



# NEWSLETTER

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## UPPER PRIMARY UKULELE SKILLS

By Iva Borisavljevic, Performing Arts Teacher

Our Year 5 and Year 6 students have been working hard in the past couple of lessons on the Ukulele unit. This term they will learn tuning, strumming/rhythm, accompaniment, melody, singing, hand coordination, sight-reading, and many other skills while learning the ukulele.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Pastries with Parents

- Tuesday 10 September  
- Reception
- Wednesday 11 September  
- Nursery
- Thursday 12 September  
- Tadpoles and Pre-Nursery

### BSB, Shunyi Transition Workshop

- Friday 13 September,  
8.45am @ San Hall



RSVP -  
Register  
now!

### School closed for Mid-Autumn Festival

- Monday 16 and Tuesday 17  
September

### School Photo Week

- Monday 23 to Friday 27  
September

### Parent Evenings

- Monday 24 and Tuesday 25  
September

Here are just a few reasons why teaching ukulele in primary schools is a great idea:

1. The small size of the ukulele makes it accessible for young children to hold and play, helping to develop fine motor skills and coordination.
2. Playing the ukulele can help to improve memory, concentration and focus, as students learn to read music and play chords.



3. Learning to play an instrument can boost self-confidence and self-esteem, and can be a great way for students to express themselves creatively.
4. The ukulele is a fun and engaging instrument that can be played solo or in a group, making it a great choice for classroom music programmes.
5. Playing ukulele can help to improve listening skills, as students learn to play along with others and to hear the individual parts of a song.



6. Ukulele is a great way to introduce students to different cultures and styles of music.
7. The ukulele is a perfect instrument to introduce children to the world of music.
8. It's easy to learn and fun to play, making it an enjoyable activity for children to take part in.
9. Learning to play the ukulele can be a lifelong hobby that brings joy and creativity to the student's life.



In the Hawaiian language, “ukulele” can mean two things: either “jumping flea”, inspired by the rapid dance of a player’s fingers over the strings; or “the gift that came here”, since the the instrument was adapted from a similar Portuguese instrument called the “machete de braga” that was brought to Hawaii by sailors from the island of Madeira in 1879.



# THE TADPOLES' ADVENTURES - CHAPTER 1

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

Last week we had the privilege of welcoming the youngest members of our student body to the Tadpoles class. Our Tadpoles came from far and wide, understanding a variety of languages but with one thing in common - they were embarking on a new learning journey in BSB, Sanlitun.

Slowly but surely the Tadpoles began to explore the learning opportunities on offer. Some Tadpoles enjoyed exploring the water tray with ducks and bubbles. Others preferred to move their bodies over and under our soft play equipment.

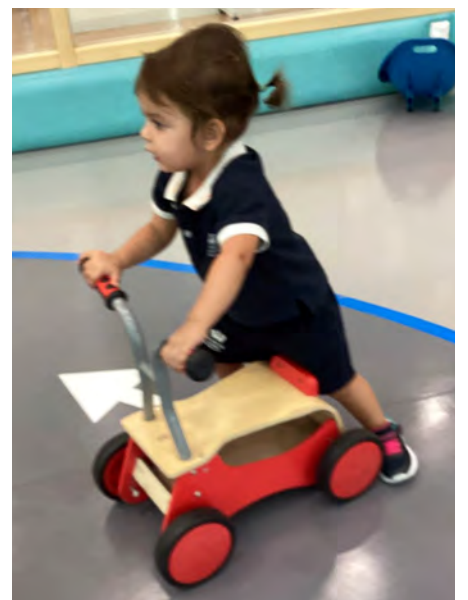




We sat together to eat our healthy snacks – the watermelon proved to be very popular, and together we ventured into the Li Dining Hall to eat our lunch together.

In the home corner we used crayons to mark make, dry pasta which made a great mess all over the carpet! We even used the telephone to call our mummies!

We can't wait to see what the Tadpoles get up to next week. I wonder what that will be?







The Jigsaw programme enhances student well-being by integrating mindfulness practices and promoting emotional literacy. Through its structured lessons, Jigsaw helps Year 2 students understand and manage their emotions effectively.

The programme's focus on mindfulness encourages children to stay present and calm, reducing stress and anxiety. Jigsaw's emphasis on inclusivity and positive behaviour creates a nurturing classroom environment where every child feels valued and heard. This holistic approach not only supports academic learning but also plays a crucial role in the emotional and social development of young children.





# INTO THE WORLD OF THE ROMANS!

By Timothy Ingall, Year 4 Leader, Kingfishers Class Teacher

Our Year 4 students have embarked on an exciting journey into the world of the Romans!

To kick off the topic, they created timelines showcasing important events from Roman history, helping them understand the key moments that shaped the Roman Empire.

The hands-on learning didn't stop there! Students also crafted their own Roman shields, which they proudly used to practise ancient battle formations, including the famous "tortoise" formation. This immersive approach not only brought history to life but also encouraged teamwork and creativity.

Well done, Year 4 - what a fantastic start to exploring the Romans!







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We are delighted to confirm that the **Baby Groups** will be starting again in September. Visit our [website](#) 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



Mondays, 9am - 9.30am  
Library, Li Building



## BABY GROUP



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



## BABY DANCE CLASS



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



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## MEET THE PRINCIPAL - BSB, SHUNYI

Did you know that all our students graduating from Year 6 are automatically transferred to our Shunyi campus to continue their education journey at our sister school. Being part of the **Nord Anglia Education** family of schools we make the transition from Junior School to Senior School simple!

The Principal, Jayne Needham will visit our campus in September. She will be joined by Bevan Graham (Vice Principal, Head of Secondary), Voicu Simandan (Head of Year 7), as well as their Director of Admissions, Sophie He and the dedicated Year 6 to Year 7 transition Admissions Manager, David Lock.

The event is most relevant for our Year 5 and 6 parents, but all parents are welcome.



**Jayne Needham**  
Principal



**Bevan Graham**  
Vice Principal  
Head of Secondary



**Voicu Simandan**  
Head of Year 7



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# CLUBFOOTBALL

ClubFootball is a third-party provider that has been using our facilities for several years to offer football to children, a number of whom are from BSB, Sanlitun. As the company are not directly affiliated with BSB, Sanlitun, please direct all related enquiries to them.



## ClubFootball Junior Football Coaching at BSB

***Football coaching with qualified UK coaches  
for boys & girls of all levels at BSB Sanlitun***

**FREE OPEN SESSION: SAT 31st AUG**

- Reception to Year 6, all welcome
- **Beginners to experienced players**
- Qualified ClubFootball UK coaches
- **Fun educational development programme**
- UK 4-Corner coaching model - learn 'life skills' through football!

**Limited places, scan to book now!**

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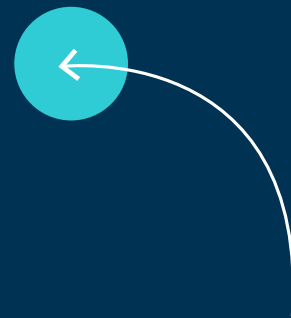
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# Start of Year Survey

We have had a wonderful time meeting all the new and returning students. We would love to hear from you to see how well the weeks went from the perspective of our parents and students. We hope you can spare us 5 minutes and complete this short [survey](#).

We will randomly select one completed survey to win a prize as a thank you!



*Help us improve!*