



Dear Parents,

February was a month full of exciting news and events. As usual, we would like you to give you a feeling of the best moments that took place at school and keep you updated through our newsletter.

## Let's meet the President!!!

On Tuesday the 21st of February, a small delegation of students and teachers met the President of Italy, Sergio Mattarella during his state visit in Beijing. Our small representatives attracted the attention of statesmen and journalists alike with their friendliness and spontaneity. A rather touching moment followed when the children gave the President a gift on behalf of the school, who stopped to thank them for the kind gesture and wish them all the best for their studies.



## School Carnival!

Organizing parties at school is an experience characterized by active participation of students and teachers and is an opportunity to spend happy and unforgettable moments together. The events themselves, often traditions from different countries, are filled with joyful memories of laughter and fun for the children and adults at school, but are also examples of the importance organization and working together. Carnival is a fun and joyful festivity for everyone. The activities and games that the children experienced during Carnival at school were aimed at developing their creativity and the way they express themselves. Dressing up and role-play are perfect ways for the children to communicate using physical expression, art, acting and graphic/manipulative methods. So get your masks on everybody, and enjoy the carnival celebrations with games, jokes, confetti, streamers, and balloons! The pictures speak for themselves....



## Add a Parent to the Table...

Hooray! Mum and Dad are here for lunch! The "Add a Parent to the Table" initiative officially began on Friday the 24th February when we had the pleasure of hosting some parents during our lunch hour. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate the educational value of spending mealtime with children, as well as giving us the chance to showcase the excellent quality and variety of the food that we cook and serve at school. The initiative is still in its experimental phase, and will take place once a month.



## "Giants Over Beijing"

"I feel like a giant over Beijing!" This was one of the first impressions that the kids had in front of the huge model city during our visit to the Beijing Planning Exhibition Hall. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children from the primary school, as well the five year olds from the Preschool, to compare what they had learnt so far in the recreation of a model town or city. Everybody was interested in the model and enjoyed looking for areas and buildings important to them such as their house, or the DRC with our school! There was a varied response and the children were truly inspired with ideas and suggestions for their own model city in the Primary school, which is slowly developing and taking on a narrative dimension.



## Continuita'

On Tuesday 21st of February the five year olds from the Preschool once again had the opportunity of experiencing Primary school life, it's classrooms, teachers and students.

This was a very important part of our continuity project, and on this occasion the focus was on integrating English in the ongoing project. The small group of kids from the Preschool's KC class enjoyed reading the book "Pants" with Marie, the Primary's English teacher. The rest of year 1 was also present, which allowed the younger children to truly immerse themselves in Year 1's English class, and to exercise their reading and comprehension.

Reading this particularly funny book was a truly enjoyable experience for the five year olds and helped stimulate a sense of curiosity about what happens in the Primary school on a daily basis.

After reading "Pants" the children completed a drawing activity relevant to the book, and each styled their own pants in a very creative and artistic style. Their creations were then hung on a line inside the Year 1 classroom and it was clear how each individual had his or her particular style and artistic approach with different themes, patterns and colors.



## Open day

On Saturday the 4th March the school opened its doors to prospective families, parents and children in the Preschool and Primary. It was a wonderful day to welcome new families, to exchange interesting opinions and have a glimpse into future of our school. Let the images speak for themselves...



## Agenda

**March 14<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Field trip to Blue Zoo of Beijing for Preschool

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017**

Cooking atelier "Focaccia" edition

**March 24<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Meeting with the Italian Theatre Company TPO, Interactive Theatre for Primary School

**March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

Second appointment of "Add a parent at the table"