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Britannica International School is a British school located in the heart of Shanghai, providing a British style education to international families with children aged 2 to 18.



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Dear Parents,

We are pleased to send you our last newsletter of the academic year. As well as our weekly newsletters our recently published Year Book also provides a lasting memory of the many happy and exiting events and activities that have taken place during the last three terms. We do hope that all parents are now in receipt of these after placing orders. Parents who would like additional copies should contact Catherine Huang directly at catherine.huang@britannicashanghai.com. The fact we have sold out of our first batch of 350 and have now re-ordered, already tells a story of the quality of this year's publication (and our enthusiastic Britannica parents).

Friday is our last school day, and the message will have gone home by now that we have decided to celebrate with a non-uniform day. Pupils are therefore allowed to arrive to school in their home clothes on Friday. School will finish at 12 noon, at which time buses will leave and parents should collect their children. We ask that all parents vacate the school building and school grounds by 12:30pm so that staff can do a full clean-up of the school site.

Invitations are going home this week for our first parent event next term, which will take place on Monday 21st August, when we celebrate the start of the new academic year with a Parent-Teacher Drinks Reception in the Sports Hall. All parents, new and old, are invited to attend.

School reports are also going home this week and I would like to take a final opportunity to praise our teachers and thank them for one of the best sets of written reports I have seen any school produce. The quality of the teachers' comments is excellent and I hope you find them usefully informative. These, alongside the individual feedback that many parents have now received from Form Teachers, on the results of the GL assessments, should provide all parents with clear information about the progress their child has made and their current attainment relative to our curriculum expectations.

Lastly, I would like to take an opportunity to thank all our parents who have re-registered for next year and for your continual support of the school. The many kind words that you have emailed both my team and I over the last few weeks have been much appreciated.

Our commitment throughout the year has been to provide you with the best service that we can and the best education possible for your child. For 2017-2018, we remain committed to that same basic promise.



Year 7

The Year 7 mathematics students designed their own style probability fairground games. The task was to devise a game that looks appealing to play but is not easy to win. They had to work out, using experimental probability, the likelihood of the game being won and the correct amount of tickets to be given away. The games were put to the test on Thursday when all students from Years 6, 8, 9 and 10 came to play the games.

We analysed the results afterwards, looking at how many times the game was played in relation to how many winning tickets were given away.

The most attractive game belonged to Amelia Ong and Suh Young Yim (Liz) as the game was played 120 times. However, the group who had the best ratio of games played to tickets given away was You Jia Gao and Yuan Zhang with the game "let the ring fly".



Year 11



Year 11 had a lovely celebration to end their official exam period! We made a goodbye presentation of pictures from the year and shared funny awards the teachers had nominated the children for. We also ate a lot of pizza and Year 11 made memory books that teachers and other students could sign. This week, some of the Year 11 students are back in school after a short break from finishing their exams, helping out the younger year groups in lessons such as Music and Mandarin.



Year 6

To link with Science this term, where we have focused on Biology, last Friday Year 6 got an amazing opportunity to dissect a Cow's Heart and a Fish Eye. Ms Hunter from Secondary School sourced the items and offered us all the chance to share some of her amazing knowledge and understanding of not only what a heart looks like, but how it feels, which bit did what, and how and why.

The pupils were all split into smaller groups where, after a demonstration and a lab safety talk, they began by using the tools provided to cut open the heart. They were then set the challenge of locating the four chambers and identifying the different veins and arteries. If they dissected carefully enough, some even came across the 'heart strings' – they didn't realise just how strong these were and actually how they hold the heart together.

Some fantastic teaching and learning took place as the pupils were questioned and then worked together to figure out the answers.

The eye dissection proved strangely harder to do. Maybe because it was that much smaller? Having previously studied a diagram in one of our science lessons, it was great to actually be able to see all the different layers and how the Iris differed. All the groups managed to locate and remove the lens from the eye and were astounded, considering the job it does, just how small it was.

This was a brilliant experience for all and hopefully, everyone involved will remember and continue to have a thirst for new knowledge; especially Biology!

Mio – 'at the start I thought I'm not going to like doing this, but when I did it I changed my mind. It was so interesting!'

