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NEWSLETTER

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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,

What a hugely successful week! Our Early Years Giant Spring Tea Party, trips around Shanghai for Years 1, 2 and 3, our Expedition to Nanbeihu for Years 4 and 5 and our Yaolin Expedition for Years 6 to 10 have all given students some great experiences. This week's newsletter highlights many of the special moments that took place during those events.

Parents will have received this week two important letters. The first reminds you of forthcoming parent-teacher consultation afternoons, that are happening in the first two weeks after the holiday and the second gives parents feedback on the recent parent survey sent out on behalf of Orbital. We also remind parents that the new After School Activity programme starts on Monday, 16th April.

I have just sent teachers off on holiday with a glass of wine and thanked them on parents' and the school's behalf for all they have contributed to this term. The school thrives on the quality of its teachers and the quality of the learning experiences that they provide. Our commitment to you as parents, is that this will always remain what makes Britannica special. Enjoy the Spring break with your children and we look forward to seeing them again on Tuesday, 10th April.



Week in Pre-Nursery

Pre-Nursery continued learning more about their worlds this week under our term topic, Growth and Change.

We celebrated the onset of Spring with our very own Flower Shop and used new tools to spray our flowers with water each morning. We moved our flowers outdoors for some sunshine as we noticed and observed the sad, droopy change in them when kept indoors without sunshine.

We moved our bodies creatively and mimicked blooming flowers such as the changes we see in nature, opening and closing our petal arms.

We talked about our favourite flower colours and entertained and discussed our favourite foods such as cake and ice-cream in our tea party and ice-cream shop role play area.

Children twisted paper around lollypop sticks to create paper flowers and pasted paper collages to produce beautiful floral bouquets.

We have been very excited about our Early Years Spring Tea Party and sharing time together with families.





Week in Nursery

We have been writing invitations, playing with the tea set and counting out cherries for currant buns this week, in preparation for our Tea Party. The children have been very excited and they have enjoyed the activities leading up to the event. As Teachers, we are very proud of how mature and sensible the children were on the day and we hope that you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

We would like to thank you all for coming to join our Spring Tea Party, it was a delightful end to the Term. We loved the effort and creativity that was put into making the Spring Hats, you are all winners in our eyes!

We wish you all an enjoyable holiday and we will see you on Tuesday, 10th April.

The Nursery Team





Week in Nursery





Week in Reception

As our theme focusing on the stories of Julia Donaldson draws to a close, the children say goodbye to the characters that have become our companions these last four weeks. The friends we found in *The Gruffalo*, *The Highway Rat*, *Sharing a Shell* and *Charlie Cook's Favourite Book*, to name but a few, have kept us entertained and regaled us with many amusing situations. On Thursday our goodbyes were replaced with a great big welcome to the EYFS family members who joined us for the Spring Tea Party and fabulous Spring Hat Parade. An amazing effort was made by all and the stylish spring bonnet creations have set a very high standard with some very talented milliners among the extended EYFS family!

In Mathematics, we went tick-tock around the clock and looked at o'clock and half-past when telling the time; both in digital and analogue format. In Literacy, we have been exploring words that rhyme. Did you know that we had a visitor in Reception this week? He was a pig and he was big. He liked to dig and wear a wig. He did a jig and ate a fig. He was a big, big pig!

Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing all the Reception boys and girls back in class on Tuesday 10th of April ready for the summer term.





Week in Reception





EYFS Tea Party

The sun was blazing, the bunting was strung and the tables were laid ready in an anticipation of young eager children to arrive. EYFS celebrated in style yesterday at Britannica's first ever Spring Tea Party. The event went off with a blast as the children paraded their homemade Spring hats and sang Spring songs to their parents. There was lots of buzz as children enjoyed a variety of activities with their parents from bunny photos, decorating an egg to hook the duck. Highlights were definitely doing Yoga in the sunshine, having their face painted but let's not forget the fantastic balloon making. But the pièce de résistance was the typically English Tea Party food where everyone delighted in sausage rolls, cream scones and let's not forget a good cucumber sandwich.





EYFS Tea Party





Year 1 Trip to the Botanical Gardens

I loved to go to the Botanical Gardens and sit amongst the flowers and trees. **Kevin 1D**

I loved to eat my lunch with my friends. We sat under the tree and it was really nice. **Woojae 1D**

I loved looking at all the colourful flowers. They are all so pretty! **Kaitlin 1B**

I had fun and saw lots of beautiful flowers. **Anne 1A**

I loved it when we went to the conservatory. There were so many flowers and plants. **Sophia 1D**

Can we go to the Botanical Gardens all the time? **Johnson 1B**

Today I am really happy. **Seong Jun 1B**





Year 2

It was with great excitement that Year 2 arrived at school on Tuesday! After registration, we headed off to the textile museum to see if we could identify different types of materials. The children were amazed at the many different types of machines that made clothing. They also got a chance to learn about clothing from the past and compared it to what we wear today. Towards the end of our time at the museum, they selected a piece of clothing that was their favourite, identified when it was made, what it was made of and then drew a detailed picture of it. All the children had great fun and many thought they might want to take their parents back there so they could teach them about clothing.





