

# NEWSLETTER ISSUE 15 13 DECEMBER, 2024



#### STUDENT VOICE BOOK

One of our After School Activities (ASA) is 'Empower Mind'. The group, led by Ms. Mang, has created a Student Voice Book.

'The book is a tool that allows students to express their thoughts. On the back of the book, there's a child-friendly version of the Rights of the Child, which they can refer to when writing about their ideas related to their rights.'

All our students were encouraged to share their ideas on how they would like the school to mark 'World Children's Day' on November 20th. The ideas were reviewed and discussed by the ASA group.

Thank you to the ASA group for ensuring all students had a voice!



#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### First Day of Spring Term

- Monday 6 January

#### Baby Group events start

- Monday 13 January

#### Term 2 ASAs Start

- Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 January

#### Chinese New Year Temple Fair

- Sunday 19 January, 11am - 2pm @ San Building







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## **WORKING HARD THROUGH PLAY!**

By Kim Barry, Pre-Nursery Leader, Tadpoles Class Teacher

This term, our children have worked incredibly hard to build their independence skills, and it's been wonderful to see how well they've adapted to changes in their daily routine. Their growing confidence is evident, as they welcomed in their parents and carers with a greater sense of self-assurance and a positive attitude towards the unexpected event.





As part of our ongoing focus on development, we've encouraged the children to try unfamiliar and messy activities, pushing them to step out of their comfort zones. This approach has not only broadened their skills but has also strengthened their fine motor abilities.

The enthusiasm with which they embraced these activities was inspiring, and we've witnessed a remarkable increase in their confidence and belief in their own abilities.







We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Tadpoles' families for their continued support throughout the term. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we couldn't be more proud of all the progress the children have made.

As we look ahead to the Spring term, we are excited to see what new growth and achievements await! Thank you again for being such an important part of our community.













## A FESTIVE TIME IN YAER 1

By Poppy Thompson, Year 1 Tigers Class Teacher



The children in Year 1 have been having a wonderful time over the last two weeks, exploring their creativity with a range of winter themed crafts. One of their favourite activities was making Reindeer Cupcakes. The children melted chocolate into rice crispies to create reindeer faces, complete with pretzel antlers and candy eyes. It was a fun and tasty way to celebrate the season, and the children were proud to show off their edible creations. We also enjoyed making wreaths using shapes in maths, where the children cut out various shapes from coloured paper and arranged them into festive wreaths.



Another favourite craft was creating fork Christmas trees. The children used a fork to paint green trees, they then decorated their trees with pom poms and stars, resulting in a collection of beautifully unique Christmas trees.

Additionally, the children painted melted snowmen by smearing white paint on paper, then adding colourful scarves, hats, and buttons to their creations. These charming snowmen helped bring the magic of winter to life in the classroom.

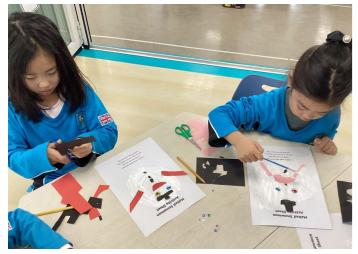




Each morning, the children eagerly searched in each classroom for our Elf on the Shelf, who seems to get up to mischief in a new spot every day! From bathing in marshmallows to creating little snowball fights between the classroom toys, the Elf adds an element of surprise and excitement to our mornings.

The children love sharing their findings and guessing what he'll do next, making it an exciting start to each day. These festive activities have truly brought joy and laughter to our classroom. Happy holidays!







### CALL TO EARTH - LIVE FROM BSB SANLITUN

On Wednesday 11th December, our students had the wonderful opportunity to take part in two live broadcasts with CNN on the important topic of Climate Change. They did incredibly well and we are proud of all of them. Thanks to Steven Jiang (Beijing Bureau Chief, CNN) for selecting BSB Sanlitun to host the broadcast and to Mr Webb for all the behind the scenes arrangements. Such activities enhance our students' learning experience!

Click here to watch the full interviews: Live 1 at 13:45; Live 2 at 14:42.















#### Behind the scenes:



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# EAL YEAR 1 UPDATE: ALL ABOARD THE LEARNING TRAIN!

By Lizza Zhou, Head of EAL

This week, our Year 1 EAL class has been buzzing with excitement as we explored the fascinating topic of transport! Through engaging activities, we've been building vocabulary, practising sentence structures, and sparking our imaginations.



One of our favourite games this week was Guess the Transport. In this game, the children got to play the teacher! They either wrote the name of a type of transport on the whiteboard or drew a picture for their classmates to guess. Using the sentence structure "Is it a \_\_\_\_\_?" the students practised forming questions, which helps with both their confidence and their speaking skills. It was wonderful to see them step into the teacher role and guide their peers with gentle hints and big smiles.





