

NEWSLETTER

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Sports Day

Thursday 12th June will be our first ever MHIS Sports Day. Students will be participating in a variety of physical games and events including obstacle courses, throwing and catching games and egg and spoon races. The event will take place in the morning, when we hope the weather will be fine and not too hot. Parents are invited to attend the event that will take place from 8:45-10:00am.

UK Visit

Our Principal has been in the UK to facilitate further progress on our Partnership School journey. She spent time observing in classrooms, talking to Principals and Division Leaders, delving into the school curricula and creating links to our own programme. We look forward to future developments over the coming months.

Dates

2nd May: Labour Day holiday - school closed

12th May: Sports Day

9th June: Dragon Boat Festival - school closed



International Festival Fun!

We were delighted with our International Festival last week. The students did us proud and showcased their learning with confidence, using their language skills to share what they had created and learnt about in their latest Inquiry Unit.

The games and activities were thoroughly enjoyed by our students (and parents) and the Food Fair was a wonderful event. We are so grateful to all the parents who were involved in cooking food for our children to taste. Some parents got together to prepare food in a group - even food that was strange and unfamiliar to them. We were impressed with the cooking skills of our community and proud that parents would go to such lengths to support our curriculum and our students' learning.





Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning information session will focus on 'Assessment in Pre School':

Date: 5th May 2016

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Music and Dance Room

This session will focus on some of the different ways that teachers assess student learning in Pre School classrooms, and will include sharing our Term 2 Portfolios with parents.

We look forward to seeing you there!

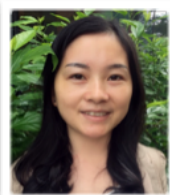
Happy and Healthy

We are very proud of our students for the way they managed our Health Checks last Friday 22nd. After a busy morning with the International Festival, all the children were able to adjust to this change in routine and follow the teachers' and nurses' instructions to move through the different stations and carry out the various health checks and tests required. It can be hard for young children to adapt to new situations but we were pleased with their maturity and behaviour. Well done!

Board Update

Many thanks to the large numbers of parents who attended our Board Update last Thursday. We are thankful to our Board for taking the time to come and clarify next steps and share the latest areas of progress.

Welcome to New Team Members



Bambi Jiang majored in English at university. She worked previously in a kindergarten as an English teacher for several years. Before MHIS, she worked in the Procurement Department in Mission Hills' Head Office. She will be our Senior Administrator at MHIS, helping parents and staff with school affairs.



Celine Xu majored in Management in her postgraduate study at the University of Bristol in the UK, and got her Bachelor degree in Huazhong Normal University. Before MHIS, she worked in an early-education centre originated from Britain, and has been an English Teacher at New Oriental School. She works as the Principal's Assistant at MHIS.

New Inquiry Units

Please keep an eye out for information about your child's final Inquiry Unit of the year. Teachers will be sharing information with parents including the Big Idea behind the next unit, and some of the questions, activities and inspirations behind the upcoming learning. By reading such information, you are able to reflect with your child about their learning at school and make connections at home when you talk, play and interact together. If you have any questions about the Unit, please feel free to email your teachers - or post the questions on the blogs which may be found on the website (under News and Events); teachers have previously sent out the passwords to all parents via email.

Feedback from Parents

We are always looking for ways to enhance our communication systems with parents. As such, we now have a 'Feedback and Suggestions' box which is located at Reception. Parents will find two kinds of form next to this box - One for general suggestions and ideas and the other for feedback on Mission Hills events. We will review the contents of the box regularly, taking action based on suggestions as appropriate, and sharing the MH feedback with the relevant departments to allow them to continue to enhance the quality of the activities offered within our extended community.

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to students who were drawn as winners today of the K3 Raffle, for which tickets were purchased at our International Festival:

- Rani (K3) wins 15 minutes of special time with Teacher Theresa
- Daisy (K3) wins 15 minutes of special time with Teacher Sylvia
- Elaine (K3) wins 30 minutes with Teacher Grace as the Vice Principal
- Nicole (K1A) wins 30 minutes with Teacher Anna as the Principal.

We hope they enjoy their special prizes over the coming weeks!