



YEAR 5'S TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

By Petrina Booth, Year 5 Pelicans Class Teacher

Last Thursday the children of Year 5 went on a morning trip to the Science Museum to develop their already extensive knowledge about Space. The children have really enjoyed their Space topic this term and this was a great way for them to wrap up their learning.

All of the children had activities to complete and there was also plenty of interactivity involved as well. They were able to experience what it might be like to walk on the moon, be inside the International Space Station and a rocket as well as the feeling of being upside down as they got strapped into the three dimensional rolling circle!

In the children's words:

"I liked the space jumping because when I went on it I felt like I was in space."

"I thought that it was really fun with lots of activities to do."

"I really enjoyed the three -dimensional sphere, I could have been on it for an hour."

"My favorite thing was the Mars rover because you could make it drive where ever you wanted."





STAR CITIZENS THIS WEEK

RECEPTION

Ruben Dennissen; Marco Shiu

KEY STAGE ONE

Ray Ray Ho
Andres Urdaneta
Harper Walter
Austin Yuan

KEY STAGE TWO

Ripley Gregg; Nimo Issack
Rihanna Un

Next week your child will bring the certificate home explaining why they are a Star Citizen.

A FUN WEEK IN CHINESE FOR EVERYONE

By Cheryl Xu, Chinese Teacher

In Early Years, children talked about the coming Christmas. They practised how to say Christmas - 圣(shèng)诞(dàn)节(jié) and present - 礼(lǐ)物(wù) in Chinese, then learned some other words related to Christmas, too. They also enjoyed the Christmas songs and stories very much.



UPCOMING EVENTS

8th December
Years 3 & 4

Show to Parents
6pm @ Primary Campus Hall

10th December
Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long
(Parents Invited @ 2.30pm)
Early Years Campus

Reception - Year 6
Christmas Party

11th December
Last Day of Autumn Term

5th January
First Day of Spring Term



Children in Y2 Forbidden City learned a story about making new friends. Children tried their best to retell the story. Children in Y4 Lama Temple and Summer Palace learned to write a letter in Chinese. All of the children worked hard to write a letter to their pen pals to ask them what Christmas present they would like to have. Children in Y5 Summer Palace and Forbidden City had a Chinese culture lesson. They learnt an ancient Chinese poem about snow and practised calligraphy with Chinese writing brush. Although it was not easy for them to control the brush, they all showed great interest in doing the calligraphy and felt very proud of their work.



NURSERY PARENTS JOINING ALL THE FUN!

By Jonathan Dove, Nursery Rainbow Fish Class Teacher

At BSB Sanlitun, we cannot emphasise enough our commitment to working in close partnership with our parents. During the last month in Nursery, as well as, having parent consultation meetings, we have been very proud to have had parents join us for; Pastries, Stay & Play, the Christmas Fayre and, today, our first trip of the year to Fundazzle!

It was so kind of a parent from Nursery who gave the children a talk all about Thanks Giving. Thank you to all our parents for sending the WOW certificate to school, sharing some amazing achievements from home that your child has made. This helps your child share some of their experiences beyond school with their class. Parents know their child best and sharing information with school will make their child's individual learning needs a lot easier to meet, as well as, provide further opportunities to socialise with other children and parents and, most importantly, to raise your child's self-esteem.

We look forward to you joining us for our Sing-along Christmas songs next week and for the future events involving parents, in the New Year.



WE MADE A CASTLE!

By San-wan Gin, Reception Sealions Class Teacher



We have just come to the end of our 'Castles' topic this week in Reception, and have enjoyed making our very own class castle in the 'big box challenge'!

We took the time to work collaboratively as a class to plan, design and build our castle using big cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials. If you have time, pop by our learning lounge and you can see our fantastic work!

We loved learning how to ballroom dance like Cinderella and Prince Charming at the 'Royal Ball', and did amazingly well when we had the chance to pick a partner and dance at our very own Ball. We even made crowns to wear like the real Princesses and Princes!



GLOCKENSPIELS IN YEAR 1

By Henry Charlesworth, Music Teacher

Year One have done some fantastic music learning this Autumn term. Through listening activities, song, movement and performance, the Tigers, Leopards, Panthers and Lions have gained a strong awareness of ‘musical pitch’. As a pre-cursor to the keyboard, the glockenspiel is a fantastic musical instrument for young music learners. Children can visually access each pitch and see the size of the keys decrease up the instrument as the pitch gets higher.

Having established the importance of playing on the beat of a piece, children could begin to play patterns of different notes. The different coloured keys meant that all children could read “colour scores”, which meant that without too much preparation, we could play simple melodies relatively easily.

By using these ‘colour scores’, children have developed key music reading skills which can be developed later in their learning. They loved being able to play recognizable melodies by simply playing the correct coloured note on the beat.

By using the colours of the glockenspiel keys, children were able to compose their own pieces of music. As a composition technique we explored the idea of creating repeated patterns, a skill which is an integral part of the Year 1 maths curriculum. Children used their skills to create repeated musical patterns and were able to use their own creativity to decide which notes they wanted to use in their patterns. As we approach the festive period, we can use our music reading skills to play some Christmas songs on the glockenspiel, an activity which never fails to bring joy to all of the children.





SANTA'S SECRET SHOPPE

BSB Sanlitun would like to thank the following volunteers for their help and contribution to making Santa's Secret Shoppe so successful. THANK YOU!

Ann -Christin Lindgren, Blazenska, Brooke, Canthy, Cat Lambert, Chaejung Moon, Clarissa, Cynthia, Dahlia, Della, Erica, Eunsook Woo, Hedvig, Holly, Hyeju Kim, Julia, Marzey, Nelly Dodet, Paola, Polina, Polina's Mother, Regina Kim, Saori Kayano, Stepanka, Sue, Sue M, Vanessa Hamilton, Yoshika, Yulia.





Year 3 and Year 4
present

SNOWMAN

—based on *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs

Tuesday, 8th December 2015

6.00pm

Primary Campus Hall



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Academic Year 2015-16

Term dates

AUTUMN TERM

Monday 24 August - First day of autumn term

Thursday 3 September to Friday 4 September - National holidays

Monday 28 September to Tuesday 6 October - National holidays

Thursday 12 and Friday 13 November - School closed to students for staff training

Friday 11 December - Last day of autumn term

SPRING TERM

Tuesday 5 January - First day of spring term

Thursday 4 February to Friday 12 February - National holidays

Friday 25 March - Last day of spring term

SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 6 April - First day of summer term

Monday 2 May - School closed for Labour Day

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 June - School closed for Dragon Boat Festival

Thursday 30 June - Last day of summer term