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Autumn term at a glance



- PA Welcome Party – Sept – 8th - from 5pm-8pm at the BSB Main Campus
- PA Quiz night – Sept - Time to be confirmed
- Pastries with Parents –Phase 3 – Oct – 17th
- Pastries with Parents –Phase 2 – Oct – 18th
- Pastries with Parents –Phase 1 – Oct – 19th
- PA International Day – Oct - 26th

September PA Meeting

Thanks to all the parents who came to the first PA meeting of the new academic year

Mr Laird welcomed everyone and started with giving a big thank you for PA Welcome Party and everyone helping out with the event. It was a great success. David then continued with a Power Point presentation starting with presenting the new leadership structure.

Leadership team -

David Laird, Principle with the overall responsibility of the whole school.

(new) **Zoe Hubbard** - Deputy Head of Primary, in charge of Primary school Y1-Y6

Kirsten Harding - Head of Early Years, Tadpoles - Reception

Majella O Doherty - Admissions and Marketing Manager

Then there are 3 Academic Leaders

Phase 1 - Reception & Y1 **Danielle McKenna**

Phase 2 - Y2 & Y3 **Rebecca Kirkby**

Phase 3 - Y4 to Y6 **Jo-Ann Hall**

Building improvements -

The school buildings have been painted both outside and inside

There is a new area/center for the Performing Arts. A new teacher for Dance and Drama, Catherine Ormandy.

Improvements have been done to the library to make it a warm and comfortable environment. The computers have been removed and more areas for reading have been added with beanbags. Also the books have been placed on more child friendly lower shelves.

A HUB have been created which is an area that can be adapted to many different types. Desktops have been removed and an investment in more mobile technics with more laptops, both PC and Mac have been made. The entire playground has been re-surfaced and all doors have been replaced .In the main hall the floor have been

changed and an extra air purification system have been installed (also in the foyer) No measurements have yet been done but the school is waiting for readings on a very bad pollution day. There is also a new food provider - **Chartwells** (which are specified in food providing). The quality of the food is great. Most buses are new and have an integrated air purification system and better seat belts. There are still some old buses left but they will be replaced over the coming year.

The **ASA** had a 75% satisfaction rating last year, which is good but can be improved. The school have sat down and worked on how to improve the ASA availability. Also there has been an ASA fair where all activities had been introduced to the kids. The children seemed to enjoy it. The sign up process is not ideal and there is still work going on, on how to improve it.

The email addresses have been changed and the new one is, **@bsbsanlitun.com**, The old will still work and the email will be directed to new until the end of the year. Please make it a habit of using the new email ending.

SATs (Y6 update) -

Last year the results were excellent. SATs is at the end of the school year and information will be sent out prior to that.

Autumn term events

PA Welcome party -

PA coordinator Jyoti Johari gave thanks to the entire team and everyone who made the PA Welcome Party event so successful and the entire team say thank you to Mr Laird , Admin Staff , Maintenance Staff and all the parents to be part of it.

PA Quiz Night - date tbc

The PA is looking for people interested to organize a Quiz Night. There could be a theme, for example Hollywood. Please contact sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com if you are interested.

Pastries with Parents:

There will be Pastries with Parents coming up in the middle of October - four different occasions depending on the class.

17th Oct Phase 3: Y4 - 6

18th Oct Phase 2: Y2 - Y3

19th Oct Phase 1: Reception - Y1

20th Oct: Tadpoles – Nursery (EY Building)

International Day - 26 October

International Day is coming up towards the end of October.

The International Day is a day where the children of school will make a tour of the world. It will be set up in the gym where each country has their own table where they display their culture, traditions and other interesting facts about the country. The kids will then walk around and gather information and learn new things about countries their class mates are from.

The PA is looking for someone that are willing to organize this event and take the overall responsibility but the PA are also looking for people that can take charge for each country table. Please contact sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com if you are interested.

PA Introduction

There is a presentation of what the PA is and what the aims are for the PA at the schools website: <http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/beijing/sanlitun/our-school/our-community/our-parents-association>

The PA team

PA Coordinator - Jyoti Johari - sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com

Treasurer - Tobias Gustafsson - tobias.g78@gmail.com

Charity Board - Hemlata Suman - hemasuman04@gmail.com

Lunch Parent Coordinator - Alexandra Bichteler - alexandra@bichteler.net

Roles that are available:

Events coordinator/s -

- Liaise with selected external business partners (F&B vendors, cultural institutions - a list of contacts is provided)
- Liaise with selected departments from BSB Sanlitun and the PA Coordinator
- Preparing 5-8 events throughout the academic year 2017/2018 (these can be split between different event managers)
- Coordinating parent volunteers for the events (a list of previous parent contacts is provided)
- Onsite organization, supervising and attending five events
- Keeping expenses within a set budget

The main five events are: PA Welcome Party, International Day, Santa's Secret Shoppe, Staff Appreciation and the Art Auction.

