

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Reflections

We are approaching the end of Term 1 and the Chinese New Year. We appreciate that many families travel at this time of year but would like to take this opportunity to remind parents to please aim to adhere to the school calendar wherever possible to best support children's learning and development. If there are exceptions to this and your child will be missing some school, please be sure to submit requests for leave to class teachers (for leave of up to 2 days) or the Head of School (for leave of 3 days or more). Thank you.

Christmas Filming

As shared at the start of our Christmas performances, we arranged for the shows to be filmed. These will be available for purchase at a modest price. Details to follow next week.

Dates

- 20/01:** Chinese New Year Celebration (AM)
- 25/01:** Term 1 reports home
- 26/01:** Term 1 ends
- 13/2:** Term 2 begins



Festive Celebrations

Huge thanks to our students, teachers and parents for making our Christmas celebrations such a success. K1 delighted us with their rendition of The Snowman in their show with dancing, singing and acting. K2-G1 showcased a range of learning and talents as K3 shared the Christmas story, K2 sang to us about The Twelve Days of Christmas and Snowflakes, and G1 drummed and rapped to the audience's rapturous applause! The following Christmas parties were testament to our parent community's commitment and support for the students and the school, with tasty treats, gifts and visits from Santa. Thanks to all!

Chinese New Year is now fast approaching and, to celebrate this important festival, we will host another whole school celebration on Friday 20th January. Parents will be invited to attend for a morning of activities together with children and will rotate through different classrooms to enjoy traditional New Year themed activities. See you then!



Parent Information Sessions



Many thanks to those K1 parents who attended the last, highly successful, Grade Level workshop which was related to 'Mark Making and Early Writing in the Early Years'.

The next session will be another of our Grade Level Specific Workshops, this time run by the K2 team. The focus of the sessions will be Phonics learning and Guided Reading for the grade:

Date: Thursday 12th January

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Atrium

Teachers will be providing a general introduction to Phonics in K2 and focusing on Phase 2 to 3 (target areas for this grade level) including games, resources and ideas to try at home.

Following this, Guided Reading routines will be reviewed for both English and Chinese, with expectations shared for home and school learning.

If you plan to attend, please be sure to return your reply slip feedback to us by Tuesday morning at 9am.

Please note that, from Term 2, parent workshops will continue, with whole school topics being delivered by school leaders, and with Grade specific workshops being offered by class teachers, covering different areas to those offered thus far. If you have requests or suggestions for useful topics, please share with your child's teachers or Grade Level Leader.

End of Term Reports and Three-Way Conferences

Teachers are busily writing your child's end of Term report. These are structured by different learning areas and include teacher assessments about your child's achievement level as we reach the end of Term 1 through both tick list feedback and written comments for each area. Parents will be provided with hard copies of these reports prior to the Chinese New Year holiday.

Subsequently, there will be an opportunity for parents and students to meet with their child's class teachers at the end of the second week in Term 2. This meeting will be informed by the Term 1 reports and will provide the chance for the three parties to share reflections on successes so far, as well as to set targets as we move into the second half of the school year.

Government Inspection Part II

Following our successful first round of the government inspection before the holidays, we look forward to welcoming our Inspection Team back to BMH next week for the final and concluding part of this important assessment. Staff have been working hard on the governments advice from the last session, and continuing to offer the high quality provision for our students that so impressed them during their last visit. We will be sure to inform you of the outcomes once we receive the final report.

Health and Safety Inspection

BMH was also visited this week by another branch of the government, who focused on Health and Safety across the school in a rigorous assessment over the course of a morning. The Health and Safety inspection team agreed with our self-assessment of 90% excellence related to our practices, resources and campus and were very positive about the school's standards. They have offered two minor feedback points for us to follow up on and will visit us again next term to check all is still going well. Special thanks to Grace Ouyang and Bambi Jiang for their input and ongoing support in ensuring that the Health and Safety across the school remain at these high standards.

