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MCF Charity Founder Helen Boyle Presentation | Charity Cookbook Update

April PA Meeting

Term at a glance

14th April – Easter Bake Sale

21st Apr– Staff Appreciation

Event

**25th April Parent Fun Event –
 Temple of Heaven**

2nd May – PA meeting

(Morning)

12th May – Art Auction Event

**4th June – Cookbook Launch
 and End of Year Picnic**

The PA had a fantastic attendance today. Thank you to everyone who came along, and supported the PA.

Senior Leadership Team Talk

David hoped that everyone had a good refreshing holiday.

A video was shown representing the third MIT challenge for the students. They have been set tasks in 3 areas: Ideate, Model and test. They undertook a speed build test with the aim to improve recycling in collaboration with different year groups. Emphasis made on not being afraid of making mistakes as lessons are learnt from these. 4 year 6 students are going to MIT in June and these students are the MIT experts who helped and monitored so they could then also report back the findings to MIT in Boston.

The students have also been challenged to create something in a marked space outside in the playground. This can range anything from a garden to a yoga class. The challenge is only limited to the students imagination and ideas.

David now has a Principal's Vlog (Video blog) that is now accessible on the BSB Sanlitun website, this will give an insight into the running of the school directly from the principals perspective. Parents fed back that the link and quality of the video on the website does not work properly. David is to investigate this.

Recruitment is now also complete for new staff, reference checks and criminal checks are currently taking place in addition to visa applications as well. Parents, please fill in the returning survey ASAP to allow for staff planning.

School Calendar Info:

- Sports day is next week – There will be no parent buses provided as the location is located only 15minutes away in Lido a map is available for Side park.
- ASA to start week commencing 24th April – Registration will be next week.
- School photo's will be taken on the 27th and 28th April.
- 19th June - End of Year celebration event will now be located at New World hotel. This will be a daytime event, also hosting the year 6 graduation and performances. Information in regards to this will be sent out soon.

David sought initial parent feedback on the daytime parent consultation. Another survey in regards to this will be sent out shortly. A range of feedback from: no value add, managing children was an issue, child being part of consultation is positive, more time and more relaxed, supervised activity in gym for kids, issues if you have more than 1 child. David will run a survey of all parents to evaluate whether they will proceed with the daytime meeting or revert back to three evening parent teacher consultation days.

Spring/ Summer Term Events

Parent Fun Event

Parent Fun Event - The Ming and the Manchus: A Walk and Discussion at the Forbidden City with Jeremiah Jenne

What can I say or anyone else who attended the tour? What an amazing tour. Jeremiah is a fantastic guide, I cannot sing his praises enough, Jeremiah is a historian and an author who has a wealth of knowledge and experience. He is able to engage with his audience and converse on so many levels. It's great to actually learn and understand such a great piece of Chinese history. I'm very excited to be going on the next tour with him to the Temple of Heaven.

If you are unable to attend the parent fun events and are interested in taking a group class with Jeremiah or want to attend a private tour with like minded friends please look on his website -

<https://www.beijingbyfoot.com> or contact him directly +86 138 1122 8460 info@beijingbyfoot.com



Friday 14th April - Easter Bake Sale from 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Friday 21st April – Staff Appreciation Event – This is a PA led Event where the PA would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff members at BSB Sanlitun – We then show our appreciation by donating food and drinks for the event. The PA will then supplement this with catering and refreshments if necessary.

Tuesday 25th April – In the Footsteps of the Emperor: A walk and discussion at the Temple of Heaven - Everything included in the walk (no lunch) - 200rmb per person (Minimum 10 people) prices will decrease if we have larger numbers.

For all parent fun events please contact Kirsty - email - sanlitun.pa@britishschool.org.cn

Gentle Reminder

12th May – Art Auction event – Each class collectively make a piece of art – The theme will be linked with the BSB Sanlitun collaboration with MIT and have a 'STEAM' (Science Technology Engineering Arts Maths) theme. This is an evening event where the whole family can come along. These pieces are then auctioned off. There will be food and entertainment for the students provided. A cover letter and ticket slip will be sent home with your eldest child at the school.

4th June – Cook Book Launch and End of Year Picnic – We will be selling the much-anticipated BSB Cookbook. This will also be the End of Year Picnic where everyone is welcome to come along and meet up together before we all go away for the summer.

Charity Update

The PA raises funds to support the Migrant Children Foundation (MCF), which was founded in 2009 by UK educator Helen Boyle. The MCF helps the children of those migrant workers from other provinces that come to find work in Beijing. If the family does not have a Beijing residency permit (hukou), the children are not entitled to access education or health care in Beijing.

Guest Speaker

We had a guest speaker at the PA meeting Helen Boyle – The founder of the Migrant Children's Fund (MCF) come to the PA meeting and share information about the charity and what the PA funds are contributing towards.

The presentation was very informative and humbling. Giving a real insight into not only the charity but also the founder and selfless work she does.

Helen feels there is a need for people to help and make a difference in these children's lives – giving them an opportunity and a platform through education and medical assistance.