Charity board members -

- Liaise between MCF, PA and school to determine appropriate projects to direct funds raised
- Liaise between MCF and BSB Sanlitun to ensure that the pupils have an opportunity to interact with MCF children in an appropriate way
- Ensure funds are being disbursed to the MCF in a timely manner
- Identify ways that parents can become involved in volunteering with MCF programs

PA Secretary -

- Attend the monthly PA meetings.
- In the absence of the PA Coordinator the PA Secretary would chair the PA meeting.
- Taking minutes from the meeting.

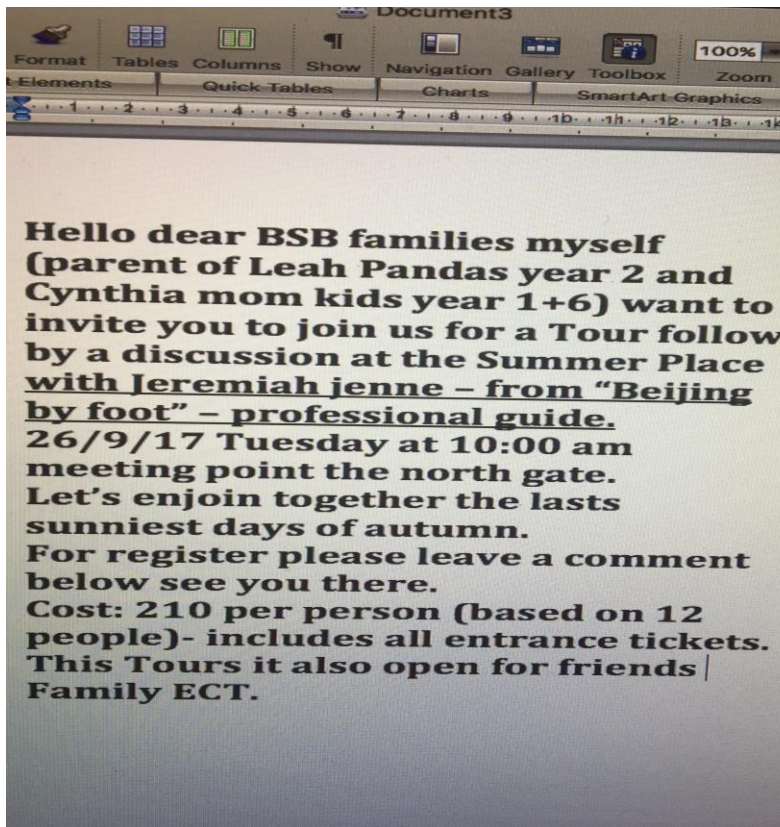
Please be aware that if you feel you do not have the time to commit to a specific full time role on the PA team we are happy for you to volunteer for roles in specific events. Being a part of the PA or volunteering for an event really helps to transition smoothly with parents and teachers alike and makes it easy to get involved in the school community. The PA is always looking for new ideas that they can work with, for example a Healthy Week, where different activities can be arranged to promote a healthy lifestyle. If you are interested in any of the above roles or have any ideas please contact sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com

Any other business:

David Laird stressed the importance of contact the Bus Coordinator of any changes to the regular bus service for the child. The contact info is in the handbook, sltbus@bsbsanlitun.com. Please send changes to the Bus Coordinator and also copy the teacher. A question was raised regarding the AQI Policy, what reading the school uses, the AQI or the PM 2.5? And if there can be signs showing both readings as the AQI can be low but the PM 2.5 can be high? The school is using the AQI reading for the signs at school and as an indication of what activities can be performed. However in the newsletter the PM 2.5 reading is advertised. The school has taken medical advice when setting the AQI Policy. The school also encourages parents to send the children in to school with a face mask to be used even if the reading is under the 200 mark value. David also stressed that they have excellent readings inside the school. Regarding signs showing the two readings David thinks it will be hard to do as it can be confusing for the children.

Tour :- Summer Palace with Jeremiah Jenne

Contact :- Sharon Dekel - 18612861454



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 sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com

Next PA meeting will be 10th of October.

If you have any item you want to bring to the agenda please send an email to sanlitun.pa@bsbsanlitun.com before the 29th of September