Hanxi – 'It was kind of disgusting but totally awesome and I enjoyed doing it'

Kevin – 'I think it was a fabulous opportunity that I hope I get again'

Fletcher – 'I learnt an awful lot this morning. I hope I get another chance with some different organs again'

Mrs Cole – 'I remember when I did this when I was your age. It is something I have always remembered and what made me interested in taking Biology as a subject. I think and hope it will be the same for lots of you'





Year 2

During the course of the last week or two, Year 2D have been excitedly working on their play scripts based on the Princess and the Frog. They have worked collaboratively, deciding what each character will say as well as trying out different voices they can use! Much excitement was had while they made their puppets and practised for their show. They also enjoyed putting on their puppet show for some of the other Year 2's.



Year 1

Year 1 have had lots of fun learning about Ancient Greece and reading lots of myths. They enjoyed reading the story of Pandora's Box and used persuasive language to try and encourage Pandora not to open the box. The children made their own boxes and beautifully decorated them; using some fantastic adjectives to describe them!





Week in Pre-Nursery

This week in Pre-Nursery we have had lots of fun doing many activities to do with our current topic, *At the Beach*. The children have been learning about some of the different animals that live in the sea and been using different arts and crafts materials to create some of these. The children have also been enjoying digging for treasure as well as building sand-castles and mixing ingredients together to make our own quick-sand! We hope you enjoy looking at pictures of these and the other exciting activities we have been doing in our class this week.





Summer Fair 2017

Students, families, and staff are still smiling with all the joy and excitement that took place on 23rd June at Britannica's Summer Fair 2017.

Throughout the event, 34 stalls provided games, activities, food and fun for friends, family and pupils at Britannica International School, Shanghai. The fair took place across the campus, with pupils, local community groups and activity clubs supporting the fair and setting-up amazing attractions at their stalls. Students took part in sponge throwing, sunglasses painting, jewellery making, slime making and a variety of carnival games, which even included a coconut shy!

The Summer Fair opened in style with a stunning range of performances by Britannica's pupils, who were cheered on by friends and families as they played. There was a huge array of delicious food and snacks available for people to try, and all the vendors were kind enough to donate prizes for the school raffle. All of the proceeds raised by the raffle have been given to the school's house charities and the winning pupils were delighted to receive their wonderful gifts.

Britannica would like to thank everyone who attended, contributed to, or supported the Summer Fair in any way, with special thanks to those kind enough to set-up a stall. Thank you also to Amy Huang and Xing from Little Star magazine for these wonderful photos.





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Week in Nursery

The Nursery children have enjoyed a successful Reception transition morning this week. They were able to familiarise themselves with the Reception environment, play with the Reception children and get a taste as to what the next academic year will be like. The children were very excited on their return to Nursery and they were all keen to share what they had observed and learnt.

In Nursery this week, some children have been busy junk modelling under the sea scenes, treasure, and treasure chests. Children have also had the opportunity to 'feed the shark' with fish, count how much he has eaten and play underwater counting games on the interactive whiteboard. Another busy and fun week in Nursery!





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Week in Reception

All children experience points of transition throughout their lives from birth, but those that take place in their youngest years are of particular importance.

At Britannica, developing independent learners is a crucial aspect of our Early Years Foundation Stage. As the student's skills and knowledge improve, children become more able to use and apply their learning independently. This enables them to start to make decisions about what they need to support them with their learning and prepares them to meet the expectations for entering Year 1 next year. All of our Reception students had the opportunity to become familiar with the Year 1 corridor; the classrooms, where everything is, the routines and what will be expected of them. We also had the opportunity to participate in showing Nursery what they can expect when they enter Reception next year.



Hiding in our cave



How many can you see



I am a cat!



Learning about flowers and bugs in the Mandarin garden



Ensuring the butterflies have Food



Let me show you



My model!



Reading my story to the class



Week in Reception



Who knew boxes could be so much fun!



Playing with our friends from Nursery



Showing my Nursery friend how to write numbers



Super writers!



This is how we do it



Playing in the Reception role play area



Working together



Working with our nursery friends



2016 –2017 SUMMER TERM BRITANNICA SCHOOL CALENDAR



June 2017

Friday 30th June 12:00 noon — End of Term



August 2017

17th August – New Parent Induction Day – (9:20-am-12:20 pm)

18th August – Start of Term

21st August – Parent-Teacher Drinks Reception (5:30pm -7:00pm)



ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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