



NEWSLETTER

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BUDDY READING

The **Year 1 Tigers** and **Year 4 Herons** classes joined up recently for their buddy reading.

They spent time together in the Library sharing stories and chatting with each other. It was great to see the engagement between the children and enjoying their love for books.

Such activities are beneficial to learning for both year groups, and cross year group activities help to enhance our close-knit community.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Family Reading Time

- Mondays, 3.30pm - 4.30pm
@ Primary School Library

Chinese New Year Temple Fair

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

Juilliard Music Curriculum Specialist - Brian Drye visiting

- Wednesday 22 and
Thursday 23 January

- Parent Workshop:
Thursday 23 January,
8.30am - 9.30am
@ Dance Studio
[Sign-up here.](#)

Chinese New Year Dress up Day

- Friday 24 January





WINTER WONDERLAND FUN!

By Kim Barry, Deputy Head of Early Years, Tadpoles Class Teacher

As we return for a brief half term, Tadpoles and Pre-Nursery are exploring the theme of winter, focusing on snow and ice.

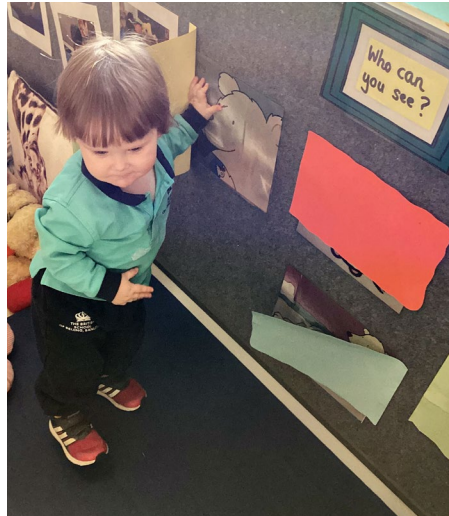
In Pre-Nursery, the children have been experimenting with dry and wet snow and have created artwork using plastic bottles for printing and to make snowmen.





Meanwhile, in Tadpoles, we've been discovering snowflakes. Although there is no snow outside, the children have engaged in activities such as painting with pale blue and white sparkly paint on the easel, making crayon rubbings of snowflakes, and working together on a collaborative collage, which will gradually be filled with glittering snowflake-like decorations.

We are sharing the story '[That's Not My Polar Bear](#)' and learning a new song '[5 Little Snowmen](#)'. Now all we need is some real snow to fall in Beijing...