Year 3

We have had an explosive week this week in Year 3! From blind folded obstacle courses, exploding volcanoes and crazy front flips at Jump 360! We've had an exhausting but exciting week, to say the least! It started on Monday when Year 3 came together for some team building challenges with Mr Carr and Miss Wilcox. By working as a team children were to complete a set of challenges building on their communication and listening skills. This was particularly difficult during the blind folded obstacle course! Then the next day started with a bang as we watched orange lava pour down our handmade volcanoes and destroy the trees and houses in the villages! Then we had more exciting activities with Miss Smyth. Finally, on Wednesday, we got the opportunity to visit Jump 360! Where children were able to practice their balance, co-ordination and leg power by completing a set of jumping challenges given by the teachers! What an eventful week.





Residential Week —Year 4 and 5 Trip to Nanbeihu

Year 4 and 5 had a fantastic time in Nanbeihu this week. They had the opportunity to really test their courage and perseverance by rock climbing, clambering up high ropes, archery and laser tag among many other exciting activities. The students also learnt how to work well collaboratively in their teams and build shelters and fires in the wilderness. It was wonderful to see the children learning new skills and making new friends in the beautiful sunny countryside.

Nicole: "I have learnt to have a go even if I'm scared. It's very important to try new things and have fun."

Simon: "I learnt that you should keep on challenging yourself, even though it is very scary."

Anna: "I have learnt to always have a go and try my best."

Well done, Year 4 and 5 for being so great, you made us all very proud.

Mr Monnington, Mr Hunter, Ms Lint, Ms Leong and Ms Mustoe.





Year 4 and 5 Trip to Nanbeihu





Residential Week – Year 6 and 10 Trip to Yaolin

What an amazing week in Yaolin! I am so proud of the enthusiasm, motivation and perseverance our students have shown this week. Students have overcome their fears, pushed themselves to the limit and had a great time experiencing lots of new activities for the first time. Over the week students have been climbing walls, building rafts, racing dragon boats and becoming masters of archery. During the hike and leap of faith activities some students found these activities difficult but nobody quit; everyone showed true determination to complete every single activity. The week came to a close on Thursday afternoon with a game of laser tag in which all students and staff became very competitive to try and become the winning team; this was rounded off by a BBQ and a star studded award ceremony. I would like to say a big thank you to the INSIGHT team who have worked incredibly hard and supported our students throughout the week, I would also like to thank Mr Burnhill, Mr Palmer, Mrs Van Balveren, Mr Mckechnie, Mr Barclay and Mr Clifton for looking after the children whilst we have been away. Running alongside this trip a group of our Year 9 and 10 students took part in the expedition part of the Duke of Edinburgh qualification; students hiked for 2 days carrying all of their camping and cooking equipment. The INSIGHT Team told us our students have completed one of the hardest hikes they have ever done and have been the best group in regards to map skills and team work they have seen in a long time. All of our Duke of Edinburgh students have passed this part of the award; well done to all the students. I hope students have enjoyed their week of activities and wish them all a relaxing break next week.

Miss Hatton





Year 6 and 10 Trip to Yaolin





2017 – 2018 SPRING TERM BRITANNICA SCHOOL CALENDAR



April 2018

Monday, 2nd April—Friday, 6th April —Spring Holiday — School Closed

Monday, 9th April — Staff INSET - School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday, 10th April — Summer term begins

★ Thursday, 12th April 3:00pm to 7:00pm—EYFS Parent-Teacher Consultations

★ Friday, 13th April 3:00pm to 7:00pm—Secondary Parent-Teacher Consultations

Monday, 16th April 3:00pm to 4:00pm—Summer Term ASAs starts

★ Wednesday, 18th April 3:00pm to 7:00pm— Primary Parent-Teacher Consultations

★ Thursday, 19th April 8:45am to 10:00am—Coffee Morning for our Italian Parents

★ Tuesday, 24th April 8:45am to 10:00am—Coffee Morning for our Korean Parents

★ Tuesday, 24th April—EYFS Sports Day (morning)

★ Wednesday, 25th April—KS1 Sports Day (morning)

★ Friday, 27th April—KS2/Secondary Sports Day (morning)



★ Parent Event All School EYFS Primary Secondary School Holiday Other

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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