

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015



The legendary Mike Gatting coaching Years 5 & 6...

## THE MOMENT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR...

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

After months of training, the time has finally arrived for our FOBISIA team to put all the skills and tactics they have been practicing into use for real with the FOBISIA Primary Games now upon us.

A team of 36 students accompanied by nine of our staff will be competing against teams from across Asia at Harrow International School in four different sporting aspects: Football; T-Ball; Swimming and Athletics. The competition will take place over three days - Sunday, Monday and Tuesday - and with it being held locally in Beijing it means that we can go and cheer our team on, hopefully, to sporting success!

The students have shown a great commitment to their training over these past months and we certainly hope they reap the benefits of all their hard work. A big thank you needs to go to all the staff who have supported the students in their training, working extra hours in addition to their usual role in school.

We would also like to say a very big thank you to Volkswagen who have very generously sponsored our FOBISIA sports kit which all the students will proudly be wearing when they compete. We look forward to bringing you a report of the event in next week's newsletter with lots of photos.

Whilst on a sporting note, we would also like to wish all our parents and staff who are taking part in tomorrow's Great Wall Marathon the best of luck! I will be there myself, and am looking forward to seeing many of you at the starting line - but more importantly, at the finish line, with what will definitely be some weary legs, but hopefully some very happy faces!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May  
FOBISIA Primary Games

21<sup>st</sup> May  
Year 1 Show  
2pm @ Primary Campus Hall

22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Charity Art Auction Evening  
@ Primary Campus  
5pm - 8 pm

27<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 3 Trip to  
Three Shadows  
Photography Centre

2<sup>nd</sup> June  
PA Meeting  
@ Primary Campus

2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Parent Consultation Evenings

4<sup>th</sup> June  
Years 5 & 6 Show  
6pm @ Primary Campus Hall

7<sup>th</sup> June  
End of Year Family Picnic  
@ Primary Campus  
3pm - 7pm

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 6 Residential Trip

10<sup>th</sup> June  
Last ASAs

## YEARS 5&6 EAL USE THE LANGUAGE OF DISCOVERY

By Keith Olive, EAL Specialist Teacher

Drop a coin in a beaker of water 2cm deep. What do you see if you hold the beaker in front of your eyes?

If you hold the beaker in front of your eyes, you see two coins, a big one and a small one.



Make a paper tube 30cm long. Hold your left hand next to the tube. Keep both eyes wide open. What do you see if you look down the tube with your right eye?

If you look down the tube with your right eye, you see a hole in your left hand.



## YEARS 5&6 EAL USE THE LANGUAGE OF DISCOVERY CONTINUED...

By Keith Olive, EAL Specialist Teacher

Once there was a beautiful princess called Wish and a handsome prince called Come True. The prince had a white horse and a black dog.

The princess was so beautiful that the white horse asked her, "Will you marry me?"

"No, I won't!" replied the princess.

The princess was so very beautiful that the black dog asked her, "Will you marry me?"

"No, I won't!" replied the princess.

The princess was so extremely beautiful that the prince asked her, "Will you marry me?"

"Yes, I will!" replied the princess.

So, Wish and Come True lived together happily together and the white horse and the black dog were happy too.



*Y4 EAL check rows and rose of homonyms against the clock*



*Y3 EAL dance the alphabet rap*



*Y2 EAL celebrate their flowery language with pictures*



*Y1 EAL grow in confidence retelling very short stories to the*

## YEARS 3&4 ENJOYED THEIR RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

This week our two youngest year groups in Key Stage 2 went off on their residential trips; Year 4 to Pingyao and Year 3 to Tianjin. Both trips were hugely successful and the children have come back to school full of stories and tales about their time away from home. Residentials are an important part of the curriculum here at BSB Sanlitun.



Pupils may feel that they know their classmates and teachers well from day-to-day contact in school, but the experience of living with them in a residential community can add a completely new dimension. It raises the whole area of interpersonal skills, including leadership, team work and trust and respect. There are also issues concerning the psychology of the whole experience, particularly involving self-confidence, self-esteem and resilience. We frequently hear from teachers that pupils who do not normally shine in the classroom have excelled on a residential trip. This can all help to improve performance and relationships back at school. School trips can also make a major contribution to the acquisition of knowledge and development of skills. Studies of the natural and man-made world, the present and past, science and arts, language and music can all be enhanced outside the classroom. Here at BSB Sanlitun we link our residentials to learning in the classroom to enhance and enrich the experience.

Sound logistics and excellent organisation of these trips are vital in making them successful, purposeful and inspiring. I would like to thank the excellent work of the team in ensuring that everything was well-prepared. I am sure that our parents are thrilled to have their loved ones back at home; even if it might be a little bit noisier now!



*Year 4 all dressed up and ready for the cultural performance*



*Year 3 visiting Cantonese Guildhall*

## CRICKET COACHING CLINIC WITH FORMER ENGLAND CAPTAIN, MIKE GATTING

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

Our Year 5 and 6 children had an amazing opportunity to learn some cricket skills with one of the most prolific batsmen in England today at Si'de Park, Lido. The former England captain and President of the Marylebone Cricket Club came to China to help promote and develop junior cricket and has been visiting schools in the Beijing area.

The children engaged in a cricket skills circuit of fielding and batting activities before playing a game of quik cricket. Being bowled to by Mike did not intimidate our Year 5 and 6s – they rose to the challenge and displayed some excellent batting, impressing Mike and his team.



