

# NEWSLETTER

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## It's a Dog's Life!

We are animal lovers at MHIS, but always need to put the health and safety of our students as our top priority. As such, we politely request that all parents and carers with dogs are sure to tie them up outside the school gate before coming onto the campus for pick up and drop off time. Thanks for your help in keeping our students safe and our campus hygienic.

## Uniform

Many thanks to all parents who consistently send their child to school wearing the appropriate school uniform, which reaffirms your child's identity as part of our community. Please note that letters will be sent home for students in incorrect clothing.

## Dates

4-5/4: Qing Ming holiday

6/4: Students return to school

18-22/4: International Week

22/4: International Festival - more information will follow from your Class Parents



## The Hills are Alive!

This week our students and teachers have truly made the most of MHIS' wonderful and unique setting. On Wednesday we had our first Little Golfers' Fieldtrip, with all students in the school visiting the open practice course near Belgravia to build their golfing skills in context. Four Coaches, assisted by translators to aid our dual-language approach and with the help of our teachers, lead the children around different stations to practice their chipping, putting and long-drive skills. The children had so much fun and are starting to see themselves as 'real golfers'!

On Monday, our K1 students began their morning with a speech from Richard's father, a pilot, to tell them all about how to fly a plane. They then took the school buses down to the Belgravia course to observe Mr Bill fly a model aeroplane. The children then had their turn at pretending to be planes and flying their own paper planes, asking questions about whose went the furthest and why.





## Parent Information Sessions

We have been grateful to FEVA for the sessions they have offered over the past few weeks. However, a recent survey from parents about the upcoming session revealed that only a small percentage of parents across the school were interested in attending the final FEVA session. As such we have cancelled this session and will be returning to our original 'In-House MHIS Information Sessions instead'. Next week's will focus on **Inquiry - what is it and how do we plan for it?**

**Date:** Thursday 7th April

**Time:** 8:45-9:45am

**Location:** Music & Dance Room

The session will explore the concept of Inquiry-based learning including inquiry-cycles, Inquiry Unit planners, children's questions and inquiry methods. We hope to see many of you at this session!

For any parents interested in learning more about FEVA, one of their colleagues, Fiona, has shared her QR code with us, which may be found at Reception. If you would like to learn more and continue your exploration of this what this group has to offer, and what you can offer them, please scan the code so Fiona can add you to the FEVA group.

## Happy Birthday to You!

While those of us growing older sometimes prefer to let our birthdays pass by unnoticed, young children's birthdays are an important part of their identity, esteem and development of self. At the start of the year MHIS teachers shared their thoughts about birthday celebrations and created a MHIS Birthday Agreement. The key points are as follows:

- Birthdays are celebrated on the child's special day, in term time
- Happy Birthday is sung in English and Chinese
- Special hats or badges are often made for the child to wear
- Parents are invited to bring cupcakes to school for the class and stay in class while these are shared for 15 minutes, at a time agreed in advance with the class teachers

We ask that only cupcakes are brought for celebrations as these are easy to distribute to individual children and minimise time taken away from other areas of learning. The Patio Belgian Waffle Cafe, close by at the mall, offers special Cupcake sets for MHIS parents, as previously sampled by some parents at our 2-Way Conference back in November. Parents are requested not to send in or give out birthday gifts, as this practice can become problematic based on teachers previous experiences.

## Big Plans for a Little Person

We are sure you will all join us in wishing Emily Liu our very best wishes, as she has decided to start a family with her husband, Kin. Emily will be taking a break from MHIS to prepare her body with the aim of becoming pregnant in the very near future. Emily has told us she hopes to return to MHIS in the future to rejoin our team. We have already found a new Senior Administrator, who will be joining us in due course from Mission Hills administrative team. In the meantime, Caven Chen will continue to be available to support parents with their requests and inquiries at Reception. Good luck, Emily!

