

The Wuxi Post

Special Points of Interest:

Friday 22nd May 2009

- 28th May, Dragon Boat Festival (School closed)
- 29th May, JK visit Suzhou JK to learn the Chinese traditional culture.

Internationalism and Cultural Exchange

Our Reception and Year 1 students spent a delightful day at a local Chinese kindergarten where they were treated to a variety of songs and dances by the hosting Chinese children. Afterwards, our children interacted with the Chinese students doing a variety of traditional handicrafts and cooking activities promoting local Wu cultural customs and traditions. This proved to be a most exciting time for our

students and was a wonderful example of genuine 'internationalism'.

The quality of education on offer at the Chinese kindergarten is quite exceptional.

For lunch our students were taken to the Wu Cultural Museum where they had a sit down banquet! Delicious foods included local fish, noodles and even turtle! Our children thoroughly enjoyed

their lunch and 'ate like horses'! To conclude a wonderful day, our Reception students returned back to school whilst the Year 1 students toured the Wu Cultural Museum.

Many thanks to the W.N.D. Education Bureau for organising a wonderful trip promoting internationalism in a spirit of genuine learning and sharing. A wonderful occasion for all!



Jun2-4 Middle School Trip to Shanghai/Hangzhou

Our older students from Year 5 and upwards will be going on a special 2 night field trip to Shanghai and Hangzhou from June 2nd to June 4th. They will be engaging in many special learning

activities with a strong focus on the themes of *change and traditions*. Hangzhou in particular is a delightful and historic city.

Our older students will be presenting summa-

ries of their work at the end of year assembly. As a special task, all students will be asked to bring along a camera to create a photographic essay of their experiences.

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Many thanks to the PFA

Many thanks goes to the PFA for organising a fabulous BBQ at the school last Saturday. Despite the rain, with a little adaptability and flexibility, the BBQ was moved indoors.

A large variety of delicious foods were on offer for sampling from many

countries.

Attending children had opportunities of playing with each other.

Mums, Dads and friends had a delightful time socialising.

Credit for this successful event goes to all of the hard working team from

the PFA who were well-supported by our SCL team in the school office.

Also many thanks to the outside providers who assisted with catering and cooking of various foods.



School Photographs

On Thursday our resident photographer, Mr. Jeff took photographs of all classes and of the whole school.

Some of these photographs are attached to this newsletter.

All of the photographs will be placed on the

school website.

We shall also be sending home to you a copy of your child's class photograph.

If you have any special photographs that you have taken yourself showing children engaged in fun learning,

please forward them to the school office. We would like to update the displayed photographs around the school.



Snippets of News

- At the time of writing this newsletter, final preparations are being made for the Fun Day by Mr. Anderson and his hard working team of helpers.
- Also, our older students are preparing

to visit Suzhou today to review a PYP Exhibition. This will be an intellectually stimulating experience for our students.

- Well done to Mr. Valentine and Ms. Davidson for running a half-marathon

last weekend in Beijing.

- Our young scientists made perfume and our young chefs made fruit salads as part of their Thursday after-school activity.



Teacher Developments

During the past week the teaching staff have been busy exploring ways of making the primary curriculum even better. Teachers reviewed a set of standards that are used to measure curriculum performance within schools. The results were collated and at a follow-up meeting on Thursday,

small groups of teachers listed down many proposed strategies to help enhance the curriculum. The results were collated and we now have a pragmatic and working document that will lead to good progress being made over the short and medium term.

Teachers when they are not face to face teaching are often engaged in such developmental activities. This is a profession where there are never enough hours in a day to complete everything!

End of Year Assemblies

Our younger students (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) are busy preparing a special end of year assembly. Songs and dances are being learnt at the moment. Extracts of work will be displayed. There will also be several surprises! This assembly

will take place in the school hall on Friday 19th June. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend to watch the children.

Assemblies give our students an opportunity to share their learning and to demonstrate their de-

veloping speaking skills.

There will also be a whole school end of year celebration assembly hosted by the older students to conclude the school year on Friday 3rd July, commencing at 10.50 a.m.



Important Dates

Junior School Assembly

Friday 19th July (stay tuned for further updates)

Whole School End of Year Assembly

Friday 3rd July, 10.50 a.m. to 11.50 a.m. (school

hall). School will finish at 12 p.m. and buses will transport students back to their homes to begin the holidays.

Class Parties

Thursday 2nd July, 2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. (at school)

Student Reports

Wednesday 1st July

New Academic Year

Starting date is Monday 31st August

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