

NEWSLETTER

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Devices in school

Please note that no personal devices, including phones, watch-phones, iPads or other tablets, are permitted in the Pre School. Our students are too young to be bringing such items in to school and there have been instances of students accidentally calling home on watch-phones in the middle of class, unnecessarily worrying parents and disrupting learning. If parents wish to contact the school, the teachers emails may be used for regular communication and the Reception called in case of emergency: 2806 3666. There is also technology in the classrooms to support students' learning.

Water Bottles

Please be sure to send your child to school with a plastic or metal water bottle and not a glass one. Children use their water bottles outside and during PE time and glass is a health risk in physically active spaces for young students.

Dates

- 25/11:** PD day (no students)
- 16/12:** Christmas holiday begins from 12noon
- 3/1:** Term time recommences



Community Togetherness

We enjoyed a wonderful week of community togetherness and engagement. On Thursday our K1 and K2 cohorts invited parents in to school to showcase the students' learning over the first Inquiry Unit of the year.

K1 children have been focusing on the Big Idea, 'Play allows us to explore ourselves and build relationships'. Parents were invited into classrooms to listen to songs sung by the children, learn about the story they have been studying in class, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', by Michael Rosen, and played together in the different classroom centres to explore a range of skills and activities.

K2 children have been inquiring into, 'Building friendships requires communication and understanding of ourselves and others'. Parents worked with students on a rotation of activities including making friendship bracelets, playing team games and sharing stories and taking photos together.

We were also delighted to showcase some of the K3 learning related to their unit, related to their responsibility to their environment. K3A students created a video to communicate their learning and this was shared on the big screen in the Atrium during our Parent-Teacher Conference Day on Friday. Thanks to all for their engagement and support of our students' learning!





Parent Information Sessions

Our next Coffee Morning Information Session will be an interactive workshop aimed at building parents understanding of Phonics and how this system is used to help build children's English language skills. After some initial information sharing, parents will be asked to work in groups based on their English levels, to practice certain skills related to phonics, consider the value of the phonics learning they are undertaking and build a repertoire of skills that will allow parents to help their child at home.

Date: Thursday 10th November

Time: 8:45-9:45am

Location: Atrium

If you plan to attend, please be sure to return your reply slip to us by Monday afternoon, including feedback about your English ability level, as this will be used to structure groups for the workshop. Uniform will be on sale on 3rd floor after this event. See you there!

Formal Winter Uniform

Formal Winter Uniform has arrived at the school and will be on sale from Monday 7th November, in time for the start of Quarter 2. Parents are invited to visit the 3rd floor and see Jasmine Chen or Lala Huang to make uniform purchases. Please come knowing the size required by your child. If you need your child to try on uniform please schedule your visit after school so they may accompany you.

Skating Competition

We are happy to announce that on December 3rd and 4th, a small group of BMH students will be participating in the "2016 Skate Shenzhen" ice skating competition, organised by the Ice Skating Institute Asia (ISIA).

BMH is working together with Ice Castle International Skating Rink to create exciting new skating opportunities for BMH students. Having our students participate in the upcoming ISI skating competition is one of the first exciting steps in the development of our ice skating programme.

We wish our skaters luck at this exciting and inclusive competition. There will be more competitions like this in the future, so stay tuned to information on upcoming events that your child can participate in.

Teacher Roberto (PE)

Teachers Professional Development (PD) Day

Our teachers made the most of their recent PD Day. They have built Language and Maths committees to focus on raising our students abilities in these core areas, they learnt about best practice with our Promethean Interactive Boards, and they explored learning opportunities at our nearby Mission Hills Arts and Crafts Factory and TOK. And who benefits from the teachers enhanced thinking, learning and skills? That right - our students!

Embedding Virtues in Learning

Our talented Teacher Librarian does more than teach children to care for books and help them to check books out each week to take home. She works with teachers to link learning in her lessons to students' Inquiry Units and focus on particular literary genres.

The G1 students have been learning about Imagination through Poetry and Teacher Nancy introduced a poem to students, asking them to identify patterns, images, mood and rhyme. She then worked with a group of children to create their own poem based on our focus Virtues of Ren, Yi, Li, Zhi, Xin. The children selected their own title, 'Happiness', and chose to demonstrate this mood in the poem through the use of rainbow colours. They shared their ideas and created a poem explaining their understanding of our Virtues in this meaningful learning context. Good work!

