



Dear Parents,

We are reaching the end of our second school year and it has been a fantastic one for the Italian Embassy School.

With this last edition of our newsletter we bring you all the news from the month of June, and wish you a happy summer break..

See you in August!

Continuity Project

This was the last occasion for the kindergarten's 5 year olds to meet and share their work with the Primary school children before they too move up to Year 1 in September.

The two groups met in the Kindergarten classrooms, and Angelica, Christian, Giorgia, Letizia, Matilde and Matteo walked their friends from Primary around their classrooms for a little tour. The focus was on the "Letter Wall", an ongoing research project on the sounds and forms of the alphabet. The 5 year olds showed their friends how to use the individual letter leaflets to form words, and with a little help from the boys and girls from Primary they attempted to write more complicated words such as "Puddle" or "Harry Potter". The opportunity to showcase their work gave the Kindergarten children a sense of importance to their project, and a feeling of having reached their goals in this yearlong research of letters and the alphabet. They certainly feel proud of what they have learnt this year and are now readier and more enthusiastic about their transition to the Primary school for the next academic year.



Let's go on the School Trip!

This year we chose to organize a special destination for the last trip of the year. The children enjoyed a sunny outing at WaLi Nature Park in ChangPing, where they had the chance to play and challenge themselves in the adventure playground. The enormous slide was certainly the main attraction and even the teachers couldn't help having a go. Luckily Roberta the Chef had prepared a nutritious packed lunch to replace all the energy spent during the fun day full of fun and laughter. The trip to WaLi was an opportunity for Preschool and Primary children to reinforce their relationships and to encourage a feeling of inclusiveness and being part of one big family: The Italian Embassy School's family!



A Film Director's view into Denied Childhood

The film director Rong Guang Rong (Letizia and Nini's Father) presented a screening of a film that he has written and directed: "Children are not afraid of death, children are afraid of ghosts". The film has received international acclaim and received first prize at Rotterdam's 2017 International Film Festival. We had the pleasure to view the film at the Italian Institute of Culture on the evening of the 24th of May, and it was an event characterized by interesting dialogue, profound considerations, and touching experiences. A top moment of cultural exchange for our community, we would like to thank Rong Guang Rong and Ambra and congratulate them on their success.



End of Year Party

The end of the school year is always an exciting and at times emotional moment for children, parents and teachers. The event kicked off with a Music Performance of the children that take after school singing, drums, piano and guitar lessons.

The performance was a great success, and had their friends dancing and cheering below the stage to the exciting rock n roll!

After the show it was time for the Diploma Ceremony, and a special moment for the Kindergarten's 5 year olds that will move to the Primary and form next year's Grade 1.

After a fun moment that saw next year's Primary children parade on stage, it was time to present the entire staff for the 2017/2018 school year.

Finally, we ended the party in typical Italian style, thanks and goodbyes in front of a fantastic buffet banquet!



Add a Parent to the Table

The "Add a Parent to the Table" initiative officially comes to an end with this month's last installment. We thank you sincerely for taking part and making it so successful, and we leave you with some photos of the special moments shared together over the course of the year. See you for lunch next year!



Cooking Atelier: Friselle

For our last appointment with Chef Roberta and the Cooking Atelier we got busy in the kitchen making Friselle, a fresh and typical plate from the region of Puglia. The Atelier was a success and ended with a discussion regarding how this speciality varies from region to region, followed by a tasting of the delicious Friselle.



*We wish you a happy summer holiday!
See you on August the 21st!*