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HAPPY MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL! 中秋快乐!

By Kate Du, Chinese Teacher

In Chinese classes the students enjoyed a fabulous time learning about and celebrating Mid-Autumn Festival, one of China's most important festivals!

The students got their hands messy making traditional festival pastries called Mooncake, painting pictures, making lanterns and other handcrafts which symbolise the Festival, including the Lord Rabbit. We sang songs and listened to stories about Mid-Autumn Festival while enjoying the art and culture that accompany it.

Happy Mid-Autumn Festival everyone!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

School closed for Mid-Autumn Festival

- Monday 16 and Tuesday 17
September

Upcoming Parent Workshops on Phonics and Early Reading - 8.45am - 9am @ San Hall

- Wednesday 18 September
- Reception
- Thursday 19 September
- Year 1
- Friday 20 September
- Year 2

School Photo Week

- Monday 23 to Friday 27
September

Parent Evenings

- Monday 24 and Tuesday 25
September

School closed for National Day Holidays

- Monday 30 September to
Monday 7 October

Winter Uniform Begins

- Tuesday 8 October

Mid-Autumn Festival Arts and Crafts:





Mooncake Making:

Mid-Autumn Festival is a brilliant excuse to devour delicious mooncakes! Our Year 6 students learnt how to make them (and enjoyed eating them!!) in our great on campus student kitchen!





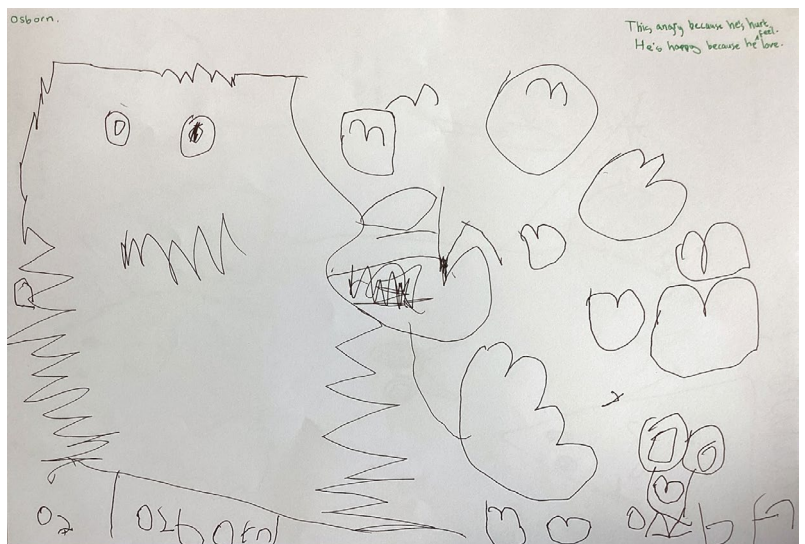
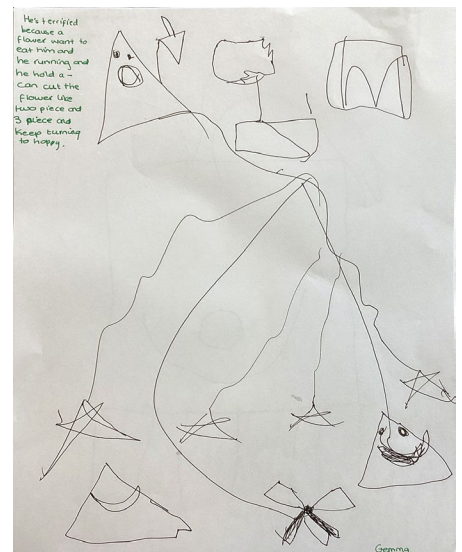
RECEPTION DRAWING CLUB

By Shannon Barry, Reception Sharks Class Teacher

Reception have been thrilled to participate in **Drawing Club**. Over the past couple of weeks we have introduced the story 'The Colour Monster' and 'The Three Little Pigs'. When we do a story in Drawing Club it is very exciting because we learn lots of new words.

The children use their imagination to the fullest when expressing themselves to create their own magical drawing. Phonics is incorporated into Drawing Club by making passwords to create the magic. Currently, the magic passwords are phonics sounds, however this will eventually move onto blending words, and even short sentences. As we continue with Drawing Club, we will keep using the new vocabulary words within provision to encourage the children to use those words too.

Here are some examples from 'The Colour Monster': furious, disappointed, cheerful, and examples from 'The Three Little Pigs': construct, flimsy, sturdy. There is also a wonderful example of 'Miss Shannon, I am disappointed because I have no scissors'.





