

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014



Year 4 in Beijing World Park..

## THE WOW FACTOR OF LEARNING

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

When you read through the pages of this week's newsletter, it is clear that our students have been 'Wowed' in their lessons this week. Have a look at how the Year 2 teachers surprised their classes this week, when they returned from our whole school assembly to find their classrooms had been turned into four diverse habitats. I know that the Year 2 students have thoroughly enjoyed their week learning about the different animals that live in these varied places and we look forward to hearing more about their topic in the weeks to come.

Our Year 4 students were 'wowed' when they visited Beijing World Park this week and managed to travel all around the world without leaving Beijing. The students enjoyed a thoroughly international visit and were able to teach each other about some of the countries and landmarks they had actually visited. This visit definitely complemented our International Day that we held just a few weeks ago.

Our Nursery and Reception students have this week been collaborating with their parents as part of their learning. Both year groups had their Stay and Play days this week and were joined by the parents to engage in a variety of activities in the classroom. This enabled parents to see how their children are progressing in class but also discover a little more about how our Early Years students learn at this young age.

We are of course now counting down the final weeks until the end of term, and there are so many fun events, parties and shows to look forward to in the next three weeks. We know these pages will be jam packed with all the fun activities the students get a chance to participate in as well as our parents!

Have a lovely weekend.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> November  
Parent Consultation Evenings  
@ Primary & EY Campuses  
3.45pm - 6.30pm

27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Eye Screening

30<sup>th</sup> November  
BSB Sanlitun's  
Christmas Cracker  
@ Primary Campus  
11am - 3pm

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

2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Santa's Secret Shoppe  
@ Primary Campus  
9am - 3.30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Santa's Secret Shoppe  
@ Early Years Campus  
9am - 11am

4<sup>th</sup> December  
Reception Christmas Show  
@ Primary Campus Hall  
9am - 9.45am

5<sup>th</sup> December  
Nursery Visit to Fundazzle

## AROUND THE WORLD WITH YEAR 4

By Zoe Hubbard, Year 3 Puffins Class Teacher

What an incredible day Kingfishers and Herons had on Monday when they travelled around the world ... in a day!

As part of their 'Around the World in 80 Days' topic they visited the Beijing World Park. In the park the children were able to enjoy some of the most famous sights in the world with the park boasting about 100 natural and cultural attractions from about 50 countries.



On their journey around the park, the children visited full-size or small scale copies of original landmarks from around the globe and discovered lots of new facts about them. Imagine the excitement of visiting Taj Mahal alongside The Eiffel Tower! Strangely The Great Wall was a big hit with the children and they were particularly interested in Egypt with its amazing pyramids and a real camel.

With such a variety of nationalities within Year 4, the children were able to learn from each other by sharing their experiences from countries they have visited and discussing landmarks they have seen.

A truly international experience to enhance Year 4's learning and they didn't need to step outside of Beijing!

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

By Viveka Savage, Nursery Clown Fish Class Teacher

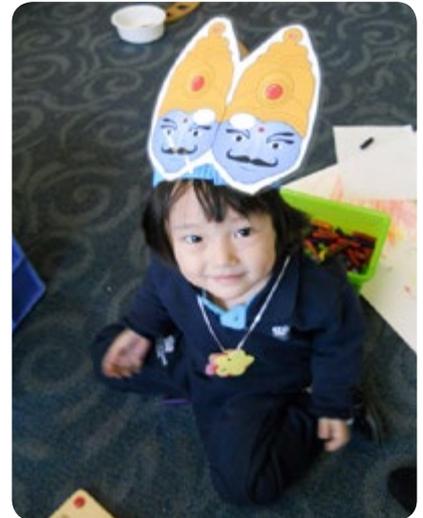
This term in Nursery we have had a fantastic time learning about a range of celebrations from cultures around the world. We began with an exciting visit from Ria's mum, Deepa who told us all about Diwali. We loved trying the traditional sweets and looking at the beautiful glittery Rangoli patterns. Next, we had a spooky week of Halloween with a dress up to match. Then it was time for fireworks! Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture provided the explosive soundtrack to our week as we moved like fireworks around nursery and made splatter paintings for Guy Fawkes. Last week, with the help of Gabriel's mum, Katja we learned about the German festival of St Martin. We thoroughly enjoyed parading our home made lanterns with a candle lit procession in the hall. This week we begin our Christmas topic and we look forward to finding out all about Hanukah from Mika's mum Danna before our busy term ends.



*Our Halloween Pumpkin*



*Diwali*



*Home Made Lantern*



*Splatter Paintings for Guy Fawkes*

## YEAR 2 ZOO TIME!

By Paul Hollidge, Year 2 Elephants Class Teacher

The Year 2 corridor was an exciting place to be on Monday morning as the classrooms were transformed into different habitats as we started our new topic, 'The Zoo'. The majority of children had a look of amazement when they returned from the whole school assembly, not to a typical Monday morning lesson, but rather a Jungle, Desert, Mountaintop or Arctic region!