Another highlight was our imaginative journeys to different parts of the world. With the children leading the way, we pretended to visit exciting destinations, brainstorming how to get there. Together, we flew to Japan, sailed by boat to South Korea, and even rode a train to America! These pretend trips allowed us to incorporate storytelling into our learning, further developing the children's ability to use English in meaningful contexts.

These activities aren't just fun; they are a key part of how we help children develop their English skills in a dynamic and interactive way. By integrating play, creativity, and language practice, the children are encouraged to use English confidently. It's always a joy to see their excitement as they build their language skills and expand their imaginations.



### **NURSERY SHOW**

What a show! They may be small but they are mighty!

Fantastic costumes, loud voices, energetic dancing and so much joy!

Well done to all our Nursery students for entertaining us brilliantly at the end of Term 1.

















#### YEAR 5 PRODUCTION

So much time and effort have been put into the much anticipated show of the year - the Year 5 Production of 'Christmas with the Aliens'.

Congratulations to all students and staff for their hard work in preparing and presenting such a wonderful performance to the whole school and their parents this week!



**MORE PHOTOS** 



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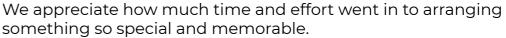






# **ELFTASTIC QUEST**

Our amazing Parents' Association has done it again!! Another event taken from idea to fruition, allowing for every child at BSB Sanlitun to experience a fantastic 'Elfquest' performance and receive a festive gift.





**MORE PHOTOS** 





# MONEY RAISED FOR **CHARITY**

The Year 5 and 6 students who sold smoothies and raised money for charity, were able to meet the with the Migrant Children's Foundation (MCF) to handover the money they raised!

A massive 1,900 RMB was presented to Helen Boyle, OBE (Director and Founder of MCF) and Prof. David Evans (Board member, MCF).

Well done to all the students for working so hard to raise money for such a good cause.

The school has now created a Community Service and Charity committee which will work towards arranging more activities to support MCF and our other charity, Roundabout.









#### NEW STUDENT PARENT COFFEE MORNING

A number of new students are joining us on 6th January, and we are delighted to welcome their parents and guardians to a new parent coffee and chat after drop off.

The invitation is extended to parents of children who joined BSB Sanlitun mid-Term 1 - check your email to RSVP.

The Senior Team, teachers, Admissions Team and our Parents' Association are looking forward to meeting you all.



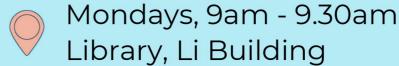




Our popular **Baby Groups** will resume in January. Registration will open on 3 January - visit our <u>website</u> for more information and to sign up.

Please share the link with your friends if they have babies and would like to join us for Stay and Play in our soft play area, Dancing in our Dance Studio or Book Club in our Library!

## **BABY BOOK CLUB**



# **BABY GROUP**

Wednesdays, 9am - 10.30am Soft Play Area, Li Building

# **BABY DANCE CLASS**

Fridays, 9am - 9.30am
Dance Studio, Li Building

# REGISTER TODAY!

Where Tiny Steps Lead to Big Adventures: Read, Explore, Dance!

















# PANDA CAMP :

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PARENTS YEAR1 YEAR3
3000¥ FOR ONE
ADULT+ ONE
CHILD





Scan here to read all about the surprises that Panda Camp holds!







- all meals
- ground transport
- camping equipment
- a visit to the panda base
- parent social
- entertainment
- special souvenir for memories







# **EVENT CALENDAR**Spring Term 2024 - 2025

#### **JANUARY 2025**

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#### **FEBRUARY 2025**

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#### **MARCH 2025**

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FIRST DAY OF TERM

REPORTS RELEASED

PARENT TEACHER CONSULTATION DAY (NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN)

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

14&15/01 ASAs Start 18&19/03 ASAs Finish

BABY GROUP EVENTS

13/01 Baby Book Club Starts - Mondays (9-9.30am)

15/01 Baby Group Starts - Wednesdays (9-10.30am)

17/01 Baby Dance Class Starts - Fridays (9-9.30am)

17/03 Baby Book Club Ends

19/03 Baby Group Ends

21/03 Baby Dance Class Ends

EVENT DAYS

06/01 Coffee for New Families with Admissions and The Parents' Association (PA)

19/01 Chinese New Year Temple Fair

05-07/02 Children's Mental Health Week

03-07/03 Book Week

12&13/03 NAE Performing Arts Festival (China Region)

21-23/03 NAE Panda Camp

DRESS-UP DAYS

24/01 Chinese New Year

14/02 KS1 100 Days of School

07/03 World Book Day / Book Character