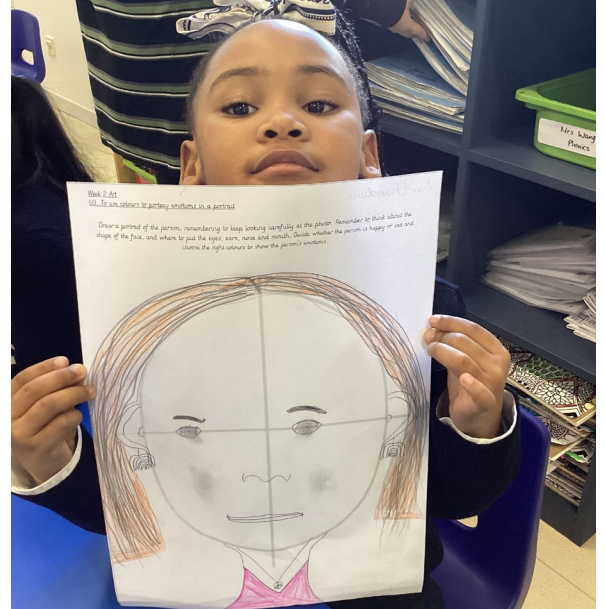


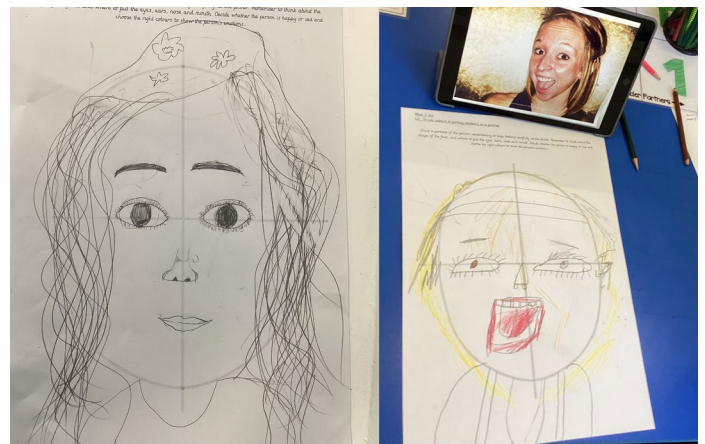
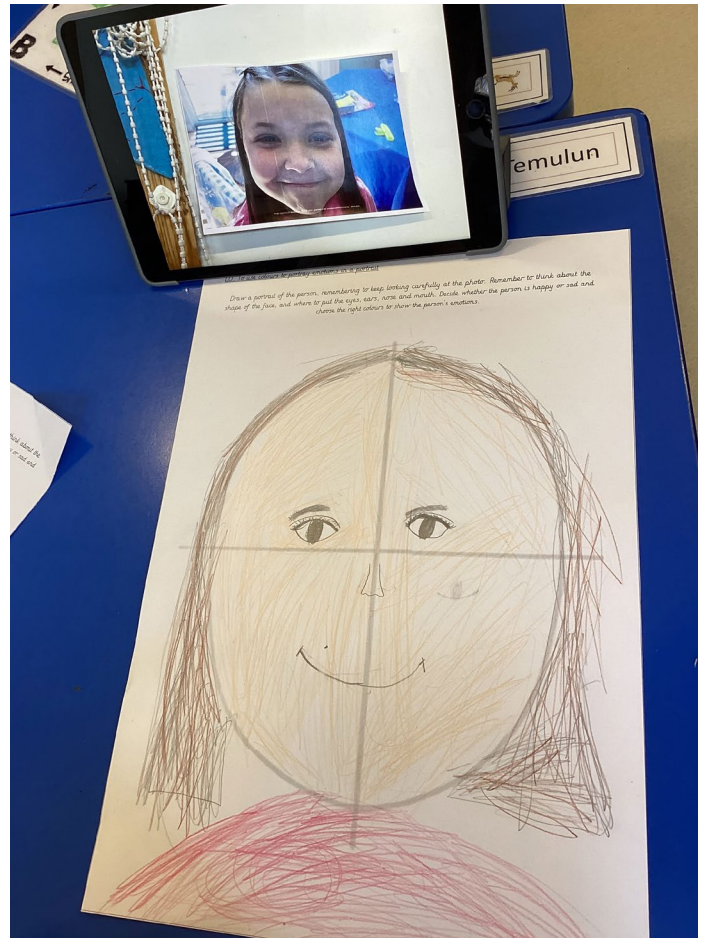
YEAR 2: PERFECTING PORTRAITS

By Ruth Wang, Year 2 Gazelles Class Teacher

Year 2 have started an exciting new art unit all about portraits! They've already learned how to draw self-portraits, using guidelines to position features with correct proportions and practising shading techniques. Instead of using mirrors to see themselves, the children took selfies on the iPads and were able to zoom in to see their features more clearly.

This week, the children are honing their observation skills by drawing portraits from photographs. Their focus has been on showing emotions, paying close attention to details in the eyes, eyebrows, and mouth. The results are fantastic, and we can't wait to see how their skills develop further!







CHINESE UPDATE

By Kate Du, Chinese Teacher

Nursery and Reception:

This week we have been learning about **Spring Festival** and the traditions of Chinese culture. The children learnt about traditional Spring Festival customs - preparations for the festivities, the significance of giving a Red Envelope to someone, hanging red couplets around the doors and the cleaning of the house.



Year 1 Non-Native Group:

In Year 1, we learnt about toys. Students rolled balls that landed on Chinese characters. They then stepped on characters, matched them to toys - playing like a game. This helped with their listening, speaking and reading.



BSB Sanlitun's Temple Fair 2025



11am - 2pm
Sunday 19th January

5 Xiliujie, Sanlitun Road.
三里屯路西六街5号, 北京英国学校

Come and celebrate

THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE at BSB Sanlitun!

12:00 - Lion Dance (Playground).

12:45 - Face Changing Performance (Main Hall).

13:30 - Dragon Dance (Playground).

Chinese art and crafts for children.

External vendors selling a range of items.

Treats for all and delicious food to buy.

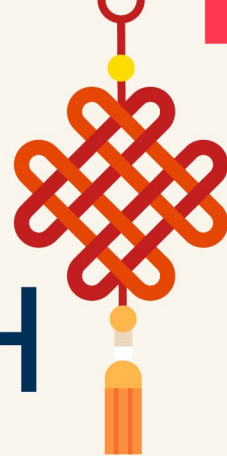


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Community event, open to all!
Why not come in traditional Chinese Clothes?



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PARENTS LUNCH



Monday, 20th January

12pm, Horizon at Kerry Center

Level 1, No 1 Guanghua Road, Chaoyang District.



Price: 150 RMB per person
(Chinese New Year themed lunch,
menu including Beijing Duck.)

Payment in advance.



Sign up now!
Places are limited.