

PA Meeting November 4th, 2014

Communication

This meeting was well attended with around 30 parents including many new parents. For this meeting, we were able to send SMSs to parents with reminders about the PA meeting. There were some parents who didn't receive the SMS, we are working on improving this. For the next meeting (November 24), teachers will be asked to place a reminder on the daily e-mail.

German Christmas Market

Volunteers are needed to make German cookies and jam to be sold at the Christmas Market. Also, at least 30 parents are needed to help manage stores, control the queues. More than 2000 people are expected to attend. If you'd like to volunteer, please e-mail pa@britishschool.org.cn.

International Day

We want to say a big Thank You to all the parents who volunteered their time and effort in making this a successful event! Overall, parents and children think it's a great event and an amazing learning experience, especially for our Primary children who visit the stalls. The Parade of Nations was really well organized and colourful and the parade timings worked well - The Dragon Dance was spectacular and the performance was enjoyed by the students, staff and parents. Thank you to the Chinese families who organized this. The varied performances in the foyer worked well and had good audiences. Mr. Puttock, the Principal, visiting each stall and talking to the parents was very much appreciated.

Suggested improvements:

- have a schedule for performances so classes can better profit from attending them; have the class visit times given to the stalls to ensure they do not pack away early; have the performances right after the parade, when all children are gathered together; have the International Day on Saturday or on a Friday afternoon into the evening so more secondary and parents can participate; have represented countries participate in preparing the questions sent out to the children; have more time for children to visit the stands; work on better locating the stands, maybe restrain the size of the stands.

Food Committee

The committee needs volunteers to participate in their meetings. The next Food Committee meeting will be November 21st, 10am, at the boardroom. Please contact Simon, PA chair if you wish to attend.

The Advisory Council

Johan explained the role of the Advisory Council and also updated the information on the latest issues discussed there, such as: the school's IT

strategy; the academic results (which will be on the website shortly), updates on the building project, plus the students card project. The council is always looking for new members. If you'd like to attend a meeting, please e-mail pa@britishschool.org.cn

Secret Santa Shoppe, 1st - 4th December

It's purchasing time at the Secret Santa shop. Volunteers are needed for heading the groups that shop for the gift categories (textile, Chinese, jewelry, bits and pieces). Chinese parents will team up to help with bargaining and online shopping. The gifts will be wrapped between November 24 and 28. They will be ready to be sold between December 1st and 4th. If you'd like to volunteer, please e-mail pa@britishschool.org.cn.

Little Christmas – PA Christmas party open to all parents

The event will be held November 29, at the Orchard restaurant, Shunyi. We can accommodate a maximum of 80 people. There may be a theme and a Secret Santa present swap. Suggestions are welcome. Please e-mail pa@britishschool.org.cn