In the meeting Tobias Gustafsson (PA Treasurer) presented Helen with 25,000rmb from the PA fund raising to go towards sponsoring 3 migrant children's school fees, 3 deaf children's fee's at the specialized deaf nursery and also towards **COST** of buses that MCF hires to take volunteers out to the migrant schools to teach. A further 25,000RMB will be given in August, then 25,000 in December. Total of 75,000rmb.

BSB Sanlitun PA Cookbook

The Cookbook team showed some final layouts for the cookbook (Jamie Oliver watch out!) they are continuing to photograph the recipes and editing is now well underway which is a very lengthy process for those involved. I would personally like to thank everyone who is volunteering his or her time and effort on the cookbook. I'm sure it will be an amazing piece that everyone will want to buy and cherish as part of the BSB Sanlitun experience.

We are seeking sponsorship for the cookbook to help cover the cost of printing so that more money can be raised for charity.

Sponsorship and advertising sales – If anyone would like to sponsor or buy an ad in the cookbook, please contact Judy Sarton – jesarton@hotmail.com

We will be launching the cookbook on **Sunday 4th June** at the school End of Year Picnic. It will be a fun day with a cook off between principal and a guest (yet TBC), Photo Booth and a chance to sample a selection of recipes from the cookbook. More info to come shortly.

Pre-orders will be taken from April onwards. The cookbook pre-order form will go out in school bags shortly. Books are 150rmb with all proceeds to MCF. Books will be able to be collected on the launch day on June 4. They will also be available to purchase on the day (depending on stock levels), and after that will be available to purchase at reception. Get in early to reserve your copy/ copies as a limited print run will be ordered.

PA volunteers needed to teach English at MCF school – Friday 10:00am – 11:30am

The PA is looking for parent volunteers to come and help teach English at one of the MCF migrant schools. No teaching experience is required, just your enthusiasm!

Students are 4-6 year olds, teaching them English vocabulary through song, activities, games and arts and crafts. Lesson plans and resources are provided and the lesson is sent out a few days prior. We visit the nursery every week. Meet at Huangcun Railway Station at Exit D (it is on subway Line 4) at 9:30am on Fridays then walk to the school together.

This does not need to be a weekly thing however it will give you an insight of the work that Charity and PA is supporting.

Please contact Grace if you are interested. Email Grace: pangmei.wang@yahoo.com



Other Business

Stephanie Heydolph – Provided a presentation of what the PA is and what the aims are for the PA – This is available on the **School Website**.

At the end of the school year we will have many positions available in the PA team – Below are job descriptions if you want to ask for further information or sit down to discuss this please contact the appropriate person or Kirsty - sanlitun.pa@britishschool.org.cn. It would be best if hand over for these roles could be made before June to make the transitions as smooth as possible.

PA Secretary – available from June onwards (Early hand over preferred)

- Attend the monthly PA meetings.
- In the absence of the PA Coordinator the PA Secretary would chair the PA meeting.
- Taking minutes from the meeting.

PA Event Coordinator role OR PA Event Managers (Each event to be managed by different people, the events are listed below)

Available from June onwards (Early hand over preferred)

- Liaise with selected external business partners (F&B vendors, cultural institutions - a list of contacts is provided)
- Liaise with selected departments from BSB and the PA Coordinator
- Preparing 5-8 events throughout the academic year 2017/2018
- Coordinating parent volunteers for the events (a list of previous parent contacts is provided)
- Onsite organization, supervising and attending five events
- Keeping expenses within a set budget

Work required about 4-8 hours of work emailing/organizing each week plus attendance at every PA Meeting (6x) since August 2016 and attendance at every event (5 full days) in 2016.

The main five events are: PA Welcome Party, International Day, Santa Secret Shoppe, Staff Appreciation Event and the Art Auction.

Additional events would be: Madaifu Apples, Christmas Fayre, and Summer BBQ.

PA Charity Board Member – available from June onwards (Early hand over preferred)

- Liaise between MCF, PA and school to determine appropriate projects to direct funds raised
- Liaise between MCF and BSB to ensure that BSB pupils have an opportunity to interact with MCF children in an appropriate way
- Ensure funds are being disbursed to the MCF in a timely manner
- Identify ways that parents can become involved in volunteering with MCF programs

Parent Fun Event Coordinator role is currently available – This role has been advertised for one full academic year and no parent is wanting to volunteer for this role. Going forward from September there will be no more Parent Fun Events planned.

Please be aware that if you feel you do not have the time to commit to a specific full time role on the PA team we are happy for you to volunteer for roles in specific events.

Being a part of the PA or volunteering for an event really helps to transition smoothly with parents and teachers alike and makes it easy to get involved in the school community.

Introduction to the PA Committee

PA Coordinator – Kirsty New – sanlitun.pa@britishschool.org.cn

Secretary - Grace Walter

Treasurer – Tobias Gustafsson – tobias.g78@gmail.com

Charity Board - Grace Walker, Emma Murphy and Monica Howes

Grace – pangmei.wang@yahoo.com

Events Coordinator – Stephanie Heydolph - sanlitun.paevents@britishschool.org.cn

Lunch Parent Coordinator – Alexandra Bichteler – Alexandra@bichteler.net

To get in touch with the PA with questions, suggestions, or to volunteer please email us at sanlitun.pa@britishschool.org.cn