

Dear Parents,

In this month's newsletter, you can read all about our children's activities, projects, and events that have peppered the month of October.

Design classes @Beijing Kids Design Week

For the second year running, the Accredited Italian Embassy School took part in the fifth edition of the Beijing Design Week, this year named "Kidstopia."

Every student contributed with a drawing representing what in their mind was the ideal city. The illustrations were included in the main exhibition of the Beijing Design Week, which was held at 798.

Ippolita describes how the Art Atelier was characterized by a series of debates and discussions regarding the concept of ideal city, and a child-sized city, in every classroom.

Events for the design week took place during the Mid-Autumn festival break.

On the 29th of September, the School opened its doors to over 60 children of all nationalities and backgrounds, and held two atelier activities:

Prehistoric Graffiti: A Bridge Between Children and Their City, coordinated by Ippolita and *Child-Friendly City - Identity in the City – Italian Kisses*, coordinated by Roberta.

We are very proud to have shared with you that the Accredited Italian Embassy School and its students received an honourable mention for its contribution to this programme and its ateliers on the design on behalf of the organizers.



"Talk to Me" Project: 18th Edition of the Italian Language around the World

On Tuesday, October 16th, Valentina Rizzi, author, and actor of "Le Storie di Gaia – Filastrocche e Racconti dall'Italia" was invited to School along with director Francesco Giuliani, who organized four sessions for our "Talk to Me" project. This occasion honoured the 18th week of the Italian Language around.

Our journey through the magical world of storytelling starts in preschool, where children were divided into three groups and through interesting contexts were immersed in the dramatization of three stories: "I 44 gatti di Lui", "Super Tommy cresce" e "a spasso con l'orso".

In primary school, the educational activity focused on the narration of three stories: "Pinocchio", for years 1 and 2, and the stories "Gaia la Libraia" and "Frank Button", for years 3 and 4.

Language of narration, imagination, and communication. In this "storytelling marathon," the Accredited Italian Embassy School gave homage to the Italian Language and above all was successful in engaging students in the roles of actors, artists and production designers.



Poster Project: objective #ZeroHunger!

On October 16th FAO, the well renowned global organization fighting hunger around the world celebrates it's founding, and we celebrate International Food Day. On the recommendation of the Italian Ministry of Education, the Accredited Italian Embassy School of Beijing took part in the initiative with objective #ZeroHunger.

The initiative fully embodies our didactical programme, which considers education in healthy and nutritious culinary culture a pillar of its founding values, as well as responsible and sustainable attitude towards the environment and our natural resources. For these reasons, we have chosen to take part in the #ZeroHunger initiative, which can be found in our "Herbarium" and "Recycling" didactical projects.

Students started by considering the useful actions they can undertake to help fight hunger around the world. These thoughts will become the main themes of our manifesto when taking part in the #ZeroHunger initiative and will be our voice of encouragement in change through actions.

Teachers and students are equally proud and enthusiastic to be part of a global project who's interested are the future well being of our planet and the less fortunate boys and girls around the world.



Educational transition: exploring natural elements

The transition project that has characterized the passage from preschool to primary was kick-started again on October the 18th with an opportunity for our preschool's five-year-olds to visit the primary's classrooms and spaces. It is one of the pillars of our educational process. It is the common factor that connects children and year groups alike and is vital in allowing for a smooth and conscientious transition in the children's educational path.

Throughout the school year, we will allow for opportunities to experience this transition to make children more conscious of their bodies and their potential for endless expressive capabilities. It is through these very processes that boys and girls at school will explore the natural elements: water, air, fire and earth, and the five elements typical of Chinese culture 五行 (fire, earth, metal, wood, and water). Through play and mime, the children will acquire a deeper understanding of their spaces and the spaces of their peers. The very spaces around school that soon will be their own.



Events and Initiatives

November 6th

Preschool parents meeting, held in apartment 6-3-11 from 17:45 to 19:30 pm

November 12th

Primary School parents meeting, held in apartment 5-1-11 and 5-1-12 17:45 to 19:30 pm

November 16th

School will suspend lessons to allow for our parent – teacher meeting

November 19th-25th

III Week of Italian Cuisine in the World