



Dear Parents,

Autumn has arrived at school and brings with it its forms, tastes and colours.

Following we have a short presentation about the teeming activities that the boys and girls of the Italian school have done in this busy month of October, as well as some useful information we would like to share with you.

Autumn is here!!!

During the month of October the children and teachers were involved in a series of initiatives to celebrate the arrival of autumn. The classes, kitchen and the Atelier studios were decorated with the colours and the fruits of the season, allowing us to perceive the charm of autumn through all of the 5 sense. The Preschool children were involved in a real investigation of the season, and after collecting the fallen autumn leaves in the garden they analysed the leaves in the Atelier using magnifying glasses, computers and a light table. With Livio the children, then, carried out an English/Art activity where they recreated a tree using all the branches and leaves they had found outside. For the Primary school our Chef Roberta prepared an abundant basket of autumn fruits and products. After an in depth study, the children from the primary school used various artistic techniques to illustrate what they had learnt.



Caught Red Handed!

Autumn changes tastes and colors, and behold, the kitchen is transformed into a large workshop of culinary experiences. Also this month, adults and children experienced using seasonal products in their activities. The Preschool children dug their hands in dough to bake some delicious pumpkin cookies; while the primary school children composed a fragrant bread garnished with dried fruit. But what about the adults? Mums and dads were certainly put a little more "to the test"; Roberta's pumpkin tortelli declined into two typical versions: the "Mantovana" and the "Emiliana" variations. Which autumn flavour most delighted your palate?



The School Aquarium and a sea of new discoveries

Hooray! After a long wait the preschool children finally received a small aquarium in class to learn about the underwater world through observation and sensory perceptions. In the first phase of teaching the children were asked what they thought about the aquarium and a marine environment. To this question the children remember experiences, made hypotheses, asked questions and compared their initial thoughts with their peers. The next step was to observe the aquarium directly and the fish living inside it to help the children create an idea of life underwater. The understanding of the underwater world and its inhabitants was then transformed into artistic expression developed in the atelier and in the classroom. Many fun facts emerged and the children constructively confronted and shared their ideas.. Learning is easy when it's fun!



Institutional Accreditation of the Italian School

During the second week of October, the school received a visit from inspectors of the Ministry of Education (MIUR), and with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE) will decide over the accreditation of our school. With this recognition our school shall be inserted in the Italian education system as Italian school abroad and would pose an additional quality standard and guarantee our education and training.

Inspectors visited the school and viewed the administrative and accounting documentation, as well as meeting the school management and teachers, who presented their educational and pedagogical experiences. The results, (hopefully a positive one!), will be announced in the coming months but have already received much praise and appreciation for our project. Let's keep it up!



Art is made of many things, not just colours

The Primary children had the opportunity to visit the exhibition "Challenging Beauty" and to experience the Italian contemporary art scene. It was a real immersion in diversity of artistic expression that brought the children to the conclusion that "Art comes in many forms. Not only pencils and colours". This important and spontaneous reflection becomes a key point in the art work that the children will attempt in atelier in the next few weeks, when they will once again explore the pieces they saw during the exhibition through different artistic experiences.



Agenda

14-18th November

Parent - Teacher meetings for Preschool and Primary school children

10th December

Christmas Party, held at the Italian Embassy's Culture Institute from 15:00 to 17:00