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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

For those of you who have attended Parent-Teacher meetings this week, we hope you found the feedback from teachers informative and useful to you in guiding your child towards new targets for this term. The Summer Term in all British Schools is highlighted by IGCSE and A Level examinations. For Britannica students this will involve all Year 11, 12 and 13 students as well as a number of our Year 10 students who are sitting exams one year early, because of their strong abilities in certain subjects. We have also started the process of discussion with our Year 9, regarding IGCSE option choices for next year as well as A Level options with our Year 11 students who will be joining our Sixth Form in August 2018. The popularity of our A Level programme has become known and within the last few weeks we have had a number of external new students join the school in anticipation of starting their A Level studies with us in August. Next Wednesday, we will have a busy Primary Parent-Teacher meeting afternoon with parents being invited to meet their child's Form Teacher as well as Subject Specialist Teachers. The sessions start at 3:15pm and will take place in the Sports Hall. Saturday School restarts tomorrow (Saturday 14th April) and we remain delighted with the large number of students who opt into this unique Sport/English Language 2 hour programme. After School Activities also start on Monday (16th April) and we remind parents that pick-up time will be 4:00pm for non-bus students. Do enjoy reading about this week's activities and seeing if you can spot your child among the photographs.



Week in Pre-Nursery

Welcome back parents and children! Children have enjoyed connecting with one another again and talking about their recent holiday experiences. Together we also welcomed our newest class member, Elisabeth!

We excitedly head into our Summer topics this week with Nursery Rhymes, learning across a number of areas with introduction of rhyme: *Hey Diddle Diddle*.

Children have been exploring concepts of night and day and the events that take place in our daily lives. We have talked about feelings of joy and laughter and during outdoor play, have discussed and demonstrated the actions we can do, for example: I can jump, I can run, I can dance.

We have enjoyed craft, mark making activities, problem solving exercises, role play activities and over and under games related to the concepts explored in *Hey Diddle Diddle*. We look forward to sending home lyric books of the four Nursery Rhymes covered across the next few weeks for you to enjoy at home.





Week in Nursery

Welcome back to the final term of Nursery! Our topic this term is *Spring and Growth*. We will be talking about the changes that occur weather between seasons, life cycles and then finally planting.

The classrooms were full of happy and excited children earlier on this week, when they were sharing their 'Show and Tell' with their classes. It was so lovely to listen to the children speaking about their holidays and home experiences and it provided the children with the opportunity to use their English words and speak in front of a group of children, which in turn builds confidence. In fact, it was such a success that we have decided to make Show and Tell a weekly occurrence!

In other news, the children have shown great interest in the Tadpoles that are growing in Miss Dani's classroom. Next week we will be learning all about the *Life cycle of a Frog* and talking about the changes that occur. Perhaps you could talk to your child about the stages that a tadpole goes through before they become an adult. We will be using the vocabulary frogspawn or egg, tadpole, froglet and frog.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment.

