



Dear Parents,

The Christmas holidays are just around the corner and we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We hope you enjoy our latest newsletter and the info on this month full of events and didactical activities...

Let's build a city!

The "City" in our school has become a part of our everyday routine: A city built to accommodate everyone's needs, even those of the smaller kids.

Our City is built by the children, but is for everyone because the theme of construction (of the ideal city) involves an entire community. Hence the football pitch, playground as well as the library, hotel and even an embassy. The kids would like to live in a city of skyscrapers, but also close to the sea, the countryside and animals.

Build a City is a project-piece that, given its peculiarity, activates a process of creation through shared thoughts and inclusive ideas.

The lines of enquiry are aimed at developing a social sensitization which, using experimentation and the children's own experiences, stimulates in the children an image of the "ideal city".

It's about actualizing suggestions the children may have on a very current topic with the aim of developing communicative and creative skills as well as a sensitization to social aspects of the community.

The didactical activities proposed in this project allow children to develop an understanding of intellectual, creative, social and affective aspects of the child; working in group then allows the individual to accept and adopt ideas developed by their peers, and allows them to reach a common goal which, as individuals, would be harder to reach.



Italia dei Sapori: a journey through the Italian regional dishes

"Italian Cuisine" week and the many events that came with it was held from the 21st to the 27th of November. The main theme was "Regional dishes" and was set to describe the endless variety of delicacies and tastes from Italy's cuisine. Our school ended the culinary event with a game organized by the Italian Institute of Culture called "Italia dei sapori", which saw many children and families from our school taking part. It was a fantastic opportunity to talk to the children about healthy diets, the culture of eating well, and Italy's culinary specialties.

The game's interdisciplinary didactical approach allowed the children to take their first steps towards understanding geography, and more specifically Italy's culinary regional geography.

"What does Italy look like?" "I heard it looks like a boot!"

The Chef at school then cooked a typical dish every day to involve each child in a journey on the discovery of the different tastes from Italy's different regions: From the northern "Canederli" (Tyrolean bread dumplings) to "Pastiera" (Neapolitan cake) to the well renowned "Amatriciana" (Tomato pasta sauce with cured pork cheek)... Delicious!!!



Enrico Lo Verso comes to School!

The Italian actor Enrico Lo Verso travelled to Beijing for a short visit, and visited our children at school.

In the Primary school, the kids curiously asked Enrico questions:

"What does an actor do?"

"Do you have to pretend a lot?"

"I play pretend sometimes, too!"

"I like to act like Zorro!"

"He's the one that leaves a Z everywhere!"

In the kindergarten, Enrico was lucky to have the children (some shy, others excited) give him a tour of their classes, their books, games and spaces. They then sat and listened to a beautiful story narrated by the actor himself.



Christmas, children's favourite time of the year is near!

The run up to Christmas is a special time of year for all children. Preparing school decorations, writing Christmas cards and making gifts for family and loved ones, producing masks and costumes for the pantomime.. All these Christmas activities represent magical moments that get the kids involved with a typical Christmas spirit, and through which the children learn about this special time of year.



Christmas Party

On Saturday the 10th of December the children's families gathered in the Italian Cultural Institute for the Italian Embassy School's Christmas Party.

It was an afternoon of genuine fun and joy for all those who took part. The key moment was the children's Christmas pantomime, where each performed as different animals from a magical forest, and decided to spend Christmas Eve together around an awesome feast.

In the weeks before the Play the children put in so much dedication and hard work, and showed their passion and how much they enjoyed working together. How hard it was for them not to be shy on the day!



Agenda

6-7th January 2017

"The Antonion Choir" in Tianqiao Theatre

18th January 2017

Atelier del Gusto (for parents only) "Jaozi" - Italian Embassy School, Apt 3-1-11, Caffetteria, 6-8 pm

20th January 2017

Chinese New Year Party, Italian Embassy School