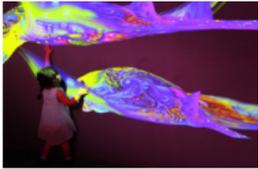


Time for School Trips

During the course of this academic year children created a digital scenery where they explored and played in a beautiful and interactive “underwater world” by using the projector in the light and shadow atelier. In this digital scenery the children met and learnt about their new fish friends, with which they swam and went on underwater adventures using their endless imagination. Over the course of several months, the children’s interest in this underwater habitat grew, and finally materialized when the children went on a trip of discovery to the Blue Zoo Aquarium of Beijing. The undisputed protagonist of this fabulous trip was the shark, who fascinated everyone with its majesty and its large jaws and teeth that Martin described “as big as triangles!”

Both adults and children were amazed in this fantastic experience they shared at the Blue Zoo.



The primary school year groups on the other hand enjoyed a day trip to Beijing’s art district: 798. This trip concluded a yearlong art project shared amongst years 1, 2 and 3. Our guide on this visit was Federica Beltrame, director of “Galleria Continua”, and her expertise in this field led the children to a deep understanding of Carsten Holler’s artworks and his “method”. Like real art critics, the children asked questions, expressed their thoughts and suggestions, and finally could not hold back from sketching what they saw, and what they found most interesting in the art gallery. After a rich banquet offered by galleria continua the children continued on their adventure at 798 art district with a visit to Sarah Moss’ exhibition at UCCA. Many were the works of interest here too, with Moss’ exhibition centred on the artist’s visual representations on the concept of “city”.

Once again the children stepped up on this special occasion and with great curiosity and knowledge explored allegorical significances and new artistic techniques.

A very special thank you to Federica Beltrame for this wonderful opportunity.



Talk with me: Paolo Familiari

On June 6th the Accredited Italian Embassy School of Beijing had a special guest, Paolo Familiari.

Professional rugby player for 26 years, Paolo currently is working for an important Italian oil company. His job let him travel all around the world, in China, where we meet him, and before China in Congo, where he started his experience as a rugby coach for a team of Congolese kids.

Once upon a time Congolie...

Congolie is the name of the rugby team Paolo founded in 2003 in Pointe Noire. His passion for rugby was the pivot for his adventure. A few months after his arrival in Congo, thanks to his passion, Paolo gets to know many local and international friends. A game, soon turned into an opportunity and, to quote Paolo, “to offer a dream and to truly help many kids”.

A fund raising in Italy, a spontaneous media battage to support a solidarity project, aiming at inviting the very young rugby team to fly to Italy to join the prestigious Topolino cup in Treviso.

Paolo shared with primary kids his enthusiasm, his energy, his values for the respect, the teamwork, others’ rights. He recalled funny jokes and revealed his memories and feelings. An example of how we could contribute starting from ourselves and doing it with creativity!

Kids listened to Paolo with great curiosity, asking him many questions and showing a sensitive wonder for the fragility and suffering of other kids and, meanwhile, great empathy to their sporty peers.

This final appointment with “Talk with me” is aligned with the yearly educational program, in which the topic of children’s rights and teamwork has been developed both in the classrooms and during the events, with teachers and classmates, and thanks to the visit of many other friends of the School.

Paolo was back to the Italian School on the evening of June 6th, this time to meet parents and the member of AGIC, the Association of Young Italian in China for the second appointment of AGICRACCONTA moderated by Mariassunta Peci, Scientific Coordinator of the School. It was an opportunity to think together about the importance and meaning of solidarity.

In the following years and before Paolo left for China, Congolie further developed and offered an opportunity to access education for many local children.

Paolo and his marvelous family have now left China for Vietnam, where he will start a new professional adventure. We hope his story will remain vivid memory for us all!

Here is the video of his story.

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=lvwaMBIfq_0

A Summer Culinary Rendezvous

In early June we celebrated the anniversary of the Italian Republic with a special project aimed at introducing certain aspects of the Italian constitution to the primary school’s children (specifically art. 33 of the constitution). Our Chef Roberta chose to pay homage to this special event and to the Italian flag by making biscuits with the children in the colours of the Italian flag: Green, white and red.

Dottor Cecchi also gave the children a typically Italian cooking experience before the end of the year by making curly maccheroni from scratch. The fresh pasta was then cooked and served for lunch!



Dance and Drama Workshop

On May the 23rd children from all year groups attended an exclusive workshop dedicated to them in the Embassy’s Culture Institute.

An important children’s drama troupe called TPO organized a morning of creative dancing and exploration of music, movement and rhythm and free physical expression.

The troupe’s artists guided and inspired the kids through different activities and transformations in the life of a butterfly.

A very special thanks to Ombretta Melli and to all Italian Institute of Culture for the fantastic opportunity.



Celebrating Italian Constitution!

This year, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Constitution of the Italian Republic,

The Accredited Italian Embassy School in Beijing identifies amongst its founding values the fundamental principles of the Constitution. Besides, the “Piano dell’offerta formativa” (that is, the educational project) and all the educational activities take inspiration from the Constitution itself.

Amongst all the fundamental principles of the Constitution, we focused on Article 33 “The Republic guarantees the freedom of the arts and sciences, which may be freely taught”, because we strongly believe that all human beings are free by birth and shall have the opportunity, during their life, to make their experiences in freedom and respect, provided that, only experiencing freedom, they could free other men.

Sunday, June 10th the girls and boys of the School celebrated the end of the School year highlighting the many ways in which the arts, the sciences and the freedom in teaching are in a constant, interdisciplinary and multi-cultural dialogue at our School.