The Nursery Team





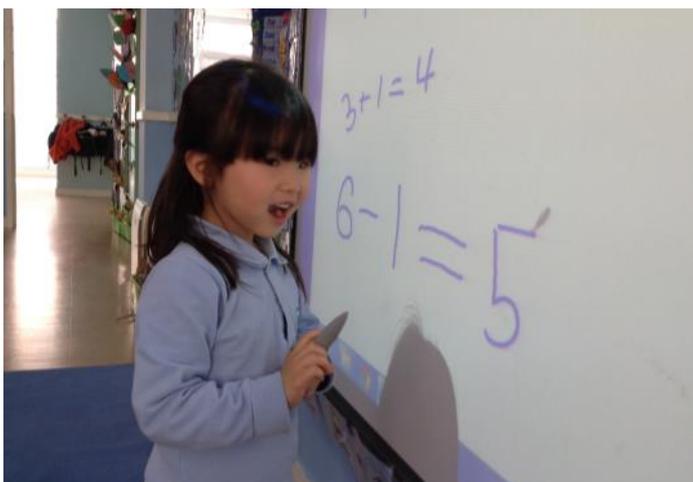
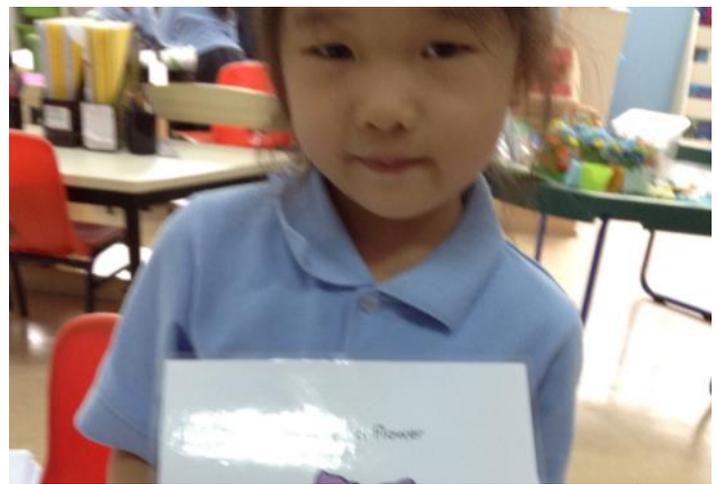
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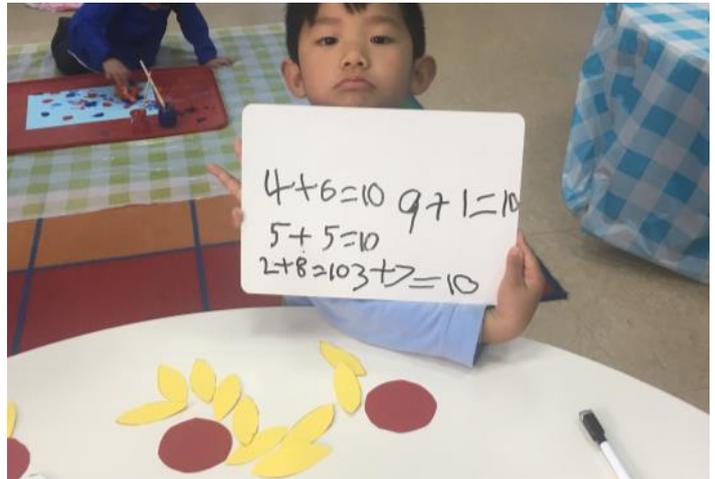
Week in Reception

This week in Reception we have been looking at *Lifecycles and Growth* and observing all the beautiful seasonal spring changes that are taking place around us; the trees are green, the weather is warmer and we can hear the birds singing outside. Inside the classroom, all the boys and girls are learning the value of patience as they wait for the beans they have planted to grow. Each day they are observing the changes in their beans and keeping a bean diary to catalogue their growth. To help us fully understand what is needed for growth and change we are reading *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle. We have been creating giant petals using string art and water balloon art and in our number work we are reviewing addition and subtraction. It has been a busy start to the summer term and we look forward to some productive and fun weeks ahead in Reception.





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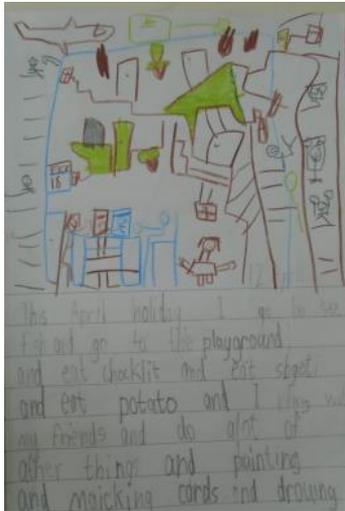
Year 1

Year 1 have been reflecting on their latest holiday, what they have done, where they have been and who they went with. Have a look to see what fun and exciting things they have been getting up too.

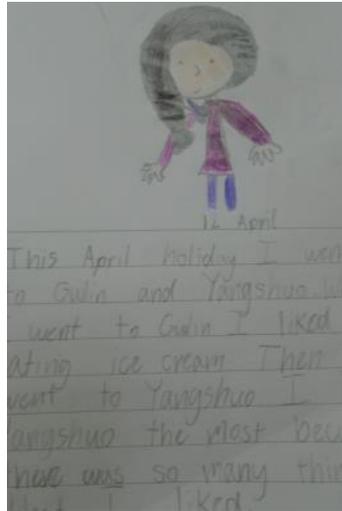
This April holiday



Siu, Year 1A



Miller, Year 1A



Dalia, Year 1A



Siojn, Year 1A

Year 2

This week, Year 2 have settled well back into the school routine very well and have shown a good attitude to learning and a commitment to working hard; all very good signs that we are preparing for life in Year 3.

In English this week, we have been reviewing some of the grammar rules that we looked at towards the end of last term and looking at some new ones too. In Maths, we have also been reviewing fractions, multiplication and division. In our topic lessons we have begun our new topic *Fighting Fit*. We have been exploring what we think it means and we have some exciting activities planned for the future! Watch this space!





