

# NEWSLETTER

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## Board Update

As previously shared via email, we will be welcoming the MHIS Board to deliver our next Coffee Morning Information Session which will take place on Thursday 21st April from 8:45-9:45am, in the Music and Dance room as usual. The Board will be sharing information about the exciting development plans for our Lower School buildings, due to open in 2017. They will also be sharing the positive progress on our Partnership School journey. We hope you will all be able to attend this important update.

## MHIS WeChat

Please ensure you are a MHIS WeChat member. Posts are sent out each weekday and we will also be using WeChat to communicate urgent messages to parents such as school closure due to weather warnings. Please scan the code below:



## Rain, Rain, Go Away!

While most of us prefer the sunshine, there is something to be said for a real downpour! As part of their inquiry into the earth's natural cycles, the K2 children have been learning about rain and where it comes from. They have truly made the most of the wet weather, with parents sending in umbrellas, raincoats and boots to allow the children to enjoy the wet weather, rather than sheltering from it. Students spent time jumping in puddles and collecting rain drops and used their experiences to further their inquiries in class, as well as to inspire some rainy art work.

Making the most of our surroundings is fundamental to inquiry based learning at a young age. Children create meaning and reflect on their own experiences which drives their curiosity and ideas as they venture through the inquiry cycle. This Newsletter edition is focused on making the most of our surroundings through the people, resources, communication channels and expertise that Mission Hills has to offer.





## International Festival

We are looking forward to the International Festival on 22nd April. Parents are invited to attend (2 adults per child only please) and arrive for Coffee and Tea from 8:30am. The event will include:

- Students showcasing learning
- International music and games
- International Food Fair

The event will end at 11:30am. Many thanks to all parents who are helping by preparing food for the event. If there are any questions, please feel free to ask!

## Health Checks

In the afternoon of Friday 22nd April the children will be having their Health Checks including sight, hearing, blood and body checks. We hope to make this as smooth and comfortable as possible. Please reassure your child about the health checks, telling them that all children do it and it is an important part of being healthy and growing strong!

## Library

In MHIS, we believe that inquiry is a critical building block in the process of learning. Inquiry-based learning does not just occur in MHIS classrooms, but is also integrated into Library Time. Please view the new Library Blog via the website for updates and information.

## Professional Learning

As students learn, so do teachers and one of the most powerful ways to learn is through collaboration with teachers within and across settings. As such, we were pleased to welcome teachers from the International School of Nanshan (ISNS) to visit our classrooms over the last two Fridays. Their Early Years Principal contacted us a few weeks ago and asked if their Pre School colleagues could come and see some of the good practice going on here. Such requests are testament to the growing reputation of MHIS as a strong and respected school. We hope to send some of our teachers to ISNS in June to visit their campus and observe some of the good things they are doing. We hope this will be the start of a good professional learning relationship.

## Mission Hills Haikou School

Parents may have seen visitors on site last week being shown around by our leadership team and Board members. These were the Senior Leaders of the local partner school to Mission Hills Haikou School, which will be opening in August. The Haikou school model is different from ours, and we continue to develop our own unique approach through our overseas partnership and curriculum. However, we hope to find ways to share future learning with our Haikou friends, particularly in regard to Chinese learning.

## Paper Art Exhibition

We strongly recommend the Paper Art Exhibition that is currently showing at CentreVille via MHMaker. This small but beautifully formed exhibit shows creative and diverse paper cutting used to create sculptures including a 'Tree of Life' and a snapshot of Paris! The exhibition is free until May. Please click on the following link for more information if you are interested in a visit: <http://missionhillschina.com/zh-HK/promotions/headline-2016-3-15>