The children rotated between each habitat and learnt about the habitat's physical features, as well as discussing some of the types of animals that live there and how they have specific adaptations to help them survive. It was interesting to observe the children using HPL skills throughout the morning; flexible thinking was needed to make links between how different animals survive in each environment, and creativity was required in the mountaintop region when the children were creating works of art using laptops.

After such a brilliant start to the new topic, Year 2 are now keen to learn even more about the animals in zoos and the habitats which they come from. The children will now move on to researching specific animals before compiling non-fiction information books about an animal of their choice.



## RECEPTION STAY AND PLAY

By Louise Bateman, Reception Whales Class Teacher



Reception held their first 'play and stay' event on Tuesday 18th November. This event welcomes Reception parents into their child's classrooms to learn and play for the morning. It allows the parents to see how their child is settling into their environment at school, how they challenge themselves in their learning and how we teach life-long learning skills through high performance learning. This Reception play and stay event was focused around our current topic of 'castles and knights' and the challenge of the morning was to make a castle! The children were effortlessly creative in how they chose to approach this task and we were so impressed with the parents, who got stuck straight in with the children! The results were brilliant and both children and parents were proud of their collaborative efforts! We look forward to the next play and stay events this academic year, when the parents have the chance to track the progression of their children.



## FOBISIA PRIMARY GAMES 2015.....THE JOURNEY STARTS HERE

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

This year BSB, Sanlitun will be competing in the U11 FOBISIA (Federation of British International Schools in Asia) Primary Games which will be held at Harrow, Beijing in May 2015. The games are a 3 day competition playing four different sports; football, t-ball, swimming and athletics. This is the first year in which BSB, Sanlitun have been able to enter the games as an individual school and we are extremely excited and positive about the event.

FOBISIA was introduced in 1988 by a Principal at the British International School in Jakarta who was interested in sharing and supporting other schools with the British Curriculum. Its main objectives are to promote excellence amongst British Schools, and to provide opportunities for inter-school competitions and enrichment programmes. The federation has grown over the past twenty-five years and now has 46 schools in the group. The organisation is known and respected all over Asia and beyond, serving the interests first and foremost of all FOBISIA students, teachers and schools.

We have nearly 60 students who have shown interest in the training and being a part of the team, which is excellent. The training will start next week on Mondays after school 3:30-4:30pm and also Friday mornings 7:30-8:30am. The training will focus on improving physical fitness along with skills based and game play training in preparation for the 4 sports which they will compete in.

Next term the children will continue with the training on a Monday and Friday, and will also have training on a Tuesday and Wednesday during their ASA time. A selection process will take place in February, if necessary to confirm the final squad. The PE department will be selecting six boys and six girls at U9, U10 and U11 (years 3-6) making a squad of 36 athletes.

A big thank you to all of our children who have signed up to represent BSB, Sanlitun at the FOBISIA Games, and to our teaching staff and teaching assistants who have offered to give up their time to help train and support the children. We look forward to a fantastic year of training and competition and good luck to everyone.

Goooooooo SANLITUN!!!





## The Global Classroom

**Nord Anglia Education's Global Classroom develops confident and passionate individuals who engage with global issues and lead their own learning to reach high levels of performance.**

Our children in years 4, 5 and 6 have got off to a flying start with Global Classroom this year. We have been congratulated for our high levels of participation in the online activities and forums so far this term.

Perhaps Global Classroom is something you have heard about in passing but are unsure of what it is or how best to support your child. If this is the case here is some information about Global Classroom and the exciting in-school challenge we are participating in this year.

### So what is the Global Classroom?

- Somewhere our students can work with thousands of other children on a range of interesting subjects.
- A place for our students to learn, discuss, share and challenge themselves.
- Somewhere our students can learn from experts, online courses and discussions with others from all around the world.
- A place for only our Nord Anglia Education Students
- A safe and secure space



Last year our in-school activity set by Global Classroom was The Water Challenge. Children had to work in groups to research issues with water that face people around the world and try to come up with a solution to one of these problems. Our school was commended for how well the whole school community, not just years 4,5 and 6 were involved in the project.

**This year, in the Make it Right challenge, pupils will explore children's rights. In groups they will focus on one of these and decide how they can practically make a difference.**

**If you have any wonderful ideas or perhaps work for a charity or organization that would like to support us in our challenge please get in touch.**

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## Why Children's Rights?

25 years ago, in 1989, the United Nations created a treaty called the Convention on the Rights of a Child.

This recognised that every child under 18 had:

- The right to a **childhood**
- The right to be **educated**
- The right to be **healthy**
- The right to be **treated fairly**
- The right to be **heard**



However, in many locations around the world, children experience things that do not respect their basic human right. Situations and severity can vary drastically, but as global citizens you have the responsibility to use **your voice to defend the rights of children every where and prevent this suffering.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**



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