



18th March 2016



Wednesday saw the marvelous Year 2 performance!

GETTING READY FOR INSPECTION!

By David Laird, Principal

Please find articles in this newsletter highlighting the fantastic learning going on in our school.

Next week represents a certain milestone in the development of The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun. We will be having our very first British Schools Overseas inspection. The inspection team consists of a highly skilled group of experienced school leaders. They are: Gerry Cranfield (Lead Inspector), David Mumford and Wendy Bataineh. Following the inspection, we intend to share the findings of the report with the parent community during Term 3. The report itself will inform part of the school's future strategic direction, so we are very much looking forward as a team to getting the inspection underway.

We have also had some breaking news. Our Maths Fobisia team finished in a very respectable 11th position out of the 30 schools who competed. Anecdotally, we were the top performing Beijing school in the competition, finishing above the likes of Dulwich and Harrow. Added to this, as a very small school, the students have done very well to finish in this position. We also had a student finish in the top ten overall individual positions, out of over 120 students. A big well done to Ms Jurgensen's team!

David Laird





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS

Aimiel Wu
Ikupa Gwassa
Priscilla Hu
Scarlett Carruthers
Valentina Van Der Ploeg Zarate
Yoki Leung

EARLY YEARS CAMPUS SPOTTED AWARD

Ewan McFarlane
Henry Luckock
Joseph Wallis
Max Walenkamp
Michelle Wong
Ryan Le

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Tuesday Morning
Baby Group @ EY Campus
9am - 10.30am

21st - 23rd March
Independent
School Inspection

22nd March
Nursery Stay & Play
9am - 10.30am

NURSERY POETRY WITH PARENTS

By Sarah Sayers, Nursery Clown Fish Class Teacher

Last week Nursery children and grown-ups enjoyed a fabulous Poetry with Parents event. The children shared rhymes they had been learning, with the adults in the class and encouraged their grown-ups to join in.

Thank you to those parents that were able to join, the children really enjoy sharing and celebrating their learning with you and it is an excellent opportunity for you to find out what we are doing in school.





UPCOMING EVENTS

23rd March
Reception Trip to
Dinosaur Museum

24th March
U11 3-a-Side Basketball
@ CISB

Year 4 Trip to Beijing Zoo

Year 6 Transition Day

25th March
Last Day of Spring Term

5th April
INSET Day for Staff
(School Closed)

6th April
First Day of Summer Term
in Summer Uniform

11th April
KS1 Sports Day @ Lido
(Parents Welcome)
10am - 11.30am

12th April
Reception
Pastries with Parents
8.15am - 8.45am
(extended to 9.10am to
parents only)

Reception Sportsfest
@ Primary Campus
9.10am - 10am

NURSERY POETRY WITH PARENTS CONTINUED...

By Sarah Sayers, Nursery Clown Fish Class Teacher

The children sang familiar nursery rhymes and even performed their own poem that they had adapted.

In Clown Fish Class the children made their own version of Humpty Dumpty, it went like this:

Humpty Dumpty jumped on a log,

Humpty Dumpty fell on a frog,

All the king's fishes and all the king's ducks

couldn't get humpty because he was stuck.



It is important to immerse children in rhyming activities to promote their early literacy development, as through singing songs and saying rhymes children are developing their listening and speaking skills which are vital to their literacy development.

By doing these activities we teach children audio discrimination, listening skills, a rich range of language, concentration skills and phonemic awareness.

The great thing about singing is that you can do it anywhere! In the car, on the way to school or in the bath, have fun with your children and make up your own silly rhyming words.





WATCH OUT FOR THE DINOSAURS!

By Sau-Wan Gin, Reception Sealions Class Teacher



This week in Reception, we started our new topic: Dinosaurs! We are super excited to see what the next two weeks will bring and can't wait to visit the dinosaur museum. We have been exploring different types of dinosaurs and love looking at the similarities and differences between them all.

We have also been building dinosaur skeletons out of lots of different materials, and have enjoyed being paleontologists and archeologists digging for dino-clues everywhere! We can't wait for you all to see our paintings and collages around our corridors!





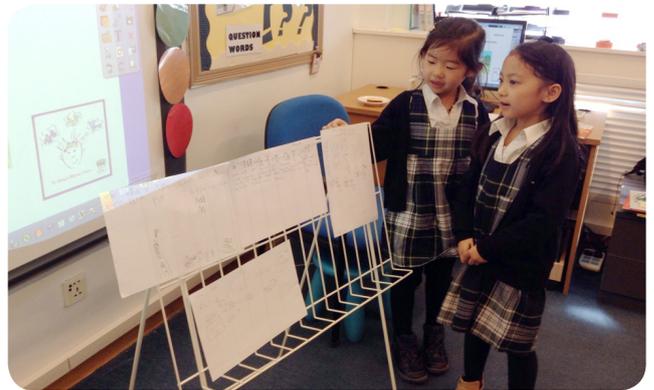
EAL UPDATE

By Letizia Spano, EAL Teacher

The EAL students are working together in order to strengthen their speaking and comprehension skills.

In KS1, children worked with a partner to draw the plot, setting and characters of familiar stories. Then they had a chance to visualize and tell the story in front of their classes.

In KS2, we worked collaboratively to learn some new words using board games and technology. To practise our new vocabulary, we did a good job at repeating and visualising the words. We played 'picture matching' games to help us understand how compound words are formed, then used the interactive board and iPads to create posters for beautiful sceneries.



KS2 - Your Last Vacation



MATHS FOBISIA 2016

By Jason, June, Kevin and Pei-Jen, Year 6 Students

On Thursday 10th March, four children from Year 6: Jason, June, Kevin and Pei-Jen went with Ms Jurgensen to Guangzhou for the FOBISIA Maths Challenge, 2016.

At The British School of Guangzhou, we were tested on lots of different challenges, both individually and as a team. Some of the team challenges were hard but also fun at the same time. In one task, we had to use a compass to find clues following the Maths Trail around the school. In the construction challenge, we were asked to design a marble run the same size of an A4 card using 4 pieces of paper and make it run as many seconds as possible. We did a really good job on this and got ours run for 9 seconds! It was really important for us to collaborate and to question each other's ideas. The individual tests were extremely challenging - some of the questions were designed for secondary school students!

Well, it was not all work though. On one evening, we went on a boat trip along the Pearl River which was fun, a little chilly.



MATHS FOBISIA 2016

By Elizabeth Jurgensen, Year 6 Eagles Class Teacher

The children worked extremely hard over the 2 day competition and represented BSB Sanlitun extremely well.

There were 30 schools represented at the Challenge and 120 children competing in the individual competition. We are very proud of all of the children who took part in the competition.

They worked well individually and as a team and did a great job supporting each other.



YEAR 2 'OCEAN COMMOTION' ALBUM





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