

Friday 6th February 2015



Key Stage 2 students 'Making it Right'...

LOOKING FORWARD TO CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

The build up to Chinese New Year has well and truly begun and those of you that walked into the school foyer this morning would have seen all the decorations that have been put up for the upcoming festival. As you know, this year we are hosting our very first Chinese New Year Temple Fair which will take place this coming Sunday, 8th February at our Primary Campus from 11am to 2pm. The whole day will be centred around the celebration of Chinese New Year and children will be able to participate in a range of Chinese crafts and activities; the whole family will have an opportunity to sample traditional Chinese food and snacks and we will also have performances from our students as well as invited guests - including a traditional Lion Dance. The event is open to all friends and families of BSB Sanlitun, so please do take the opportunity to come along.

Next week students will learn more about Chinese New Year customs in their Chinese lessons and on Friday we will celebrate the beginning of the holidays by dressing up in traditional Chinese clothes. We will also be treated to a Chinese New Year lunch!

Even though there is only one week left to the holidays, our students have been busy continuing with their topics and on the following pages you will see a whole host of different activities that the students have been involved with this week. I hope you enjoy reading about them on the following pages.

In the meantime, I hope I get to see many of you on Sunday at the Temple Fair!

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th February
BSB Sanlitun's
Chinese New Year
Temple Fair
@ Primary Campus
11am - 2 pm

13th February
School Finishes @ 3.30pm

16th - 23rd February
Chinese New Year Holiday

24th February
School Resumes

2nd March
Primary Campus
Swimming Season Begins

3rd March
PA Meeting
9am @ Primary Campus

6th March
PA Quiz Night
6.30pm @ Primary Campus

7th March
Under 11 Basketball
@ BSB Shunyi

9th March
Book Week Begins

13th March
Book Character Day

BADMINTON STARS AT SANLITUN!

By Rachel Spencer, Head of P.E.

Sanlitun entered 16 children into the annual JISAC badminton invitational event last weekend held at the Canadian International School, Beijing.

It was a full morning of badminton with over 70 children attending the event from schools around Beijing.

The tournament was a singles event consisting of pool play. The players had a guaranteed 3 games in their pool and more depending on how successful they were.

Gaspar Cortes Thonon, Lucas Taylor, Luis Fernandez Gu, Marc Foerster and Abdul-Rahman Khan played some good badminton but unfortunately got knocked out in the play-off stages. Oliver Kerry, Benjamin Peng, Philip Reichart, William Flanders and Obaha Taunekekei made it through to the quarter finals demonstrating good shots and court fitness. Reuben Garnier, Nathan George, Jason Lau, Miles Garnier and Claudia Fan battled through to the semi-finals with some excellent rallies and Alan Dong from Year 6 made it into the final playing some outstanding badminton. It was a very close final game but after 3 games in succession for Alan, his opposition just managed to keep the pace with the final score of 13-11.

Well done to all our badminton stars for giving 100% effort and playing some excellent badminton.



IT'S STORY TIME IN NURSERY!

By Viveka Savage, Nursery Clown Fish Class Teacher



This week in Nursery we have had great fun learning the story of the Three Billy Goat's Gruff and improving our communication and language skills. Together we role-played the story using masks, props and even sound effects to bring it to life. We learned makaton signs for key words to help us grasp the story language, events and characters. These actions will help us to re-tell the story independently at school and at home. We also linked the story to the initial sound 'g' for goat and practiced writing this sound in a variety of fun ways. We continued learning about 'g' during spontaneous learning by finding items that start with the sound 'g' and taking photos of them using ipads.

Learning 'g' for goat



Our goat masks



Taking photos of things that start with a 'g'



Role-playing



Another 'g' sound - green

MAKE IT RIGHT

By Beth Dopson, Year 5 Flamingos Class Teacher

Years 4, 5 and 6 are working hard getting ready for our Make it Right Campaign Fayre next week.

On Thursday 12th February we will be showcasing the work we have done so far in the gym for the rest of the school and parents to see. We have 4 groups; Right to Education, Right to Childhood, Right to be Healthy and Right to be Treated Fairly. Within these groups there are further groups of children working on various tasks to make our campaign a success. We have children making videos, which we hope we can submit to YouTube for many people around the world to view. We have children working on fundraising ideas such as cake sales, sponsored sports events and a 'Make it Bright' day. There are others creating posters, leaflets and information booklets, which will be distributed at our fayre next week. Lastly, there will be speeches and drama presentations to raise awareness at the event.

Make sure you don't miss it and join us in trying to MAKE IT RIGHT!

DATE: Thursday 12th February

LOCATION: Gym

Parents welcome from 2.30pm



The  Global
Classroom



PROBLEM SOLVING AND CREATIVITY!

By Petrina Booth, Year 3 Parrots Class Teacher

Year three has been getting creative using Mod Roc to construct volcanoes this week. The children had to use their problem solving skills to decide how they could use the materials they were given to make the most realistic model of a volcano they could with some excellent suggestions being made.

Ultimately they came to the same conclusion and worked collaboratively to help each other using newspaper, masking tape and a plastic bottle as a basic shape before layering Mod Roc over the top.



The painting stage allowed the children to experiment with mixing colours and using different sized brushes with excellent results.

We are all (staff included) very much looking forward to creating ‘explosive’ mixtures in science next week in order to make the children’s volcanoes erupt!



