



## WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION NEWSLETTER – Year 6

**Week beginning Monday 17 February 2014**

### Messages

- Welcome back. Great to see the students all engaged and motivated this week as we look forward to another term ahead.
- Optional FOBISEA short story writing competition – closing date Friday 28 March. The limit is 600 words and all entries must be typed. More details in our school newsletter and on our moodle page shortly. Posters are in classrooms.
- Uniform Reminder: It is expected that all students wear the formal BISS school uniform. In winter this includes a school sweater or cardigan, with fleeces available for PE and outside play. Boys should wear long school trousers and girls should wear school skirts with black or grey tights or long socks. Students should wear a dark coat and black shoes should be worn by all; boots are not permitted. Please check the school website for further information:  
<http://www.nordangliaeducation.com/our-schools/shanghai/puxi/our-students/student-life/our-school-uniform>
- A reminder that Parent Teacher Conference dates are Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 February. If you wish to see your child's class teacher and have not received confirmation of a time and date, please email or send a note in the communication book to arrange this as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you.
- Thursday 27 February - Year 6 residential trip parents information evening

### Literacy

We will be continuing to extend 'narratives'. This will include describing settings and atmosphere. The students will include suspense, inference and imagery in their writing. This will include powerful verbs, adjectives, similes and metaphors. The grammar focus of the week will investigate the use of 'I' and 'me'. The spelling rule of the week will be regular verb endings in past tense.

### Maths

In our key skills lesson we will be practising addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of decimal numbers. The main focus of the week will be to estimate and measure angles (including the sum angles of a triangle. Students will also review co-ordinates and investigate reflections, rotations and translations on a four quadrant grid.

### Themed Learning – Water

The students will be investigating 'germination' and designing a fair test that determines what factors are essential for seed germination. Students will research the transpiration of water in plants and develop an understanding of photosynthesis.

### Vocabulary

**Literacy** – conflict, resolution, plot, tone, perspective, personification, flashback

**Maths** – obtuse, reflex, acute, translation, rotation, reflection, quadrant

**Themed Learning** – transpiration, photosynthesis, carbon-dioxide, oxygen, glucose



### Dutch

Na een frisse start en afronding van de meeste Cito-toetsen zijn we gestart met het project 'De Olympische gids'. Alle leerlingen van KS2 zullen een bijdrage leveren aan een waar naslagwerk over de Olympische Spelen met de focus op de Spelen van 2014 in het Russische Sotsje. Gedurende het proces wordt er een beroep gedaan op het toepassen van alle geleerde spelling- en grammaticaregels en de kennis over teksten. Daarnaast wordt de kennis met betrekking tot teksten, stijlen en het schrijven van teksten uitgebreid. De oriëntatiefase en onderzoeksfase zijn in volle gang en de leerlingen zullen vanaf volgende week flink gaan schrijven. De AVI-leestoetsen worden in de eerste dagen van volgende week nog afgenomen. Overige toetsen zijn afgerond en de resultaten worden z.s.m. verwerkt.

### Mandarin Y6 Panda

Topic: Lesson "At the McDonalds"

Key Characters: 要 yao/want; 少 shao/few; 元 yuan/unit for RMB; 茶 cha/tea; 可乐 ke le/cola; 给 gei/give

Key Sentences: 请问你要吃/喝什么? Qingwen ni yao chi/he shenme/ What do you want to eat/drink? 我要吃/喝.....Wo yao chi/he.../I want to eat/drink...

Activities: Ordering at McDonalds live

### Mandarin Y6 Monkey

Topic: I go to school by school bus

Key Characters: 走 zou/ walk, 坐 zuo/ sit in, 开 kai/ drive (a plane), 车 che/ vehicle, 路 lu/ road.

Key Sentences: 我 wo.....上学 shangxue。 / I go to school by...; 先 xian.....然后 ranhou.....

Activities: A Survey

### Mandarin Y6 Horse

Topic: Lesson 8 – Ordering Food

Key Characters: Review the key characters for the dictation.

Key Sentences: .....都 dou.....

Activities: Role-play 'In a restaurant'

### Mandarin Y6 Tiger

Topic: Brothers and Sisters

Key Characters: 高高地 gaogaode-tall/ 矮矮的 aiaide-short/漂亮 piaoliang-beautiful

Key sentence pattern: 一 yi.....就 jiu/as soon as; 觉得 juede/think

Activities: Pupils will be encouraged to talk and write a paragraph about their siblings/friends

### Mandarin Y6 Dragon

Topic: Chinese New Year Traditions-Continued

Key Characters: 可惜 kexi; 从 cong; 非 fei

Key sentence pattern: 从 cong.....开始 kaishi...../start from...; 要 yao.....了 le...../ be going to do

Activities: Booklet of Chinese New Traditions

### Mandarin Y6 MNF

本周我们将学习课文《火烧云》，能认读课文中的生字和词语，了解火烧云的绚丽多彩和美妙奇异，激发学生热爱自然、观察自然的兴趣。学习课文中的排比句和比喻句。

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