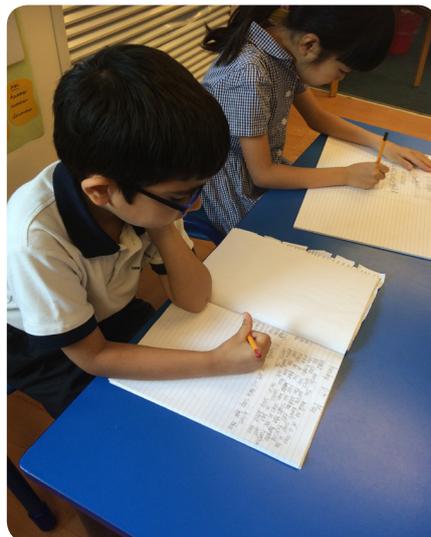
## TASTY TALES IN YEAR 2

By Laura Gildea, Year 2 Pandas Class Teacher

The Year 2 children have been busy bees writing stories this week. The children have already spent some time reading the popular story 'Pumpkin Soup'. They explored the plot development, characters and the writer's choice of vocabulary. The children first learned to perform the story as a means of becoming familiar with the story language. Inspired by the tale of the 3 friends in Pumpkin Soup the children decided to write their own tasty tales.

After much discussion and planning the children were finally ready to put pen to paper. Imagination and creativity have been flowing through all of our classrooms. The stories are brimming with delicious detail about the foods prepared by the characters. There's lots of drama when the characters encounter problems and joy as the characters find solutions to their problems.

It's wonderful to see the children display such enthusiasm and excitement towards their writing.



## WHEELS!

By Viveka Savage, Nursery Clown Fish Class Teacher

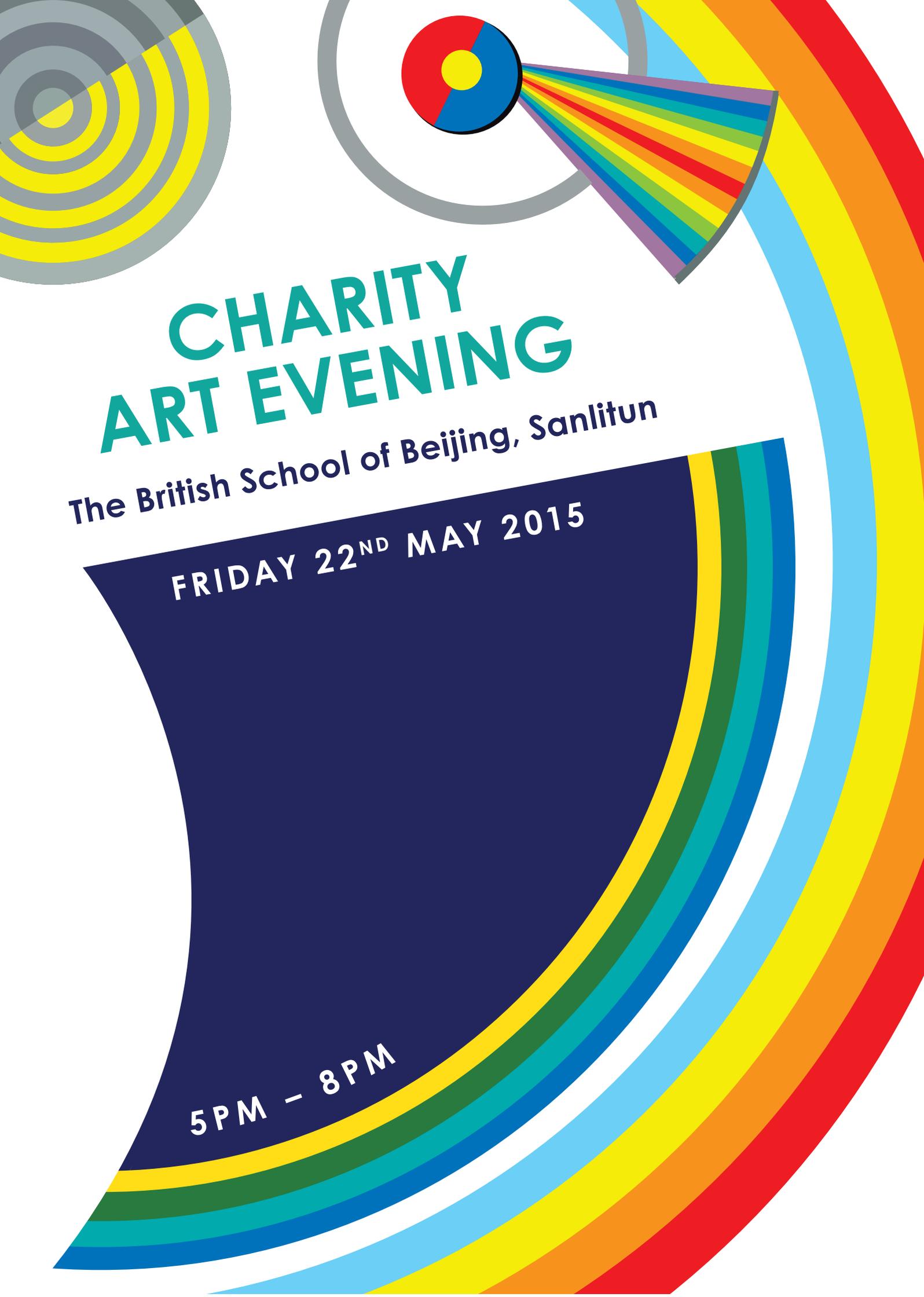
This week in Nursery we have had a fantastic time learning all about wheels.

In Clownfish class we observed the different types of wheels we could see on our walk to the Primary Campus, including the special bike used to bring our snack over!

We had fun in the playground identifying wheels and axles on our bikes and scooters and then returned to our classrooms to make our very own axles and wheels.

We will continue to explore the mechanisms of wheels and how they work over the next two weeks as well as being creative as we make rainbow wheels using paints.





# CHARITY ART EVENING

The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2015

5PM – 8PM