SNACKS IN SCHOOL

By Christine Armstrong, Deputy Headteacher

In Year 1 – 6 we allow children to bring a snack into school to have at break time. As well as breaks children may bring in a small snack for ASA days, and if they go home on the bus they may also have a snack before they get on the bus. This could mean that two days a week you are sending in 3 snacks for your child. Early Years is a little different and morning and afternoon snacks are provided in a more structured way for our youngest.

As a school we encourage healthy snacks to be sent into school. They keep children going throughout the day and provide a small energy boost. Sending in the right snack to school can make all the difference for your child. We discourage sugary, high additive snacks from being sent into school. We love our pupils to have enthusiasm and energy but there is such thing as ‘too much of the wrong kind of energy’. It’s possible to see the ‘sugar rush’ kick in sometimes and attention spans, hyperactivity and behaviour are all very real effects of too much sugar.

There are lots of healthy snack options for snack boxes and we really encourage them in school. Ideas include:

- Vegetable sticks eg cucumber, carrots
- Plain yoghurt
- Fruit eg tomatoes, apple, pear, banana
- Cheese
- Dried fruits eg mango, raisins, cranberries
- Boiled egg
- Seaweed
- Dried Beans
- Rice crackers or wholegrain crackers/bread
- Pretzels
- Seeds eg pumpkin, sunflower
- Cereal bars



There are a few rules we encourage in school, although it is always helpful to have the same rules reiterated at home in partnership with our parents. We ask that children:

- Keep their own snacks. Trading of snacks can be big business and those with good bartering skills can end up eating too much, and having a very unhealthy diet. Children should be snacking on what their parents have sent in, not everyone else’s snacks.
- Don’t ask and pester others to give them a snack.
- Don’t ask other children to bring in snacks for them. If a child wants to have a snack in school, then they need to be talking to people at home about putting a suitable snack in their schoolbag.

By following these few rules and ensuring children bring in healthy snacks we can ensure we maintain energy levels throughout the day, whilst minimising negative effects on children’s learning in school. Working together we can ensure children at BSB Sanlitun have a healthy, balanced diet and benefit from all that comes with such healthy living.

BEHAVIOUR, ETIQUETTE, PSHCE, PSED – WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? WHAT IS COVERED AT SCHOOL? AND WHAT CAN PARENTS DO AT HOME?

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

During the last two Parent Association meetings, the senior leadership team have been asked to discuss manners and etiquette and in the most recent meeting, the PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education) and PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development) curriculum. As you can imagine, these are topics that generate a huge amount of discussion; have so many different elements to them and would probably take up a whole year's worth of PA Meetings and Parent Workshops if there was the opportunity. However, based on the discussions we have had in the last two PA meetings, we will aim, over the next few weeks, to provide an overview of what all this means, how these topics are covered at school and what you can do as parents, at home.

ETIQUETTE AND USING MANNERS

Parents regularly comment that our students at BSB Sanlitun are very well mannered, particularly when we go out on school visits or perform at locations outside of the school building. We also regularly have parents ask us how manners and etiquette are taught at school.

At school we encourage our students to do the following:

- Say 'good morning' and 'hello' when they greet people
- Say 'goodbye' at the end of the day
- Say 'please' and 'thank you'
- Say 'excuse me' if they wish to pass someone
- Say 'sorry' if they accidentally bump into someone
- Hold the door open for an adult or another child
- Walk on one side of the stairway in order to let others pass
- Know when to use inside voices and outside voices
- Show respect for their peers and adults
- Eat appropriately with a knife and fork at lunchtime
- Close our mouth when we are eating, and not talk with our mouth full of food
- Initiate conversations at the lunch table (in between mouthfuls)



*Students are encouraged to use their manners
with our kitchen staff*

BEHAVIOUR, ETIQUETTE, PSHCE, PSED – WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? WHAT IS COVERED AT SCHOOL? AND WHAT CAN PARENTS DO AT HOME? CONTINUED...

By Lisa Milanec, Principal

How do we do this?

- During class Circle Times
- Through Key Stage and Whole School assemblies
- Modelling the behaviours ourselves, as adults
- Celebrating when students display said behaviours, including 'Spotted' in Early Years and 'Star Citizen' in the Primary School



*Using good manners is one of many things
celebrated with Star Citizen*

What can you do at home?

The good manners we encourage at BSB Sanlitun are based on those from a Western perspective and we recognise that our families come from a range of different backgrounds and cultures which may have different expressions of manners and etiquette. We strongly urge our families to ensure that any customs or manners that are pertinent to their specific culture are taught to their children and upheld. During our lessons at school there are always opportunities for the children to share these with each other, particularly during times of celebration, such as Chinese New Year which is fast approaching. However, we would also ask that parents recognise and support the values and manners that we adopt at school and encourage their children to demonstrate these when at school or when representing the school at performances, sporting events, school trips etc.

And finally, we love to hear about our students displaying excellent manners, so if you see one of our students demonstrating any of the manners listed above, either inside or outside of school, please do let their class teacher know.

Next week – what expectations do we have of students' behaviour at BSB Sanlitun?



Teachers and students eating lunch together



*Students display good sportsmanship when
representing the school*

BSB SANLITUN'S CHINESE NEW YEAR TEMPLE FAIR

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 2015
11AM TO 2PM

OPTIONAL:
WHY NOT COME IN
TRADITIONAL
CHINESE CLOTHES?

Come and celebrate the Year of Sheep at BSB Sanlitun!
Friends and families are invited to join us to enjoy:

-  Traditional Chinese cuisine
-  Chinese arts and crafts for children
-  Lion dance performances
-  Chinese New Year performances
by our students



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