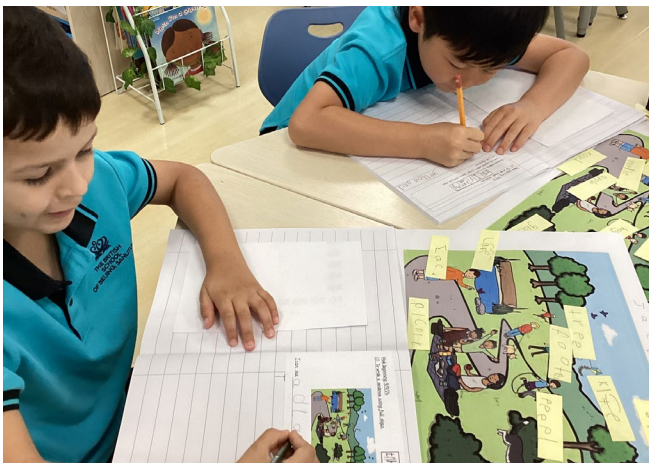
PERCY PLUS PLANTS!

By Demi Dale, Year 1 Lions Class Teacher

The Year 1 children were super excited to have started a new book in English this week featuring the one and only **Percy the Park Keeper**.



The children were eager to work together at the beginning of the week to role play and discuss how to rescue the rabbit who was stuck down the well. After exploring more about what being a 'park keeper' actually means, the children learnt a new skill: labelling. First they labelled things around the classroom, including their teachers, and then they labelled a park scene using their phonics mats to help them! After that, the Year 1s learnt all about adjectives playing a fun and interactive game called 'Guess who'. Towards the end of the week the children put all of their park keeper knowledge into sentences, including adjectives, capital letters and full stops - superb!





In our Topic lessons, our new book linked well with our learning about Plants. Percy's badger friend wanted to find out more about flowers and, alongside the children, learnt all about the different parts of a flower and their uses. They went on a flower hunt around the school, used broccoli to make deciduous trees, dissected flowers using scientific tools and made their own fabulous pieces of art work using dry flowers. Don't forget the catchy song: roots, stem, leaves, flower, need sun and air and a little rain shower...

A wonderful week in Year 1 full of hard work, collaboration and creativity!





EXPLORING THE SOLAR SYSTEM

By Steve O'Leary, Year 5 Leader, Kookaburras Class Teacher

Year 5 students embarked on an exciting journey through the solar system, delving into the mysteries of our cosmic neighbours. Working in small groups, the children took on the role of planetary researchers, exploring the fascinating world of planets from Mercury to Neptune. Armed with a blend of books and online resources, each group meticulously gathered information, uncovering intriguing facts about their assigned planet.

Their efforts culminated in the creation of vibrant and informative planet fact files, showcasing their newfound knowledge. These fact files included key details such as planetary size, composition, atmosphere, and unique features, presented with a flair that made each file stand out.



Throughout this project, the students demonstrated exceptional metacognitive skills. They collaborated effectively, sharing ideas and dividing tasks to maximise their collective strengths. Curiosity drove their research, as they eagerly sought out additional information to enrich their fact files. This project not only deepened their understanding of the solar system but also enhanced their skills in teamwork and critical thinking.

The final presentations were a testament to their hard work and creativity. Each group's fact file was a window into the wonders of the universe, reflecting their dedication and enthusiasm. This project has not only broadened their knowledge but also sparked a lasting interest in the cosmos. We look forward to seeing how these budding astronomers will continue to explore and learn in the future.





BETTER TOGETHER!



The Senior Leadership Team recently had a very productive and enjoyable meeting with the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Parents' Association.

At BSB Sanlitun we have a great community of parents, who are all supported by our fantastic [Parents' Association \(PA\)](#).

The PA is run by volunteers and is open for all parents to join (pabsbsanlitun@outlook.com). They help the community by centralising questions from parents, arranging events for the school (such as the upcoming International Week two-day Expo), raise money, support school events and provide a network of support for each other, which is much needed when so many of us are living away from family.



Next week we will welcome our Parent Class Reps to school too for their first group meeting. With the students at the heart of everything we do - we will all continue to work together!



The inaugural 2024/25 PA Meeting and the International Week Expo Volunteers Meeting



| Social lunch for all parents arranged by the PA.

| Upcoming Information Sessions for Reception and KS1 parents.



You're invited!



PARENT WORKSHOPS

PHONICS AND EARLY READING:

How you can support your child at home.

8.45-9.30am @ San Hall



RECEPTION:

Wednesday
18th September

YEAR 1:

Thursday
19th September

YEAR 2:

Friday
20th September