlitun.paevents@bsbsanlitun.com**, who will connect you with the correct table head representative.

You can help in a variety of ways – baking snacks, providing decorations or activities for the stand, through to helping man the stand on the day when the children visit with their passports, if you can help in any way please support your country, it will be greatly appreciated not only by the students but also your fellow parents. Don't miss out and get involved.

Please note this is a child fun event and if you are not volunteering you will not be able to come along, due to time scales and numbers.



Charity Update

PA volunteers needed to teach English at MCF school – Friday 09:00am – 12:00noon

The PA is looking for parent volunteers to come and help teach English at one of the MCF migrant schools. No teaching experience is required, just your enthusiasm! Students are 4-6 year olds, teaching them English vocabulary through songs, activities, games and arts and crafts. Lesson plans and resources are provided and the lesson is sent out a few days prior. We visit the nursery every two weeks. Meet at Huangcun Railway Station at Exit D (it is on subway Line 4) at 9:00am on Fridays then walk to the school together.

If you are interested, pleaese contact: Hema, Alexandra Bichteler, Yiky and Xenia



Other Business

• The PA Suggestion Box can be found in the Primary foyer for suggestions regarding PA activities, etc. Meiling, Elva and Judy will manage the box, read suggestions and present to parents during PA meetings or other general meetings.

- The PA now have 10 people on Board: Coordinator Jyoti (but position will be open as of December), Treasurer - Tobias, Secretary - Alison Strauss... See more <u>here</u>.
- Information about the positions available within the PA team:

PA Coordinator and PA Event Coordinator will not be proceeding after January in these roles. If anyone is interested in taking on these roles please speak with Jyoti and Alison directly. A job description of these roles will also be posted.

PA Coordinator

- To chair all PA meetings.
- Write all monthly newsletters to communicate to all parents and staff.
- Keep the PA board updated.
- Liase with all PA members of any issues they may have.
- Help with all events.
- Check daily emails from parents and reply in a timely manner.
- To liase with BSB Sanlitun staff in regards to issues raised with the PA.

Parent Fun Event Coordinator

- To create fun and entertaining social gatherings for parents alike.
- To communicate with parents through the BSB Sanlitun forum.
- To liaise with vendors who are managing the events.
- Negotiating costs etc based on numbers etc.

Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting 7th November

PA Coordinator – Jyoti Johari - <u>sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com; jyoti0912@gmail.com</u> (Role currently available) Event Coordinator (Each or All) – <u>sanlitun.paevents@bsbsanlitun.com</u> Secretary - Alison Strauss <u>drafs77@hotmail.com</u> Treasurer - Tobias Gustafsson – <u>tobias.g78@gmail.com</u>

Charity Board - Alexandra Bichteler ,Hemlata Suman Yiky and Xenia sparks Hema: <u>hemasuman04@gmail.com</u> Xenia Sparks: <u>oxanasparks@hotmail.com</u> Yiky: <u>yiky@cloud.com</u> Alexandra Bichteler: <u>alexandra@bichteler.net</u>

Parent Liaison board (parent -link): Judy, Meiling and Elva Judy: 'jesarton@hotmail.com Meiling: dongjing888@hotmail.com Elva: juntongjl99@163.com

Lunch Parent Coordinator – Alexandra Bichteler: alexandra@bichteler.net

To get in touch with the PA with questions, suggestions, comments, to volunteer for an event, or to find the email of one of our Event Chairs or PA Key People please email us at: <u>sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com</u> & <u>sanlitun.paevents@bsbsanlitun.com</u>