Year 3

This week in Year 3 has seen all the students dive straight back into their learning. We have begun learning about our new topic *Ancient Egypt* and started the week by researching about ancient Egypt while using our ICT skills to create our own poster all about the River Nile. We learnt how to add photos, resize our photos and print our work all in one lesson. As well as this, in English we have been creating our own time portal device to send us back in time to ancient Egypt. We used lots of interesting adjectives to help describe our time portals as well as what we saw when we arrived. In Maths we have been learning about volume and capacity, and we even got the opportunity to create our own fruit drink and drink it!



Year 4

This week in Year 4 we have been very busy settling back into our class routines after a very busy end to the term. It has been great to see everyone back in class, reading and excited for the summer term. In both classes there has been lots of chatting about our holidays with everyone eager to find out what other people have been up to. The value we place on speaking and listening really does help to not only improve students' spoken English itself, but to develop manners and social etiquette - all vital characteristics for being a well-rounded individual. In English this week, we have launched our new topic of *Issues and Dilemmas* where we have discussed what a consequence is. There has been a lot of discussion and quite a lot of deliberation too when making certain decisions. During our Maths sessions we have been revising different skills, focusing on our mental recall of key facts, plus we have tackled 2D shapes and angles.





Year 5

Year 5 have been busy getting back into the routine of school and work life again after a well-deserved holiday and exciting residential. We have also welcomed Arnau, who has joined our class. We have investigated decimals; rounding, ordering and comparing them, as well as developing our comprehension skills retrieving implicit and explicit information from different texts. In Music, we have been learning how to play different songs on the ukulele. It's quite tricky, but sounds good when we manage to play the right notes!



Year 6

Year 6 have returned from their holidays refreshed and raring to go. They have continued with their living walls and are really starting to take shape. The children are now researching suitable plants that will grow rapidly up their structures. They are choosing drought resistant plants such as cacti and are developing a self-watering system which will sustain other plants throughout the summer months. In Maths, children have been exploring pie charts and surveyed Year 2 children to collect their own data, before producing their own pie chart using ICT. In Science, children have progressed from learning about the cardiovascular system to the respiratory system and were amazed by facts such as: you breathe 20,000 times per day, your left lung is smaller than your right, if your lungs were completely flattened out, including every small alveoli, they would be the size of a tennis court!





Secondary

A big welcome back to all Secondary students; we are looking forward to a very busy final term. We will begin with parent teacher meetings this week followed by Year 9 students choosing their options, Year 10,11,12 and 13 students beginning their examinations, sports days and swimming galas. Year 10 students will also be putting their entrepreneurial skills to the test, our students in year 7,8 and 9 will be taking part in activities with their mothers to celebrate Mother's Day and we look forward to showcasing the talent of our Secondary students in our first ever Secondary Showcase. I wish everyone a successful, positive and happy summer term. Miss Hatton





Secondary

This week we welcome two new students into Year 11; Larissa Amstalden and Wei Lin Piao.

Larissa

Where are you from?

I was born in Switzerland.

Where were you before you came to Shanghai?

I lived in Switzerland in a little village called Tagerschen in Canton of Thurgau.

What subjects do you like?

I love playing volleyball and making music, especially playing the piano and the ukulele, and I like to design and be creative.

What languages can you speak?

First, I speak German from Germany and Switzerland, also Portuguese from Brazil, and also English and French. Now I am learning Mandarin.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I make music. I play the piano, the ukulele and sing. I sometime go to the gym or spend time with my family.

What would you like to do in the future?

My dream is to be an actress. I love being in other roles. Otherwise, my childhood dream is to help change the world so the Earth becomes a better place. There are so many wars in the world and so many people are poor, but on the other side so many people are rich. For me, this isn't fair. I want to help people from all over the world, but it's really difficult.



Wei Lin



Where are you from?

I am from China.

Where were you before you came to Shanghai?

I lived in Nagoya in Japan. There was nothing special in the city. If you ask people in Nagoya about features of the city, they can't answer.

What subjects do you like?

I love history, especially Japanese history.

What languages can you speak?

I can speak Japanese and Chinese. I can speak some English and Korean too.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love video games. I also like to read books and play table tennis.

What would you like to do in the future?

I want to be an engineer, but I haven't decided many things about my future yet.



2017 – 2018 SPRING TERM BRITANNICA SCHOOL CALENDAR



April 2018

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

- ★ Wednesday, 18th April 3:15pm 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)



May 2018

- ★ Thursday, 3rd May 8:45am to 10:00am — Coffee Morning for our Chinese Parents
- ★ Tuesday, 8th May 8:45am to 10:00am — Coffee Morning for our Japanese Parents
 - ★ Friday 11th May — Mothers Day special events
 - ★ Tuesday 22nd May— Open Coffee Morning for all Parents

★ Parent Event ■ All School ■ EYFS ■ Primary ■ Secondary ■ School Holiday ■ Other

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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